April 19, 2020 ~ Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”
~ John 20:29b

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Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Thomas believed because he saw the risen Jesus (3). Although we have never seen him, we believe in him (2). We give thanks to the Lord (Ps) for his gift of faith, especially when we gather for the breaking of the bread and the prayers (1).

Get Real!

Those of us who flatter ourselves that we have a “realistic” view of the world may listen to the first reading today and say, “Get real!” when we hear Luke’s account of the early, Elysian days of the Christian movement. All seems to be rosy, lots to wonders are performed, everyone shares selflessly, they eat together in “exultation,” and the Lord added to their numbers? Well, who wouldn’t be attracted to a group like this? From the wind that swept through the upper room at Pentecost as the Spirit of God blew over the face of the waters in Genesis, and the fire that appeared over each disciple as the light appeared at the dawn of creation, Luke’s intent in Acts is to show a new creation, a restoration of creation’s original goodness through the working of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who continues to make us into the Body of Christ. We may occasionally, like Thomas in the Gospel, say, “Get real!” but our ultimate reality in the Spirit is to work continually to make our Christian community a new creation, one in which others will find God’s joy and beauty.

Treasures From Our Tradition

One of the great Easter traditions is “mystagogy,” an ancient word meaning “reflection on the mysteries.” It is a style of catechesis, or passing on the faith. People who have shared an experience, in this case those who have been baptized at Easter, are urged to recall their experience, reflect on its meaning, and apply their insights to their new way of life.

There is an aspect of an experience that is simply not available until you’ve had it. For example, you may think you know weddings inside out; you’ve been to dozens, seen hundreds in the movies or on television, but until you’ve said “I do” to another, there is a certain knowledge unavailable to you. Those who go down into the waters of baptism as adults have similar experiences; they have all taken baths before, but not like this one! Mystagogy helps such persons to uncover the deep meaning of the experience, their sense of a new beginning, of God’s abundant love, of forgiveness, of community.

It takes time for the power of the Easter Vigil to work its wonders for us. Those who are newly baptized are called “neophytes,” meaning “newly planted.” The tender buds of spring need care and nurturing, and our new brothers and sisters need your prayer and your faithful example.

Prayer in a Time of Pandemic

O God of compassion, your people are anxious in this time of pandemic. Send your Holy Spirit among us to dispel our fears. We cry out to you in our confusion; comfort us in our affliction. Grant our leaders wisdom to guide us. Strengthen and sustain those who are ill, and be with those who care for them. Help us to travel this road in solidarity with our neighbors, with our eyes fixed on the salvation promised us through the death and resurrection of your Son, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

Please Pray for our Holy Father’s Intention for April

Pope’s Intention: Freedom from Addiction. That those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

Get Real!

Treasures From Our Tradition

Prayer in a Time of Pandemic

Fire

Please Pray for our Holy Father’s Intention for April
Today’s Readings

First Reading — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).


USCCB Reflection Prayer

Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has issued the following regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19):

With the worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus, we are confronted once more with the fragility of our lives, and again we are reminded of our common humanity — that the peoples of this world are our brothers and sisters, that we are all one family under God.

God does not abandon us, he goes with us even now in this time of trial and testing. In this moment, it is important for us to anchor our hearts in the hope that we have in Jesus Christ. Now is the time to intensify our prayers and sacrifices for the love of God and the love of our neighbor. Let us draw closer to one another in our love for him, and rediscover the things that truly matter in our lives.

United with our Holy Father Pope Francis, let us pray in solidarity for our brothers and sisters here and around the world who are sick. Let us pray for those who have lost loved ones to this virus. May God console them and grant them peace.

We pray also for doctors, nurses, and caregivers, for public health officials and all civic leaders. May God grant them courage and prudence as they seek to respond to this emergency with compassion and in service to the common good.

In this time of need, I invite all the faithful to seek together the maternal intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and I share this prayer with you:

Pope Francis, March 11, 2020

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Prayer for Healthcare Workers

God of everlasting goodness,
you sent your Son among us
to bring healing, peace, and reconciliation to our weary world.
Be with all health care workers and their assistants
in this time of the Coronavirus pandemic.

As they continue Jesus’ ministry of care,
renew them in mind, body, and spirit.
Keep them safe from infection and illness,
and may Christ’s healing presence flow through them
as they serve those entrusted to their care.

We ask this in his name,
Christ the healer,
who is Lord forever and ever.
Amen.

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Doubt

There lives more faith in honest doubt,
Believe me, than in half the creeds.

— Alfred, Lord Tennyson
A Litany to Pray Frequently in Time of Health Pandemic

This may be prayed individually or in alternation with others.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, hear us. Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, have mercy on us.
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful, have mercy on us.
O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

From all evil, Lord, deliver us, we pray.
From every sin, Lord, deliver us, we pray.
From everlasting death, Lord, deliver us, we pray.
By your Incarnation, Lord, deliver us, we pray.
By your Death and Resurrection, Lord, deliver us, we pray.
By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Lord, deliver us, we pray.

Holy Mary, pray for us.
Holy Mother of God, pray for us.
Mother of the Church, pray for us.
Mother of Christians, pray for us.
Mother of the human family; pray for us.
Refuge of sinners, pray for us.
Comforter of the afflicted, pray for us.
Consolation of the lonely, pray for us.
Solace of the fearful, pray for us.
Hope of the poor, pray for us.
Health of the sick, pray for us.
Companion of the dying, pray for us.
Strength of caregivers, pray for us.
Help of Christians, pray for us.

Queen of angels, pray for us.
Queen of apostles, pray for us.
Queen of martyrs, pray for us.
Queen of virgins, pray for us.
Queen of all saints, pray for us.
Queen of Heaven, pray for us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Compiled from liturgical and traditional sources by Anthony Ruff, Saint John’s Abbey.

Easter as a Season

Most people think of Easter as a single day. It’s never had the commercial appeal of Christmas, and because it always falls on Sunday, most people don’t get an additional day off from work. But for Catholics, Easter isn’t just a day, it’s a whole season. This year, the Easter season stretches all the way to June 8th, the feast of Pentecost. Lent, which sometimes feels like it’s stretching on forever, is actually forty days long. Easter, on the other hand, is all of fifty days long.

At masses all through the Easter season, our usual practice of reading from the Old Testament is replaced by reading from the Acts of the Apostles. These readings tell the story of the Church’s earliest days, and the beginnings of our faith’s spreading throughout the ancient world. These stories of heroism, controversies, persecutions and miracles all testify to the continued presence of the Risen Christ in the world, through the lives of his disciples, and the actions of the Holy Spirit.

All of this should be an encouragement and a sign of hope for us today. Despite war, violence, personal struggles, and an under-performing economy, God has not abandoned us, nor left us to our own devices. The Risen Savior is still with us. These 50 days of Easter ask us to reflect on his presence, and—even in the face of danger or fear—to live with joy.

by Rev. Larry Rice, CSP

Save Up

When saving for old age, be sure to lay up a few pleasant thoughts.

~ Anonymous

Letters from Heaven

Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Bible citation. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally, until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus said to Thomas, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen...”

Answer: John 20:29
DIVINE MERCY

Today’s first reading (Acts 2:42-47) creates a beautiful account of the early followers of Jesus, the people known as Christians. This list of the things they did showed people that they were continuing the work of Jesus. Next to these descriptions from the Acts of the Apostles, write how you continue that work today.

- They gathered for the breaking of the bread.
- They prayed together.
- They offered what they owned to help those in need.
- They loved their boss praising God.

The early Christians forgave one another.

The early Christians were not afraid to ask forgiveness. They knew that Jesus was full of mercy.

Saints & Special Observances

Tuesday: optional memorial ~
St. Anselm, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Thursday: optional memorial ~ St. George, Martyr
optional memorial ~ St. Adalbert, Bishop, Martyr
Friday: optional memorial ~
St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest, Martyr
SATURDAY: FEAST ~ ST. MARK, EVANGELIST
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings for the Week

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
SATURDAY: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 2:14,22-33; Ps 16:1-23,5,7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Look

Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, faith looks up.
—Anonymous

Easter

It is the hour to rend thy chains, the blossom time of souls.
—Katharine Lee Bates

Mass Intentions for Apr 19 - 25

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Pastor Al™

"Behold the Lamb of God... Happy is the one who doesn’t have so many Easter flowers around the altar!"