

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

Mass at 50% capacity

Sunday's Facebook LIVE!

Sunday, April 11, 2021 9:00 am Mass

Monday April 12th NO MASS

Tuesday April 13th 9:00 am

Communion Service

Deacon Melvin Payne

Wednesday, April 14th, 9:00 a.m.

Communion Service

Deacon Melvin Payne

Thursday, April 15th, 9:00 a.m.

Communion Service

Deacon Melvin Payne

Friday, April 16th, 9:00 a.m.

Communion Service

Deacon Melvin Payne

Saturday, April 17th, 4 p.m.

Reconciliation by appointment

(N.B. You can request Mass to be offered for you, your love ones, or any deceased or living person. Speak with the Pastor or call the office to schedule your mass intention).

**April Birthday List  
Happy Birthday to::**

Joe Fontenot	2
Taffy Arceneaux Richard	2
Ella Garrett	3
Tremond Warnell	4
Aliyah Gus	11
Clifton Richard	23
Tracy Richard	23
Ryan Edwards	24
Donovan Richard	25
Diane Johnson	20

**LECTORS SERVING  
IN MARCH**

**Saturday's/ one reader**

April 10 - Mona Richard

April 17 - Felicia Richard

April 24 - Freda Guillory

**Sunday's/ one reader**

April 11 - Peggy Green

April 18 - Cindy Hampton

April 25 - Tina Kindle

**Income and Expenses  
for last week**

Attendance Sat: 10 Sun: 27

**Collection**

Fish donation	\$ 60.00
Good Friday	\$ 64.00
Saturday	\$ 191.00
Sunday	\$ 2,267.00

**Total Deposit \$ 2,582.00**

**Expenses paid out**

**Entergy <\$ 1,125.78>**

**Accounts <\$ 500.00>**

**COORDINATORS OF  
MINISTRIES**

Activities	* Brushelle Scott
BINGO	* Evangeline Platt
Bishop Faith Appeal	
	* Adam Jacobs & Dorothy Jacobs
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**Bishop Faith Appeal  
Goal : 17,049.**

While we are facing challenging times, keeping safe and preventing the spread of the coronavirus. God challenges us to share what we have with others, to make a commitment to serving His people. Romans 8:28 say's "For those who love God, all things work together for the good." Making your pledge to the BFA is one of the ways we are all called together, one parish, supporting others with what we have. Thank you for your support.

**Chairpersons, Adam & Dorothy Jacobs and Fr. Donatus.**

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Lunch 12-1:00 pm  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



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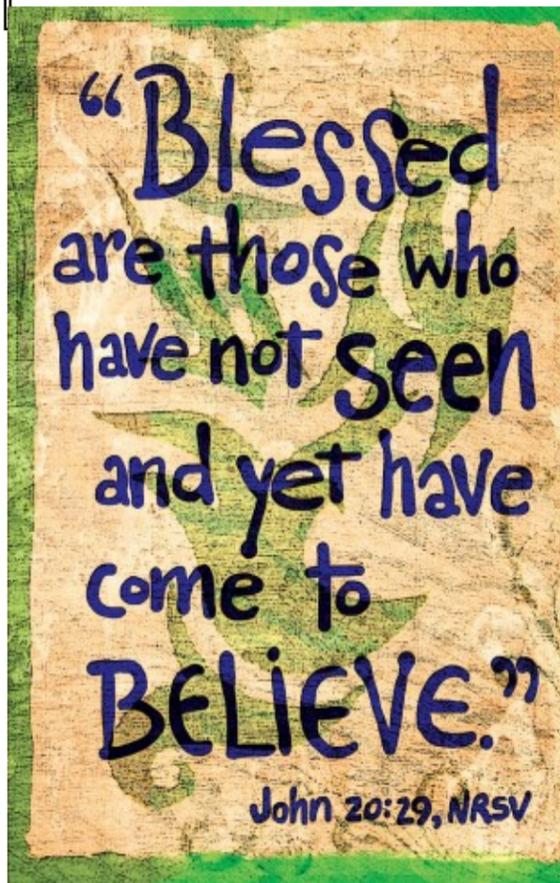
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**2nd Sunday of Easter/  
DIVINE MERCY Year B  
April 11, 2021**

**"Thomas answered, 'My  
Lord and my God!'"**



**Eucharistic Celebration**

**Weekends:**

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

**Weekdays:**

Tuesday-Friday

9:00 a.m.

**Reconciliation:**

Saturdays

3:20 p.m. - 3:55 p.m.

**Adoration & Benediction**

1st Tuesday of each month

5:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

**Exposition & Adoration  
Of the Blessed Sacrament**

every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

**Infant Baptism:**

Please contact the Pastor  
two months prior to  
desired date of  
baptism

**Marriage:**

Please call the Rectory  
six (6) months prior to  
proposed date

**READINGS FOR THIS WEEK**

**Sun. April 11 - Acts 4:32-35 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:29**

**Mon. April 12 - Acts 4:23-31 Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 Col 3:1 Jn 3:1-8**

**Tues. April 13 - Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 Jn 3:14-15 Jn 3:7b-15**

**Wed. April 14 - Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Jn 3:16 Jn 3:16-21**

**Thurs. April 15 - Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2 & 9, 17-18, 19-20 Jn 20:29 Jn 3:31-36**

**Fri. April 16 - Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Mt 4:4b Jn 6:1-15**

**Sat. April 17 - Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21**

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Resurrection Faith

When daffodils and crocuses crowd the garden walk, when the sun breaks over a clear spring morn, when all around is blossoming or in bloom, it's almost too easy to believe in the goodness of life, in the resurrection of the world. But when a child dies at the hands of an abuser, a family suffers the loss of a farm it has long tended, or a whole people become victims of human greed and cruelty, we wonder. How can this happen? How can God allow this to happen? How can we believe in resurrection with all these "deaths" around us? Resurrection faith demands such belief. Resurrection faith calls our attention to the fact that life comes out of death. There, in the passage from death to life, we encounter the risen Lord. *The* sign of Easter and its abiding joy is not the lily, not the newborn babe, but the empty tomb. A sign of meaninglessness, death, and contradiction, yes. But clearly, the most powerful sign of life.

**FIRST READING:** Acts 4:32–35    **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 118:2–4, 13–15, 22–24

**SECOND READING:** 1 John 5:1–6    **GOSPEL:** John 20:19–31

## Comment

In today's first reading, Luke paints an all-but-idyllic picture of the earliest Christian community. The passage is one of Luke's famous "summaries" and describes the Spirit-inspired unity—the "one heart and mind"—of the first followers of Christ. Luke wants us to understand that unity is an effect, a sign of resurrection, here and now. Where there is union, there is life.

In the second reading, John instructs us that we are children of God, united in faith, part of one, unified family in Christ risen from death. John goes to some pains in order to specify what our faith in Christ entails, namely, accepting and living God's commandments. Such acceptance and living will give us the ability to overcome the corrupt powers of the world. Our belief grants us a share in the victory Christ has already achieved by virtue of his death and resurrection. John insists that our faith is powerful because we have received the Spirit, who will never deceive us or fail us, for "the Spirit is truth."

Today's Gospel is an account of one of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances to the apostles and includes the story of "doubting Thomas." It is important to understand that this last chapter of the Gospel according to John is regarded by many scholars as the last of the evangelist's writings. In it, John is telling the Christian community that Jesus is present to them, although not present in the flesh. John is urging the post-resurrection community (and that includes us) to acquire a broader faith. The Gospel ends with John telling us that he has carefully chosen the "signs" he has recorded in order to help the young Church flourish. John also reminds us to watch carefully for the signs of resurrection in our own lives. In them, Jesus Christ is present.

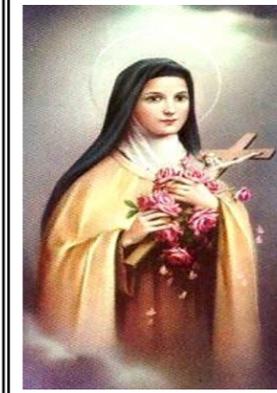
## Reflection

Any artist who has ever painted a picture or created a sculpture of the risen Lord owes a debt to "doubting Thomas." Thomas wanted an absolutely clear image of the risen Lord; he wanted to see and touch the wounds of Christ. Ever since, artists have been in sync with Thomas' visual and tactile demands and have provided us with such images. Even so, the image of the "wounded" Lord is not simply a matter of artistic representation or taste. It is, rather, a matter of faith. Lacking those wounds, the risen Lord is not the crucified Lord. Thomas has helped artists and all the rest of us recognize that before a resurrection, there comes a death. Thomas has helped us feel in our bones that our God is a God who takes human suffering seriously and out of it—even out of its seeming meaninglessness—can bring wondrous significance and new life.

The risen Lord whom Thomas demanded to behold and examine is the only Lord worth believing in. That Lord wears the wounds of death yet promises the healing of life. That Lord assures us that our faith in him is not misplaced, that hope in him will be fulfilled, and that loving him even in suffering is what resurrected life is all about.

## PRAY FOR THE SHUT-IN

Mary Alexander  
Mary Brown  
Courtney Chavis  
David J. Carey  
Hollis Fain  
Beatrice Guillory  
Ella Mae Garrett  
Mary Gray  
Mark Mitchell Jr.  
Westley Papillion  
Gloria Richard  
Mormon Richard  
Alma C Thibodeaux



"My mission - to make God loved - will begin after my death," she said. "I will spend my heaven doing good on earth. I will let fall a shower of roses." Roses have been described and experienced as Saint Theresia's signature. Countless millions have been touched by her intercession and imitate her "little way." She has been acclaimed "the greatest saint of modern times." In 1997, Pope John Paul II declared St. Theresia a Doctor of the Church - the only Doctor of his pontificate - in tribute to the powerful way her spirituality has influenced people all over the world.

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jalen A. Chambers  
Carroll Durio  
Mable Durio  
Margaret Green  
Mrs. Freda Guillory  
Mrs. Doris Hayes  
Roy Hayes  
Mrs. Dorothy Jacobs  
Ruby Milton  
Clayona Pillette  
John Richard Sr.  
Claudine Riggs  
Sammie Ware  
Tiffany Winphrey  
Roger Dell White

## How to Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

1. Make the Sign of the Cross.
2. Say these Optional Opening Prayers.
  - \* You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.
  - \* O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a Fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You! (Repeat 3 times)
3. Pray the Lord's Prayer
4. Say the Hail Mary
5. Say the Apostle's Creed.
  - \* I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary; He suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to Hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.
6. Say the Eternal Father.
  - \* Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
7. Say "For the Sake..." prayer on the ten small bead of each decade.
  - \* For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
8. Repeat for the remaining decades.
9. Conclude with reciting the Trisagion ("thrice holy") 3 times.
  - \* Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
10. Say this Closing Prayer (optional).
  - \* Eternal God, in whom Mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.
11. Say the Divine Mercy Prayer (optional)
  - \* O greatly Merciful God, Infinite Goodness, today all mankind calls out from the abyss of its misery to Your mercy---to Your compassion, O God; and it is with its mighty voice of misery that it cries out. Gracious God do not reject the prayer of this earth's exiles! O Lord, Goodness beyond our understanding, Who are acquainted with our misery through and through, and know that by our own power we cannot ascend to You, we implore You; anticipate us with Your Grace and keep on increasing Your mercy in us, that we may faithfully do Your holy will all through our life and at death's hour. Let the omnipotence of Your mercy shield us from the darts of our salvation's enemies, that we may with confidence, as Your children await Your final coming - that day known to You alone. And we expect to obtain everything promised us by Jesus in spite of all our wretchedness. For Jesus is our Hope: Through His merciful Heart as through an open gate we pass through to heaven.
12. End with the Sign of the Cross.

