



Saint Joseph's Parish

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2nd Sunday of Easter Year A | April 16, 2023

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD; HIS STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.

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Tues 1-4:30pm

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Sacraments:

Holy Mass

Sat 5:00 pm

Sun. 9:30 am

Saik'uz 12 noon

Daily Mass

Tues-6:30 pm

Wed-Fri 9:00 am

Reconciliation

by appointment

Baptism

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Matrimony

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Why did the Lord choose to appear when Thomas wasn't there? Thomas' reaction is not one of jealousy, resentment or even self-doubt. For many, these would have been instinctive responses. Thomas' default was to doubt it happened.

Interestingly, the powerful witness of his most trusted friends was not enough to sway him either. Yet, a week later, he still joined those apostles as they all faced an existential threat, gripped in fear and completely confused about their future. Those he did not believe, he still trusted with his life. Those he doubted, he still felt connected to. Was he one of them after all?

When the Lord did appear to Thomas, Thomas was quick to respond in love and obedience and the Lord was quick to receive him—but not before saying, “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Are you a doubter among believers or a believer who doubts? Just as an existential threat had paralyzed the disciples with fear, so you may be experiencing indescribable fear, unspeakable heartache or blinding confusion. Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Yes, lean on those whose faith can carry you through. But pray for the grace to overcome doubts. The Lord is inviting you to trust him—in all and with all. Believe.

Johanne Brownrigg St. Joseph's Missal pg. 332



Holy Trinity
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“Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia”

1 Peter 2.2



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Mercy Sunday Today's readings are about signs and wonders, doubters and believers and — once again — God's unending mercy. Peter was a doubter, and today we add Thomas to the list. Neither of them is condemned for doubting, and each becomes a powerful witness preaching the Gospel. With God's unending mercy, doubt becomes a pathway. Where are signs and wonders among us?

Wherever there is mercy. And it is available to those of us who sometimes struggle, like the disciples, with our own doubts.

Homework: pray the Divine Mercy prayer once this week at 3pm.

How to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and The Apostles Creed. 2. Then on the Our Father Beads pray: '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.. *On each of the 10 "Hail Mary" beads, pray 'For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.'* Conclude with 3 times praying 'Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.'

Devotionals. Catholic devotions have various forms, ranging from formalized, multi-day prayers such as novenas to activities, such as processions or the Eucharistic adoration, the wearing of scapulars, the veneration of the saints, the Canonical coronations of sacred Marian or Christological images. Common examples of Catholic devotions are the Way of the Cross, the Rosary, the Angelus and various litanies, devotions to the Blessed Sacrament, the Sacred Heart, the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Holy Face of Jesus, pilgrimages, observing the month of the Rosary in October and the month of Mary in May.

DYC – Diocesan Youth Conference Is set for April 28-30th; information on foyer bulletin board. Wonderful opportunity to meet other youth Grade 7 to 12.

ALPHA at Saik'uz: happening now; pray for its success.

ALPHA in the Winter: session completed. Next ALPHA in the Fall. Start inviting.

EVANGELIZATION STMT: Transformed lives, transforming community

PRAYER STMT: Intimate encounter with God through an open heart

PARISH ACTIVITIES- April 22, Parish Potluck. mark your calendar.

DIOCESAN ACTIVITIES- Diocesan APPEAL: we have reached the Diocesan goal (\$8988) and are short \$2727 of our Parish Goal (\$10,000) - please consider making a donation

QUIET PARISH HEROS : the person who swept and cleaned the Gathering Room

Peace Be With You

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 THOMAS

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You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me; blessed are those who have not seen, and yet believe. *John 20.29*

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in need of God's healing
grace.