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Monday to Friday at 12.05 pm

Saturday at 9 am & 5 pm (Vigil)

Sunday at 9 am & 11 am

LIVESTREAM MASS [English]

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Monday to Friday at 12.05 pm

Sunday at 11 am

CONFESSIONS

Monday to Friday at 11.30 am

Saturday at 4.30 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 10 am to 4 pm

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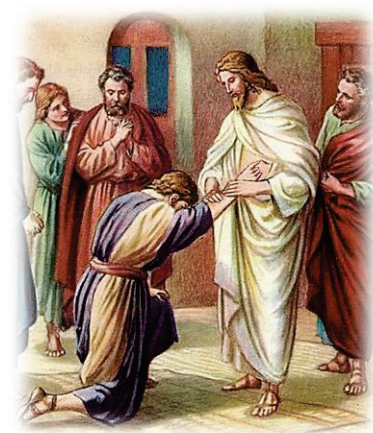
Sunday Masses at 12.30 & 4.30 pm (in Tamil)

Learning from Doubting Thomas

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

John 20: 19-31

On this Second Sunday of Easter we are faced with the Gospel passage that earns St. Thomas the Apostle the name of Doubting Thomas.



Jesus appears to all of the disciples when Thomas wasn't present and Thomas refuses to believe in the risen Christ until he sees and touches Jesus himself. A week later Jesus appears to them again, this time with Thomas present, and Thomas

believes exclaiming, "My Lord and my God!"

As disciples of Christ we too may experience many moments of doubt in our lives. Especially with the overtly secular culture we live in, it is becoming harder to accept the truths of our faith. So how are we to deal with these moments of doubt? Firstly, we should take consolation in the loving and gentle way Jesus dealt with Thomas' doubt. Jesus meets him where he is and lovingly tries to help him look past his doubt. So too with us, Jesus does not reprimand us for our moments of doubt but is constantly providing us opportunities for us to grow in faith.

However, it is important that we play our part. If we doubt the truth about certain mysteries of our faith, we should try to read what the Church teaches on this point. St. Anselm's motto was "faith seeking understanding." Sometimes we need to use our rational faculties to try to educate ourselves on the teachings of the Church and pray that God may illumine our mind. There are a variety of good books and websites that can help us find the answers we're looking for. Let us strive to rid ourselves of all doubt by slowly seeking understanding and praying for faith.

Summary

Similar to St. Thomas in the Gospel, we too may experience many moments of doubt. Jesus does not reprimand us for our doubt but constantly sends us providential opportunities to help us grow in our faith. However, let us strive to do our part by educating ourselves through good books and websites on topics of the faith and by praying for the gift of understanding.

~ Stewardship Bulletin Reflection – Archdiocese of Toronto ~

11th Annual Celebration

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 24th, 2022 at 2:45 pm

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Benediction, Celebration of Feast of Divine Mercy plus Blessing of candles & rosaries. All are invited!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed, for example:

'My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me. ... It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy'. (Diary, no. 699)



Jesus, I Trust In You!

On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.



Mass Intentions

Mon.	Apr. 25	12:05 pm	
Tue.	Apr. 26	12:05 pm	
Wed.	Apr. 27	12:05 pm	For the intentions of Joseph Cabral, requested by his wife, Fatima Cabral
Thur.	Apr. 28	12:05 pm	
Fri.	Apr. 29	12:05 pm	† Fr. Edwin D'Souza, requested Carol Morra
Sat.	Apr. 30	9:00 am 5:00 pm	For the Confirmandi and For the People of the Paish
Sunday	May 1	9:00 am 11:00 am	† Ebson Ebialin, requested by Guadelin † Teodora Esporlas on her birthday remembrance, requested by the Esporlas family

IS THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS REAL?

YES! But, how do we know this to be true? As we celebrate Easter (for a full seven weeks), it would be fruitful



for us to meditate on this central mystery of our faith. For St. Paul tells us, *“If Christ has not been raised your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.”* (I Corinthians 15:14)

The many “signs” that Jesus performed in the Gospel are all a testimony to his divinity. These signs are the many miracles he performed: changing water into wine

(his first sign), restoring sight to the blind, enabling the mute to speak and the deaf to hear, healing the leprosy man, healing the crippled, and even raising the dead. But, some skeptics might argue that these are just stories told by deluded people and there is no real proof of their historicity.

The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is a historical fact. How can we say this? Let us look at the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

“The mystery of Christ’s resurrection is a real event, with manifestations that were historically verified, as the New Testament bears witness.” (CCC, 639) “... Christ’s resurrection cannot be interpreted as something outside the physical order, and it is impossible not to acknowledge it as an historical fact.” (CCC, 643)

Eyewitnesses

The Catechism bases this conclusion on three essential things. **First** is the empty tomb. Christ’s body was gone on the morning of the third day, to which Mary Magdalene testifies. No one has ever claimed to have found the dead body of Jesus. **Second** are the appearances of the risen Jesus to his apostles, and later, to many other disciples. **Third**, the body in which he appeared to them was a real body, not just a spiritual reality, like a ghost. In fact, Jesus reassures the apostles that he is not a ghost by allowing them to touch his risen flesh, and he even ate food in their presence.

But again, the skeptic could say that the body was permanently hidden, and the apostles and other disciples just made up all the stories about his appearing to them. But, what rules this out is the witness the apostles gave to the Lord’s resurrection. Remember, the apostles were completely demoralized after his crucifixion and death, and were filled with fear in its wake. It is even recorded in the Gospels that they themselves doubted the appearance of the risen Jesus at first. They had to be convinced that it was truly Jesus who stood before them in the flesh after the resurrection.

The witness of history

But, once they became convinced that they had really seen Jesus alive in his glorified human body after his crucifixion and death, and especially after they were filled with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, they boldly proclaimed the resurrection. They did this in the face of vehement threats, grueling mistreatment, and ultimately martyrdom. They would not take back the fact that they had seen the risen Lord.

This is very powerful and compelling evidence for the historicity of the resurrection of Jesus. There really is no human explanation for why the Church survived the first one hundred years, given that the apostles and early martyrs were being killed for their profession of Jesus Christ risen from the dead. Yet here we are, 2000 years later!

No person, let alone many people, are willing to be tortured and killed for something they know is a lie. If the apostles had made up the story of the resurrection, and especially after seeing others tortured and killed before them, then they would have given up the story in a heartbeat. Remember how frightened they were of their own peril after the crucifixion. Yet now they are willing to be tortured and die rather than deny what they knew to be true. Christ had risen!

Jesus Christ is truly who he claimed to be. He is the eternal Son of God, incarnate of the Virgin Mary, true God and true man, risen in glory. And, since we can believe in who he is, so we can then believe everything he has revealed to us in the sacred Scriptures and in the sacred Tradition of the Church.

Christ is risen, alleluia! He is truly risen, alleluia!

~ extracted from the *Catholic Sentinel* website ~

LIVING AND LOVING BOLDLY: REFLECTIONS ON IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY FOR A NEW DAY

When: Friday, April 29 – 7 p.m. to Sunday, May 1 – 1 p.m.

Where: Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre
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