

April 23, 2016

A Sabbath Thought

The apostle Thomas will always be known as 'doubting' even though he doubts no more! His example invites us to affirm our faith in the risen Jesus whom we, too, can touch and adore and love.

About Today's Bible Readings

ACTS 2:42-47

The resurrection of Jesus had effects on the community that believed in him. Easter always leaves a trail we can follow.

Responsorial Psalm: 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

1 PETER 1:3-9

What kind of faith should be ours? This early church letter invites us to make our belief both full-hearted and fullthroated.

JOHN 20:19-31

Jesus continues to be with those who gather in his Name on the first day of the week. He comes into our midst to give us peace and unity.

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Second Sunday of Easter – Low Sunday

ENTRANCE RITE: Psalm 40:2-4

- V. I waited, waited for the Lord; Who bent down and heard my cry, drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the mud of the swamp, set my feet upon rock, steadied my steps. Alleluia.
- R. And put a new song in my mouth, a hymn to our God. Many shall look on in awe and they shall trust in the Lord. Alleluia
- V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
- R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY – April 23rd Second Sunday of Easter (Low Sunday)

9:00 AM - Holy Mass

Intentions for the repose of the soul of Joseph Kowalik offered by his wife Peggy Kowalik.

SUNDAY – April 30th Third Sunday of Easter 9:00 AM – Holy Mass

Intentions for the repose of the souls of those honored with Easter Flower donations, offered by their loved ones.

Easter Dinner

Today we will be observing our annual traditional Easter Dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 3:00 PM.

Tickets are:

Adults - \$12 Children under 12 - \$3

I sincerely hope that everyone will be able to attend and join with us as we enjoy good food and Christian fellowship.

Food Drive

During this season of repentance and reflection, I urge you to donate nonperishable food items by leaving them in the box which is marked for this purpose in the narthex. All donations will be distributed to those members of our community who are less blessed than ourselves. Thank you and God bless you.

Easter Flowers

Our thanks go out to all who donated flowers to adorn the church for this glorious Easter Season. Those honored with these offerings will be remember in prayer at next Sunday's Mass instead of today. Apologies for any confusion this may have caused.

Grateful Thanks – AGAIN!

Our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who helped in making our celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection so beautiful and so meaningful. May God bless you all. Special thanks to Chris Ewaskiewicz and to our music director, John Reed, and our choir.

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters: Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish; For the health and wellbeing of Jules Nagy, Bob Rush, Howard Friedman, Bernice Muha, Stella Surma, Stanley Sostak, Rose Kubik, Janet Caruso, Nunzie Sospetti, Robert Paterson, Michael Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Erica Franta, Carol Parker, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Sally Urban, Duane Schulte, Ruth and Michael Pivovarnick, Tim Fischer, Bernice Biroscak, Patrick Toner, Chris White, Frank Gonzales, Gary Graham, Jackie Bayak, Eric White, Berne Bloom, Mary Ryan and Joan Mainzer For the repose of the soul of Joseph Kowalik. **Our Father...**

Today's Hymns

Please, join with the choir to make a beautiful noise unto the Lord!

The Hymns listed below can be found in the Blue Hymnal Book.

> Processional Hymn #1 – Hymn Of Faith

Entrance Hymn

#127 - Come Rejoice Our Lord Is Risen

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 - Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn

#128 – Jesus Christ Our Lord Has Risen

Communion Hymn

#136 – That Easter Day

Recessional Hymn

#135 - Christ The Lord Is Ris'n Today