

**For The Bulletin Of  
April 8, 2018**



**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF  
EASTER**

***From Father Robert***

Have you ever heard news that seemed too good to be true! Maybe that a friend was visiting, or that something special was in store for you? Perhaps the news was so good or unexpected, we needed “so see it to believe it.” We might be reminded of the motto of Missouri, the “show me” state. There is a healthy skepticism we bring to the table. We don’t want to get our hopes up only to be disappointed. We want proof, demonstrable proof. This is precisely Thomas’s reaction on hearing the news about Jesus’ resurrection.

Though the disciples had been witness to the risen Lord on Easter Sunday evening, Thomas was absent, and so he functions as a disciple for all of us. In a sense, we stand in the person of Thomas. We were not present that Easter Sunday evening. And, perhaps, like Thomas, we reply, ‘Seeing is believing.’ The

beatitude that Jesus speaks to Thomas is meant for each of us: “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

The church gives us this reading on the Second Sunday of Easter, as that is when Thomas had his experience of the risen Lord. Though we are not given the opportunity to put our finger on the nail marks (and the gospel doesn’t say that Thomas did that), we, like Thomas, may condition our belief on seeing.

The gift Jesus gives His disciples is “peace.” It is not a peace that the world gives, that is, merely an absence of war. But the peace Jesus gives is a serenity in the face of life. The gift is a sense of calm knowing that Jesus is “my Lord and my God,” and that there is nothing in this life that can separate Him from me. The reader of this gospel recalls Jesus’ prayer to the Father in the garden, about not losing a single one who has been given to Jesus. In today’s gospel, Jesus calls us friends. And it is a friendship that can never be broken; its hallmark is “peace.”



***Living The Paschal Mystery***

Perhaps it is something in the human condition that we do not automatically believe good news, or news that might seem too good to be true. That can be a natural defense mechanism. But today we learn that God wants to surprise us

with joy. He wants us to live in the life of the resurrection. Rather than be skeptics, He wants us to be joyful in the knowledge that His love is greater than even death.

Our own experiences of loss can be transformed with the power of God's love. The marks of loss will always be there, as Jesus' body was marked with the signs of the cross; but something greater is in store. We can never take away the experience of loss, the experience of death, and the experience of tragedy. But those experiences can be made new. Being made new does not mean that the loss was OK. Rather, in spite of the loss, in spite of the transgressions, and in spite of death itself, God has another reaction. He raises to new life. God transforms pain, loss, and abandonment into life, peace, and wholeness. This is the ultimate paschal mystery that is lived out in our daily lives countless times with relationships, friendships, family, work, and even the cycles of nature. Every fall and winter is succeeded by spring and summer. New life abounds, and because of this we celebrate.



***About Liturgy: Easter Sunday All Season Long***

The Sundays of the Easter Season are meant to be continuations of Easter Sunday, so the fifty days of Easter reflect the mystery of dying and rising

that we celebrated in its fullness at the Triduum. However, it's the liturgical ministers who often feel pretty dead after the intensity of all the Triduum and Easter Sunday liturgies! Even the lilies that had been so glorious just last week are starting to look a little droopy and over the next several Sundays will drop out altogether, one by one. The goal is for our ministers to pace themselves so that all eight Sundays of the Easter Season are the best Sundays of the year. One way to help keep that Easter focus is to practice mystagogy (mist-a-go-gee). This is a prayerful breaking open of the Easter mysteries, especially focusing on the liturgical symbols of Easter. This discipline, which begins with encountering the risen Christ in the sacraments, is meant to give us "a new perception of the faith, of the church, and of the world" (RCIA #245). Today provides the possibility of reflecting on the Sign of Peace and the peace that the risen Christ gave to His disciples in the Upper Room. Christ's offering of peace did three things in today's gospel: it eased the disciples' fear, gave them the power to forgive, and strengthened their belief. When we share the Sign of Peace in liturgy, let us call to mind that this simple rite is more than just a pleasant greeting. It can change a person's life, especially ours, if we share it with those who are afraid, those we need to forgive, and those who need encouragement in their faith.

***The Reception of New Members and New Members Brunch Today***

As a part of our 10:00 a.m. Eucharist this morning, we will celebrate the Rite for the Reception of New Members and following the liturgy, our Pastoral Council will host them for a Brunch to welcome them to the parish. I am

deeply grateful to the Pastoral Council for this aspect of their ministry and providing such a welcoming and gracious way to embrace newcomers to our parish community.

***Update on the Bishop's Appeal***

As of Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, **347** families have contributed to the 2018 Bishop's Appeal. This brings us to **86%** of our goal or a total of **\$29,892!** As for myself and the leadership of the parish, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported this year's Bishop's Appeal. It is not too late to make a contribution if you have not already had the opportunity to do so.



***Art & Environment Committee  
Thank You***

Once again, the members of our Art & Environment Committee have done an outstanding job of creating environments all through Lent, Palm Sunday, Holy Week, The Triduum, and for Easter Sunday and the Easter Season. On behalf of all of us, I wish to thank **Jose Palomino, Rich Confetti, Don Benson, Tony & Claudia Gumina, Tom & Stevie Catchings, Peter Degl'Innocenti, Janice Kegler, Harlan Young, Dorothy O'Connor, Patricia Britton, Patricia Kramer, Estrella Rusk, Lorraine Lohmeier, Maryann Peddicord, Alicia Perez, Nancy DiMaggio, Theresa Nelms, and Carole**

**Miller.** The Committee is also grateful to **Theresa Nelms** providing pastries for our Coffee Break in the morning and to **Rich Confetti** for providing home-made Clam Chowder and Garlic Bread and **Theresa Nelms** for providing the salad for our lunch. I also wish to thank all of you who have contributed so generously to the Easter Flower Fund to provide the trees, blooming plants, azaleas, hydrangeas, Peace Lilies, Easter Lilies, anthurium plants, and the cut flower arrangements at the Altar and Ambo, along with the new panels of fabric that grace each of the Icons.



***More Easter Thank You's***

On behalf of all of us, I wish to thank all our liturgical ministers who worked so hard to facilitate all the liturgies of Palm Sunday, Holy Week, The Triduum, and Easter Day: Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Ushers, Sacristans; Marc Douville who builds the new fire of Easter each year in our fire brazier; Altar Guild members, Adult Acolytes, Altar Servers, **Don Pearson, Director of Music Ministry/Organist/Artist-in-Residence** along with our outstanding **Parish Choir and Cantors, Maryann Peddicord and the Office Staff** who prepared and printed all of the worship leaflets – well done and heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you. ...to those who came to clean and prepare the church for Easter Day: **Jun Bajet, Al Cosce, Mency Osborne, Carole Miller, Kathy Romeo, Emilia**

**Freking, Rose Salamanca, and Steve Rojek.**

...to those who faithfully clean and maintain the bathrooms in both the church and parish hall: **Robert Goncalves, Mary Ewing, Patricia Britton, Virginia Noack, and Harlan Young.**

...to **Mary Anne Douville** and **Faultless Cleaners** for all the dry cleaning, sewing and miscellaneous other tasks that are completed by her for the parish.

...to **Dilcia Aparacio** who does such an excellent job of washing, ironing, and caring for the Sacred Linens.

...to our Sacristans and Altar Guild who prepare the sanctuary for the celebration of Eucharist each week: **Peter**

**Degl'Innocenti, Pam and Rich Confetti, Vincent Rodriguez, Harlan Young, Rowena Cayaban, Monika Kauer, Cynthia Enrique, Belen Farin, Nancy Santos and Rose Salamanca.**

...to **our counting teams** who are here every week to count the weekly collections.

...to our volunteers who assisted in the parish office last week:

**Jeannine Ford, Melodye Costanza, Harlan Young, Yvette Young, Alicia Perez, Sharon Cissell, Joe Fanfa and Bev Iacona.**

...to our St. Vincent de Paul and Mobile Mall volunteers who transported last week's donations: **Bob Carvalho and Barbara Jackson.**

...to our faithful weekly bulletin assembly team: **Carole Miller, Dave Costanza, Beth Enea, Richard Enea, Kathy Augusta and Vince Augusta.**

...to our wonderful Parking Lot Security who keep watch over our vehicles during the weekend liturgies and during Holy Week: **Steve Rojek, Don Benson, Bob Plurkowski, Dave Simpson, Bob Goncalves** and many

**Knights of Columbus** who did a wonderful job of Parking Lot Security on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday:

**Don Benson, Ron France, Bill Barbanica, Mark Webster, Jack Goncalves, Gerardo Galvan, Jeff Monaghan, Charlie Mirano, Bill Stuhlreyer, Noel Fortez, Ernie Ameral, Howard Blue, Forrest Towe and Jose Perez.**



### *Divine Mercy Observance This Afternoon*

For those who follow the Divine Mercy devotion, you are invited to join fellow parishioners and friends this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in the church for Sung Evening Prayer, the praying of the Divine Mercy prayers, and the Blessing of religious and devotional items related to this observance. Following the liturgy, there will be a reception in the parish hall for all those in attendance. On behalf of all of us, I would like to thank **Bobbie Ocang and her committee along with Steve Andreatta** for arranging this celebration.



***YLI Annual Pasta Dinner***

Once again this year, our YLI is hosting their Annual Pasta Dinner here at St. Ignatius of Antioch. Tickets are available in the Gathering Plaza following each liturgy or from **Jeannine Ford**. Please see the flyer in the bulletin. This is an amazing event: the members of the YLI all contribute their own home-made pasta sauces which are combined to create the “secret” sauce for the pasta, along with garlic bread, salad, wine, and dessert. It takes place between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. in our parish hall, on the patio, and at tables in the lovely garden behind the parish hall on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Another special element of this event is the celebration of the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of our beloved parishioner, **Dorothy Lamendola!** I hope you will join us for their fundraiser, enjoy some fantastic pasta, and great fellowship.



I am deeply grateful to all those who sent Easter Cards and greetings to Archbishop Emeritus Alex Brunett, Retired Archbishop of Seattle, who was

our Bishop for almost a year in the interim between Bishops a number of years ago. We were privileged to be one of only a few parishes who were privileged to have him with us for weekend liturgy and a festive brunch following in our parish tent. We will not soon forget his warmth, graciousness, openness, his homily, and embracing all of us so lovingly. Remember that Easter is not just a day but an entire season of 50 days! So, it isn't too late to send him a greeting within the next 7 weeks. Unfortunately, he suffered a major stroke after returning to Seattle and has been in a care facility since so our greetings mean more than ever to him.

Address your cards and notes to:

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