The Roman Catholic Church of Saint Ignatius of Antioch

Apríl 24, 2022

Divine Mercy Sunday



The Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy Cenacle invite you to their celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday, this Sunday, April 24th at 2:30 p.m. in the Fr. John LaTondress Chapel.

All are invited!

(Please note this is not a Mass)

Doubts & Faith

On this Second Sunday of Easter, we hear the Gospel of Doubting Thomas. That is because the event described takes place the Sunday after the Resurrection of the Lord. This Gospel leads me pondering two main questions: "Why do we have doubts?" and, "Why do we have faith?"

I know that doubting is part of being a human being, but I am still shocked when I read that not only did the disciples doubt the Lord during His ministry on earth and during His Passion, they even doubted Him after the Resurrection. And it was not just Thomas. Look at Matthew 28:16-20. As the disciples gathered on the Mount of the Ascension, Jesus appeared again to them, but, the scripture says, "some still doubted." Why did they doubt? Here they had the Resurrected Lord right in front of them. That was more than Thomas had when the other disciples told him that they had seen the Lord. Perhaps, some of the disciples on that mountain wondered if this really was a ghost, or a strange phenomenon. most probably, their doubts were simply part of being human beings. We are always going to have doubts until we see God face to face.

What then are the causes of these doubts? I know that when we start growing intellectually, when our minds become capable of handling abstract concepts, we tend to question that which was presented to us the only way we could understand as a child, in concrete concepts. So here we are advancing from arithmetic to algebra to calculus in our knowledge of math, but stuck with an anthropomorphic image of God as an Man with a White Flowing Beard, ala Michelangelo's ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. The development of our knowledge of the depth of our beliefs barely approaches our intellectual development in the less significant areas of our lives.

I can remember the type of doubts I had a long time ago when I was a preppie. Yes, I went to a prep school, Seton Hall Prep. I even had a jacket I treasured with the school emblem on the front pocket and its motto, "Hazard Zet Forward." I'm still not sure what a zet was. At that time in my life I was more concerned with zits then zets. Anyway, I remember when I was a preppie wondering, "Does God really exist? Am I sure that this isn't all being made up? How could God be One in Three? How could Jesus be fully God and fully man?" Questions like that would really bother me until I finally said, "There are a lot of things I don't understand, and maybe I am not meant to understand them. But I don't have to understand to believe. I just have to believe." The existential philosopher, Soren Kirkegaard called this the leap of faith.

I remember back in college learning St. Thomas Aquinas' five rational proofs for the existence of God. There was the Unmoved Mover. Everything is put into motion by something else. A ball is put into motion by a baseball bat. A baseball bat by a hitter. A hitter by his body formed from his mother and father. And you go on and on until you have to say, somewhere there is something that puts other things into motion but is itself not put into motion. We call this Unmoved Mover, God. Or the argument that everything and everybody has been placed into existence by something or someone else. There must be something or someone that is not caused to happen but exists in its own right. We call that someone God. And we can go on to talk about the existence that always was, the sum total of all possible goodness, and the intelligent being that directs all things to their natural ends. These five proofs were intellectually stimulating, but they didn't cure my desire for faith. They just provided me with arguments against atheists. God did not create us so we can argue with those He also created but who do not recognize Him. So, for me, and perhaps for you, to a great extent the intellectual arguments fall flat.

I know that many of us have to put up with people challenging our faith. Our high school and college students have to endure professors and others of the pseudo intelligentsia treating them like simple children because they believe. I say pseudo intelligentsia, because if they were truly intelligent, they would never question another's deep rooted faith. I know that many of us have to put up with relatives, friends, or even the door to door proselytizers who do their best to dissuade us from Catholicism or Christianity. Usually those who attack us help us deepen our convictions. Instead of arguing, just respond, "I am a Catholic. This is what I believe. I respect your belief. I don't ask you to believe what I believe. I only ask you to respect me for my faith."

A far more troublesome source of doubts comes in all our lives when we enter into periods of crisis: Where was God when a child, teen or young adult you knew and loved died? Or, where was God when you prayed for your Mom and Dad to stay together, and they still broke up? Perhaps, the problem here is that we ask for help, and take it for granted that if God doesn't intervene directly, He must not exist. Rather, I believe that God is present with us in crises. Sometimes our prayers are answered. But even when our crises result in death, failure or whatever, God is still present holding onto us. Remember that the shortest verse in scripture contains the Lord sharing our anguish. That shortest verse is found in the Gospel of John, John 11:35. It is only two words and takes place when Jesus stands outside of his friend Lazarus' tomb. The verse is simply, "Jesus wept." He wept over the condition of a world where the people who were created in the Image and Likeness of God would still suffer. A world that has rejected the Lord of Life has inflicted death and suffering on all its inhabitants.

But even crises are not the most serious cause of doubts in our lives. The most serious cause of doubts in our faith come when we leap into immorality. Many go through a period of hypocrisy, saying one thing in Church and doing something all together opposite outside of the Church. But eventually, the hypocrisy catches up with us all, and we have to make a choice between living a lie or rejecting our faith. If we are in high school or college, if we are a young single adult or an older married adult, or even if we are a senior citizen, if we go through life looking for the next party to get drunk at, or the best place to find drugs, or if we are on the prowl for the next guy or girl to have sex with, we are not going to be able to deal with our own presence in Church. We are not going to be able to deal with our own hypocrisy. So the choice will be to either change our life or reject our faith. Sadly, the second is often chosen. People in lives of sin deal with their hypocrisy by saying they no longer believe.

All of these and more are reasons why we have doubts. But why do we have faith?

We have faith not because we agree with rational arguments for faith, although these can help. We don't have faith because we are stubborn when confronted by those trying to dissuade us, although it is very good and very right to proclaim our faith to those who challenge us. We should be stubborn in our faith before those who question us. Perhaps we have faith because faith is all that we can hold on to when we are in crisis. That is a very good reason for faith. Or perhaps we have faith because we know what we are like, how we would live our lives without faith. We hate the animal life we reduce ourselves to when we eliminate God from our lives. That is also a powerful reason for our faith.

All these are good reasons for faith, but the most important reason for faith is this: We have faith because we have experienced the Love of God in our lives as individuals and as a people. We have faith because we have felt His Love within us at various times in our lives, usually when we least expect it. We have faith when we reflect on how pointless life would be if Jesus had not Risen from the Dead and given us His Life, gifted us with the Spiritual.

At the end of today's Gospel we heard: 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.

We have faith because Jesus has given us life. The tomb is empty, but our lives are full. Jesus Christ is our deepest love. His presence makes all life worthwhile. His presence is a guarantee of eternal life. His presence is a guarantee of eternal love. "Lord, I need you," Matt Maher sings, and we join in.

This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. The Lord knows us better than we know ourselves. He sees what is going on inside of us and calls us to trust in Him. We live under the mercy of God.

Yours in Christ,

Mogr. Joe

The Bloodmobile

will be here Sunday, April 24th from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Please Share A Pint!



Save the Date



Join us as we celebrate Msgr. Pellegrino's Retirement

There will be a Parish Reception in the hall on June 26th, following the 11:30 a.m. Mass celebrated by Msgr. Pellegrino.

All are invited. No reservations needed.

Check out our Gift Shop for First Communion & Wedding Gifts! Located in room 1 in the Life Center!

Sundays: 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays: 9:30 a.m. to Noon First Saturdays: 9 a.m. to Noon



Live Streaming

There is a dispensation for those within specific circumstances. Please go to our website for details.

For our Live-Streamed Masses

go to www.st.ignatius.net and click on Live or go to our YouTube channel at 9 a.m. Weekdays, 4 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Saturdays & 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m., & 6 p.m. Sundays

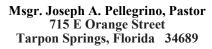


Lord, grant eternal rest to the souls of our dearly departed, especially for

ALL WHO HAVE PERISHED IN THE WAR IN UKRANE,

ALL WHO HAVE DIED FROM CORONAVIRUS plus LUCILLE LORIPPO, JOANNE AMLAW, TERECA FLORES, GWENDOLYN RAIMONDO-RICCI, SR. MARY HERLIK, JACK HUTCHINSON & DEACON DAVID SIRRIANNA

and all those we hold in our hearts who have died, may they rest in the arms of God.



Mass Schedule:

Saturday......4:00 and 6:30 p.m. (Fulfills Sunday Obligation) Sunday......7:00, 9:00, 11:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Life Teen Weekdays.....7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Saturday.....9:00 a.m.

Confession Schedule:

Saturday......3:00-3:45 p.m. and after the 6:30 p.m. Mass

Chapel Open for Prayer:

Monday through Friday...7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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Holy Orders: Please call Rev. Chuck Dornquast at 345-3338

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Thursdays after 9 a.m. Mass until 10:15 a.m. First Friday of the Month 9:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Stay Informed:

Website: www.st.ignatius.net
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YouTube: St Ignatius Tarpon Springs

Upcoming Events

Altar Flowers

This week's Altar Flowers were donated in loving memory of Joseph Ssenyonjo by the Moynihan Family



Sunday Donuts

Donuts and Coffee will be offered in the hall this Sunday from 9 a.m.—11 a.m. Sponsored by our Knights of Columbus.

Rosary Makers

All are welcome to join! We meet Monday mornings from 9:30 a.m. - noon in the hall.



RCIA

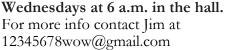
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults meets this Tuesday, at 6:30 p.m. in room 2.



For more information contact Deacon Mike at mike.waldron51@gmail.com

That Man is You

All men of the parish are invited for coffee and Catholic teaching to strengthen families.





Mom's Morning Out



Break?

Join us Wednesdays & Thursdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

\$10 per visit or 6 for \$50.

Need a Ages 1 and walking to 36

Ages 1 and walking to 36 months. Please check in at ECC Office.



Choir

Our Adult Choir meets Thursdays, at 7 p.m. in the Church.

St. Joseph Book Group



Our final gathering will be this Saturday, April 30th at 10 a.m. in the Deacon John Room.

Comeback Catholics



Been away from the Church? Join us May 4th at 7 p.m. in the Deacon John room.

We meet the first Wednesday of each month. Want more info? Call 727-773-5004 or email comeback@ignatius.net

Eucharistic Adoration



The glorious resurrection of Our Lord continues in the glory of the Blessed Sacrament.

This is where our Risen Lord dwells, pouring out His life, His light, and His love to all who come into His presence. If our faith in the Eucharist is weak, then we simply pray; "Lord, I believe, help my unbelief." For the gift of faith, all we have to do is ask. "Ask and you shall receive, knock and it shall be opened." Like the Apostles we humbly pray, "increase our faith."

We will have Exposition of the Sacred Host in our Chapel from 9:30 a.m. 'til Benediction at 9 p.m. on First Friday, May 6th.

This is an opportunity for our parish families, singles (young and old), workers, and retired to spend time in conversation, face to face, with our Risen Lord, Brother and Friend, to pray for peace, for an end to violence in our world and country, and any personal intentions you may want to discuss with our Savior.

Please sign our Adoration Commitment Book in the front of the Church for whatever hour you chose to visit with Our Lord.

Children Events

Faith Formation

Pre-K-5th Grade

Classes Sunday, April 24th at 10:15 a.m.

3rd-8th Grade

Classes Monday, April 25th at 6:30 p.m.



Join Us for Vacation Bible School! Fun in the Sun on Mystery Island...

June 20-June 24 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Parish Life Center
For children entering
Pre K - 5th Grade.

\$40 for 1st child and then \$15 for each additional sibling. Sponsored by the Children's Faith Formation 727-937-4050 ext. 220 Contact Fran Morin fmorin@ignatius.net or Marie Day mday@ignatius.net

Children's Choir



No Choir Rehearsal this week!

Monday Group ... from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Group... from 6:00 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturdays Group... from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Want to join?

Contact Brandon Vennink at ext. 206.

Scouts

Our Scouts next meeting is Friday, April 29th

6:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts in room 6 7 p.m. - Cub Scouts in rooms 9-12

7 p.m. - Boy Scouts in rooms 2,3,4



Polish School



Meets Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. in rooms 7 –12



Early Childhood Center

Catholic Pre-school for 2, 3 & 4 year olds.

We are dedicated to the goal of providing developmentally appropriate programs aimed at the total child.

Contact Sharon Nease at (727) 937-5427 or snease@ignatius.net to schedule a tour and see what makes our center outstanding!

Teens Events Edge

Life Teen



Bart Kovacic—Life Teen Director 727-251-2476 or ignatiuslifeteen@tampabay.rr.com

Life Teen Nights:

Every Sunday our Life Teen group meets for a night filled with food & friends. We explore our Faith, Life, and being the Sons and Daughters of God. Come to our 6 p.m. Life Teen Mass and join us afterwards in the hall.



Life Teen Bible Café

Wednesday, April 27th at the Youth House from 6-8 p.m.



Samantha Trapp—Edge Director 727-251-2476 or strapp@ignatius.net

Our 6-8 grade ministry, known as <u>EDGE</u>, is a dynamic middle school youth ministry. Edge provides an opportunity to grow in faith by developing a relationship with Jesus through social activities. It is all about making a difference in their hearts and empowering them to seek Christ.

All Middle School Youth are invited to join us at our next gathering, Thursday, April 28th in the hall at 6:30 p.m.

Our PRESENT and FUTURE depends on you!

The teens of St. Ignatius are embarking on journeys to Life Teen Leadership Conference, Steubenville Youth Conference, and Hidden Lake Camps this summer, to strengthen and challenge themselves in their relationship with Jesus. All this costs money. This is an opportunity for you to help the young people directly in their faith experience. Maybe you wanted to sponsor a teen, but couldn't do it alone, or you wanted to give, but didn't know how, then this is for you. Invest today and purchase Youth Stock.

St. Ignatius Youth Stock is available at only \$10 a share. Purchase as many shares as you would like. The money goes directly to offsetting the cost for the teens to attend their journeys.

What does a share holder receive?

- 1. Spiritual journey with the young people. (Newsletter)
- 2. A Shareholders certificate. (*Proof, and something to show off to your friends*)
- 3. Prayers offered for your intentions by the teens at our Edge and Life Nights.

This is an opportunity to invest and influence the church not just of today, but for tomorrow. Prayerfully consider this simple way of being a part of the youth of St. Ignatius.

To purchase stock...Fill out the form below & place in an envelope marked

'St. Ignatius Youth Stock". Place envelope in the collection basket at Mass, or at parish office (drop slot) or give to the young person who invited you to share their experience.

Get in on this life changing opportunity.

Ouestions? Contact Bart Kovacic at 727-251-2476.

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Around the Diocese Events



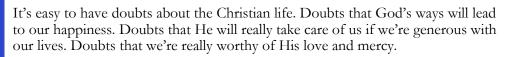
Jenny Lusk from Diocesan is working to renew and add new ads to our bulletin. The bulletin is available weekly. We are grateful that this crucial communication piece is provided to our parish at no cost THANKS to the generous advertising support of our

provided to our parish at no cost THANKS to the generous advertising support of our parishioners and community-minded businesses. We ask our parishioners to patronize our supporters. If you have any questions about your ad or would like to place a new ad in the weekly bulletin, please contact Jenny at 913-205-6387 or JLusk@Diocesan.com.

Join Clearwater Community Women's Club in their fight against human trafficking and exploitation in Pinellas county.

On May 14th CCWC is hosting Champa Bay Elimination Dinner, a fun filled, sports themed event at the Conmy Center in Dunedin. Your participation will help fund a safe house for the care and counseling of surviors of human trafficking in the Tampa Bay area. Visit ccwcFlorida.org to buy your tickets, add your name to the list of sponsors, or buy an ad in the program. Let's make a difference!

Catholic Ministry Appeal





Jesus wants to take away those doubts, because they hold us back from experiencing fullness of life with Him. Instead, He wants to give us peace. Thomas experienced peace when he encountered the Risen Lord. And while we can't necessarily place our finger into the nail marks of Christ's hands nor put our hand into His side, we do take the time this Easter season to celebrate the truth of Christ's resurrection, to encounter Him once more in Scripture and the Sacraments, and to receive the peace He offers.

This peace can change the way we live. Let's consider an example: giving to our diocesan Catholic Ministry Appeal. There can be all kinds of doubts that arise when it comes to supporting our local Church. All types of "what ifs?" But Christ wants to take away those doubts, and allow you to discern how much to give in a spirit of freedom and tranquility. Ask for His gift of peace today, and see how he moves you to give.



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Golf Scramble Saturday, May 14th
at East Lake Woodlands
Country Club

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Saturday, April 23rd	4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	+ Joseph Natoli + Roberta Bamrick	Confessions 3 p.m 3:45 p.m. and after the 6:30 p.m. Mass
Sunday, April 24th Divine Mercy Sunday Acts 5:12-16 Revelations 1:9-19 John 20:19-31	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Special Intentions of Msgr. Joseph Pellegrino For the People of Our Parish + August & Mary Perrone + Sarafina Erigo	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. Donuts - hall 10:15 a.m. 2:30 p.m. T:30 p.m. Pood Drive this Weekend Bloodmobile until 12 noon Donuts - hall Faith Formation Classes Divine Mercy Service - Chapel Life Teen Night after Mass - hall
Monday, April 25th St. Mark 1 Peter 5:5-14 Mark 16:15-20	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	+ Angela Fagan + Geraldine O'Meara	9:30 a.m. Rosary Makers - hall 5:30 p.m. Children's Choir— Church 6:30 p.m. All Faith Formation Classes
Tuesday, April 26th <i>Acts</i> 4:32-37 <i>John 3:7-15</i>	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	+ Frank Sacco + Concetta Romeo + Patricia Radenhausen	6:30 p.m. RCIA - Evangelization Office
Wednesday, April 27th Acts 5:17-26 John 3:16-21	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	+ For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life + Judy Hayes	6:00 a.m. That Man is You - hall 9:30 a.m. Mom's Morning Out- check -ECC 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir— Church 6:00 p.m. Life Teen Bible Café -Youth House
Thursday, April 28th St. Peter Chanel & St. Louis Montfort Acts 5:27-33 John 3:31-36	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	+ John McKeon + Jenny Wermes-Budde	9:30 a.m. Mom's Morning Out-check -ECC 6:30 p.m. Edge - hall 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir—Church
Friday, April 29th St. Catherine of Siena Acts 5:34-42 John 6:1-15	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	+ Kevin LaHiff + Richard Masi	6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts-room 6 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts-rooms 9-12 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts-rooms 2-4
Saturday, April 30th St. Pius V Acts 6:1-7 John 6:16-21	9:00 a.m.	+ Theresa Schill	9:00 a.m. Polish School - rooms 7-12 10:00 a.m. St. Joseph Bible Study - Deacon John Room 12:00 p.m. Children's Choir-Church
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Sunday, May 1st 3rd Sunday of Easter Acts 5:27-41 Revelations 5:11-14 John 21:1-19	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Special Intentions of Rev. Emil Wcela For the People of Our Parish + Salvatore & Loretta Gruppuso + Deceased Members of the O'Leary Family	10:15 a.m. Faith Formation Classes No First Communion Classes 1:30 p.m. First Communion Rehearsal-Church 7:30 p.m. Life Teen Night after Mass - hall



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