

# PARISH CALENDAR

Second Sunday  
of Easter  
(Divine Mercy)

April 28, 2019

Give thanks to God,  
for His mercy endures!

Saturday, April 27	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, April 28	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, April 29	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, April 30	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
		<b>Finance Council Meeting - Kamiano Trailer</b>
Wednesday, May 1	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, May 2		Mass
	..... 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, May 3	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, May 4	..... 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

## NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Acts:5:27-32, 40b-41:** the apostles testify boldly before the Sanhedrin  
**Rev:5:11-14:** All creation is called to worship Christ s redeemer  
**John:21:9-19:** Jesus feeds his disciples, calling them to love.



## Reflection

We in the United States are raised to be individualists. We even tend to think of such things as faith as very individual and personal. True, faith is a personal response to God's gift of faith. However, note that the risen Lord does not visit each disciple individually. Rather, he is present to the whole community of believers. From the very beginning of revelation, we have God gathering a people. With Jesus, it is no different. Much of the time, before and after his resurrection, Jesus is surrounded by others, inviting their shared faith in him as Lord. Jesus' invitation to us as his disciples is to invite others to faith. The more the better, until all humanity becomes part of God's kingdom. This is Luke's message in today's first reading: "Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them."

Something else strikes us from today's first reading. This shared faith is a doing faith. The early Christian community is not only a community of belief, it is a community of service, doing things that Jesus did in his earthly ministry. People are being healed of sickness, even of unclean spirits. Today's readings come full cycle. The Gospel passage ends by noting that Jesus performed many signs in the disciples' presence. Later, as stated in the first reading, the disciples are doing the work that Jesus did, performing "many signs and wonders."

What the world needs now is some of the Resurrection faith that heals and gives life. And what we need now is to believe not only in the Lord but in ourselves as his disciples. Then we can do "signs and wonders," and so heal one another and offer one another new life in the risen Lord. Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.



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**WORD OF LIFE:** "If you or someone you know has had an abortion, 'be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.'" Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is also available. Visit the "Find help" map on [www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org) to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion."

## WEEKLY READINGS

### **Apr 28 Sun: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts:5:12-16; Ps:118; Rev:1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn:20:19-31

### **Apr 29 Mon: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of Church**

Acts:4:23-31; Ps:2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn:3:1-8

### **Apr 30 Tue: Easter Weekday**

Acts:4:32-37; Ps:93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn:3:7b-15

### **May 1 Wed: Easter Weekday**

Acts:5:17-26; Ps:34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn:3:16-21

### **May 2 Thur: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Acts:5: 27-33; Ps:34:2 & 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn:3:31-36

### **May 3 Fri: St. Philip and James, Apostles**

1 Cor:15:1-8; Ps:19: 2-3, 4-5; Jn:14:6-14

### **May 4 Sat: Easter Weekday**

Acts:6:1-7; Ps:33: 1-2, 4-5, 8-19; Jn:6:16-21

## Resurrection Faith

We live in an age that takes little or nothing at face value. Instant replays second-guess athletes. Appeals second-guess juries and courts. We look for guarantees and sureties. Today's liturgy calls us to a different kind of believing Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

And Jesus 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.**



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## NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

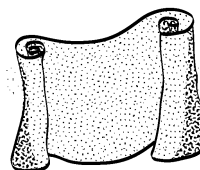
In today's first reading from the Acts of Apostles, we hear it proclaimed that many "signs and wonders" were performed in public by Christ's followers, a demonstration that produced two results. First, the people of Jerusalem outside the Christian community were awed by what the disciples were performing. And in the midst of all this amazement, many were being converted. Good stewards know of the evangelizing power emanating from their daily acts of love, compassion, kindness and generosity. They believe that if they stay focused on Christ each day, every act has the power to transform a broken world. What "signs and wonders" will we perform today? (International Catholic Stewardship Council)

The first reading draws attention to three core elements of the early Church. First, the apostles were central, a centrality that sprang from their "witnessing" to the Resurrection. Second, the Church was one—a community—and a growing community. Third, others had great respect for the Christian community as a holy and healing assembly. The import of these elements is evident once we get to today's Gospel, where we learn that faith does not depend on seeing, but on signs of faith. Acts reminds us that the faith community itself is such a sign and a sign of Christ's death and resurrection.

The reading from Revelation is like an emotionally charged, half-time pep talk to a battered, bruised, losing team. Not to worry. Ours is a great second-half team. We must hang in there, believe in ourselves, believe in our game plan, give it all we've got, and we will win. The accent here is on trust—you must believe.

Today's Gospel picks up the Easter story, emphasizing that life comes through faith in the risen Lord. After Jesus, the narrative focuses on Thomas, the twin (perhaps the twin to us all). The other disciples, visited by the risen Lord, are filled with the gift of Christ's peace. They rejoice. The absent Thomas doesn't believe the witness of the others. He wants hard proof that what they saw was the real crucified Jesus. Thomas gets his proof. Jesus challenges his unbelief by offering his wounds and exhorting him, "Do not be unbelieving, but believe!"

Jesus' message to Thomas is intended for all his followers: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." That's us. The risen Lord declares that he is present among us, here and now. He is as much with us as he was with the original band of disciples some two thousand years ago. This sort of faith is no pious "pie in the sky." Life depends on it. That's the whole point of this important post-Resurrection story: to help us believe in the risen Jesus, "that through this belief you may have life in his name" (John 20:31). Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.



Once I was dead, but now  
I am alive forever, therefore,  
**John,**  
**write on the scroll**  
**what you see.**

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