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## When it's not easy to believe, go to Mass: Pope's advice



*Kathleen N. Hattrup - published on 04/12/26*

*Gathered together at Mass, Jesus' Body and Blood nourish us, so that we too may become witnesses of his Resurrection, as St. Thomas was.*

The Church invites us to gather each Sunday, mindful that it is not always easy to believe. Sometimes we struggle like Thomas did, but with the Body of Christ at Mass, "It is there that our faith grows and is strengthened."

This was the reflection offered by Pope Leo before praying the Regina Caeli on this Divine Mercy Sunday.

Below is the full translation of his brief meditation:

*Dear brothers and sisters, happy Sunday and happy Easter once again!*

Today, on the Second Sunday of Easter, dedicated to Divine Mercy by Saint John Paul II, the Gospel recounts the appearance of the risen Jesus to the Apostle Thomas (cf. *Jn* 20:19–31). This event took place eight days after Easter, while the community was gathered together. There, Thomas encountered the Master, who invited him to look at the marks of the nails and to put his hand into the wound in his side, and to believe (cf. v. 27). This scene invites us to reflect on our own encounter with the risen Jesus. Where can we find him? How can we recognize him? How can we believe? Saint John, who narrated the event, gives us precise indications: Thomas met Jesus on the *eighth day*, in the *gathered community*, and recognized him in the *signs of his sacrifice*. His profession of faith, the highest in the entire Fourth Gospel, emerged from this experience: "My Lord and my God!" (v. 28).

Of course, it is not always easy to believe. It was not easy for Thomas, and it is not easy for us either. Faith needs to be nourished and sustained. For this reason, on the "eighth day" — that is, every Sunday — the Church invites us to do as the first disciples did: gather together and celebrate the Eucharist. During Mass, we listen to the words of Jesus, we pray, we profess our faith, we share God's gifts in charity, we offer our lives in union with the Sacrifice of Christ. His Body and Blood nourish us, so that we too may become witnesses of his Resurrection, as indicated by the term "Mass," which means "sending forth," or "mission" (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1332).

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The Sunday Eucharist is indispensable to the Christian life. Tomorrow I will depart for my Apostolic Journey to Africa. Some of the martyrs of the early African Church, particularly the Martyrs of Abitene, have left us a beautiful testimony in this regard. When offered the chance to save their lives by renouncing the celebration of the Eucharist, they replied that they could not live without celebrating the Lord's Day. It is there that our faith grows and is strengthened. It is there that our efforts, though limited, are united by God's grace to the actions of the members of a single body — the Body of Christ — for the accomplishment of a single great plan of salvation that embraces all humanity. It is through the Eucharist that our hands become "the hands of the Risen One," giving witness to his presence, mercy and peace. The signs of work, sacrifice, illness and the passing of the years are often etched into our hands, just as they are in the tenderness of a caress, a handshake, or a gesture of charity.

Dear brothers and sisters, in a world that is in such great need of peace, this calls on us more than ever to be steadfast and faithful in our Eucharistic encounter with the risen Lord, so that we may go forth as witnesses of charity and messengers of reconciliation. May the Virgin Mary help us to do this, she who is blessed because she was the first to believe without seeing (cf. *Jn 20:29*).

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## Mass Intentions

### **Saturday, April 18, Vigil for the Third Sunday of Easter**

4:00 p.m. Maryori Villa (dec)

### **Sunday, April 19, Third Sunday of Easter**

8:00 a.m. Christina Cano (liv)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Marion Falcigno (dec)

### **Monday, April 20, Monday in the Third Week of Easter**

8:00 a.m. Javier Mendez (liv)

### **Tuesday, April 21, Tuesday in the Third Week of Easter**

8:00 a.m. Leonides Molina (liv)

### **Wednesday, April 22, Wednesday in the Third Week of Easter**

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

### **Thursday, April 23, Thursday in the Third Week of Easter**

8:00 a.m. The Getgen Family (liv & dec)

### **Friday, April 24, Friday in the Third Week of Easter**

8:00 a.m. Yanile Sarmiento (liv)

### **Saturday, April 25, Vigil for the Fourth Sunday of Easter**

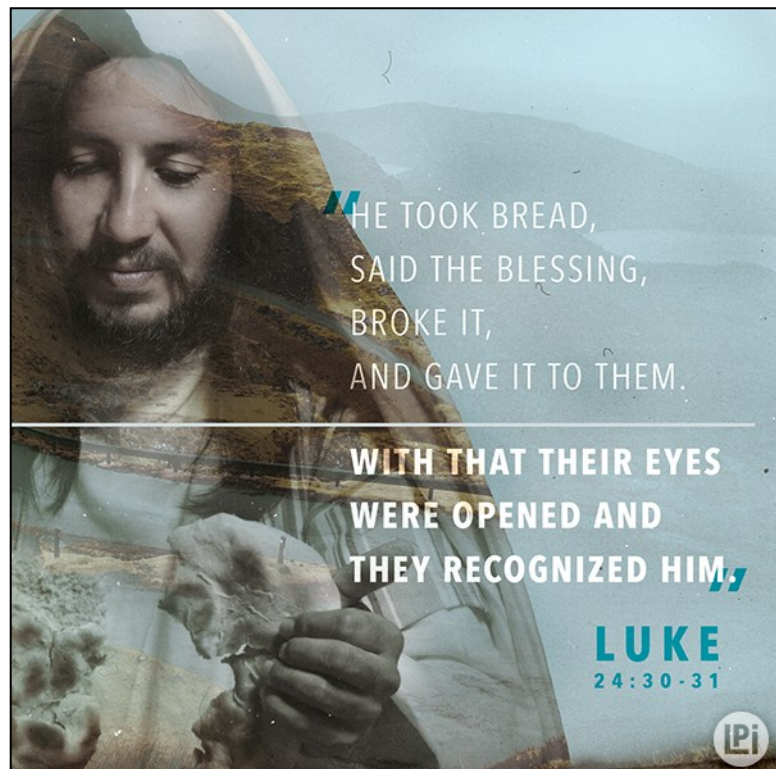
4:00 p.m. Nolan Hoshak (dec)

### **Sunday, April 26, Fourth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 a.m. Luisa Fernanda Salazar (liv)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners and Christine Alice Screeton (dec)

11:30 a.m. Guiseppina Sciortino (dec)





April 19, 2026

## Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33 | 1 Pt 1:17-21 | Lk 24:13-35

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### **GROW AS A DISCIPLE** | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

If I lived at the time of Christ and caught Jesus' eyes while passing him in the streets, would I recognize him as the Messiah? You and I are made in the image and likeness of God. We are the adopted children of the Father. Would my soul be drawn to Christ as two magnets are drawn to one another? I believe that when we are in full and perfect communion with Christ, our entire being will be drawn to the Lord and instinctively rejoice in the glory of God. But on this earth - a world broken by sin - our eyes are clouded and we do not see clearly. In the Gospel today, as the pair of disciples encountered Christ, we read that "their eyes were prevented from recognizing him." Christ had preached and worked miracles and died in faithful obedience to the Father's will. He had been raised and was present again fully glorified. Yet, they could not see who it was before them in that moment. In our world today, it is easy to become blinded by sin and miss seeing Christ in our midst. But just as he walked the streets of Nazareth growing up and walked along the road to Emmaus after his resurrection, Christ continues to walk among us today.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

When we look at the example of the disciples traveling to Emmaus, we see a blueprint for how we might improve our vision to see the Lord's presence more clearly. They listened carefully as Jesus reminded them of Scripture, they spoke to him and urged him to remain near to them, and they broke bread with him. After all of this, "their eyes were opened and they recognized him." We can also come to see Christ more clearly by encountering him in Scripture, by speaking to him in prayer, and by encountering him in the sacraments - particularly by regularly receiving the graces offered in confession and receiving the Eucharist. In doing this, we not only clear our own vision, but we align our thoughts and actions to be more like those of Christ, participating in the Father's mission to draw humanity back to himself.

### **WITNESS**

After the disciples recognized Christ, they returned to the others and "recounted what had taken place on the way." This suggests that when we encounter Christ, we are not meant to keep it to ourselves! This week, consider how you can humbly share with a friend or family member how you have encountered Christ.



## Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Following Sacraments With Us?

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Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

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*The Blessed Trinity Social Group invites you*

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*For a coffee meeting on Friday, April 24th after the 8:00 am mass at Paradeco Coffee Roasters, located at Skyway Beach Resort 6800 Sunshine Skyway Ln. S.*

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## Everyday Stewardship

### Mean What You Say

Missouri is known as the “Show Me” state. There seem to be differing points of view as to how this motto came into existence, but today it is said to speak of a people who operate with common sense and are not easily fooled by slick-talking or show. We would be prudent to adopt such a disposition ourselves. To be this way is not really like St. Thomas in the Gospel when he doubts what he clearly sees right in front of him. It is more about holding ourselves to a standard explained in another motto: “Say what you mean and mean what you say.”

If we claim to be Christians, disciples of the risen Jesus, then those around us should be able to tell by our actions. Can someone truly be a disciple of Jesus and not be a good steward of all he has given? Jesus makes himself known to us continually in the Holy Eucharist. When we come together to break bread at Mass, Jesus shows us his love by becoming truly present to us. He is willing to show us. What are we in turn willing to show him?

Every day, Jesus calls us to respond in some way. Our response shows whether we are who we claim: his disciples. I am pretty sure Jesus is not from Missouri, but I know he is not fooled by our half-truths and misguided intentions. He also means what he says and says what he means. Shouldn't his disciples do the same?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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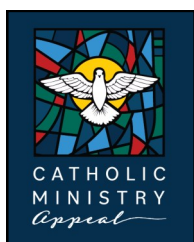
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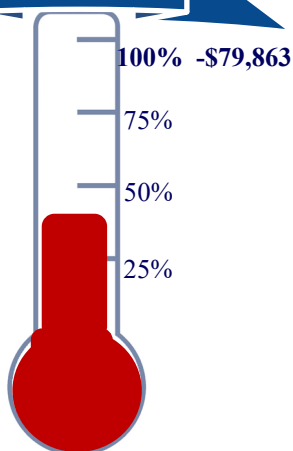
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**Faith Community Nursing Event**

Faith Community Nurses are licensed, registered nurses who practice wholistic health for self, individual, and the community using nursing knowledge combined with spiritual care. We will be available for blood pressure screenings on *Sunday, April 26th* after the 8 am, & 930 am masses in the Courtyard Hall. There will be handouts regarding high blood pressure, stroke, etc.

**Join Us!**

Join us and spin the wheel for free prizes!

### Magnificat of St. Petersburg, a Ministry to Women,



Invites you to our Mother-Daughter Magnificat Meal Saturday, May 9, 2026, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm  
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Please mail your check, to our treasurer, Linda Barron, 6069 Second Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33710. **Checks must be received by May 4, 2026.** Your ticket will be at the door. **Seating is limited.**

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## Upcoming Events

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| <b>Saturday, April 18</b><br>2:30 pm-3:30 pm Confessions   | CR       |
| <b>Sunday, April 19</b><br>Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses  | CYH      |
| <b>Monday, April 20</b><br>6:30 pm "Life in the Spirit"  | CYH      |
| <b>Tuesday, April 21</b><br>10:00 am Scripture Class   | CYH      |
| <b>Wednesday, April 22</b><br>Adoration<br>5:30 pm Rosary<br>6:00 pm- 7:00 pm Holy Hour  | CH<br>CH |
| <b>Thursday, April 23</b><br>6:30 pm Choir Practice  | MR       |
| <b>Friday, April 24</b><br>BT Social Group Meeting after the 8:00 am Mass<br>@ Paradeco Coffee Roasters-SkyBeach Resort<br>6800 Sunshine Skyway Ln S |          |
| <b>Saturday, April 25</b><br>2:30 pm-3:30 pm Confessions   | CR       |
| <b>Sunday, April 26</b><br>Coffee and Donuts and Faith Community Nursing event<br>after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses                               | CYH      |

### Key for Events

PC= Parish Center, MR=Music Room, CYH= Courtyard Hall, CR=Cry Room  
CYH-1= Courtyard Hall Classroom #1, CH=Church, FF= Faith Formation Room  
PL= Parking Lot

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### Clergy Assistance

Fr. Jack McDowell, OFM, Fr. Randall Roberts, OFM  
Fr. Anthony Fortunato, OdeM, Fr. Ken Breen, OdeM  
Fr. Victor Bartolotta, Fr. Eric Peters

### Mass Schedule

**Weekday Masses~** Monday - Friday 8:00 am

**Weekend Masses~** Saturday Vigil at 4:00 pm

**Sunday~** 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am

Follow the Sunday Mass on our website, [btsp.org](http://btsp.org)

**Confessions~** Saturdays 2:30-3:30 pm

**Parish Office~** Monday–Friday 9:00 am-12:00 pm and 1-4 pm

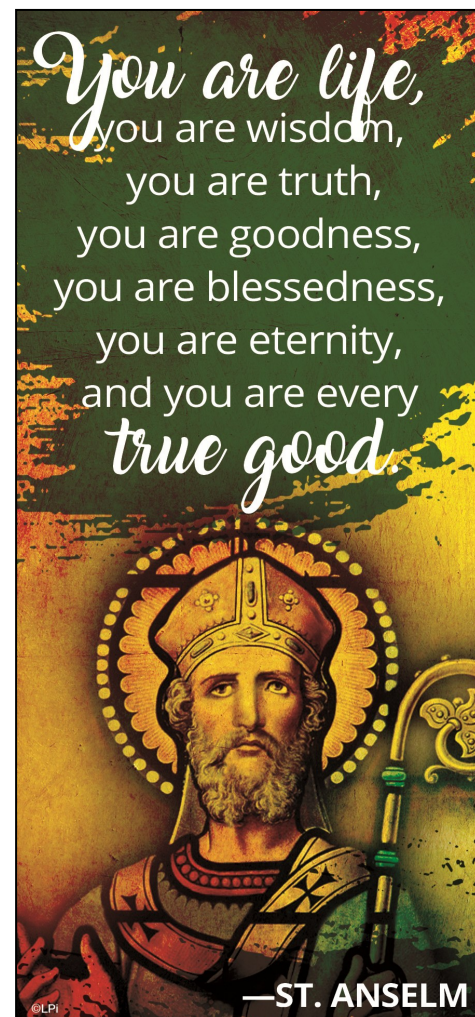
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### Anointing of the Sick



To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

### Grief Support

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