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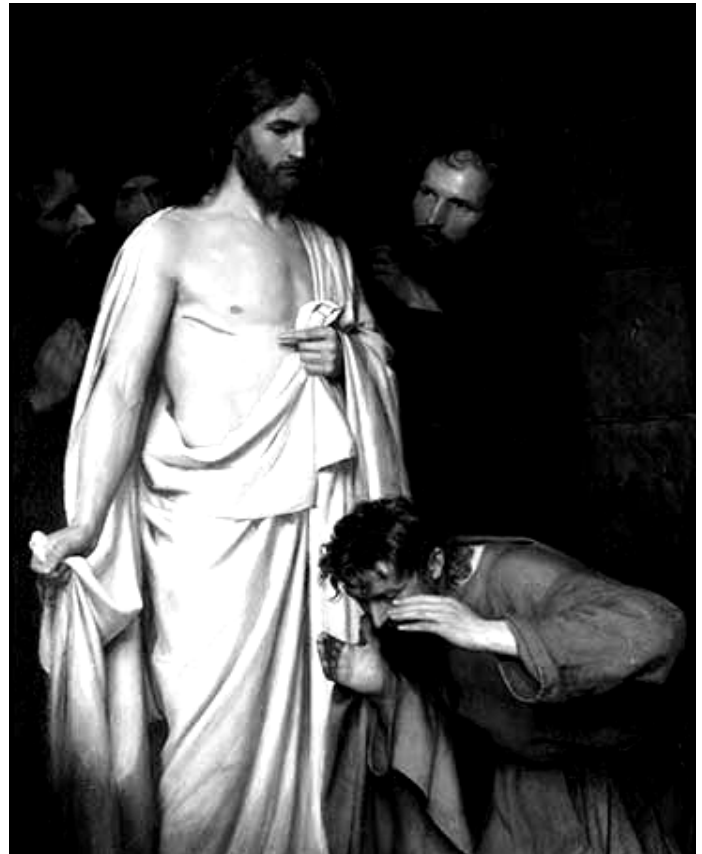


Faith & Spirit, *Alive*

## Second Sunday of Easter — Divine Mercy Sunday April 8, 2018

“Blessed are those  
who have not seen  
and have believed.”

— John 20:29



Rev. Frank John Latzko, Pastor

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5 PM & 6:30 PM (En Française<sup>1</sup>)  
Sunday at 9 AM, 10:30 AM (En Español<sup>2</sup>) 12 PM, 6 PM  
<sup>1</sup> First & Second Saturdays <sup>2</sup> First Sundays

### Daily Mass Schedule

Monday — Thursday at 7:30 AM  
Friday Communion Service at 7:30 AM

### Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays 6 PM to 7:30 PM

### Baptism Preparation

2nd Sunday of the Month 10 AM

### Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9 AM to 7:00 PM  
Saturday 9 AM to 12 PM

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# Stewardship

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## Special Thanks to...

This year, St. Teresa's young adult community created a beautiful, striking, active, and contemplative Solidarity Stations of the Cross. Each Station reflected on 14 marginalized groups, from homelessness to mental health sufferers, from those who feel alone to those separated from their families, from global victims of assault to those who lost their lives in Chicago to violence. Thank you to John DeWyze for spearheading this event and to the organizers (below) for the poignant reminder of God's greatest commandments.

*Thank You!*

John, Lydia & Emery DeWyze | Kelly Birch-Maginot | Abby Greaney | Eryn Gronewoller | Kevin Healey | Anne Heller | Amelie Karam | Roberto Martinez | Hannah Toohy

Thank you to all of the volunteers who assisted during Holy Week and Easter, through serving at the altar, filling holy water bottles, baking Eucharistic bread, setting up the church, organizing the vigil reception, and more. This list is likely missing many more volunteers who helped behind the scenes. Thank you for taking an active role in our church and enhancing the experience for more than 1300 people who celebrated this past week at St. Teresa of Avila.

Abby Greaney | Abby Parente | Alejandro Lopez | Alice Morales-Villenas | Andrew DeLeonardis | Anne Marie Checcone | Anne Seigenthaler | Antonia Pabon | Antonio Rivera | Barb Schell | Cagney Cristancho | Cara Gannon | Carolyn Sarnecki | Chris Parente | Claire Gerber | Colleen Sulewski | Dani Shain | Dennis Smerko | Elaine Green | Elizabeth Cuda | Elizabeth Rooney | Ellen Moiani | Eric Fredericks | Eryn Gronewoller | Frank Swiderski | Geneva Gorgo | Gregory Baloun | Haley & Leonard Giannone | Jackie Koesters | Jessica Camacho | Jocelyn Lutkus | John DeWyze | Josefina Gomez | Kayla Mueller | Laura Moran | Laura Strybel | Lisa Marquez | Maria Montes | Mark Matejka | Mary Serrahn | Megan & Kevin Ward | Mike Usiak | Nancy Van Grinsven | Pat Maloney | Patrick Barrientos | Peggy Teterycz | Rick Rausch | Roberto Martinez | Roman Bira | Rose Ohiku | Sara & Adam Hock | Sharon Lindstrom | Theresa Jabaley | Therese Rowley | Veronique Caffrey

## Volunteer Appreciation Party

The Stewardship Committee is excited to announce this year's volunteer appreciation party will be held at **Goose Island Brewery** located at 1800 N. Clybourn Avenue. The party will take place on Friday, May 18 from 5:30-8:30 pm.

ALL who have volunteered at St. Teresa IN ANY WAY are invited to come together and celebrate how sharing our time, talent, and treasure makes St. Teresa's such a special place. Invitations will be emailed shortly, and RSVPs are required.

## Featured Avila in Action Winner

Last year, St. Teresa of Avila awarded the Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership, a \$7,500 grant through *Avila in Action*, to further their mission of training organizers and leaders to advocate for justice. See below for an invitation to their upcoming free Leadership Training.



## Leadership Training

Saturday, April 14th

9am – 3 pm at the Quinn Center

Coffee & Registration will be at 8:30am

1845 South 9th Avenue Maywood IL. 60153

Interested in tapping into your leadership potential?

Want to learn how to effectively build meaningful relationships so you and others can organize to improve your community?

Want to explore how Jesus and other biblical figures understood and approached leadership?

If so, CSPL is offering a one-day community organizing and leadership training that is grounded in the Catholic theological and spiritual traditions.

Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/coalition-for-spiritual-and-public-leadership-leadership-training-tickets-44467340011>



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Interested in volunteering? Contact Rebecca at [robrien@stteresaparish.org](mailto:robrien@stteresaparish.org) or (773) 528-6650

## The Archdiocese of Chicago *Renew My Church* Proposed Scenario

Members of the St. Teresa *Renew My Church* (RMC) committee met with other committee members of the RMC Lincoln Park / Old Town grouping on March 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael. At that meeting, we were given one scenario. Even though it is challenging, we were not given multiple scenarios (as was communicated to us at the beginning of this process), we believe this is an opportunity for us to produce multiple, creative, and viable scenarios for our Lincoln Park grouping.

The Archdiocesan RMC committee feels the staffing and property ownership structure in our grouping is unique because the Redemptorists both staff and own the property at St. Michael and the Vincentians both staff and own the property at St. Vincent de Paul. Additionally, the Archdiocese RMC committee feels the relatively recent unification of Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph as one parish is also important to take into account. Thus, here is the Archdiocese RMC committee initial scenario:

- St. Teresa of Avila and St. Josaphat would unite as one canonical parish with two active church worship sites. This assumes that St. Josaphat's current capital campaign will be able to address the church facility's capital needs. St. Josaphat School would serve as the parish school.
- St. Michael and St. Vincent de Paul would each remain in their current structures, based on their staffing and ownership by their respective religious communities, unless they

choose to create something different.

- Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph would remain in its current structure as a multi-site parish. The school would also continue in its current structure.



The RMC process and group discussion is not over. We had a healthy discussion and voiced our challenges with this single scenario as well as opportunities to improve it. Over the next two weeks, the St. Teresa committee will propose additional scenarios that exemplify the strength of St. Teresa's spirit, vitality of our mission, viability of our finances, and the continuing growth of our parish.

**What can you do over the next couple weeks?** Attend mass, express what makes St. Teresa special, talk to others and share our mission. Please reach out to us to offer any suggestions.

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 Ellen Moiani ([ellen.moiani@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.moiani@gmail.com))  
 Justin Alden ([Justin.alden@gmail.com](mailto:Justin.alden@gmail.com))

**Ps. Deadline for written comments is April 2nd; send email to all three representatives. Our next parish meeting is April 9th at 6:30PM — everyone should attend!**

## Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

	Sunday:	4-1-18
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance		171
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)		-
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance		653
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)		80
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance		320
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance		80
<b>Total Weekend Mass Attendance</b>	<b>1,304</b>	
Average Weekday Mass Attendance		12
Average Friday Communion Service Attendance		3
Confessions this Week		0
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week		0
Funerals since January 2018		0
Weddings since January 2018		0
Baptisms since January 2018		8



There are 351 parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago; only 55 parishes have weekend attendance that exceeds 2,000. St. Teresa's October Count averaged for 2016, 550; for 2017, 628 people at weekend Masses; The 2017/2018 monthly averages are: January, 489/644; February, 570/566; March, 640/602; April, 705; May, 573; June, 541; July, 463; August, 510; September, 566; October, 621. In the Archdiocese there is 1 priest for every 1,525 parishioners; in the USA the ratio is 1:1,653 Catholics; 27 percent of US parishes do not have a resident priest. In comparison, South America has a ratio of 1:7,094 Catholics.

# Parish Calendars

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## Celebrant-Minister Schedule

Date	Time	Celebrant	Sacristan/Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
Saturday 4-14-18	5:00 PM	Fr. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Marquez Lector: Raquel Bech	Carly Johnston	Daniel Kang Luke Kolman
Sunday 4-15-18	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Peggy Teterycz	Nancy Van Grinsven Mark Van Grinsven Rose Ohiku	Brian Shea Barb Schell Jamie Lutkus Michael Zost
Sunday 4-15-18	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Christopher Touns	Tyler Paul	Mike Usiak Laura Moran
Sunday 4-15-18	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Sharon Lindstrom Lector: Abby Greaney	Roberto Martinez Eileen Raia Bert Olson	Anne Heller Andrew De Leonardis Sharon Lindstrom Margaret Burke

### Week's Activities

#### Sunday, April 8

- 10:00 am, Church, Baptism Preparation
- 10:30 am, REC, Sacramental Preparation #6
- 10:30 am, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 3:30 pm, REC, Catechesis Make-up
- 4:30 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 4:30 pm, REC, Edge/Quest

#### Monday, April 9

- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:30 pm, PC, Parish Town Hall Meeting on RMC

#### Tuesday, April 10

- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:00 pm, REC-PC, SPRED TC
- 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:00 pm, PC, Stewardship Meeting

#### Wednesday, April 11

- No Activities Planned

#### Thursday, April 12

- 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery

#### Friday, April 13

- 10:00 am, PC, Loaves and Fishes Cooking
- 5:00 pm, Loaves & Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

#### Saturday, April 14

- 10:00 am, PC, Food Pantry

### Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday:** Second Sunday of Easter —  
Divine Mercy Sunday
- Monday:** The Annunciation of the Lord
- Wednesday:** St. Stanislaus
- Thursday:** Yom Ha-Shoa (Holocaust Remembrance Day)
- Friday:** St. Martin I
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- Domingo:** Segundo Domingo de Pascua — Domingo de la Divina Misericordia
- Lunes:** La Anunciación del Señor
- Miércoles:** San Estanislao
- Jueves:** Yom Ha-Shoa (Memorial del Holocausto)
- Viernes:** San Martín I

### Upcoming Food Pantry Dates

- Saturday, April 14**  
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, April 21**  
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, April 28**  
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, May 5**  
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, May 12**  
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution



# Mass Intentions & Prayers

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, April 7

5:00 pm Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

### Sunday, April 8

9:00 am Airute Kozica  
12:00 pm Airute Kozica  
6:00 pm Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

## Let Us Pray

### Please pray for the deceased ...

*Jeffrey Bergen, Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu, Michael Dudash, Andrea Harris, Dave Hilko, Edward Nevera, Andrzej Jastrzebski, Andrea Mastro Hoinacki, Joyce Jaszczor, Marie Koesters-Ranley, Thomas Latoski, Sage Mesen, Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M., Bob Semmer, Pat Stanley, Noemie Sylvestre, Eddy Velazquez, and the Victims of War & Domestic Violence*

## April Baptisms

*Leo James Berghoff (4-14-18); Charles Clayton Allen (4-21-18); Renner Kathleen Dinslage (4-21-18); Margaret Louise Heissel-Tracy (4-22-18); Andres Ellis Del Real (4-28-18)*

## Please pray for all those who are ill, especially for ...

*Alicia Anderson  
Dorothy Barns  
Berta Billalvazo  
Michelle Brandt  
Patricia Chuck  
Elizabeth Ryan Dean  
Michael De Blasis  
Alex DeNoma  
Kathy Derrick  
Kim Duffy  
Isabelle Eiffert  
Jackson Fineske & Family  
Pat Folland  
Alice Flynn  
Eloisa Gallegos  
Michael Gibbons  
Angela Goldberg  
Kaylee Gommel  
Bolivar Gonzales, Jr.*

*Les Gordon  
Mrs. Grabarczyk  
George Halloran  
Kellar Harris  
Peg Hausen  
David Ivanac  
Chuck Jabaley  
Ronald Jakubec  
Frank Kolman  
Krista Kutz  
Liz Kunkel  
Betty LaCour  
Carmen D. Lorenzana  
Gabriel Lozada  
Palmira Mancini  
George Maroquin  
Jose Maroquin  
Lisa Marquez  
Margaret Sue Meadors*

*Daniel Meyer  
Tracy Mirabella  
Bill Mobley  
John Monier  
Elda Myers  
John Paul Nelson  
Angel Nieves  
Mgr. Kevin O'Neill  
Frank O'Toole  
Clayton Poe  
Carol Poyner  
Hector J. Rivera  
Luis Rivera  
Pedro Rodriguez  
Ray Romero  
Jeffrey Roscoe  
Sr. Camilla Mary Marney, OCD  
Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD  
Jack Schank*

*Will Sullivan  
Mima Tome  
JoAnn Jahnke Trainer  
Marianne Usiak  
Sara Vega  
Susan Violapiano  
Jack Williams  
Valerie Williams  
Mae Witry  
David Zeunert*

*For the intentions on our prayer cards; for survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse*

## #prayforpeace

We pray for those who lost their lives to violence in the City of Chicago last week -- **Priest Young; Lovon Jordan; La'Dell Barnett and Miguel Beedle.**

If you would like to have a Mass said for someone alive or deceased, contact Deacon Dean at the parish office at (773) 528-6650 or [dvaeth@sttereseparish.org](mailto:dvaeth@sttereseparish.org). In order to be added to our prayer list, a member of the immediate family should request that a person's name be added to the names of the deceased parishioners and friends for about twelve months.



## Run in His Strength

Are you looking to do something powerful in 2018? Something that will bring joy to others?

Consider joining Mercy Home for Boys & Girls' Heroes team for the sold-out October 7th Bank of America Chicago Marathon and transforming the life of an abused child in Chicago.

Mercy Home for Boys & Girls has been a solution for kids in crisis since 1887. By joining our Heroes team, you will make it possible for us to provide a safe home, emotional healing, and academic opportunities for children who have suffered abuse, neglect, poverty, and abandonment.

Sign up at [mercyhome.org/marathon](http://mercyhome.org/marathon) or contact Jim Harding at [jimhar@mercyhome.org](mailto:jimhar@mercyhome.org) or (312) 738-9381 for more information.



## Save the Date April 16th

On April 16 Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart will be speaking at St. Clement Catholic Church on "Criminal Justice Reform: Everyone's Responsibility."

The event will begin at 6:45 pm in Fireside Hall, 2524 N. Orchard. The event is open to the public.

If you have questions, contact Patrick Sinozich, Human Concerns Commission, at (773) 281-0371 or [psinozich@clement.org](mailto:psinozich@clement.org)



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### St. Teresa Of Avila Church Blood Drive

Sunday, May 20th  
8:30 am - 1:30 pm

1950 N. Kenmore, Chicago, IL 60614  
Parish Center

Visit [www.heartlandbc.org](http://www.heartlandbc.org) or call 1(800)786-4483 to schedule your appointment.

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## Bible Study Starting Up Again

We are kicking off a weekly bible study of the Gospel of Luke the week of April 9 and would like to invite you to join us!

Why should you participate?

- Opportunity to read and study the Bible
- Grow in personal knowledge of God and faith journey
- Experience a greater sense of Christian community

Study guides will be provided for all participants- no Bible required. We will meet once a week for about an hour. Exact dates, time and locations will be determined based on participants.

If you are interested in participating or leading a group, please contact Jackie Koesters at [jackiekoesters@gmail.com](mailto:jackiekoesters@gmail.com)



## Stories of *La Posada*: Yaniel (Cuba)

“I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” –  
*Matthew 25:35*

St. Teresa is partnering with *La Posada Providencia* for our Border Ministry. Located in the lower Rio Grande Valley, *La Posada* provides shelter for immigrants and asylum seekers waiting for their cases to be adjudicated before the U.S. Immigration Court.

Living its mission to “welcome the stranger,” *La Posada* has welcomed over 9,000 “strangers” since 1989. In this weekly column, the refugees and volunteers from *La Posada* share their stories with the community of St. Teresa of Avila parish.

### Yaniel’s Story (Cuba)

I am from Cuba, but I was persecuted by the government of Cuba for my political ideas. I ran away from Cuba in 2014. I got to Ecuador and worked hard to save money to keep traveling to the USA.

In February 2017, I traveled from Ecuador to Mexico with a visa. Then, I presented myself at the US border to ask for asylum. They put me in prison, and I remained there for eight months until I finished my case. The judge granted me “withholding of removal”. I’m allowed to live in the USA.

I found the address of *La Posada Providencia* in Texas and they welcomed me. I’m really blessed here. I have no family in the USA, but I think that I can have a normal life. Now, I’m waiting for my work permit to begin to work and pay my rent and after all create a new family.

### How to Get Involved

Pray \* Donate \* Visit/Volunteer  
Email Nhu Phan at [nhu712@icloud.com](mailto:nhu712@icloud.com)  
with questions.



**S.O.S. Would you have a spare room to host a student through rough times? As many as 50 DePaul University students confront housing insecurity at any given time.**

The non-profit, **DePaul USA**, is linked with DePaul University to address a need that has been going unnoticed by many.

Please consider providing a home environment to a student for a brief period of time to ease the way in achieving educational goals.

The program provides a stipend for housing, assistance with textbooks, transportation and meals.

**For info and interest in being a host-home, please contact Sister Judy Warmbold, DC, at**

**[judy.warmbold@depaulusa.org](mailto:judy.warmbold@depaulusa.org) or**

**(312) 802-9703**

**[www.us.depaulcharity.org](http://www.us.depaulcharity.org)**

## 2018 Midwest Mariapolis

If you or your family are looking for a different kind of experience this summer, something which is not simply a holiday or a retreat, then the *Mariapolis* (City of Mary) might be just for you.



*Mariapolis* is an event organized by the Focolare Movement and is characteristic of its spirit: it is a gathering of people of all ages and backgrounds, spending a few days together putting into practice the Gospel message of love. The main guideline for these gatherings, which take place in many countries throughout the world, is the ‘Golden Rule’, which invites us to do to others what we would like to be done to us. It is an opportunity to experience what happens in a day-to-day life when we have listening, gift of self and sharing as the basis for our relationships.

*Midwest Mariapolis* takes place June 29 to July 3 in Green Lake, Wisconsin. Please **register at <http://www.midwestmariapolis.org> no later than April 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**For more information, email [midwest@focolare.us](mailto:midwest@focolare.us) or call (773) 536-7873 or (708) 484-9771.**

# Readings/Lecturas

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## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38  
**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15  
**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21  
**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36  
**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15  
**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21  
**Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

## Lecturas de la Semana

**Lunes:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Sal 40 (41):7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lc 1:26-38  
**Martes:** Hch 4:32-37; Sal 93 (92):1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15  
**Miércoles:** Hch 5:17-26; Sal 34 (33):2-9; Jn 3:16-21  
**Jueves:** Hch 5:27-33; Sal 34 (33):2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36  
**Viernes:** Hch 5:34-42; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15  
**Sábado:** Hch 6:1-7; Sal 33 (32):1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21  
**Domingo:** Hch 3:13-15, 17-19; Sal 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lc 24:35-48

## Treasures from Tradition

Sometimes children acquire nicknames in childhood that stalk them through adulthood: “Pinky,” “Boo-boo,” and the like. This Sunday was once called “Low Sunday,” a step down from Easter glory, and an unfortunate nickname since Easter rejoicing goes on for fifty days. Traditionally this is the day when the newly baptized put away their white baptismal robes and returned to their everyday life after a week of intense celebration. Of course, the goal was to take up everyday duties with a very new point of view.

A long title for the day was *Dominica in albis deposito*, or “The Lord’s Day for Putting Away the Albs,” so no wonder the nickname “Low Sunday” arose. In the old calendar it was also called “Quasimodo Sunday,” after the first word of the opening chant, *Quasimodo geniti infantes*, or “As newborn infants,” a reference to the newly baptized taken from the Epistle of Peter. Victor Hugo’s bell-ringing hero in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* was abandoned as an infant on the threshold of the cathedral of Paris on Low Sunday, 1467, and named “Quasimodo” for the feast. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

En tiempos pasados, cuando la Misa era en latín, no teníamos la oportunidad de escuchar en nuestra propia lengua las bellas palabras que Cristo pronunció durante la Última Cena y que el sacerdote repite durante la Consagración: “Esto es mi cuerpo”. . . “Esta es mi sangre”. Por tal razón los monaguillos sonaban unas campanitas indicando que algo importante estaba pasando. En ese momento los fieles levantábamos la cabeza para ver el pan convertido en cuerpo y el vino convertido en sangre.

Lamentablemente el sacerdote nos daba la espalda y no podíamos ver lo que ocurría sobre el altar. Sin embargo, respondíamos con las palabras del apóstol Tomás: “Señor mío y Dios mío”.

Estas palabras reconocen y adoran la presencia de Jesús en el pan y el vino. A este momento se le consideraba el más importante de la Misa. No obstante, el Concilio Vaticano II vino a enseñarnos que este es el momento cumbre, junto con toda la Plegaria Eucarística, pues toda la Misa es igualmente importante, excepto que durante la Plegaria Eucarística alcanzamos el punto más alto de la celebración. Por esa razón ya no hay campanita, pues ahora escuchamos todo en nuestro propio idioma, así como los discípulos las escucharon de Cristo, en su propio idioma. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



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## So That You Might Believe

It is not often that the author of one of the books of the Bible comes right out and tells us directly why he is writing what he is writing. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, taken from the conclusion of John's Gospel, the author tells us that he has chosen to record these events so "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" (20:31).

The letter of John echoes this idea by saying that "[e]veryone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God" (5:1)—what we might refer to as being "born again." Our reading from the Acts of the Apostles for this Second Sunday of Easter shows us exactly what it looks like when believers are born again through faith. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



## Para Que Creas

No sucede demasiado a menudo que el autor de uno de los libros de la Biblia se dirija directamente a nosotros para explicarnos por qué está escribiendo lo que está escribiendo. En la lectura del Evangelio de este domingo, que pertenece a la conclusión del Evangelio según san Juan, el autor nos dice que ha elegido escribir estos acontecimientos para que "crean que Jesús es el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios, y para que, creyendo, tengan vida en su Nombre" (20:31).

La carta de san Juan retoma esta idea diciendo que: "todo el que cree que Jesús es el Cristo ha nacido de Dios" (5:1); lo que llamaríamos "nacer de nuevo". Nuestra lectura de los Hechos de los Apóstoles para este Segundo Domingo de Pascua nos muestra exactamente qué sucede cuando los creyentes nacen de nuevo por medio de la fe. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — The community of believers was of one heart and mind (Acts 4:32-35).

**Psalm** — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God (1 John 5:1-6).

**Gospel** — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. (John 20:19-31).



## Lecturas de Hoy

**Primera lectura** — La comunidad de los creyentes compartía todo con el mismo amor (Hechos 4:32-35).

**Salmo** — Den gracias al Señor porque es bueno, porque es eterna su misericordia (Salmo 118 [117]).

**Segunda lectura** — Si alguien cree que Jesús es el Enviado, ése ha nacido de Dios (1 Juan 5:1-6).

**Evangelio** — Felices los que creen sin haber visto (Juan 20:19-31).

## Faith in Action

When I was in third grade, my teacher told the class that St. Thomas the Apostle was from Missouri. Seeing our skeptical faces, she continued, “That’s why our nickname is the Show-Me State!”

I don’t remember if we laughed or groaned at the corny joke, but since then I have always felt a sense of kinship with Thomas. I suspect even some non-Missourians might feel the same way. Many of us probably experience the longing Thomas expressed in today’s Gospel — if not to literally put our fingers in the nail marks of Jesus’ hands, at least to be confronted with some sort of concrete, undeniable proof that Jesus is risen. It can seem difficult, even unfair, to be expected to believe what we have not seen.

Today’s Gospel reading does not vindicate this attitude, but it does offer some hope. Jesus rebukes Thomas for not believing before he has seen, but he is also merciful. He gives Thomas a second chance by offering him the proof that he requested. And Thomas does not waste the opportunity. He not only accepts that Jesus is risen, but immediately realizes what that means, responding “My Lord and my God!” According to church tradition, Thomas’ faith was so strong that it eventually led him to martyrdom.

Consider applying Thomas’ story to the modern struggle to have faith. Several points can be made. First, Thomas remained part the community, even while he was doubting. Thomas was still there when Jesus returned because the other disciples did not reject him for his lack of belief and he didn’t leave to seek out more like-minded individuals.



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Second, Thomas clearly stated what would compel him to have faith — and he got it! We should not demand signs from God and expect to receive them, but we can always reflect on, and ask God for, what we need to make our faith stronger. Is it an experience of God’s presence in prayer, a greater understanding of Scripture, the ability to see God in our neighbors? How can we be more open to the gift of faith?

Finally, once Thomas does have faith, he does more than admit he was wrong. Instead, he accepts the Resurrection as a reality that will change his priorities and his actions,

eventually leading him to die as a martyr for his faith. Even those of us not called to martyrdom are called to recognize that Jesus reverses the typical measures of success — and to let that recognition change our behavior. This is difficult. One can believe Jesus when he says we can only save our lives by losing them; that we will be judged on how we treat our neighbors in need; that being poor, hungry, sorrowful or despised are reasons for rejoicing while being rich, well-fed or celebrated are reasons for woe. But do we behave as if those teachings are the truth? If we don’t, can we really say we believe them?

Today’s first two readings present examples of faith in action. In Acts, we see the early Christians behave in a way that would not make sense without their faith, selling their property and giving the proceeds to the apostles to distribute. The author of the second reading is convinced, against literal appearances that faith “conquers the world.”

If we truly had faith, what would we do and how would we think? Would we sell our possessions, change the way we spend our time, take greater risks in the service of the kingdom of God, pursue righteousness rather than comfort and prefer peace to prestige?

This Easter season, Thomas’ story can inspire us to take the next opportunity for our faith to transform our lives.



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