



I Want Proof

Who doesn't? It's not simply that we are children of the scientific age in which proof is essential. Concrete evidence gives us a sense of security; it helps us understand how things work. Even in ordinary human relationships, we want proof. A tune from *My Fair Lady* demands: "Don't talk of love...show me." It's very difficult to live without a certain degree of surety. Consequently, we should not be surprised at Thomas' insistence: "I want proof."

Thomas is often described as lacking faith. This isn't the full story. The reason the other disciples believed was because they had an experience of the risen Lord. Before that experience they were hiding behind locked doors. Thomas was absent; we are not told why. Whatever the reason, he also wanted an experience of the risen Lord. He was not content to base his believing on their word alone. In a sense, more was being asked of Thomas than the others.

Thomas is the patron of all of us whose faith in the risen Lord is based on the word of others rather than on our own unique revelatory experience. Who of us wouldn't want some mystical experience? We are called to believe without seeing. Yet, this isn't strictly true—we can see evidence of the resurrection. The best proof is evident in the lives of millions of people who commit themselves to God and who strive to live with integrity.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- * Who are the people who taught you your faith and who live it themselves? Thank God for them.
- * Who looks to you as an example of one who believes that Christ is alive today?



Jesus said to [Thomas],
"Have you come to believe
because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have
not seen and have believed."

JOHN 20:29

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Sacrament of Baptism

(Classes and Parents Interview)
Contact Pastor

Sacrament of Marriage

(Classes and Couple Interview)
Contact Fr. Jason -6 Months Prior

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

By appointment with the Pastor

APRIL 11TH

St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 10:30am

Daily Mass: Thursday: 5:30pm Friday:12:10pm

Adoration: Thursday 6:00pm-7:00pm

Confession: Friday 4:45pm-5:45pm Saturday 4:00-5:00pm OR By Appointment

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines

Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:00am (Oct 1 - May 31)

Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

St. Joseph, Folsom

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Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

NENM Detention Facility, Clayton (For Residents/Staff)

1st, 2nd & 3rd Sunday's Mass 2:00PM

Confession: Sunday 1:30pm-2:00

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Every 4th Sunday 1:30 PM

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*This is my body, which will be given up for you.  
 This is my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.  
 It will be shed for you & for all... so that sins may be forgiven.  
 Do this in memory of me.*

Masses will be offered **April 2021**

+ All the Departed Parishioner's & Family Members

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|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sat, Apr. 10</b> | +Ann Swagerty<br>+Dolores & Max Ulibarri<br>+Deceased Family Members of<br>Moises & Rose Trujillo | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Helen Sintas<br>by Teri & Peter Mansfield                                     |
| <b>Sun, Apr. 11</b> | +Sam Britt<br>+Margaret Heringa<br>+Ricardo & Margarita Sintas                                    | by RosaLee Britt<br>by RosaLee Britt<br>by Teri & Peter Mansfield & Helen Sintas                             |
| (OLOG)<br>(OLOG)    | +Jack Lamberson<br>+Mildred Long                                                                  | by Marjorie & Grant Long<br>by Marjorie & Grant Long                                                         |
| <b>Fri, Apr. 16</b> | +Ann Swagerty<br>+Alice Aragon<br>+Steve Wagner                                                   | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter                             |
| <b>Sat, Apr. 17</b> | SI Britt & Agnes Fisk<br>+Sue Caperton<br>+Sam Britt<br>+Jim Sintas                               | by Teri, Connie, & Kaitlyn<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Helen Sintas<br>by Teri, Connie, & Kaitlyn      |
| <b>Sun, Apr. 18</b> | +Margaret Heringa<br>+Lydia Smith<br>+Helen Lovato<br>+Jack Lamberson<br>+Mildred Long            | by RosaLee Britt<br>by Rosa Alford<br>by Rose Alford<br>by Marjorie & Grant Long<br>by Marjorie & Grant Long |

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|             | <u>SFX</u> | <u>OLOG</u> |
|-------------|------------|-------------|
| April 3-4   | \$4,498.00 | \$ 460.00   |
| March 27-28 | \$4,145.00 | \$ 389.00   |
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| March 13-14 | \$1,967.05 | \$ 256.00   |

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- [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)
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**Announcement**

**Des Moines/Folsom Knights of  
Columbus**

**Fish Fry**

**Friday, April 16th at the Old  
Firehouse**

**In Des Moines, NM.**

**Starting at 3pm and will continue  
until supplies run out.**

**It is Take-Out Only**

**“The largest marginalized  
group in the world can be found  
in the U.S. They are the  
unborn,”**

*Sister Deirdre Byrne*

**Lectors for Masses**

- Sat, Apr.17– Sammie Wood
- Sun, Apr.18–Craig Reeves
- Sat, Apr.24– Sammie Wood
- Sun, Apr.25– Jack Chosvig

All Ministry schedules are updated  
monthly and posted on the church website.  
If you need to know when you serve,  
check **www.sfxclayton.org!!**

# Dear Padre,

I get a lot of questions from Protestant friends about the Catholic “obsession” (as they put it) with Mary. What should I say to them?



MADONNA WITH CHILD BY PADRE ANGELO DA VILAROTTA (1839). RENATA SEDMAKOVA/SHUTTERSTOCK

**A** convert to Catholicism tells the story of a dinner he had with a friend who had a very evangelical outlook. As they talked about the new Catholic's decision to convert, the friend asked hesitantly, “What do you think about Mary?” The new Catholic smiled and said, “I think she's wonderful, don't you?” The friend responded with an embarrassed “Yes, but...”

If Catholics and Protestants can begin with this premise—that Mary is wonderful—it might be possible to step back and consider why. Mary is an extraordinary human being who holds a special place in the Christian faith for two reasons: first, it was through her that God became flesh in the person of Jesus Christ; and second, she was the first to believe in Jesus' mission and ministry.

All Catholic doctrine about Mary refers to two special relationships. She has a special relationship with God because she bore the “God-man” in her womb. She also has a special relationship with us because she was the first Christian.

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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*[The disciples] had abandoned the Lord at his passion and felt guilty. But meeting them, Jesus did not give a long sermon. To them, who were wounded within, he shows his own wounds. Thomas can now touch them and know of Jesus' love and how much Jesus had suffered for him, even though he had abandoned him.*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020



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## Calendar

### Monday

APRIL 12

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:23–31

Jn 3:1–8

### Tuesday

APRIL 13

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:32–37

Jn 3:7b–15

### Wednesday

APRIL 14

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:17–26

Jn 3:16–21

### Thursday

APRIL 15

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:27–33

Jn 3:31–36

### Friday

APRIL 16

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:34–42

Jn 6:1–15

### Saturday

APRIL 17

Easter Weekday

Acts 6:1–7

Jn 6:16–21

### Sunday

APRIL 18

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13–15, 17–19

1 Jn 2:1–5a

Lk 24:35–48

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