

April 11, 2021
Second Sunday of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy) (B)
Acts 4:32–35
1 Jn 5:1–6
Jn 20:19–31

# I Want Proof

ho 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."

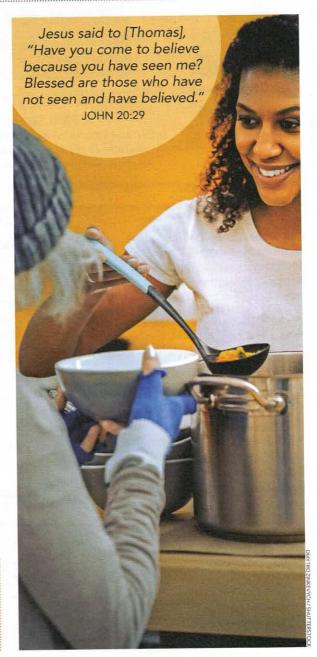
Thomas is often described as lacking faith. This isn't the full story. The reason the other disciples believed was because they had an experience of the risen Lord. Before that experience they were hiding behind locked doors. Thomas was absent; we are not told why. Whatever the reason, he also wanted 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.

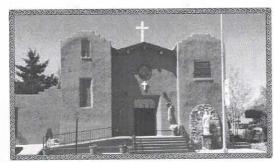
Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

# 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?









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(Classes and Parents Interview)

**Contact Pastor** 

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(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

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at, Apr. 10	+Ann Swagerty	by Ross & Shelley Carter		
	+Dolores & Max Ulibarri by Helen Sintas +Deceased Family Members of			
	Moises & Rose Trujillo	by Teri & Peter Mansfield		
un, Apr, 11	+Sam Britt	by RosaLee Britt		
	+Margaret Heringa	by RosaLee Britt		
	+Ricardo & Margarita Sintas	by Teri & Peter Mansfield & Helen Sintas		
(OLOG)	+Jack Lamberson	by Marjorie & Grant Long		
(OLOG)	+Mildred Long	by Marjorie & Grant Long		
Fri, Apr. 16	+Ann Swagerty	by Ross & Shelley Carter		
	+Alice Aragon	by Ross & Shelley Carter		
	+Steve Wagner	by Ross & Shelley Carter		

Hun, Apr. 18 + Margaret Heringa + Lydia Smith + Helen Lovato + Jack Lamberson

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at, Apr. 17

(OLOG)

+Helen Lovato +Jack Lamberson +Mildred Long

SI Britt & Agnes Fisk

+Sue Caperton

+Sam Britt

+Jim Sintas

by Ross & Shelley Carter by Ross & Shelley Carter by Teri, Connie, & Kaitlyn by Ross & Shelley Carter by Helen Sintas by Teri, Connie, & Kaitlyn by RosaLee Britt by Rosa Alford

by Marjorie & Grant Long

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	SFX	OLOG	
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March 13-14	\$1,967.05	\$	256.00

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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?



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.

Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSsR Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



# 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

## 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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