



## Take My Word for It

**T**his is easier said than done. Growing up, we insisted on doing things ourselves, learning from our own experience, developing a sense of our own ability. We soon came to know that there are times when we should—in fact, we must—take someone else’s word for something. If we refused to do this, we might be called a “doubting Thomas.” Is that fair to us? Is it fair to Thomas?

As today’s Gospel passage reports, gathered in a room, several disciples of Jesus experienced him truly among them. Thomas was absent. When the others told him what had occurred, he refused to take their word for it. To believe, he also would have to experience Jesus. It is unfair to credit them with faith and label him a doubter. After all, their experience probably convinced them, an event Thomas did not enjoy with the other disciples.

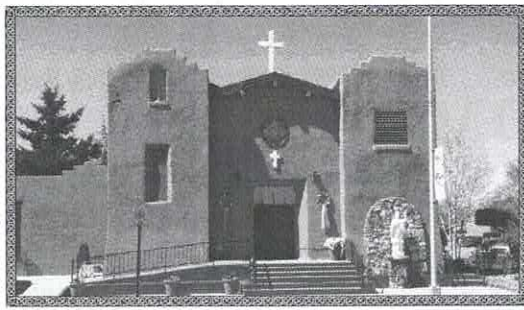
The point of this story is not Thomas’ eventual visit by Jesus or his subsequent profession of faith. Rather, it is the source of such a confession. Thomas was unwilling or unable to accept the truth of the resurrection unless he saw Jesus and touched him. Jesus told him: “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” (John 20:29). Blessed are you and me, who have come to know Jesus and the truth of his resurrection on the word of others—our parents and teachers, pastoral ministers and friends, those who have come to know him and who witness to this in their lives.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR Reflection

- ✦ *If you lack faith, as seems to be the case with Thomas, pray for it.*
- ✦ *What do you do to learn more about the faith?*





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## Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Joseph Baltz  
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## Parish Office Hours (CCD Building)

Tuesday: 9:00AM-5:00PM  
Thurs, 8:00AM -1:00PM  
Closed on Mon, Wed, Fri

## Sacrament of Baptism

(Classes and Parents Interview)  
Contact Pastor

## Sacrament of Marriage

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

## Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

By appointment with the Pastor

## APRIL 10TH

### St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

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

Daily Mass: Wednesday: 12:10pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 5:30pm Friday:12:10pm

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

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### Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines

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

Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

Honor of Our Blessed Mother Mass 1st Saturday of the  
Month: 10:30am

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Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:00 am (Jun 1 - Sept 30)

Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

### NENM Detention Facility, Clayton (For Residents/Staff)

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This is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal  
covenant, which will be poured out for you & for many for the for-  
giveness of sins.  
Do this in memory of me.*

**Masses will be offered April & May 2022**

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|              |                                                        |                                                                                   |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat, Apr. 23 | +Irene Miera<br>+Rene Valdez<br>+Jody Leal             | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Sammie & Raymond Wood<br>by Sammie & Raymond Wood  |
| Sun, Apr. 24 | +Tim Gallagher<br>+Margaret Heringa<br>+Irene Miera    | by Donna Kimble<br>by Loretta Butler<br>by Sammie Wood                            |
| Sat, Apr. 30 | +Irene Miera<br>+Diana Segura<br>+Tim Gallagher        | by Sammie & Raymond Wood<br>by Sammie & Raymond Wood<br>by Mary Alice Gallagher   |
| (OLOG)       | SI 30th Anniversary of<br>Confirmation of Dale Kissner | by Carol Kissner                                                                  |
| Sun, May 1   | +Inasita Padilla<br>+Rene Valdez<br>+Irene Miera       | by PeeWee, Laura & Vivian<br>by Sammie & Raymond Wood<br>by Sammie & Raymond Wood |
| Sat, May 7   | +Inez Romero<br>+Tim Gallagher<br>+Jody Leal           | by Debra, Pam & Andrea<br>by Mary Gallagher<br>by Sammie & Raymond Wood           |
| Sun, May 8   | +Eloisa Valdez<br>+Sofia Martinez<br>+Helen Trujillo   | by Judy Steen<br>by Judy Steen<br>by Claude Trujillo & Family                     |

**Weekly Collections Summary: Mar. & Apr. 2022**

|             | <u>SFX</u> | <u>OLOG</u> |
|-------------|------------|-------------|
| April 16-17 | \$3,555.95 | \$ 433.00   |
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**Our Lord to St. Faustina-**

"I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. On that day are open all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to me."

Pope John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday. Many of the faithful pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy regularly. There is a link between this devotion and the pro-life movement. Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC, who was a principal translator of St. Faustina's diary, and the postulator of her cause of canonization, writes the following: "On at least three occasions, from 8:00-11:00 in the evening, she felt like her insides were being torn apart. She suffered so much that she thought she was going to die. The doctors couldn't figure out what was ailing her, and no medication was able to alleviate her sufferings. Later, she was given to understand that she was undergoing those pains for mothers who were aborting their children (Diary, 1276).

"On another occasion, she had a vision of an angel coming with thunderbolts to destroy one of the most beautiful cities of her country. And she felt powerless to do anything about it (Diary, 474). What antidote did the Lord give her? The Chaplet of Divine Mercy. [She explained] that the city was to be chastised for its sins, **primarily the sin of abortion.**" ("Wombs of Mercy," Marian Helpers Bulletin, Summer 1995, p.13)

**Lectors for Masses**

- Sat, Apr. 30— Ross Carter
- Sun, May 1—Raymond Saccoccia
- Sat, May 7— Shelley Carter
- Sun, May 8— Pat Crisp

# Dear Padre,

**My friend is doing a Bible study, and part of the program is something called *lectio divina*. Is that a Catholic practice?**

**T**his method of listening to Scripture has the Church's approval. In fact, Catholic bishops have recommended *lectio divina* as an easy way for Catholics to become more familiar with the Bible. The practice of *lectio divina* is quite simple:

First, ask the Holy Spirit to help you listen. Then slowly read a short Scripture passage aloud. Listen for a word or phrase that strikes you. Next, think about why this word or phrase is so striking at this moment. Does the word or phrase touch your life right now? Then, ask God's help in making an important choice, or ask what the word or phrase that struck you in the first step means in your life. Finally, close your eyes, let go of all thoughts, and remain silent before God.

These parts have a logical progression, but it's not a hard-and-fast method. People who have been doing *lectio divina* for a long time sometimes move back and forth between parts. If you practice *lectio divina* regularly, over time your understanding of God's word will deepen.

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**Do you have a question for the Padre?**

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

[*Lectio divina*] is first of all a matter of reading the biblical passage attentively—even more, I would say with “obedience” to the text, to understand what it means in and of itself. One then enters into dialogue with Scripture, so that those words become a cause for meditation and prayer.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, JANUARY 27, 2021

## Calendar

### Monday

APRIL 25  
St. Mark,  
Evangelist  
1 Pt 5:5b–14  
Mk 16:15–20

### Tuesday

APRIL 26  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 4:32–37  
Jn 3:7b–15

### Wednesday

APRIL 27  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 5:17–26  
Jn 3:16–21

### Thursday

APRIL 28  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 5:27–33  
Jn 3:31–36

### Friday

APRIL 29  
St. Catherine of Siena,  
Virgin and Doctor  
of the Church  
Acts 5:34–42  
Jn 6:1–15

### Saturday

APRIL 30  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 6:1–7  
Jn 6:16–21

### Sunday

MAY 1  
Third Sunday of Easter  
Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41  
Rv 5:11–14  
Jn 21:1–19 or 21:1–14

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