



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 18TH & 19TH, 2020

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***Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9:30 a.m. to Noon**

****Due to coronavirus concerns, office hours will be reduced indefinitely***

MASS & SERVICE SCHEDULE:

*There will be no Masses available to the public indefinitely.
However, even though no one will be in attendance,
Fr. Ron will still hold Masses daily (including Weekends)
at 1 pm, so scheduled Mass intentions will still be said.*

PASTORAL STAFF:

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Please call the office 539-4495 to schedule an appointment

FOR OTHER SACRAMENTS:

Please call the Parish Office

6 months in advance for Marriage

3 months in advance for Baptism

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 18TH & 19TH, 2020

.....from your *Pastor's Desk*

“Thinking Thomas” – No Doubt.

There is something to be said for doubt at times. It is a good thing to be able to doubt oneself, provided it doesn't become an addition that cripples us; to doubt one's ideas, one's principles, one's work and to doubt much of what we hear.

Although religion can provide emotionally unstable people with a vast canvas for their illusions, and a platform for the arrogant and the power-hungry - It is healthy and essential to be able to doubt many things. It is proof that your life is not on automatic pilot, that you have not finished thinking and weighing things up.

Doubt is not always the opposite of faith; the real opposite of faith is a certain kind of fear. Fear makes you curl up and do nothing, or it makes you run away. Faith pushes you to risk yourself, to pit yourself against difficulties.

The Apostle Thomas was a careful man, but he was not a fearful one; he was capable of fearless action; *“Let us go to Jerusalem and die with him,”* he said (John 11:16). It is not that Thomas lacked faith; it is simply that he was not going to be fooled!

He wanted to *“see the mark of the nails made in His hands and put my finger into the nail marks they made...”* Basically, he wanted to experience it for himself. The same evangelist John, who told this story about Thomas' doubts, once wrote, *“...what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we looked upon and touched with our hand.... concerns the Word of Life”* – (1 John 1:1)

Why should Thomas be blamed for wanting the same kind of experiential knowledge that John says he himself and the other disciples had? There is no blame to Thomas for wanting to experience the reality for himself. Isn't it what every disciple of Jesus has to do?

Thomas was also a thinking man; he always wanted to understand and figure things out. Once when Jesus was speaking obscurely about going away and He said, *“You know the way to where I am going,”* Thomas cut in and said, *“Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”* It was a practical man's question, and you can imagine the puzzled look on his face. It was puzzlement, not doubt! He didn't doubt Jesus or lack trust in him.

Why (in today's reading) was he missing from the group when Jesus appeared? I think it likely he had gone away by himself to think. It would be entirely in character. We discredit him when we call him **‘Doubting Thomas.’** We should call him **‘Thinking Thomas.’**

There is no area of life more subject to delusion than religion. We have to thank Thomas for his distinctive combination of carefulness and courage.

Of this... I have no doubts – I think.

Father Ron

A Holy Spirit Parish Prayer in Time of Corona-Virus

Almighty and All-loving God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

We know You did not send this pandemic upon us.

We know that You weep with us...

We pray to You through Christ the Healer -

For those who suffer from the Coronavirus - Covid-19,

In our land and across **the whole world.**

We pray too, for all who reach out to those who mourn the loss

Of each and every person who has died

as a result of contracting the disease.

We pray especially for all those who will die today, alone,

Abandoned, or with no one to be with them at the hour of their death.

And so, we pray with Mother Mary,

that she may console them in their final hour.

Hail Mary, full of Grace

The Lord is with Thee.

Blessed art thou amongst women,

And blessed is the fruit of thy womb...

Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

Pray for us sinners,

Now, and **at the hour of our [their] death.**

Amen.

Loving God...

Give Wisdom to policy-makers,

To set aside political agendas

For the good of all, great and small.

Please continue to give skill to healthcare professionals and researchers,

Divine Grace to doctors and nurses and all who staff our hospitals,

Comfort to everyone in anguish,

And a sense of Calm to us all in these days of uncertainty and distress.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord

Who showed compassion to the outcast,

Acceptance to the rejected,

And love to those... to whom no love was shown.

We know, Lord, You hear us,

Teach us how to pray.

Help us to see how You are answering us, so that we,

Your people of Holy Spirit Parish,

May continue in prayer in these times of trial and tribulation.

Trusting in You.

We pray, now and forevermore.

Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS: The intentions of the Holy Spirit Prayer Chain, Steve Straessler, Tristan Humble, Karen D' Ambrogi, Nina Cantacessi, Pat LaRussa, Ken Hicks, Jane Young, Becky Crozier Stephens, Kathy Castro, Helen Hubbard, Leslie Lindberg, Joanne Maniscalco, Phyllis Smith, Lorri Pimentel, May Pierce-Betsill, Jeanne Anderson, Marlene Knivila, Jenny Lemp, Christine Bobrowski, Liz Mullins, Fr. David Shaw, Carol Ricci, Jennifer Shanahan, Mike Murray, Nora Ward, Doug Harman, Lorena Perez, Victoria Rodriguez, Jean Sharp, Karin Lee, Carole Posehn and all those affected by the coronavirus outbreak.

FOR THE SOULS OF: Clarence Conrad, Nicoletta Panizzon, Barbara Torrence, Eric Dohner, Rene Purugganan, Vivian Brown, Bob Dudley, Gary Larson, Roger Cooney, Connie Barreto-Fraga, Erin Gilbert, Gerry Rose, Frank Outcalt, William Brucker, Diane Lowell, Warren Bowers, Jesusa Purugganan, James Fitzpatrick, Martin Bowman, Sandi Eitelgeorge, Barbara Mattingly and Carole Dunlap.

Mass Schedule April 18th-26th

04/18	Sat	1:00pm	†Carole Dunlap
04/19	Sun	1:00pm	†Tom Brady
04/20	Mon	1:00pm	An end to the Coronavirus
04/21	Tues	1:00pm	Comfort for the Homebound
04/22	Wed	1:00pm	†Jennie Murphy
04/23	Thurs	1:00pm	Available
04/24	Fri	1:00pm	†Betty Walkinshaw
04/25	Sat	1:00pm	†Frances Ahern
04/26	Sun	1:00pm	†Warren Bowers

An Honest Daily Prayer:

“So far today, God, I’ve done all right. I haven’t gossiped, I haven’t lost my temper. Haven’t been grumpy, nasty or selfish. I’m really glad of that. But in a few minutes, God, I’m going to get out of bed; and from then on, I’m probably going to need a lot of help.”

GOOD NEWS!

Fr. Ron and Dn. John have been working hard on filming Masses for all of you to view from home, and we are happy to announce the start of the Holy Spirit YouTube channel. One Mass will be recorded each week and uploaded to our YouTube channel, links to which will also be included on the Facebook page and website:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCquuu16w8ZUE14rZZUed6QQ>



Answer to last week: Kingdom of Heaven

