

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 16, 2023

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

— John 20:29b

EXEMPLAR OF THE FAITH

Poor Thomas. Singled out from among the disciples because he refused to believe what they were telling him—that they had seen, in the flesh, their friend and their Lord, Jesus Christ. Can any of us really blame him? All of the disciples were terrified, crestfallen, hiding. But what of Thomas? Just where was he when Jesus appeared the first time to the group huddled in fear? He had gone “out”—out of the community where his faith had life. Maybe this was actually a blessing for Thomas and not the curse associated with the “doubting Thomas” moniker bestowed on him by tradition. Oh, the divine mercy of the Lord! Could Thomas be the forerunner of all of us who come in fragile hope and uncertainty to the Christian community, so beautifully described in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles? Could Thomas be an ultimate exemplar of the faith described in the First Letter of Peter?

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).

Psalm — Be thankful to God who loves us forever (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).

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

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week’s Collection	\$6,289.00	\$4,117.00
Number of Families contributing	106	88
Total Pledge for 2023	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (14 Weeks)	\$46,930.00	\$47,610.00
Received to Date	\$41,049.00	\$32,717.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$5,881.00	\$14,893.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$82.00	\$2,880.00

Thirteen ladies contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$1,208.00	\$37,440.00

Five people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$71,565.00

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2023 GOAL
\$2,651.00	\$19,882.00

POOR BOX totaled \$197.00.

4 **CHILDREN** contributed \$13.00.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

During the depression, a room was filled with applicants for a job opening as telegraph operator. The drone of conversation competed with a steady flow of dots and dashes.

The door opened and yet another applicant entered the room. He stood there a minute, walked over to a door marked “Private,” and knocked. A man opened it and said to the others, “You may all go; we have our applicant.”

The others were furious and demanded an explanation. The man said, “Listen!” They did. The dots and dashes kept repeating over and over again, “If you hear this, come in; the job’s yours.”

That story reminds us that God is constantly speaking to us, but we are not listening.

What are some ways God may be speaking to me right now? How well am I listening?

Jesus said, “The prophets wrote, ‘Everyone will be taught by God.’ Anyone who hears the Father and learns from him comes to me.”

—JOHN 6:45

Jesus concluded, “Listen, then.”

—LUKE 8:8

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Winnie Carter in loving memory of her on the 30th Anniversary of her death;
2. The Wife and Family of Cracker in loving memory of him on his Birthday;
3. Lucky in loving memory of Eddie Jude on the 4th Anniversary of his death;
4. Jay and Family in loving memory of Hody’s Bridget Marie on the 20th Anniversary of her death;
5. Mary Martha in loving memory of Kate Hun on her on the 14th Anniversary of her death;
6. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

GOD BLESS THE CHILDREN who are going to receive Holy Communion for the first time this Monday, April 17th. Mass will be at 5:00 P.M. All are invited to participate in the Mass. The children who have been prepared are:

Asher Carroll

Everett Carroll

Italy Carroll

Kaiser Carroll

Middleton Carroll 1

Rio Carroll

Rush Carroll

Taj Carroll

Upton Carroll

Aspen Gorman

Envy Gorman

Mila Mulholland

Detroit O’Hara

Erich Riley

Mariah Riley

Reign Riley

Davina Sherlock

Indy Sherlock

Mike Blaster Sherlock

Viva Sherlock

7 QUICK HAPPINESS TIPS

- **Look for the good in every situation.**
- **Ignore what people say about you.**
- **Develop an attitude of gratitude.**
- **Once it’s past, let it go.**
- **Don’t listen to gossip.**
- **Design your own life.**
- **Laugh more.**

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 3:00 P.M. in the Church this Sunday, April 16th. Betty Jo will open the Church at 2:00 P.M.

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER SCHEDULE.

MORNING PRAYER Monday thru Friday 9:30 a.m.
EVENING PRAYER Monday thru Thursday 3:30 p.m.
Friday 6:30 p.m.

THANK YOU to a parish member for a \$100 donation in thanks to the Infant Jesus for favors received and to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

JOKE OF THE WEEK A circuit-riding preacher trained his horse to go when he said, "Praise the Lord," and to stop when he said, "Amen." The preacher mounted the horse, said "Praise the Lord," and went for a ride in the nearby mountains.

When he wanted to stop for lunch by a mountain stream, he said, "Amen." He took off again, saying "Praise the Lord."

The horse started heading toward the edge of a cliff on a narrow mountain trail. The preacher got excited and said, "Whoa!" Then he remembered and said, "Amen," and the horse stopped just short of the edge. The preacher was so relieved that he looked up to heaven and said, "Praise the Lord!"

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy);
Monday: Yom Ha-Shoa (Holocaust Remembrance Day)
Tuesday: Income Tax Day
Friday: St. Anselm of Canterbury
Saturday: Earth Day

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: First Communion.
Tuesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory; for the repose of the soul of Winnie Carter Carroll on the 30th Anniversary of her death; and for the repose of the soul of Kate Hun on the 14th Anniversary of her death.
Wednesday: In thanks for Chi on his 5th Birthday.
Thursday: For the repose of the soul of Beasley on his Birthday and for the repose of the soul of Beasley's Bridget Ann.
Friday: In honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood.

GLORY ROAD

*I'm on the road to glory
And my Savior waiting there,
Waiting to welcome me home
And take my every care.*

*My Savior knows I'm coming
And He made a place for me,
A place where there's no sorrow,
With Him in eternity.*

*I'll be so glad to see Him,
Friends and loved ones too
We'll all be there in glory
Where He's made all things new.*

READERS

Sat. Apr. 15th, 4:00 P.M. Julie Ann & Macy
Sat. Apr. 15th, 7:00 P.M. Christina & Bridgette Anna
Sun. Apr. 16th, 10:00 A.M. Jimmy Joseph & Lauren Ashley
Sat. Apr. 22nd, 4:00 P.M. Cathy Lisa & Reed
Sat. Apr. 22nd, 7:00 P.M. Leah & Dayna
Sat. Apr. 23rd, 10:00 A.M. Jimmy Joseph & Lauren Ashley

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday - Dayna
Tuesday - Marlo
Wednesday - Julie Ann
Thursday - Ashley Carroll
Friday - Lauren Ashley

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

Monday - Theresa Hun
Tuesday - Jack's Mary Rita
Wednesday - Julie Ann
Thursday - Betty Jo
Friday - Ned's Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. **April 15th**
Right Winnie Ann
Left Bridget Rita
Saturday 7:00 P.M.
April Mary Margaret & Mary Cat
Sunday 10:00 A.M
April 16th Ned's Rose Marie
April 23rd Nora

GOD GIVES US

We ask for a flower and God gives us a bouquet.

We ask for a leaf and God gives us a tree.

We ask God for a drop of water and God gives us an ocean.

We ask for a grain of wheat and God gives us a wheat field.

*We ask for something to eat and
we are given God's own body and blood.*

THE GREATEST MISTAKE

The greatest mistake we humans make in our relationships; We listen half, understand quarter, think zero, and react double.

LIFE & TIME

***LIFE and TIME are the world's two teachers.
LIFE teaches us to make good use of TIME,
while TIME teaches us the value of LIFE.***

~~~~~**PRAYER CORNER**~~~~~

**LORD JESUS CHRIST**

*Lord Jesus Christ, open the eyes of my heart to recognize Your presence with me and to understand the truth of Your saving word. Nourish me with Your life-giving word and with the bread of life.  
Amen.*