



JESUS CAME AND STOOD
IN THEIR MIDST
AND SAID TO THEM,
“PEACE BE WITH YOU.”

JOHN 20:19

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 24, 2022

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In today’s Gospel, we notice there was a week between Jesus’ first appearance (without Thomas), and the following appearance (with Thomas). During this week, Thomas chose to stay with the community. But why? Perhaps he trusted his friends in some way. Perhaps he reflected on their life with Jesus and on the possibility their account was true. In the week between, Thomas stayed and lived with the questions, and with his doubts. Importantly, the disciples did not cast him out as an unbeliever. It seems they accepted and loved him, just as he was.

Perhaps many of us live in this “week between.” We have questions and doubts. We can choose to leave or to stay. We can either engage or ignore our deepest questions. If we embrace our questions with courage, we can live into them. Perhaps we will encounter, through God’s initiative, and with the help of our companions in faith, some of the answers—and new questions along the way.

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PRIMARY DIMENSIONS

We are currently in Year C of the three-year Lectionary cycle. For the Second Sunday of Easter, in all three years, the first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles. Year A (from Acts 2) tells of the new Christian community’s dedication to prayer. Year B (from Acts 4) tells of their sharing of goods and deep bonds of trust in each other. Today we hear in Acts 5 of the early Church’s ministry of healing to the community, performed by Peter and the apostles.

These represent three of the primary dimensions of those first Christian communities: prayer in relationship to God; sharing in relationship to each other; and service in relationship to the world around them. We are reminded that all three are fundamental to our identity as Church. We fail to live fully as Church when we neglect any of these relationships. We are called to encourage their full flowering in our own parish’s life.

Today’s Readings: Acts 5:12–16; Ps 118:2–4, 13–15, 22–24; Rev 1:9–11a, 12–13, 17–19; Jn 20:19–31

PASTOR: Rev. Michael T. “Mike” Snider

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Welcome Visitors!

*We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us
and felt welcomed in our church as your “home away from home.”*

*Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years,
you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again!*

Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Doug Lawson. Marcia Boswank. Peggy Boultinghouse. Richard & Dottie Schuetz. Tom Fabitz. Jodie Woods. Ken Davis. Roy Langhoff. Russell Jackson. Dana Moffatt. Bob Quinn. Mike Stephens. Yolanda & Eldon Boyd. Jim Hickey. Doris Hoffman. Wanda & George Duke. Lonnie & Tammy McClung. Jean Hamilton. Randy & Louise Beard. Sven Sterner. Nancy Rasca. Jess Corrigan Jr. Clifford & Frances Jo Moore. Fran & Kathleen Fleming. Dave Cormier. Thomas Holzmann. Joe Fazzio. Ron Emma. Kate Serres. Dona Jordan. Jaye Anderson. Georgette March. Greg Mooney. Garry Fetsch. Karee Haney. Charlie Parker. Jo Ann Crowell. Jacob Stephens. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Avery Boultinghouse. Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.

Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community: Dawn Quinn, US Army PFC (Granddaughter of Bob & Jean Quinn). Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 1LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. "JG" Gary Buchanan; Capt. Blake Gaughan; 2nd Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (Son of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & brother of Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter;(or Sunday of Divine Mercy);

Julian Calendar Easter

Monday: St. Mark

Wednesday: Administrative Professionals Day

Thursday: St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort;

Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)

Friday: St. Catherine of Siena; Arbor Day

Saturday: St. Pius V

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The apostles perform many signs and wonders among the people. Many are added to their numbers (Acts 5:12-16).

Psalms: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading: John, caught up in the spirit, envisions the glorified Lord, the first and the last, the one who lives (Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19).

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

Mass—Intentions

Saturday 4/23 Wanda Stephens+ (Ellis Family)

Sun 4/24 Robert Folzenlogen (Folzenlogen Family)

Tue 4/26 Wanda Stephens+ (K of C)

Wed 4/27 Milton Aucoin Jr.+ (Carolyn Bonicard)

Thursday 4/28 Parishioners

Friday 4/29 Wanda Stephens+ (K of C)

Saturday 4/30 J C Catalano+ (Mary)

PARISH SUPPORT

Average weekly amounts for the year of 2021

Expenditures \$ 3,666

Regular and debt & maintenance collections \$ 3,799

Attendance: 4/14 Holy Thursday: 47 4/15 Good Friday: 65

4/16 Holy Saturday: 51 4/17 Easter Sunday: 156

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving.

Pope's Intention for April:



For health care workers. We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

Reflection question:

How can I come to grasp more fully the meaning of my baptism?

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

God of everlasting mercy,
who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast
kindle the faith of the people you have made your own,
increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,
that all may grasp and rightly understand
in what font they have been washed,
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

DIFFICULTY, SURVIVAL, AND GLORY

In Revelation, John the Evangelist tells us what we can expect as followers of the risen Jesus: distress, endurance, and a kingdom. Although we are only eight days into our fifty-day Easter feasting, we cannot ignore the distress weighing down our daily lives. Jesus' resurrection does not erase individual suffering, but his glorious triumph over death cultivates endurance in our hearts. We remember that Jesus did not spare himself, and we ask for the strength to endure as he did. Imitating Christ helps us grow as members of God's royal family. As beloved citizens of the Kingdom of God, we recognize our kinship with all people. Peter demonstrates his care for others as he heals multitudes of broken, suffering people. In the Gospel, Thomas accepts his own spiritual healing when Jesus helps him to believe. In times of difficulty, survival, and glory, we borrow Thomas' declaration of faith: "My Lord and my God!"

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APRIL NEWS & EVENTS

Sun., Apr. 24th: 9:00am Mass, donuts, coffee & juice, in St. Jude's Hall.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAES on DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY!

Everyone is invited to the Divine Mercy devotions of stations and chaplet at 3:00pm, Sunday, Apr. 24th. Following that, we will be serving Divine Mercy sundaes in St. Jude's Hall. This is a very special feast honoring Jesus' mercy which is "...open for everyone-whether they are far away from God, nearby, believers, or nonbelievers." Pray on behalf of yourself or others and join us as we celebrate Jesus' mercy manifested in the resurrection and won through His suffering in the Triduum.

Tues., Apr. 26th: 9:00am Mass. Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm).

Sat., Apr. 30th: Fr. Mike is moving the 5:00pm Mass to 4:30pm for tonight only. Attendees with purchased event tickets **DINNER/CASINO NIGHT** doors open at 6:00pm, dinner served at 6:30pm

MAY NEWS & EVENTS

Sun., May 1st: No coffee & donuts following the 9:00am Mass.

Tues., May 3rd: 9:00am Mass. Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm).

Sat., May 7th: 9:00am Mass of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart & Patriotic Rosary

Sun., May 8th: **Happy Mother's Day!** Immediately following 9:00am Mass, donuts, coffee & juice, in St. Jude's Hall.

Tues., May 10th: 9:00am Mass. Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm).

Sun., May 15th: Immediately following 9:00am Mass, donuts, coffee & juice, in St. Jude's Hall. Jane Bidlack facilitates last class "Parousia: The Real Presence and the Second Coming." in the middle classroom.

Tues., May 17th: 9:00am Mass. Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm).

Thurs., May 19th: Fr. Mike attends the Diocese of Tyler Study Day for Priests.

Fri., May 20th: Knights of Columbus Fish Fry in St. Jude's Hall from 5:00—6:30pm.

Sat., May 21st: Immediately following 5:00pm Mass in St. Jude's Hall dinner will be provided: "Baked Potato Bar." Fellowship donation accepted. More info to come in the following weeks.

Sun., May 22nd: Immediately following 9:00am Mass, donuts, coffee & juice, in St. Jude's Hall.

Tues., May 24th: 9:00am Mass. Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm).

Sun., May 29th: **NO** donuts, coffee & juice available Memorial Weekend.

Mon., May 30th: DIOCESE & CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tues., May 31st: 9:00am Mass. Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm).

April Second Collections:
Apr. 23rd & 24th: "Catholic Home Missions."

Legion of Mary—Pilgrim Statue: Our Lady of Fatima Statue is now ready to visit your home. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you may contact: Marge Clymer, 903-216-7953 or Jane Bidlack, 903-569-7749. If scheduling permits, the Statue may be kept for two weeks.

The Roaring 20's
DINNER & CASINO NIGHT
SAT., APR. 30, 2022

TICKETS TO ATTEND EVENT \$ 40.00 PER PERSON
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YOU CAN'T WIN UNLESS YOU PURCHASE!



In order to make our annual, major fundraiser "DINNER/CASINO NIGHT" a success, we are in need of volunteers.

PLEASE CALL the church office
903-769-3235

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

BLUE SUNDAY, APR. 24th.
DAY of PRAYER for ABUSED CHILDREN

A BIG THANK YOU TO THOSE THAT TOOK PART IN THE SOUP SUPPERS DURING LENT. WE APPRECIATED THE BEST TASTING SOUPS IN EAST TX. AND FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK.

Easter Food Box Donations: On behalf of the Food Ministry we would like to thank all that gave, participated, prayed for fulfilling each of the Easter Food Boxes this year. We had 19 families totaling 55 lbs of food per family. Many Blessings to our Parish!!



The Holy Spirit Food Ministry would like to thank all our parishioners for their food donations. The large plastic bin is located by in the hallway by Bridget's office. **Cake & muffin mix; cereal and pudding cups.**

Looking for volunteers to get involved with the Food Ministry. Call or email Bob Mailliard at 903-769-3963 or theduckdude@att.net

Thank you, Bob Mailliard; Bryan & Dolly Todd; Stan & Terry Evans; Al & Evelyn Murfin. Holy Spirit Food Ministry Team

Praying For Abused Children Since 1994

BLUE SUNDAY DAY OF PRAYER

Always the Last Sunday in April

The day when churches take time in their service to pray for the victims of child abuse and for those who rescue them.

We pray because they shouldn't have to pray alone.

Won't you ask your church to join in this life-changing effort?

It's free.
Nothing to join.
Just prayer.

**WHOEVER RECEIVES ONE LITTLE CHILD
LIKE THIS IN MY NAME RECEIVES ME.
MATTHEW 18:5**

Did you know there are over 3 million confirmed cases of child abuse in our nation annually?

Did you know that of the 1640 child deaths from child abuse that most were under the age of 3?

Did you know your church can make a difference?

It can and it starts by praying.

Blue
Sunday

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church at:

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APRIL 2022: CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Did you know? Child abuse comes in many forms. Most people identify child abuse as physically hitting a child. Neglect is also a form of abuse. Failing to provide a child with proper nutrition, housing and supervision can cause irreparable harm. Expectations that a child be an active participant in the care of home and family, or even age-appropriate jobs is a part of healthy development. But excessive demands can cross into a form of servitude that is beyond the societal norms.

Did you know? Child abuse can occur in every culture and every socio-economic demographic. Peer reviewed research, especially that of the past 30 years, repeatedly shows this to be true. This same research indicates that the vast majority of child abuse occurs at the hands of someone known to the victim. Those who seek to do harm to children will pursue opportunities that provide access to children and may even ingratiate themselves into the home. You can protect children by respecting the safe environment protocols established at youth serving organizations. More importantly, you can implement many of these protocols in your home and be observant and vigilant in all public and private settings.

Did you know? Hope is rising. Throughout scripture, we are called to be ambassadors of hope and healing. Children of abuse long to hear this message of hope. Victims of crime, their family and loved ones need to know that their voices are heard. The Church strives to share the message that He has risen and there is hope. Each of us has a unique ability to support individuals who are hurting, to promote healthy relationships, and to build communities that are safe from those who may want to do harm. How has He called you to be an ambassador of hope and healing?

Did you know? The Catholic Church is deeply committed to protecting children from abuse and holding people accountable for inflicting such pain. In December 2021, the revised Book VI of the *Code of Canon Law* went into effect. This is the most recent of several documents that specifically address the issue of the abuse of children. Other documents include *Vos estis lux mundi* and *Vademecum*. These documents expand the acts which are considered abusive, clarify the manner in which the cases are processed, and hold people accountable for their action or inaction with regard to processing of a case. Of significant importance is attention given to the care of victim survivors and all who have been harmed.

Did you know? What is happening in the Diocese of Tyler to protect children:

- Training is provided for all Church personnel and youth to identify warning signs and develop strategies for maintaining a safe environment for all.
- A designated Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to receive reports and accompany victims through their journey.
- A volunteer independent Review Board assists the bishop in the review of cases and makes recommendations for moving forward.
- A Safe Environment Coordinator assists parish and school personnel with training and background screenings for anyone who may have access to children.
- An audit is conducted by an independent firm to evaluate implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*.



If you know or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult is currently being abused or is in danger, immediately report it to state/local law enforcement or the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services at (800) 252-5400 or txabusehotline.org.

The Diocese of Tyler is committed respecting the dignity of all persons and to helping anyone who may have been hurt or abused by a priest, deacon, religious, or anyone working in the name of the Church. Any current or past cases of abuse involving Church personnel should be reported to civil authorities and also to the victim assistance coordinator at (903) 266-2159 or vac@diocesoftyler.org.



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Eucharistic Congress for the
35th anniversary of the Diocese of Tyler

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Source and Summit
of Family Life*

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone



A native of San Diego, Calif., Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone studied at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. He was ordained a priest on July 9, 1982, and a bishop on Aug. 21, 2002. In 2012, He was appointed archbishop of San Francisco.

Father Richard Castro, MC



A native of Argentina, Father Richard Castro, MC is a priest of Miles Christi. The priests of Miles Christi provide spiritual direction, religious education, and Ignatian retreats that create space for silent reflection where people can hear the voice of God calling them into a transformative friendship with Jesus. Father Richard has preached retreats all over the United States. Over the last 10 years, he has ministered in the Miles Christi apostolates in Michigan and California.



Article for the Big Sandy-Hawkins Journal. 20 April 2022 Edition (Submission date: 15 April 2022) Submitted by Randy Munoz

With May just around the corner, have you ever wondered about May Day? (<https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/history-of-may-day>)

May Day is a May 1st celebration with a long and varied history, dating back millennia. Throughout the years, there have been many different events and festivities worldwide, most with the express purpose of welcoming a change of season ... In the 19th century, May Day took on a new meaning, as an International Workers' Day grew out of the 19th-century labor movement for worker's rights and an eight-hour workday in the United States. ...

Origins of May Day: Beltane The Celts of the British Isles believed May 1st to be the most important day of the year, when the festival of Beltane was held. [*Beltane ancient Celtic festival* By The Editors of Encyclopaedia Britannica (<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Beltane>) ... it was a festival held on the first day of May in Ireland and Scotland, celebrating the beginning of summer and open pasturing. Beltane is first mentioned in a glossary attributed to Cormac, bishop of Cashel and king of Munster ... Cormac describes how cattle were driven between two bonfires on Beltane as a magical means of protecting them from disease before they were led into summer pastures – a custom still observed in Ireland in the 19th century. Other festivities included Maypole dances and cutting of green boughs and flowers. ... As did other pre-Christian Celtic peoples, the Irish divided the year into two main seasons. Winter and the beginning of the year fell on November 1 (Irish: Samain) and midyear and summer on May 1 (Irish: Beltaine). These two junctures were thought to be critical periods when the bounds between the human and supernatural worlds were temporarily erased; on May Eve witches and fairies roamed freely, and measures had to be taken against their enchantments. Cormac derives the word Beltaine from the name of a god Bel, or Bil, and the Old Irish word tene, "fire." Despite linguistic difficulties, a number of 20th-century scholars have maintained modified versions of this etymology, linking the first element of the word with the Gaulish god Belenos (Irish: Belenus).]

... Symbolic fire was one of the main rituals of the festival, helping to celebrate the return of life and fertility to the world. When the Romans took over the British Isles, they brought with them their 5-day celebration known as Floralia, devoted to the worship of the goddess of flowers, Flora. Taking place between April 20 and May 2, the rituals of this celebration were eventually combined with Beltane.

May Day Maypole Dance Another popular tradition of May Day involves the maypole. While the exact origins of the maypole remain unknown, the annual traditions surrounding it can be traced back to medieval times, ... some still celebrated today. Villagers {of small towns} would enter the woods to find a maypole that was set up for the day ... larger towns had permanent May poles. The day's festivities involved merriment, as people would dance around the pole clad with colorful streamers and ribbons. Historians believe the first maypole dance originated as part of a fertility ritual ... The maypole never really took root in America, where May Day celebrations were discouraged by the Puritans. But other forms of celebrations did find their way to the New World. During the 19th and 20th centuries, May Basket Day was celebrated across the country, where baskets were created with flowers, candies and other treats and hung on the doors of friends, neighbors and loved ones on May 1. ...

International Workers' Day The connection between May Day and labor rights began in the United States. During the 19th century, at the height of the Industrial Revolution, thousands of men, women and children were dying every year from poor working conditions and long hours.

In an attempt to end these inhumane conditions, the Federation of Organized Trades and Labor Unions (which would later become the American Federation of Labor, or AFL) held a convention in Chicago in 1884. The FOTLU proclaimed "8 hours shall constitute a legal day's labor from and after May 1, 1886." The following year the Knights of Labor—then America's largest labor organization—backed the proclamation as both groups encouraged workers to strike and demonstrate. On May 1, 1886, more than 300,000 workers (40,000 in Chicago alone) from 13,000 businesses walked out of their jobs across the country. In the following days, more workers joined, and the number of strikers grew to almost 100,000. Overall, the protests were peaceful, but that all changed on May 3 where Chicago police and workers clashed at the McCormick Reaper Works. The next day a rally was planned at Haymarket Square to protest the killing and wounding of several workers by the police. The speaker, August Spies, was winding down when a group of officers arrived to disperse the crowd. As the police advanced, an individual who was never identified threw a bomb into their ranks. Chaos ensued, and at least 7 police officers and 8 civilians died as a result of the violence. The Haymarket Riot, also known as the Haymarket Affair, set off a national wave of repression. In August 1886, 8 men labeled as anarchists were convicted in a sensational and controversial trial despite there being no solid evidence linking the defendants to the bombing. The jury was considered to be biased, with ties to big business. 7 of the convicted men received a death sentence, and the 8th was sentenced to 15 years in prison. In the end, 4 of the men were hanged, 1 committed suicide and the remaining 3 were pardoned 6 years later. A few years after the Haymarket Riot ... a newly formed coalition of socialist and labor parties in Europe called for a demonstration to honor the "Haymarket Martyrs." In 1890, over 300,000 people protested at a May Day rally in London. The workers' history of May 1 was eventually embraced by many governments worldwide, not just those with socialist or communist influences.

May Day Today May Day is an official holiday in 66 countries and unofficially celebrated in many more, but ironically it is rarely recognized in the country where it began, the United States of America. After the 1894 Pullman Strike, President Grover Cleveland officially moved the U.S. celebration of Labor Day to the first Monday in September, intentionally severing ties with the international worker's celebration for fear that it would build support for communism and other radical causes. Dwight D. Eisenhower tried to reinvent May Day in 1958, further distancing the memories of the Haymarket Riot, by declaring May 1st to be "Law Day," celebrating the place of law in the creation of the United States...

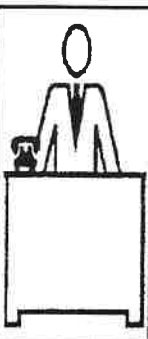
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