

April 11th, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter

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PICK OF THE WEEK

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DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday this week, join the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in praying the chaplet and asking God to shower his mercy upon us. This video features breathtaking footage that sheds light on the beauty and breadth of the Catholic Church.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 10th

4:00 p.m. Our Lady of the Assumption req. Mr. & Mrs. Rona

Sunday, April 11th

9:00 a.m. **(Live Stream)** Int. of Michael Jason req. Mom

11:30 a.m. Thanksgiving req. Delphine Maria Braganza

Readings: Acts 4.32-35 / 1 Jn 5.1-6 / Jn 20.19-31

8:00 p.m. Missa Pro Populo

Tuesday, April 13th

11:30 a.m. **(Live Stream)** † Albert Simon req. Godwin Cotter

Readings: Acts 4.32-37 / Jn 3.7b-15

Thursday, April 15th

11:30 a.m. **(Live Stream)** † Marcel Zelisko req. Lynn Jason

Readings: Acts 5.27—33 / Jn 3.31-36

Sunday Adoration & Reconciliation 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Parish News

Stewardship of Treasure - Financial Gifts to God

(Includes Visitor envelopes and pre-authorized contributions)

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April 4th, 2021

Regular Offertory \$ 7,540.75 Sharing God's Gifts \$ 200.00 Parish Debt \$ 627.25 Social Justice \$ 149.50

Reflecting on the Readings and Gospel

GOOD NEWS

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Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 118; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.

We usually put down the doubting Thomas. For him and his followers, seeing is believing. On the contrary, we like to think that we believe without seeing the evidence. But do we perhaps fail in another direction? Is our believing such that it impels us to act on behalf of others?

Today's readings remind us that faith involves movement from the world of God into the world of God's people. Here, doing is believing.

In Acts, Luke brings together two different but interrelated notions: He states that the earliest Christians owned all things in common; and he depicts individuals selling their property and making the proceeds available to the needy of the community.

Here the basis for giving is faith. It is such faith-filled charity that Luke suggests as the ideal Christian response.

The author of First John, writing about A.D. 100, addresses the members of his community. There has been serious disagreement within the community, and some have broken away. Today's epistle passage is linked to 1 John 4:20-21, where we are told that to love God means to love one's brothers and sisters. Such love is a corollary of faith. In today's reading, the believer who loves God must also love God's children.

Jesus then makes his relationship with God the model for the disciples' mission. Jesus' life-giving breath is the gift of the Spirit of Pentecost that jump-starts that mission. The disciples are to continue the mission of Jesus, offering life to all believers.

Today's readings remind us that we must carry our professions of faith and signs of peace into settings outside of church. The messages insist that we see our gift of faith as precisely that -- a gift -- and thus something to be shared in wider community. They also make clear that sharing our faith (mission) means more than merely religious instruction or a theology lecture. Sharing our faith means seeing the image of God in all those persons who make up the fabric of our lives. Seeing the image of God means revering and imitating God in our words and works -- whether at work or at play, whether at home or away. Doing is believing.

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