

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

3 April 2016

Divine Mercy Sunday

Dear Parishioners,

My Lord and my God! (John 20:28)

Sometimes we get labeled, whether justly or unjustly. This is certainly the case in today's Gospel reading. Jesus had appeared to the apostles, but Thomas had not been present. When the other apostles told him about it, he couldn't accept it. Even though they had been together for three years, he still doubted them.

The Gospel of John is filled with expressions that give honor to Jesus. Some people called Jesus a great prophet. Others called him a teacher. Still others called him the Christ or even the Son of God. But it was the apostle Thomas—the one who has forever been labeled the “doubter”—who first proclaimed Jesus to be “my Lord and my God” (John 20:28). In the words of biblical scholar Fr. Raymond Brown, Thomas made “the most complete affirmation of Christ's nature to be found on the lips of anyone in the Gospel.”

My Lord and my God! Every miracle Jesus performed, be it the healing of the man who was lowered down through the roof, the healing of the blind Bartimaeus, or the raising of Lazarus, points to these four words. Every teaching Jesus gave, be it the Sermon on the Mount, the parable of the prodigal son, or the Golden Rule, points to these four words. Every revelation of God's mercy and love points to who Jesus is and how he wants us to see him.

This story about Thomas tells the story of every believer in the history of the Church. Thomas represents each of us when we say, “I find it hard to believe.” Just as Jesus rejuvenated Thomas' faith, he wants to rejuvenate ours when we are caught up in doubt. He wants us to be like Thomas—a people who overcome our very human and very natural doubts. He wants to help each one of us say, “Jesus, you are my Lord and my God.”

So today and all week long, proclaim these four precious words. Then watch to see how his grace will help you believe even more.

“Jesus, you are my Lord and my God!”

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator



Are you being called to become a Deacon?

**Diaconate Formation Office:
Information Meeting for Men Interested
in the Permanent Diaconate
Sunday April 24, 2016**

The Diaconate Formation Office will be hosting an information meeting for all men who are interested in finding out more about becoming a permanent deacon in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Members of the Archdiocesan Diaconate Formation Office will be present to explain the role of the deacon in the Church, to explain the Diaconate Formation Program, and to answer any questions that participants might have. Men must be between the ages of 30 and 60 years to enter the formation program. It is important for men who are married to attend with their wives. The next information meeting will be held on **Sunday, April 24, 2016 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at St. Dominic Savio, 13400 Bellflower Blvd. Bellflower, CA 90706.** For further information, please contact Mrs. Claudia Ortiz in the Diaconate Formation Office at (213) 637-7383 or at: [mail to: CAOrtiz@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:CAOrtiz@la-archdiocese.org)

Sacred Heart Retreat

Let 2016 be your year to take care of the Spiritual You! Ladies, it's almost time again for the spiritually rejuvenating retreat at the Sacred Heart Retreat House in Alhambra. **From Friday, April 8th until Sunday, April 10th** you can come one or all three days to enjoy a little quiet time for yourself. For more information and/or to reserve your space, reach out to Evelyn Payne at 323.291.8325 or Sonya Robertson at 323.291.4846. We'd love to have you with us.

BAPTISM CLASS

For anyone seeking to have their infant or young child (7 or younger) baptized the next class for parents and godparents will be on **Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 4:00 PM** in the Peter Claver Room. Please contact Kenrik Duru at 310.794.8138 with any questions.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday April 2

5:15 PM Soul of Edmund Richards

Sunday April 3

8:00 AM Soul of Hayzetta Patterson

10:00 AM Soul of Robert Evans & Intention of Mabel Walton

12:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners



WEEKLY OFFERING

March 27, 2016

\$8,697.82 Tithe and Offering

25.00 Building Fund

10.00 "We Care"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to

Sarah Johns

who celebrated her

90th birthday April 1.

From her family with love.



LENTEN FISH FRY RAFFLE WINNERS

1st Prize \$1,000.00 - **FRANCIS MARTIN**

2nd Prize \$500.00 - **IROSA BURKE**

3rd Prize \$250.00 - **KEVIN CAMPBELL**

Thank you to everyone who was able to participate in this year's Raffle and Fish Fry. You are greatly appreciated. We are especially thankful to the Knights of Peter Claver #220 for hosting the raffle and helping with the setup and cleanup during the Friday night fish fry. Also, thank you to Bourbon Street Fish and Bobby Dupré for the wonderful pictures of our family community. Thanks to ALL!

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

We are asking that you be as generous as possible with your giving for Easter. Envelopes are at the church exit. The envelopes will be placed on the altar for prayer in Memory of or in Honor of your love ones.

Join the **Ladies Auxiliary** for a
CHICKEN & WAFFLE BREAKFAST
Sunday April 3, from 9AM to 2PM in the hall.

Donation: \$12 Adults, \$7 Children
and \$7 for Diamonds (ages 70 and up.)

Pray for our sick...

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Veronica Bearce, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Daniel Boone, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Harry Charles, Katherine Clark, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Benjie Delille, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Nigel Dunn, Betty Eason, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Mary Jené, Aaron Jittu, Joan Johnson, Robert Jordan, Briana Katz, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Andrea Raggette, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriguez, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, George Simon, Sr., Jeremiah Skyes, Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Alice Tenette, Tinkerbell, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Peggy Wright and Ralph Wright.

PARISH REGISTRATION FORM. Please drop it in the offering basket. PLEASE PRINT!

Name: _____ Would you like envelopes? _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ What time do you attend Mass? _____

Children:

Birth Date:

