

Today is the Second Sunday of Easter; more recently in our Church's history, it has become known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Gospel reading from St. John is often referred to as the story of "Doubting Thomas" but the passage involves so much more than the encounter with the skeptical apostle. It is rich with lessons of Christ's mercy to all, including an encouraging word from our Lord, especially for us, His modern-day disciples.

While Thomas traditionally takes all the bad rap for his doubts, we see that none of the Apostles were at their best when Christ first appears to them after His resurrection. The passage says that they were in hiding, cowering behind a locked door because they were afraid of what the Jews might do to them for their association with Jesus. They were paralyzed by fear and doubt.

But Jesus appeared right in their midst in spite of the lock on the door. Was it to rebuke them for their lack of faith? To chide them for abandoning Him when He needed them most? To call them out for being so wimpy? Quite the contrary.

He comes on a mission of mercy. He comes to offer them peace and the restoration of their relationship with Him. And even more, He commissions them to become ministers of His mercy, by giving them the authority to forgive sins. "Peace be with you," He says. "As the Father has sent me, so I send you.... Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." At that moment Christ gives to all of us the supreme gift of mercy — the sacrament of Reconciliation. What a precious and powerful gift is this divine mercy.

This Sunday of mercy in this Easter season of mercy is a perfect time to reflect on how well we make use of the gift of Reconciliation. Do we really appreciate the healing power of this sacrament? The infusion of grace, the freeing power of knowing we are forgiven, the increase in self-knowledge, and intimacy with our Lord? Could we become better stewards of this gift by going to Confession more often and by encouraging our loved ones to do so as well?

Today is also an opportune time to examine how generously we offer the gift of mercy to those around us. When Thomas obstinately declared he would not believe in the risen Christ unless he could see for himself the mark of the nails in His hands and put his fingers into the nail marks and put his hands into His sides, our Lord does not become indignant. He offers mercy. Jesus graciously gives Thomas the very thing Thomas is asking for — a real and personal encounter with Him, the chance to literally touch His sacred wounds to heal Thomas from his doubts. When we are disbelieved or disrespected, do we respond as Jesus did, with humility and magnanimity and compassion, the very hallmarks of mercy?

Interestingly, we will find that the more deeply we embrace the gift of mercy through regular Confession, the greater will be our capacity to offer mercy to others because we will see ourselves as really truly are — forgiven sinners deeply loved by God. Let's commit ourselves to become faithful disciples, stewards of Christ's mercy 2,000 years after His Resurrection. We will be those very ones to whom Jesus gave a "shout out" during His encounter with Thomas: "***Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed***" — in His merciful love.

**YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**April 17, 2022**

Sunday Collection .....	\$ 5,582.67
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 143.20
Facilities Improvement Fund.....	\$ 75.00
Easter Offering (Rice Bowl).....	\$ 1,470.50
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 249.00
Good Friday (Holy Land).....	\$ 408.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$ 100.00
Prayer Candles.....	\$ 560.00
Bulletin Ads.....	\$ 625.00
Misc. Donations.....	\$ 27.00

*Second Collection - April 30 - May 1:  
No Second Collection Next Week*



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

The *World Day of Prayer for Vocations* will be observed on Sunday, May 8, 2022, also known as "***Good Shepherd Sunday.***"

The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "***Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest***" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).

**\*\*\* PRAY FOR VOCATIONS \*\*\***

**CATHOLIC RADIO**

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1380 AM - Spanish or 89.7 FM - English**

**DIVINE MERCY: Today... is *Mercy Sunday*.**

A special day where graces abound! A day that Jesus, himself, asked for!  
 A day where we have an opportunity to remove all punishment due for forgiven sins!

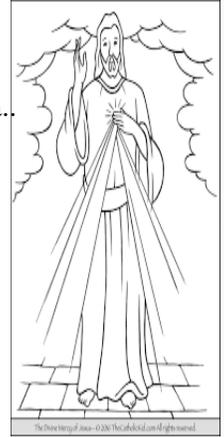
On this day... With this devotion... we celebrate Jesus' Divine Mercy...  
 I don't think it's a coincidence that Jesus asked for the inscription "**Jesus, I Trust in You**"  
 to be put on His image of Divine Mercy... Hopefully... you joined us in our Divine Mercy Novena..  
 If not, don't worry. The ocean of graces flowing on Mercy Sunday are still available to you...

Everyone is invited to join us on Mercy Sunday at 3 o'clock to celebrate Jesus' Divine Mercy!!  
 At that time we will:

- Bless, Enthroned, and Venerate our Divine Mercy Image.
- Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet... *hopefully in song...*  
*1st, 3rd, and 5th decades in English... 2nd and 4th in Spanish.*
- Be Inducted as Eucharistic Apostles of the Divine Mercy

We pray that we will continue to deepen our understanding of the Mercy of God...  
 and work to build up the local church and spread the Good news!

**Hope to see you there!** 'till then... God Bless- DT.



**DIVINA MISERICORDIA: Hoy... Es el Domingo de la Misericordia.**

¡Un día especial donde abundan las gracias! ¡Un día que Jesús mismo pidió!  
 ¡Un día en el que tenemos la oportunidad de eliminar todo castigo debido por los pecados perdonados!

En este día... Con esta devoción... celebramos la Divina Misericordia de Jesús...  
 No creo que sea una coincidencia que Jesús pidiera que la inscripción "**Jesus, confío en tí**"  
 se pusiera en su imagen de la Divina Misericordia ...

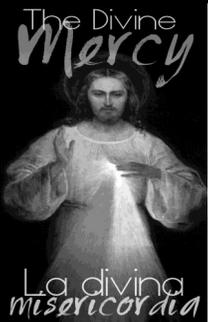
Ojalá... te uniste a nosotros en nuestra Novena de la Divina Misericordia. Si no, no te preocupes.  
 El océano de gracias que fluye en el Domingo de la Misericordia todavía está disponible para ti...

¡Todos están invitados a unirse a nosotros el Domingo de la Misericordia a las 5 en punto para celebrar  
 la Divina Misericordia de Jesús! En ese momento:

- bendiciremos y veneraremos nuestra Imagen de la Divina Misericordia.
- Reza la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia... *ojalá en canción...*

Oramos para que continuemos profundizando nuestra comprensión de la Misericordia de Dios...  
 y trabajar para edificar la iglesia local y difundir las Buenas Nuevas !

**¡Espero verte allí!** "Hasta entonces... Dios los bendiga- DT.



If some day, you misplace your Bulletin or just don't get one some week...  
 You can always go to the Church's web site and check it out there.

It's simple enough... from your browser just type in (*and save for future reference*) the address: [www.ThomasMoreSATX.org](http://www.ThomasMoreSATX.org) (*and, don't worry about upper / lower case when typing the address. It doesn't matter - I do it because it's easier for me to 'pick out' words.*)

There's a lot of good information out there... check it out.



**Grupo de Oración**  
**Familias compartiendo la palabra**



4/29 El Espíritu de Cristo en la Plenitud de Los Tiempos

El grupo de oración se reúne los viernes a las 7 pm.  
 Contacte a: Maria Isabel Hernandez (210) 843-9756



**St. Thomas More English**  
**Prayer Group**



4/28

OBEDIENCE AND RATIONING  
 "He does not ration His gift of the Spirit."  
 John 3:34

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 Stella Lopez: (210) 618-6977

## Eye Has Not Seen

They say seeing is believing. But if you've ever ordered a dress or a pair of pants online, you know that's not always the case. Whatever the photos promise us, what looked like a perfectly nice shade of navy blue on our computer screens comes in the mail as an unusual shade of blue green that only appears in the giant box of Crayola crayons.

The Apostle Thomas, who couldn't bring himself to accept that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing him, is such an utterly relatable figure in the Gospels. Thomas is still reeling from a loss — not only of his good friend but his Lord, who was taken prisoner and crucified before his eyes. Thomas is guarding himself. He's not believing the hype. He's going to be the only judge of what is real and what is fiction.

Would any of us be any different?

We've all had those thoughts. Can we believe it all?? Jesus... salvation history... the Eucharist... when we haven't seen it with our own two eyes?

That's when we need to remember that those two eyes were absolutely positive they had ordered a pair of navy blue pants.

It's easy for us to sit back stroking our chins in judgment at Thomas, "you didn't believe the testimony of your friends!" But do we accept the testimony of our friends?

The saints... the popes... the Church fathers themselves?

Sometimes the things that are most worthy of believing can't be seen with the naked eye... Think about that for a minute!



## NOTICIAS de la ESCUELA

**¡AHORA NOS ESTAMOS INSCRIBIENDO para el año escolar 2022-2023!**  
durante 18 meses - 8º grado

Aquí hay maneras de obtener más información sobre cómo inscribir a su hijo:

1. ¡Llámanos! (210) 655-2882
2. Visite nuestro sitio web en: [www.st-thomas-more-school.org](http://www.st-thomas-more-school.org)
3. Venga a la escuela durante el horario escolar normal 7:30 am - 4 pm

**¡Una excelente educación católica es asequible!**

La ayuda financiera está disponible en: <https://archsa.org/hope/apply-now>

**¡Solicite lo antes posible! ¡El tiempo se acaba!**



## SCHOOL NEWS

**We are NOW ENROLLING for the 2022-2023 school Year!**  
for 18 months - 8th Grade

Here are ways to get more info about enrolling your child:

1. Call us! (210) 655-2882
2. Visit our website at: [www.st-thomas-more-school.org](http://www.st-thomas-more-school.org)
3. Come by the school during normal school hours 7:30 am - 4 pm

***An excellent Catholic Education is affordable!***

Financial aid is available at: <https://archsa.org/hope/apply-now>

***Apply As Soon As Possible! Time is running out!***



**This Week at Our Parish**

**Sunday, April 24, 2022 - Mercy Sunday**  
 8:00 am KC Breakfast - *Carolán Hall*  
 10:00 am CDA Mass - *Church*  
 2:30 pm ACTS Return Reunion - *Carolán Hall*  
 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Celebration - *Church*  
 5:00 pm Fiesta de la Divina Misericordia - *Iglesia*

**Monday, April 25, 2022**  
 12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*  
 5:00 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - *RMR*  
 7:00 pm Finance Council Mtg - *RMR*

**Tuesday, April 26, 2022**  
 12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*  
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Rectory Mtg Rm*  
 6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Rm*  
 7:00 pm Grupo Choir Practice - *Church*

**Wednesday, April 27, 2022**  
 12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*  
 6:00 pm KC 4th Degree Mtg - *Carolán Hall*

**Thursday, April 28, 2022**  
 12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*  
 7:00 pm English Prayer Grp - *Church*  
 RCIA - *Rectory Mtg Room*

**Friday, April 29, 2022**  
 12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*  
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - *Church*

**Saturday, April 30, 2022**  
 10:00 am School First Holy Communion Mass - *Church*  
 4:00 pm Reconciliation - *Church*

**Sunday, May 1, 2022**  
 8:00 am CDA Plant Sale - *School Playground*  
 10:00 am KC Corporate Mass - *Church*



**Sanctuary Light Intention:**  
 †*Baby Dawn, Misty Dawn, & Jeremy Moses Espinoza*

**Lecturas de la Semana del 25 abril - 1 mayo**

**Lunes:** 1Pe 5:5-14; Sal 88:2-3,6-7,16-17;  
 Mc 16:15-20

**Martes:** Hch 4:32-37; Sal 92:1-2,5; Jn 3:7-15

**Miércoles:** Hch 5:17-26; Sal 33:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

**Jueves:** Hch 5:27-33; Sal 33:2,9,17-20;  
 Jn 3:31-36

**Viernes:** Hch 5:34-42; Sal 26:1,4,13-14; Jn 6:1-15

**Sábado:** Hch 6:1-7; Sal 32:1-2,4-5,18-19;  
 Jn 6:16-21

**Domingo:** Hch 5:27-32,40-41; Sal 29:2,4-6,11-13;

**Readings for the week of Apr 25 - May 1**

**Monday:** 1Pt 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

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, April 23, 2022**  
 8:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**  
 †Deceased Priests by Kim Nguyen  
 †Antonio Cortez by Debra Gutierrez  
 5:00 pm †Anita Salinas & George Christopher Garcia  
 by Anna & Jonathan Garcia

**Sunday, April 24, 2022 - Mercy Sunday**  
 8:00 am †John TV Duong by Thuy Nguyen  
**Prayers for Orphans** by Kim Nguyen  
 10:00 am †Juan Urbano & Mike Urbano by Teresa Clark  
 †Jeremy Rodriguez by Mary Ann Dillin  
 12:00 pm †Aurora Reyes  
**Manuel Arvizu (Thanksgiving)** by Family Arvizu

**Monday, April 25, 2022**  
 8:00 am †John TV Duong by Thuy Nguyen  
 †Jeremias Reyes by Catalina Reyes

**Tuesday, April 26, 2022**  
 8:00 am †Brady Dupree, Jr by Margie Murray  
 †All Souls by Kim Nguyen

**Wednesday, April 27, 2022**  
 8:00 am †Marie Willingham by Margie Murray  
 †Robert Piarowski by Phyllis Byington

**Thursday, April 28, 2022 (Communion Svc)**  
 8:00 am †Phoebe Stnesland  
 †Margaret Tate

**Friday, April 29, 2022**  
 8:00 am †John TV Duong by Thuy Nguyen  
 †Edgar Richardson by Mary Ann Dillin

**Saturday, April 30, 2022**  
 8:00 am †Theodore Willingham by Margie Murray  
 †All Souls by Kim Nguyen  
 5:00 pm †Al Weinheimer by Richard & Dorothy Perez  
 †Michael Boudreaux, Sr by Family

**Sunday, May 1, 2022**  
 8:00 am †Thuy Duong by Bill & Linda Volpenhein  
**Prayers for Orphans** by Kim Nguyen  
 10:00 am †Mary Piarowski by Phyllis Byington  
 †Ruben Ramirez by Joe & Annabelle Garza  
 12:00 pm †Kathryn Sweet by Maria T. Sweet  
**STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**

**Liturgical Roles**

**Saturday, April 30, 2022**

5:00 pm **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, DC John, (+1 Vol)  
**Lector** - R.Davis

**Sunday, May 1, 2022**

8 am **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, (+2 Vol-if needed)  
**Lector** - T.Garza

10 am **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, Sr.Eucharía,  
 A.Fuentes  
**Lector** - R.Ellis

12 pm **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, A.Chavez, R.Gomez  
**Lector** - D+F.Malacara