



The Thomas Dilemma

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Will is a widower, now in his eighties. He calls every once in a while, partly to talk but really wanting to know how he can convince his grown children and grandchildren to come back to church. He tells me they're good people, but he would like them to have faith. It's been a mainstay in his life, he tells me, something that has gotten him through many difficulties. He loves his family but says their life would be so much richer if they had an active faith life. I try to tell Will he can't argue them into faith. At most he can share with them how faith has been a blessing in his life, hoping that it might then spark an interest in them.

The disciples in the Gospel story about "Doubting Thomas" experienced Will's dilemma. They were unable to convince Thomas that the Lord had risen. He insisted that he would only believe when he could put his fingers and hands into Jesus' wounds, which of course is just what happens the next time they are gathered. For Thomas, words were not enough; he needed the experience.

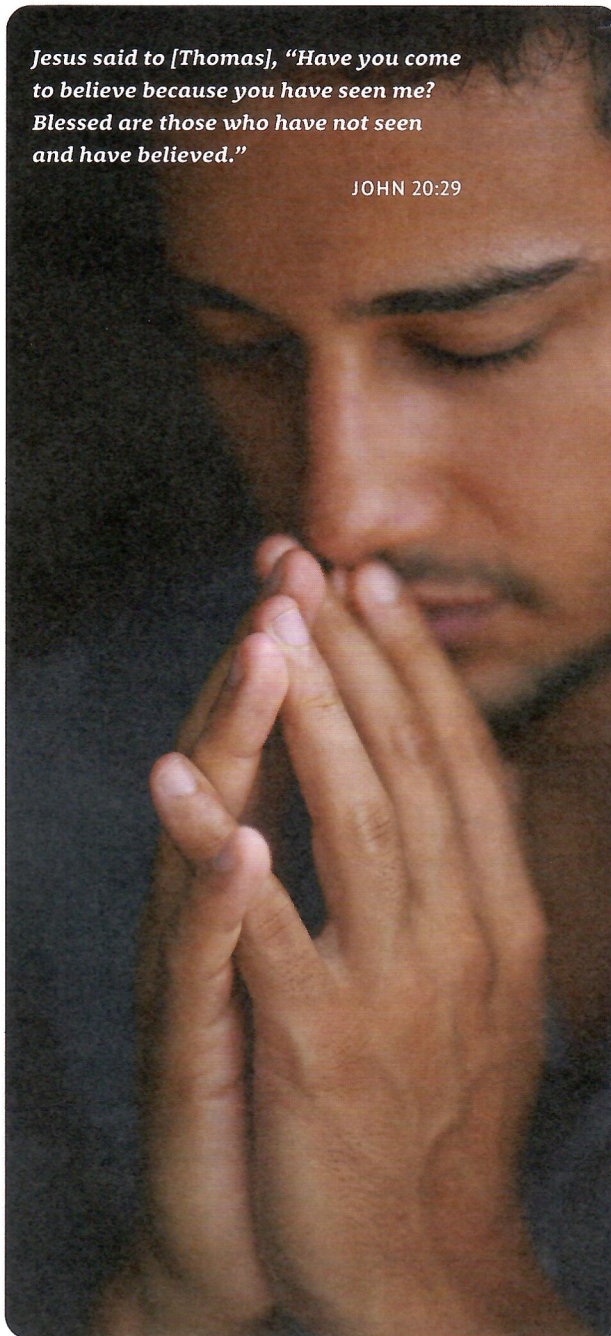
Sometimes that's true for us. We've heard the truth, but we haven't experienced the truth as real or relevant or something we cannot live without. The experience of grave need and then surrendering to God is what many need to remain faithful. Meanwhile, the faithful pray for those who do not believe, especially those we dearly love. ●

Reflect

Have you ever surrendered to faith even when you were filled with doubt?

Jesus said to [Thomas], "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

JOHN 20:29



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Brush: Sat. - 3:00 PM
1/2 hr. before weekday Masses
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Mass Intentions

Sat. Apr. 6 Vigil
5:00 p.m. Graces for Christy Chapman
Sun Apr. 7 Mass/Divine Mercy Sunday
8:00 a.m. For Souls in Purgatory
10:00 a.m. †Daniel Aguilar Rios - ML

Thur Apr. 11 Mass/St. Stanislaus
5:30 p.m. †Shelly Rocha

Fri. Apr. 12 Mass
8:00 a.m. †Mary Ellen Uhrig - GS

Sat. Apr. 13 Vigil
5:00 p.m. Graces/Reagan Daughenbaugh

Sun Apr. 14 Mass/3rd Sunday of Easter
8:00 a.m. †Judith Esser - TP
10:00 a.m. †Pete Anderson - Knights

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Our Sick: Joseph Wilson, Rosa Maria Santos, Gia Marquez, Jan Yokum, Kane Schrock, Deja Adam, Bernice Padilla, Rosemary Garcia, Sean Gleason, Marj Blatt, Ben Mettlen, Arabella Macias, Brianna Hill, Gina Mortenson, Margaret Mann, Paula & Delbert Meier, Sheryl Garvik, Izaac Morales, Kayla Albrant, Stan Prather, Ron Uhrig, Christy Chapman, Anthony Steven Villarreal, Shelby Daughenbaugh, Caiden Lee, Frank Laso, Fritz & Irene Ramirez, Norma Wolfe, Rodney Hergenreter, Stella, Amanda Weisensee, Daniel Hoffman, Alvin Vigil, Jessica Penner, Eloy Padilla, Nadine Odell, Jennifer Romero, Pennie Haller, Armando Saucedo, Jeffery Pieper, Carmona Family, Leo Millburg, Chuck Blackwelder, Tina Trujillo

For the Soul: Judith Esser, Sherri Picciano, Neil Wahlert, Pressie Trujillo Martinez

Divine Mercy Novena Schedule
April 6- Saturday - before Mass
Divine Mercy Sunday - April 7th
Pray Chaplet before Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Exposition / Adoration / Benediction

St. Mary's: April 6th / 7th
First weekend of the month
Saturday 4:30 p.m. - 4:50 p.m.
Sunday 9:30 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.

St. Mary's: April 13th/14th after Mass
/ Exposition + adoration + Holy Face Chaplet + procession by the Celebrant + Benediction /

St. John's: April 14th
Second Sunday of the month



St. John's April's Mass times:
April 7th, 14th, and 28th
8:00 a.m. - Mass followed with video

Confirmation and First Communion
Sunday, April 21st at Noon

Please keep in your prayers children and their families preparing to receive the Sacraments of Confession, Communion, and Confirmation.



St. Mary's
Confirmation and First Communion
Friday, May 3 at 6:00 p.m.



April 14th
Enjoy coffee & donut Sunday!
In the Parish Hall after Mass.

National March for Life hosting state march **Friday, April 12th** in Denver. Begins with a 10:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral.

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Dear Padre,

What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

Pope John Paul II declared Sr. Faustina Kowalska a saint of the Church on April 30, 2000, and in a decree dated May 23, 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stated that “throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that [we] will experience in the years to come.”

Saint Faustina was born in 1905 and spent most of her life in Poland, in the Congregation of the Virgin Mary of Mercy. She experienced an extraordinary union with God. She received exceptional graces, revelations, visions, hidden stigmata, the ability to read souls, and the gift of prophecy.

One of the images that was revealed to Faustina was that of the merciful Jesus, touching his Sacred Heart, from which beams of red and white light came forth. This image and her devotion to the divine mercies gathered thousands of supporters throughout the world. We still see the traditional image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in many of our churches today. In some churches, we might see the newer image, inspired by the saint. Saint Faustina Kowalska died in 1938 at the age of thirty-three, leaving an impressive mystical legacy. She is a disciple of God’s divine mercy for the twenty-first century. ●

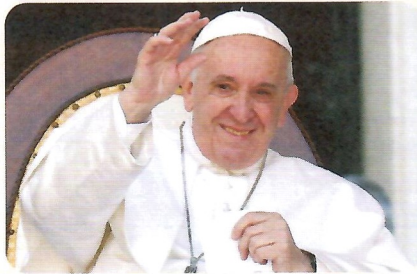


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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 8	April 9	April 10	April 11	April 12	April 13	April 14
<i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>
Is 7:10–14; 8:10 Heb 10:4–10 Lk 1:26–38	Acts 4:32–37 Jn 3:7b–15	Acts 5:17–26 Jn 3:16–21	Acts 5:27–33 Jn 3:31–36	Acts 5:34–42 Jn 6:1–15	Acts 6:1–7 Jn 6:16–21	Acts 3:13–15, 17–19 1 Jn 2:1–5a Lk 24:35–48



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The story of Thomas is in fact the story of every believer. There are times of difficulty when life seems to belie faith, moments of crisis when we need to touch and see. Like Thomas, it is precisely in those moments that we rediscover the heart of Christ, the Lord’s mercy.

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