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DOUBT NO MORE

By Michael Pirri

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe" (John 20.29) Thomas is pointed out to us in today's Gospel not because his doubt is skepticism, but because his belief is faith. We should believe with the same certainty as Thomas. We cannot see Christ, or feel his wounds, as Thomas did. We can, however, see Him present in those around us.

Since 2000, the Catholic Church has observed the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday; the feast day is associated with the apparitions of Jesus to Saint Faustina in the early 20th century. Saint Faustina was able to see Christ, and shared in what she writes in her diary, as *'God's loving mercy'* for all people, and especially for sinners. St. John Paul II speaking about the feast day remarked: *"Jesus said to St. Faustina one day: "Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy". Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity."*

Although we cannot see Christ, we can make Him present to others. Christ outlines what we now refer to as the Corporal Works of Mercy (serving other's bodily needs): *"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."* **(Matthew 25.35-36)**

This Divine Mercy Sunday, let us renew our Baptismal call to follow Christ; being of service unto others, may we also be of service to Christ.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

ACTS 5.12-16

PSALM 118

REVELATION 1.9-11A, 12-13, 17-19

JOHN 20.19-31

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HARPSICHORD RECITAL

MONDAY, MAY 6, 7:30PM

Parishioner and first year Master of Music student Adrian Ross gives a harpsichord recital of music by Louis Couperin (Suite en la mineur) François Couperin (excerpts from Huitième Ordre), J. S. Bach (Partita I), and John Bull (In Nomine I). Free admission.

For more information, please contact John Paul Farahat (416) 926-1300 x.3435 or johnpaul.farahat@utoronto.ca

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**Next Sunday, May 5 is ShareLife Sunday.
Thank you for your generosity.**

LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Please note that the Eastern Liturgy, which usually takes place on the first Sunday of the month, has been moved to the second Sunday of the month for May. The Liturgy begins at 2:00PM in the Sanctuary.

If you are interested in attending one of these services, or finding out more about the Oriental Eastern Catholic Church, please contact the parish office.

FAMILY COFFEE HOUR

Families with young children are invited to a special coffee hour following the **9:00AM Mass on Sunday, May 5**. An opportunity to meet other families in our community and for the children to undertake a catechetical activity.

JOHN FORD FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

May 4/5 is the next John Ford First Sunday Food Drive. Although all donations are accepted, please note we cannot accept items which are opened or not in their original packaging. We are in most in need of:

- Vegetable Oil
- Vinegar
- Granola Bars
- Cookies
- Family-sized Juices
- Canned Salmon & Tuna
- Cream of Chicken, Cream of Mushroom Soups
- Jam
- Sugar
- Cake Mix
- Cake Frosting
- Mayonnaise
- Mustard
- Rice

If you are able and willing to volunteer in the outreach ministries, please contact Michael at michael.pirri@utoronto.ca or (416) 926-1300 x.3210

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, April 21, 2019 \$11,127.45



MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL 28TH – MAY 4TH

SUNDAY

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00am Mr. and Mrs. Tong (liv.)

10:30am *Pro Populo*

12:00pm Myriam and Paolo Scoppio (+,+)

4:30pm Anne and Kevin Dowling (+,+)

MONDAY

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

7:30am

12:10pm Fr. Wilfred Janisse (liv.)

TUESDAY

7:30am

12:10pm Gerry Favila Jr. (+)

WEDNESDAY

7:30am The Thalheimer Family

12:10pm Marjorie Flood (+)

THURSDAY

ST. ATHANASIUS

7:30am

12:10pm Tamara Tumidajski (+)

FRIDAY

ST. PHILIP AND JAMES

7:30am

12:10pm *Vocations*

SATURDAY

5:00pm Caterina Ciavarella (+)


PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, *Lucy Rietveld Bowers, Mary O'Brien, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Roberto Martello, Filomena Larocca, Joseph Troncone, Rebecca Beaton, Gemma Ciavarella, Gordon Walsh, Rita Moran, Paul O'Brien, Barbara Boyle, Maria Teresa Blackwell, Margaret Mary McKenzie, Jose Gaitero, Shane Carroll, Romulus DeMello, Neil McCormack, Alexander Wu, Desmond Brownlee, Emilia Perejmybida, Helen Tilston, Marywynne Parke, and Jasper David-Fuchs.*

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