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Sacraments/Services

Reconciliation ~ 15 Minutes Before Masses

Baptism ~ Parent instruction required (Recommended before birth)

Marriage ~ Contact us at least 6 months, prior to the date.

Religious Ed Classes ~ Sept. - May on Sunday at 9:00 AM

Ministry of Care ~ Bring communion, visit homes, hospitals, or nursing facilities.

Bible Study ~ Sept. - May on Sundays at 9:00 AM

PLEASE inform the office if your personal data changes
(Address, phone, status, etc.)

To register at Christ the King church,
please fill out the blue or yellow registration sheet found in the Narthex.

Office hours: Tuesday 8-4 and Wednesday 8-4

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday at noon Summer Food Pantry hours-Mondays from 11-2

The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities: local law enforcement Sheriff: (270) 237-3210 or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877- KYSAFE1; 1-877-597-2331). To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church, call Scott Ingram, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) at 270-852-8380 or Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (Spanish) at 270-880-8360. You may also visit the Office of Safe Environment (owensborodiocese.org/safe) for mor information. To make a report of sexual abuse of a minor and related misconduct by bishops, go to ReportBishopAbuse.org or call 1-800-276-1562

Christ the King Catholic Church

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April 16, 2023

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy) (A)

Acts 2:42-47 / 1 Peter 1:3-9 / John 20:19-31



The Gift of Doubts

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When people tell me they have doubts about their faith, I usually tell them that doubts can be a good thing. "Reflect on your doubts," I say. So very often the doubts bring someone to deeper faith and understanding. When people say they're not sure they believe in God anymore, often what they mean is that they don't believe in a particular idea of God, like the bearded old man in the sky or a God who "allows" children to die of cancer and "permits" wars that slaughter people.

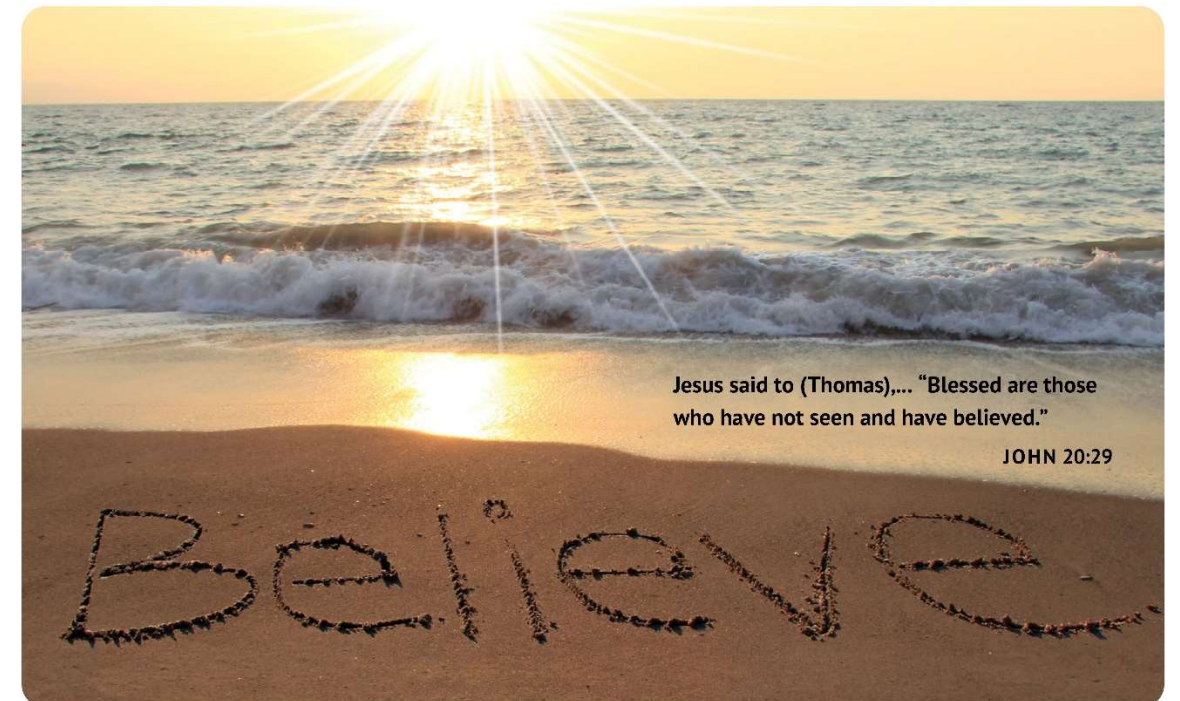
What such doubts ask us to do is to rethink our understanding of who God is. Tossing out our old idea of God does not mean there is no God. It simply means we had a faulty or immature notion of God. It may take some time to rethink who God is, but if we stay with it, do some reading, ask some questions, and pray over it, we

may come to a deeper and richer understanding of God. In short, because I don't understand how something can be does not mean that that something—or someone—is not true or real.

In this week's Gospel, Thomas, who was not with the community when Jesus appeared, later could not believe that the Jesus he had known was alive. He doubted. Yet when he was with the community the following week, he discovered that the risen Lord was indeed real but in an entirely new reality. It takes a community of faith to become a believer. ●

Reflect

**How has your understanding of God
changed over the years?**



Jesus said to (Thomas),... "Blessed are those
who have not seen and have believed."

JOHN 20:29



Mass Schedule

Sundays at 11:00 am
Tuesdays at 5:00 pm
Wednesdays at 8:00 am

Lectors

Apr 23 Terri Anderson
Apr 30 Troy Anderson
May 7 Diane Beeckler



Attendance

April 9
130

July 2022- June 2023	Collection Last Week	Total Amount Collected to Last Sunday	Budget Needed to 04/12/2023
Regular Collection (including on-line)	1,624.00	47,379.40	50,994.98
Donations/Gifts	362.00	3,446.85	2,350.00
Building Fund (Including on-line)	10.00	12,303.00	14,491.66
Miscellaneous	20.00	23,069.02	5,405.02
Total Income Collected	2,016.00	86,198.27	73,241.66
Diocesan Collection	419.20	2,218.20	0

They devoted themselves to the teachings of the Apostles, the communal life, the breaking of bread and prayer (Acts 2:42). During the National Eucharistic Revival our parish will be hosting Acts 2:42 Groups. These small groups will meet once a month from fall to spring. These small faith-sharing groups will share a time of prayers and fellowship as they learn and reflect on a message from Bishop Medley. Be sure to check out the flier located in the vestibule and to learn more contact Fr. Tom Buckman. Parish coordinator.

Welcome to new member Hunter Bolin who celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil, St. Mary on April 8.

Prayer for our Family

Blessed are you, loving Father, Ruler of the universe: You have given us Your Son as Your Leader and have made us temples of Your Holy Spirit. Fill our family with Your light and peace. Have mercy on all who suffer. And bring us to everlasting joy with You. Father, We bless Your Name for ever and ever. Amen



St. Bernadette (7 January 1844 – 16 April 1879), also known as **Bernadette of Lourdes**, was the firstborn daughter of a miller from France, and is best known for experiencing apparitions of a "young lady" who asked for a chapel to be built at the nearby cave-grotto. These apparitions occurred between 11 February and 16 July 1858, and the woman who appeared to her identified herself as the "Immaculate Conception".

After a canonical investigation, Bernadette Soubirous's reports were eventually declared "worthy of belief" on 18 February 1862, and the Marian apparition became known as Our Lady of Lourdes. In 1866, Soubirous joined the Sisters of Charity of Nevers at their convent in Nevers where she spent the last years of her life. Her body has remained internally incorrupt.^[2] The grotto where the apparitions occurred later went on to become a major pilgrimage site and Marian shrine known as the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes, attracting around five million pilgrims of all denominations each year.

Pope Pius XI beatified Bernadette Soubirous on 14 June 1925 and canonized her on 8 December 1933. Her feast day, initially specified as 18 February – the day Mary promised to make her happy, not in this life, but in the other – is now observed in most places on the date of her death, 16 April.^[3]

Dear Padre,

I am very curious why, after his resurrection, Jesus told Mary Magdalene not to touch him, but in the upper room, Thomas was encouraged to touch him.

Saint John tells us of this incident between Mary and the risen Jesus. There are scholars who say that immediately after Jesus spoke to Mary he ascended to heaven. His encounter with Thomas, then, would be after the ascension, and the feast of the Ascension we celebrate forty days after Easter is simply a termination of Jesus' earthly appearances.

There is another explanation to consider, offered by other Scripture scholars. The word Jesus uses to tell Mary Magdalene not to touch him is more like "cling" to him. She cannot *cling* to her old relationship with Jesus. Since his resurrection, a new relationship is necessary. Mary was looking for the Jesus she knew before the passion, not the Jesus of the resurrection. She must now come to know the risen Jesus.

Mary could not cling to Jesus because she had to see him in a new way. For Thomas, the situation is different. Jesus invites Thomas to place his hand on the wounds to prove that he is "real"—that he is really a new kind of being, a resurrected being. Thomas, in his way, also wants to cling to what he thought he knew about Jesus. Both he and Mary Magdalene were close to Jesus, but even so, there were things they still did not understand. Jesus always has the ability to surprise us. ●

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](https://dearpadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 17 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 4:23–31 Jn 3:1–8	April 18 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 4:32–37 Jn 3:7b–15	April 19 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 5:17–26 Jn 3:16–21	April 20 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 5:27–33 Jn 3:31–36	April 21 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 5:34–42 Jn 6:1–15	April 22 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 6:1–7 Jn 6:16–21	April 23 <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i> Acts 2:14, 22–28 1 Pt 1:17–21 Lk 24:13–35



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Don't be afraid of doubts, because they are not a sign of the lack of faith....On the contrary, doubts are "vitamins of faith": they help strengthen faith and make it more robust. They enable faith to grow, to become more conscious, free and mature. They make it more eager to set out, to persevere with humility, day after day.

MEETING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE, ATHENS, DECEMBER 6, 2021



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