

CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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Committed to living and proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ within the Catholic tradition, we are blessed to have as our patron saint someone who continues to call us to reach out to others in charity and compassion.

Church of

St Francis of Assisi

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Parish Center Hours

Mon-Fri: 8AM - 4PM

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday - Friday 7AM

School Mass:

Tuesday 9:30AM

Weekend Mass:

Saturday 4:30PM
Sunday 8AM, 10AM

In Spanish:

Thursday 7PM
Sunday 12PM

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Jueves 7PM
Domingo 12PM

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Rev. Luis Vargas



Thomas answered and said to him,
"My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him,
"Have you come to believe because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."
- John 20:28-29

A MESSAGE FROM FR JIM BERNING



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY. We have been so blessed throughout Holy Week and the Easter Triduum, the three days that are one, to have so many of you at our services and Masses. We are truly blessed and the Magnetism of Christ is certainly evident in the lives of so many of us. Let us keep inviting others to share in the glorious wounds of Christ that heal us with Divine Mercy. On this Octave Day of Easter, Alleluia! Alleluia!

THANK YOU! GRACIAS! We are very grateful to everyone for their generosity and participation in returning to Mass - as we celebrate Easter 2022. God is so good! The Lord is truly Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! The Easter Season continues until after Night Prayer on Pentecost Sunday, June 5th.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY. The Church of the Resurrection will be hosting a special celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday today with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions from 2PM-3:30PM, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3PM in the church. "Jesus I trust in you."

KC TOOTSIE ROLLS DRIVE. This weekend, the Knights of Columbus will be selling Tootsie Rolls for the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities. Please be as generous as possible!

CONFIRMATION. We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, April 29 at 7PM here at St. Francis of Assisi Parish with Bishop Quinn. St. Pius X will again join us for this Mass. Confirmation Rehearsal will be here on Wednesday, April 27 at 7PM. Confessions will be offered to everyone. We congratulate our candidates and look forward to their ongoing participation and faith with us in our parish. Thanks to all who were a part of their formation and preparation. "Come Holy Spirit!"

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. The First Holy Communion Retreat will be on Saturday, April 30. We welcome 58 children and youth to this day - an awesome number for us this year at St. Francis of Assisi Parish! We look forward to the celebration of the Sacrament of First Communion on May 7/8.

PARISH ENDOWMENT. Next weekend, St Francis of Assisi Parish Endowment Board members will speak about our parish endowment. Our Endowment Fund began in 1982 with a gift of \$80,000. Thanks to parishioner participation and bequests, the current value is approximately \$1.4 million. A gift to our Endowment Fund is creating a legacy that can last for years to come!

KC PANCAKE BREAKFAST: MAY 15. Correction! The St. Francis Knights of Columbus will host their Deluxe Pancake Breakfast in McCarthy Hall on Sunday, May 15. It was incorrectly published as May 5 in last week's bulletin. All the proceeds will benefit St. Francis of Assisi School!

CMA UPDATE. We are so grateful to the 103 parish families that have contributed **\$43,545** towards our 2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal goal of \$49,661. All monies reached over our goal will be returned to the parish for our designated building project - refinishing the pews, woodwork and cabinetry.

A Blessed Easter Season to all!

Fr. Jim C. Berning

WELCOME

Welcome to the Church of St. Francis of Assisi. Our church has helped to bring Jesus Christ to the city of Rochester since 1937. We seek to foster the spiritual growth of our parishioners through the celebration of the Sacraments, catechesis, community life, and personal prayer. Like our patron saint, we strive to rebuild the Church and to console the heart of Jesus by serving our neighbors in need.

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TIEMPO PASCUAL. El tiempo pascual comprende cincuenta días (en griego = "pentecostés", vividos y celebrados como un solo día: "los cincuenta días que median entre el domingo de la Resurrección hasta el domingo de Pentecostés se han de celebrar con alegría y júbilo, como si se tratara de un solo y único día festivo, como un gran domingo".

El tiempo pascual es el más fuerte de todo el año, que se inaugura en la Vigilia Pascual y se celebra durante siete semanas hasta Pentecostés. El origen de esta cincuentena se remonta a los orígenes del Año litúrgico. Dentro de la Cincuentena se celebra la Ascensión del Señor que pertenece al misterio de la Pascua del Señor. Y concluye todo con la donación del Espíritu en Pentecostés.

La unidad de la Cincuentena que da también subrayada por la presencia del Cirio Pascual encendido en todas las celebraciones, hasta el domingo de Pentecostés.

FIESTA DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA. 24 de Abril. Deseo que el primer domingo después de Pascua de Resurrección sea la Fiesta de la Misericordia (Diario, 299) – dijo el Señor Jesús a Sor Faustina. Él expresó este deseo hasta 14 veces indicando no sólo un lugar de la fiesta en el calendario litúrgico, sino también el objetivo de su creación, el modo de su preparación y celebración. La fiesta debe ser un día de adoración especial de Dios en el misterio de su Misericordia, que es la fuente y el motivo de todas las obras de Dios para el hombre, especialmente la obra de la redención. Es también – por voluntad de Dios - un día de gracia especial para todas las almas, y especialmente para los pecadores que están más necesitados de la Misericordia de Dios. La Fiesta – dijo Jesús – ha brotado de las entrañas de Mi Misericordia para el consuelo del mundo entero (Diario 1517).

Desde esa fecha, para ser exactos con la Eucaristía, recibida en esa fecha, está ligada la mayor promesa: el perdón total de las culpas y el castigo (Diario 300). Esta gracia es mucho mayor que la indulgencia plenaria, la cual consiste en la remisión de la pena temporal por los pecados cometidos, pero no es la remisión de los mismos pecados.

En nuestra Parroquia de San Francisco, Hoy tendremos la gran celebración de la Fiesta de la Divina Misericordia, empezaremos a las 2:30 pm. Tendremos exposición de Santísimo, confesiones y cantaremos la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia. Para que no tenga dificultad en ir y regresar a sus casas, los caballeros de Colon de nuestra comunidad hispana nos ofrecerán venta de tacos para recoger fondos para el arreglo y remodelación del confesionario, todos estamos invitados.

MASS INTENTIONS



For the Week of April 25, 2022

MON Apr 25		NO MASS
TUES Apr 26	7:00 AM	John & Louise Preuschl †
	* 9:30 AM	Shirley Leiferman †
WED Apr 27	7:00 AM	Mary Clark †
THU Apr 28	7:00 AM	Bunnie Powers †
	7:00 PM	Irma Alvarado †
FRI Apr 29	7:00 AM	Charles Duryea †
SAT Apr 30	8:00PM	Peter Ryant
SUN May 1	8:00 AM	Casper Schwalbe †
	10:00 AM	Lori Klein †
	** 12:00 PM	For the Parish

* School Mass ** Spanish Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

If you have a desire to remember someone who has passed away or simply in need of some extra prayers, Mass Intentions are available every day for our weekday Masses and on the weekends. You are welcome to stop by the Parish Office and schedule a Mass intention during normal office hours.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 24, 2022

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31
 Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/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
 Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 24 DE ABRIL DE 2022

Domingo: Hch 5, 12-16/Sal 117, 2-4. 13-15. 22-24 [1]/Ap 1, 9-11. 12-13. 17-19/Jn 20, 19-31
 Lunes: 1 Pe 5, 5-14/Sal 88, 2-3. 6-7. 16-17/Mc 16, 15-20
 Martes: Hch 4, 32-37/Sal 92, 1. 1-2. 5/Jn 3, 7-15
 Miércoles: Hch 5, 17-26/Sal 33, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/Jn 3, 16-21
 Jueves: Hch 5, 27-33/Sal 33, 2 y 9. 17-18. 19-20/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 siguiente: Hch 5, 27-32. 40-41/Sal 29, 2. 4. 5-6. 11-12. 13 [2]/Ap 5, 11-14/Jn 21, 1-19 o 21, 1-14

CATHOLIC EDUCATION



RCS SUMMER CARE PROGRAM.

Registration for our Summer Care program for ages 3-12 is open! The registration link can be found on the RCS website. Summer Care will be held at Holy Spirit Catholic School. For families interested in Summer tutoring and Summer

Academy, registration will open at a later date.

THE NEST PRESCHOOL AT RCS IS EXPANDING IN 2022-

2023! The Nest preschool is growing and will feature expanded offerings including programs at all five of our convenient RCS locations for the fall of 2022. New offerings include an all-day Pre-Kindergarten (Age 4) program at our St. Francis of Assisi and Lourdes High School campuses. In addition, we have added a Pre-school (Age 3) classroom at the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Middle School, and opened an Early Preschool (Age 2) program at Holy Spirit Catholic School! Our classrooms are filling - learn more and register today by visiting rcsmn.org/thenest



Spring Showcase of Schools

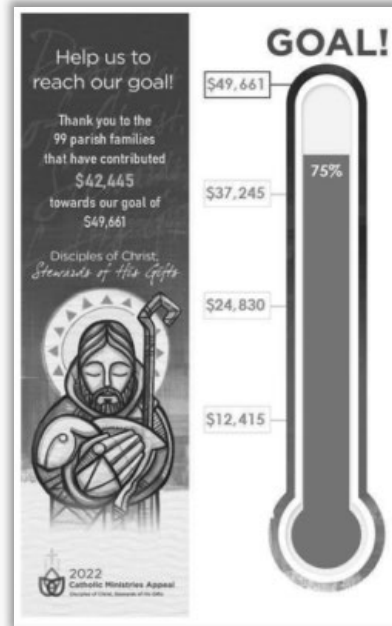
WELCOME!

Join us at our Preschool - Grade 12 Spring Showcase of Schools! We welcome families to explore Rochester Catholic Schools during our showcase week. Meet with our building principals, educators, and admissions team as you walk and talk.

If you would like to schedule a different tour time, or set up a shadow day, please call our admissions office at 507-424-1817 and we would be happy to meet with you on a different date.

To apply for the 2022-2023 school year, please visit rcsmn.org/admissions.

2022 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL.

As Catholics, we are blessed to be strengthened and united by Christ in the Eucharist and sent forth to bring the peace and joy of our Triune God to all those we encounter. As individual members of the Body of Christ, we all possess different gifts and talents for furthering the ministry of Christ and His Church. During this year, may we all strive to be Disciples of Christ, Stewards of His Gifts throughout

the Catholic community, using our personal gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Please support the 2022 CMA so that we may be Disciples of Christ, Stewards of His Gifts. Every gift makes a difference! To give: www.catholicfsmn.org



FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY
SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022
Starts 12:45PM | Fr Zenk Hall
Video on Life of St Faustina
All are welcome!

2PM | Move to the Church
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Benediction
Rosary | Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Sacrament of Reconciliation Ends at 4PM

Church of the Resurrection
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"Jesus I trust in you."

RCIA UPDATE. Last Saturday, during the Easter Vigil, 10 adults and 3 children were brought into the church. It was such a joy to witness their excitement at becoming Catholic. They were truly a beacon of Christ to everyone who was at that Mass. We already have 5 people meeting regularly, via RCIA, to become Catholic in the future. Please encourage anyone you know, who may be interested in becoming Catholic to call the parish office. Last week, a young woman named Michelle called about completing her initiation into the Church.

CONFIRMATION. Next Friday, April 29 at 7PM, Saint Francis will host Bishop Quinn as he comes to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our students. Please feel free to join us for this celebration, if you are available. The Confirmation Mass is such a beautiful celebration. We will have 14 students confirmed and St Pius will have 5 students joining us. These wonderful young women and men have been preparing for two years for this special Sacrament. We will be highlighting their names in next weekends bulletin.

SUMMER IS COMING SOON! Now is the time to register your children for Catholic summer offerings:

- **TOTUS TUUS: July 10-15.** The day program is for elementary students and the evening program is for middle and high school students. You can register via our website under the YOUTH tab.
- **CAMP SUMMIT: August 1-4.** This Catholic camp is for middle school youth. It is organized by the Diocese of Winona and is held at Eagle Bluff in Lanesboro. St Francis only has a few spots remaining. Please call Mark at the Church office if you have a child interested in attending.

- Mark (youthminister@stfrancis-church.org)



Some of the students and adults who are participating in our summer Mission Trip put their service heart to work at St Francis by deep cleaning the Church for Easter on Saturday, April 9 as a way of saying "thank you" to the parish for their prayers and financial support as they prepare for this summer's trip.

SHARE YOUR GIFT OF SINGING! Alleluia! How good to sing praise to our God; how pleasant to give fitting praise...Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; with the lyre make music to our God - Psalm 147

St. Augustine said that when we sing, we pray twice. If you are interested in sharing your gift by singing at St. Francis, please join us as we start up our choir for the 10am Mass once a month during this Easter season. "The dignity and lofty purpose of sacred music consist in the fact that its lovely melodies and splendor beautify and embellish the voices of the priest who offers Mass and of the Christian people who praise the Sovereign God. Its special power and excellence should lift up to God the minds of the faithful who are present. It should make the liturgical prayers of the Christian community more alive and fervent so that everyone can praise and beseech the Triune God more powerfully, more intently and more effectively.

The power of sacred music increases the honor given to God by the Church in union with Christ, its Head. Sacred music likewise helps to increase the fruits which the faithful, moved by the sacred harmonies, derive from the holy liturgy. These fruits, as daily experience and many ancient and modern literary sources show, manifest themselves in a life and conduct worthy of a Christian." - Pope Pius XII

May all our voices join together to proclaim the goodness of the Lord!

- Hope (liffranc@stfrancis-church.org)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for April 30 - May 1:

	4:30PM SATURDAY	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY
Altar Servers	Jack Bowron [open]	Lalie Scaccio Victoria Scaccio	William Cleveland Regan Stellpflug
Reader	Maureen Jones Sahs	Steve Baule	Bill Klein
Hospitality Minister	Natalie Norris John Sibley	Pat Stern [open]	Bill Cleveland Becky Cleveland
Ministers of Holy Communion	Judy Syring	John Winkels	Robin Erickson



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE. This weekend, we will have the annual Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive for the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities. The KC's

will be present at our doorways next weekend. Please be as generous as possible!



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST RETURNS! St. Francis' Knights of Columbus will again host their Deluxe Pancake Breakfast in McCarthy Hall on **Sunday, May 15.** Please mark your calendars and attend this first KC Pancake breakfast to be held since the beginning of the pandemic. Proceeds will benefit

St. Francis of Assisi School.



UKRAINE SOLIDARITY FUND.

Join us today in supporting Ukraine Solidarity Fund!

The international K of C community includes more than 1,800 members in Ukraine who, like their fellow citizens, are facing an urgent need for temporary shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing and pastoral support. Inspired by our Order's first principle, Char-

ity, please join us in praying for peace and consider a donation to our Ukraine Solidarity Fund.

Your gift today will provide temporary shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing, communications and religious supplies. These items will all be immediately distributed, and 100% of your gift will go directly to these displaced people.



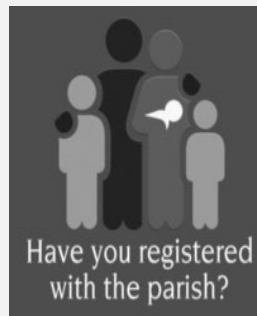
Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute to this effort. Your gift of any amount will go a long way in helping our brothers and sisters. Together, we can bring Christ's healing love to a wounded world.

<https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/donate/ukraine.html>

HOLY LAND TRIP WITH FR. LUIS. Join us for a Bilingual Holy Land Trip with Fr. Luis Vargas from August 22 to August 31, 2022. There are still a few spots available! Enrollment is due by May 15th. Interested? Contact Cristina Hennessey at 507-250-5394 for information!

BECKLEY'S "SHRED" EVENT TO SUPPORT LOCAL NON-PROFITS. Beckley's Office Products is holding a special "SHREDDING" Event on Wednesday, May 18 and Thursday, May 19 from 8AM to 4PM. Bring your boxes of documents and Beckley's will shred them for \$12/box - and \$6 per box will be donated to our parish. Cash and check only! Beckley's Office Products is located at 125 Woodlake Drive SE, Rochester, MN. Call 507-282-8659 with questions.

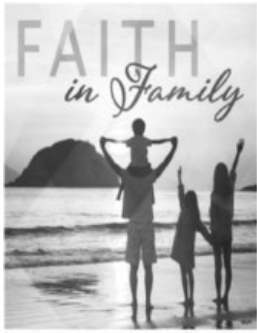
ROCHESTER ROSARY RALLIES. Rosary Rallies for our country, conversion, and peace will resume on Sunday, May 1 at 3PM near the Rochester Government Center at the corner of 4th Street SE and 3rd Avenue SE. They last 35 minutes and include the Patriotic Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Families are welcome. Questions: Contact Janela Hubka at daveandjanela@gmail.com or 507-282-6090. Please join us!



WHY REGISTER IN A PARISH?

A Catholic parish is where we publicly express our faith, joining together with others to give witness of our communion with God and with one another. There are many reasons to register:

- A sense of belonging and identity in a parish community.
- In times of joy and in times of struggle, it is comforting to have the support of a faith family.
- It is a commitment to practice your faith.
- Gives a chance for you and your family to be counted and heard in the parish.
- Being included in the demographics of the parish helps in the planning for the needs of the parish.
- Gives the parish a way to connect with you.
- In order to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, or Holy Matrimony, you will need to be a registered member.
- For religious education instruction and Sacramental preparation, the families of those attending must also be registered parishioners.
- Active, participating parishioners are provided a parish grant if you have children who plan to attend our Catholic schools.



FAMILY CONNECTION.

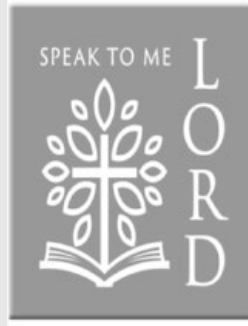
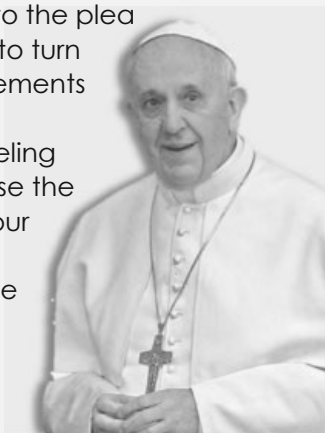
Our family life would no doubt be enhanced if we were able to transform Jesus' greeting into a central feature in our family's interactions. After his Resurrection, "Peace be with you" is the first thing that Jesus says to his disciples. This could be our daily family prayer for one another. In today's

Gospel, we also hear that Jesus next breathed on his disciples and gave them the gift of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, each of us has received the gift of the Holy Spirit as well as the forgiveness of sins. Peace is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. Our Baptism, then, invites us to share in the peace that Christ gave to his disciples and commissions us to share that peace of Christ by generously forgiving others as Jesus taught.

As you gather as a family, think about gifts that you might receive together such as a coloring book and crayons, a book and bookmark, or an electronic item and batteries. Observe that Jesus also paired two gifts together in today's Gospel. Read aloud this Sunday's Gospel, John 20:19-31. Discuss the two gifts Jesus gave to his disciples: peace and the Holy Spirit. Ask: What were the disciples to do with these gifts? (They were sent as Jesus was sent by the Father to forgive sins.) Recall that we have each received Jesus' gift of the Holy Spirit at our Baptism and that peace is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. Observe that since we also have received these gifts from Christ, we are also sent to be people who forgive others as Jesus taught. Determine an action that your family can do to share peace and forgiveness with one another. Pray together the Prayer to the Holy Spirit or the Peace Prayer of St. Francis.

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INVOCATION OF PEACE. God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness. . . Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that. . . our way of life will always be that of:
Shalom, Peace, Salaam!
Amen.



Today's reading, from the Gospel of John, is proclaimed on the second Sunday of Easter in each of the three Sunday Lectionary cycles. This should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. We do not know exactly what this form was like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize the figure standing before her until Jesus spoke her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking on the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected body, Jesus was no longer bound by space; he appeared to the disciples in spite of the locked door. And yet, on this resurrected body, the disciples could still observe the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun. As Jesus was sent by God, so too does Jesus send his disciples. This continuity with Jesus' own mission is an essential element of the Church. Jesus grants the means to accomplish this mission when he gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit binds us together as a community of faith and strengthens us to bear witness to Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness and reconciliation are gifts to us from Jesus. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share these with others. This is another essential aspect of what it means to be Christ's Church. The Church continues Jesus' ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed.

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