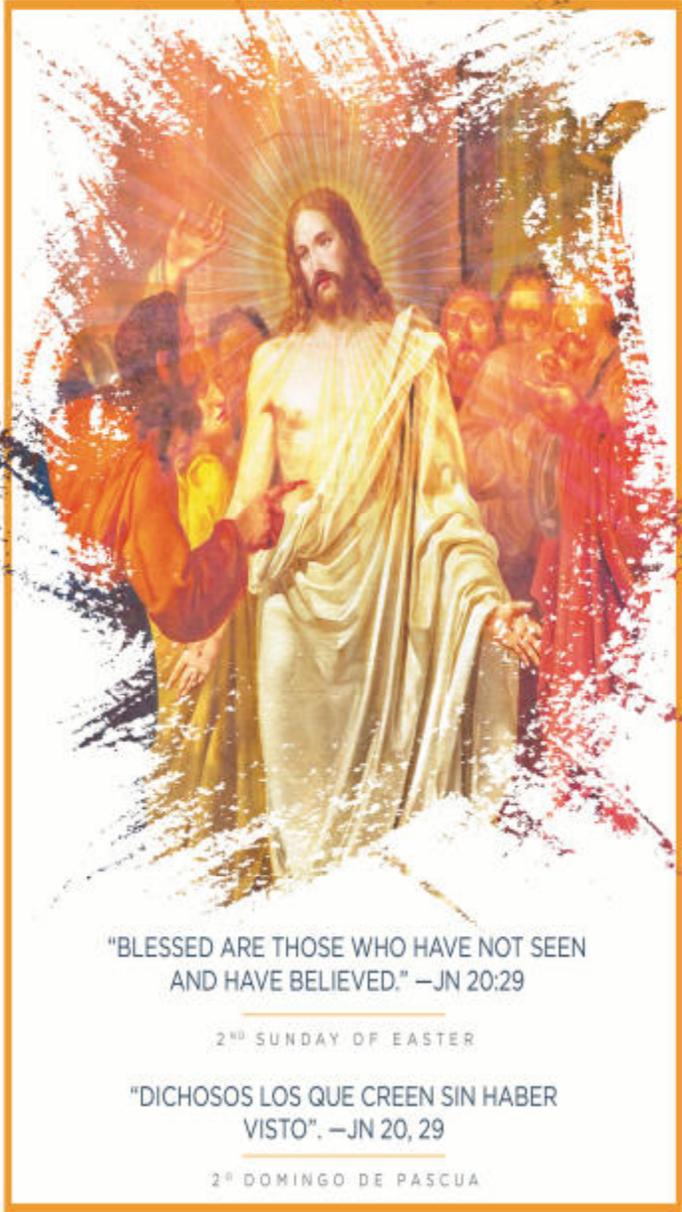


# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

512 N. 93rd Avenue, Tolleson, Arizona 85353



## Sunday Mass Times/Misas Dominicales

Sunday	8:00 a.m. (Español)
Sunday	10:00 a.m. (English)
Sunday	12:00 p.m. (Español)

## Weekday Masses at 8:30 a.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

## Devotions to the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday	8:00 a.m. — Holy Hour
Friday	6:00 p.m. — Adoration

## Holy Days of Obligation

Mass times will be announced in bulletin

## Confessions

Saturday, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. or by appointment

## Marriage

Register at least 9 months in advance to begin Marriage Preparation.

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**April 11, 2021; Second Sunday of Easter**

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**11 de Abril, 2021; Segundo Domingo de Pascua**

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

**"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope,"** Pope Francis continues. God's all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. **Exhale peace.**



**Mass Intentions**  
**Intenciones de la Misa**

**April 12, 2021 — April 18, 2021**

**Monday, April 12**

8:30 am Genesis Ramirez, birthday

**Tuesday, April 13, St. Martin I**

8:30 am Carlos Nevarez (+)

**Wednesday, April 14**

8:30 am Ricardo Antillon, birthday

**Thursday, April 15**

8:00 am Holy Hour

**Friday, April 16**

8:30 am Joe y Mary Rivera (+)

**Saturday, April 17**

**NO MASS**

**Sunday, April 18**

8:00 am Gilberto y Salvador Villegas (+)

10:00 am Lupe Favela (+)

12:00 pm Aurora Nevarez (+)

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

**Eye Has Not Seen**

They say seeing is believing. But if you've ever ordered 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.



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**El Ojo No Ha Visto**

Dicen que ver para creer. Pero si alguna vez has ordenado un par de pantalones en línea, sabes que no siempre es así. Independientemente de lo que nos prometan las fotos, lo que parecía un tono azul marino perfectamente agradable en las pantallas de nuestras computadoras llega por correo como un tono inusual de azul verde que solo aparece en la caja gigante de crayones de Crayola.

El apóstol Tomás, que no se atrevía a aceptar que Jesús había resucitado de entre los muertos sin verlo, es una figura tan absolutamente identificable en los Evangelios. Tomás todavía se está recuperando de la pérdida, no solo de su buen amigo, sino también de su Señor, que fue hecho prisionero y crucificado ante sus ojos. Tomás se está protegiendo. No está creyendo el anuncio emocionado de los demás. Él será el único juez de lo que es real y lo que es ficción.

¿Alguno de nosotros sería diferente? Todos hemos tenido esos pensamientos. ¿Podemos creerlo todo - Jesús, la historia de la salvación, la Eucaristía - cuando no lo hemos visto con nuestros propios ojos?

Ahí es cuando debemos recordar que ese par de ojos estaban absolutamente seguros de que habían pedido un par de pantalones azul marino.

Es fácil para nosotros sentarnos y acariciarnos la barbilla para juzgar a Tomás, "**¿no creíste en el testimonio de tus amigos!**" Pero ¿nosotros aceptamos el testimonio de nuestros amigos? ¿Los santos, los papas, los mismos padres de la Iglesia?

A veces, las cosas que son más dignas de ser creídas no se pueden ver a simple vista.

**Readings for the Week**

**Sunday:** Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3  
**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8  
**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15  
**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21  
**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36  
**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15  
**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

**Las Lecturas de la Semana**

**Domingo:** Hch 4, 32-35/Sal 117, 2-4. 13-15. 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5, 1-6/Jn 20, 19-3  
**Lunes:** Hch 4, 23-31/Sal 2, 1-3. 4-7. 7-9 [cfr. 11]/Jn 3, 1-8  
**Martes:** Hch 4, 32-37/Sal 92, 1. 1-2. 5 [1]/Jn 3, 7-15  
**Miércoles:** Hch 5, 17-26/Sal 36, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9 [7]/Jn 3, 16-21  
**Jueves:** Hch 5, 27-33/Sal 34, 2 y 9. 17-18. 19-20 [7]/Jn 3, 31-36  
**Viernes:** Hch 5, 34-42/Sal 27, 1. 4. 13-14 [cfr. 4]/Jn 6, 1-15  
**Sábado:** Hch 6, 1-7/Sal 32, 1-2. 4-5. 18-19 [22]/Jn 6, 16-21  
**Domingo siguiente:** Hch 3, 13-15. 17-19/Sal 4, 2. 4. 7-8. 9 [7]/1 Jn 2, 1-5/Lc 24, 35-48

**Sharing the Gospel**

In today's Gospel, Thomas had a hard time believing his friends. Jesus was alive! They saw Jesus! Well, Thomas could not believe it. He needed proof. Thomas wanted to see Jesus for himself. Thomas wanted to touch Jesus' scars on his hands and his side. Once Thomas did that, then he would believe. You may have doubting friends like Thomas. Be patient with them. Do not get angry with them. Love them instead, and gently tell the truth about Jesus. Ask Jesus to open their hearts, so they can believe in him, too.

**Prayer**

God, help me to be patient with my doubting friends. Show them that Jesus is their savior, too.

**Something to Draw**

Draw a picture of yourself playing with a friend who does not believe in Jesus.

**Mission for the Week**

Talk to God about a friend who does not believe in Jesus. Ask God to give you the right words to say about Jesus. Then ask God to help you be patient.

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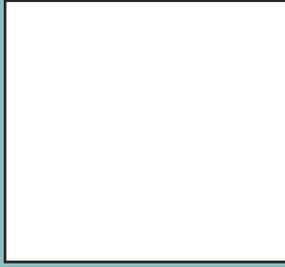
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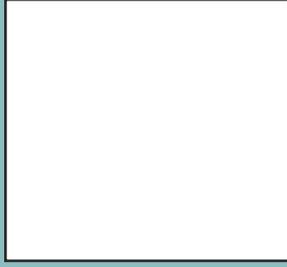
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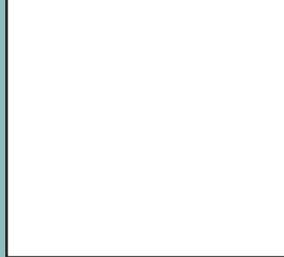
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