



SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY

Roman Catholic Church

*“He said to them again,
‘Peace be with you. As the
Father has sent me,
so I send you.’”*

-John 20:21

April 11, 2021
Divine Mercy Sunday

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

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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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2021

Due to early publishing deadlines, financial information from The weekend of Easter will be published in the April 18 bulletin.

2021 CSA Goal:	\$244,567
Pledges:	\$175,539
Cash Receipts as of 4/4/2021:	\$106,132
Participating Families:	347

Electronic Giving

Our parish relies on your consistent financial support to better plan for yearly expenses. There are currently three forms of electronic giving to create easy opportunities for regular giving:

1. Give online by going to our website and clicking on the "Online Giving" link on our homepage.
2. Give via the GivePlus Church App by going to your App Store and downloading the free app.
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We thank you in advance for your consistent support.

Gratitude and Hope: Stewardship of the Easter Experience

Exercising Christian stewardship has been demanding the last several months as the COVID-19 pandemic turned our world upside down. We were challenged in our ability to be present to others and express gratefulness for the abundance of God's gifts. Yet, with Easter, there is a restored sense of gratitude and hope. Easter blessings!

We can be grateful for the myriad acts of kindness and immense generosity we witnessed. Kindness, as Saint Paul suggested, gives us hope in the resilience of the human spirit. Embracing hope allows us to emulate the kindness of those who are a light in these dark times.

Let us be grateful for God's loving presence in our struggle to overcome any anxieties we may have felt about our basic needs being met. Let us be agents of hope for those who continue to suffer and fear they will not be able to sustain themselves or their families.

Let us be grateful for all those who cared for us, made our lives a little more bearable and served us in so many ways whether they were healthcare professionals; provided for our basic needs including safety, environmental and maintenance services; were part of the supply and distribution chains; all those who continued to go to work at the risk of their own lives. May God keep them safe and may we find creative ways to lift them up.

May we be grateful for those who used their gifts to discover, create and distribute the vaccines needed to give us hope during this pandemic. May God continue to inspire us to find safe ways to eradicate this disease. Let us pray in gratitude for our parish communities that continue to keep us close to the Lord and each other, even if only virtually. May we bring hope and Christ's love to those who are isolated or feel alienated from our worshipping communities.

Let us be grateful for the rediscovery of simple things during this time of uncertainty: for quiet, sacred spaces, better conversations with loved ones or new habits that brought balance to our lives. May we all find hope in virtues we find in nature, good books, art and music or prayer.

Let us remember with gratitude our experience of the cross of Jesus Christ, and the power of that cross to transform our daily lives. Good stewards recognize the hope Christ brings through the gift of his cross. Stewards profess the cross is their only hope. As we begin the Easter season, let us look back with gratitude and forward with hope. May we continue to experience the joy of new life in the risen Lord. Alleluia! He is risen!

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Scripture Readings

Today, Sunday

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35; Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

This Week

Monday: Acts of the Apostles 4:23-31; Psalms 2:1-9; John 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts of the Apostles 4:32-37; Psalms 93:1-2, 5; John 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts of the Apostles 5:17-26; Psalms 34:2-9; John 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts of the Apostles 5:27-33; Psalms 34:2, 9, 17-20; John 3:31-36

Friday: Acts of the Apostles 5:34-42; Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14; John 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7; Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; John 6:16-21

Next Sunday

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19; Psalms 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48

Weekly Gospel Reflection for Families

The Good News

Three times in this Gospel passage Jesus says to his disciples, "Peace be with you." The first time, he appears to the disciples as they huddle behind locked doors for fear of the Jews. The second time, he breathes upon them the Holy Spirit and gives them the power to forgive sins. The third time, Jesus again appears to the disciples as they are gathered behind locked doors. "Peace be with you," he says to them.

Reflect

One of the best-loved Catholic prayers is the Prayer of Saint Francis. It begins with the familiar words, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace." As you think about your role in the workplace, in your community, and most especially in your home, where are your opportunities to be an instrument of Christ's peace? Can you offer a word of peace and healing to an upset child, an angry coworker, or a neighbor who has just received difficult news? Can you help end an argument or disagreement with a peaceful word or with a peaceful presence? As you go about your daily work and the routine of family life, echo Jesus' words in prayer: "Peace be with you." And join Saint Francis in praying, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace."

Share

Today's Gospel reading reminds us that Christ gave and continues to give the power to forgive sins to the Church through the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. If your family was not able to celebrate this Sacrament during the season of Lent, today—the Second Sunday of Easter and the Sunday of Divine Mercy—is a wonderful day to celebrate it. Many churches make the Sacrament available on this special Sunday of the Easter season.

Talk

In place of questions, invite family members to quiet themselves. Then ask them slowly to repeat Jesus' words, "Peace be with you," several times, aloud and together. Ask family members to think of those to whom they want to offer Christ's gift of peace. They may hold those names quietly in their hearts or speak them aloud. After a few moments, say together, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace." Conclude by offering spontaneous prayers for peace in the world, in the Church, in your community, and in your family.



PEACE
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Updated Mass Information



We are open in a **limited capacity**. Currently, we are able to take **264 people per Mass**. Our Mass Schedule is Monday-Friday (8:00 AM), Tuesday evening (6:00 PM), Saturday (8:00 AM, 4:30 PM), and Sunday (8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, 2:00 PM).

We are also able to offer Confession by appointment. **Reservations are required for all Masses. To make a reservation for Mass, you can sign-up online using the links on our homepage (www.stjosephhom.org) or call the parish office during business hours.** Per Diocesan policy, we are required to lock the doors once Mass begins. We ask that those with reservations arrive 25-30 minutes early so that everyone can be well-checked and seated on time. Thank you for your help.

Our parish office hours have changed. This week the parish office is open Monday - Friday from 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM, and Sundays from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. We will no longer be open on Saturdays. During this time the church is not open for prayer outside of the Mass. Masks must be worn at all times while on our property. Everyone is required to pass a temperature check. We look forward to welcoming you!



Young Adult Group for 18-35

If you are a Young Adult between the ages of 18-35 and would like to grow in your Catholic faith, we invite you to come and join us for our Young Adult group at SJHOM! The group meets in the parish hall on Friday evenings from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM to explore our Catholic faith in community. Space is limited and reservations are required. Please contact Tiffany Madsen in the parish office to sign up or for more information at 702.363.1902 or tmadsen@stjosephhom.org.

Middle School Faith Sharing Opportunity

If you are in grades 6-8, we invite you to come on Monday nights from 6:00 PM -7:30 PM for Youth Group and Continuing Faith Formation. Join us as we gather in community to study the Bible and Scripture, play games, and have fun. Space is limited and reservations are required. We would love for you to join us! Please contact Tiffany Madsen in the parish office to sign up or for more information at 702.363.1902 or tmadsen@stjosephhom.org.



Watch Sunday Mass Online

We have returned to very limited Mass capacity, but you can still worship with us online. During this time, we are streaming the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass **on our YouTube channel**. To get notifications of these live streams, please “Like” our channel at www.youtube.com/channel/UC4tXYzcyjG5aWCTqdmP0ozYQ. We look forward to celebrating with you!

How You Can Support Our Mission

We appreciate your financial support during this difficult time, as we depend on your regular giving to operate. Our parish relies on the constant financial support of the parish, and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a regular basis. We have several options for giving, including online giving, our Give+ App, and even from your phone via text message.



To Give online: simply visit www.stjosephhom.org/finance and click on the Online Giving link.

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