



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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." - Jn 20:28-29

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OUR MISSION:

We, the people of St. Priscilla Parish, grounded in the Word of God and Sacred Tradition, find strength and joy in the transforming power of Christ's sacrificial love as manifested in the Eucharist. We commit ourselves to lifelong spiritual formation, compassionate service, evangelization and the generous sharing of God's gifts with our parish family and the community at large.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 4:30 PM
Sunday - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
& 1:00 PM Extraordinary Form
Monday, Tuesday, Friday - 8:00 AM
Thursday - 7:00 PM
Holy Days - 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Wednesday 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM
3rd Sunday of Month 10 AM - 1:00 PM

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday - immediately following
8:00 AM Holy Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Adoration - All day
Benediction & Repose - 7:00 PM

WEDDINGS

Please contact the Parish Office a minimum of six months prior to the wedding date.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 3:30 PM

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are celebrated the 4th Sunday of the month. Please call the office to register for a Baptism Preparation Class.

SICK CALLS

Arrangements made by notifying the Parish Office.

PRAYER INTENTIONS & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 9:00 AM

† Dorothy Skowronek by husband, John Skowronek
† William Burns by Mom Millie Burns
† Robert Wallace by Silvana Carter
† Giovanna Seu by Antonina Ledda & Family
† Raymond Bernard Elam by Maryann Waskelis & Kevin Waskelis

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 11:00 AM

The People of St. Priscilla
† Joseph Vu by Loung & Hang Vu
† Raymond Bernard Elam by Maryann Waskelis & Kevin Waskelis

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 1:00 PM

† Arthur & Paola Bardell by Friends

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 8:00 AM

† Marino & Rosa Benedettini by Graziano Canini

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 8:00 AM

† Antonio Carta by Silvana Carta
† Dominique Nguyen by Sean Nguyen

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 7:00 PM

† Marino & Rosa Benedettini by Graziano Canini

FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 8:00 AM

† Giovanna Manca by Silvana Carta

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 4:30pm

Mike & Maryann Jenkins
† Blanca Odothan by Family
† Dorothy Huson by Pat Phillips
† Marino & Rosa Benedettini by Graziano Canini

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 9:00 AM

† Albert Purgiel by Bob & Marge Kelley
† James & Shirley Dwyer by Francis Family
† Valerie Sinnamon by Parish Family
† Raymond Bernard Elam by Maryann Waskelis & Kevin Waskelis

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 11:00 AM

The People of St. Priscilla
† Paul Hanis (Memorial Birthday) by wife, Vi Hanis
† Peter Vu by Family
† Cecelia Bui by Luong & Hang Vu
† Marino & Rosa Benedettini by Graziano Canini

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 1:00 PM

Alma Placides by Amy Golonka

Lord, Hear Our Prayers

PRAYER INTENTIONS



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Judy Pyrkosz	Diane Novotny	Ned Rice
Barry Broden	Jim Pongracz	Kenneth Ricer
	Pete Arciero	Connie Lark
	Antonio Gabbana	Rose Schmidt

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICEMEN & WOMEN

Natalie Yurgil	Coast Guard
Benjamin Schmidt	Air Force
Brent Vann	Army
Brian Golonka	Army
Jacob Stanton	Marines
Kyle Nelson	Marines

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Father Timothy P. Mazur

INTENTIONS SECTION HAS BEEN REVISED

To have someone enrolled on the prayer list, please call the church office at 248-476-4700. Names of the sick will be listed for 3-Months unless the office is notified that the condition continues and that prayers are still needed.

SERVICE MEMBER FAMILIES

Call us to add your ACTIVE DUTY spouse, child or grandchild.



Each Monday following Morning Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Eucharistic Adoration

Benediction at 7:00PM

Followed by Prayers to St. Joseph

"There is no neutral ground in the universe. Every square inch, every split second, is claimed by God and counterclaimed by Satan."

-C.S. Lewis

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LIFE AND FAITH

In today's Gospel we hear "[Jesus] said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained (John 20:21-23).'" The Greek translation of this text does not say "breathed on," it actually says "breathed in." This is the only time in the New Testament the word *emphusaó=ενεφυσήσεν* "breathed in" is used! Furthermore, it is only used 8 times in the Old Testament—one time is when God breathed life into Adam. "Breathed in" is also used in 1 Kings 17:21-22 when Elijah revived the child of the widow. So Jesus is giving his disciples life when he gives them the Holy Spirit.

I also want to point out the wording used between Jesus and Thomas. We often call this the "doubting Thomas" story. But actually this is a story about a lack of faith. We hear it as, "Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe (John 20:27).'" The Greek translation is not "unbelieve" but *áπιστος=απιστος* which means "unfaithful." Jesus is telling Thomas to not be unfaithful.

This is interesting to me because Jesus just breathed the life giving gift of the Holy Spirit into Thomas. Yet, he is still unfaithful. This should give us hope. Why? Because Thomas is an example to all of us about the constant internal struggle waging within us between

good and evil. Sometimes we do need to be witnesses to the miracles of Christ. But we should never allow ourselves to forget those miracles—no matter how small.

St. Thomas the Apostle certainly did not forget! After Jesus left the Apostles, St. Thomas traveled spreading the Gospel message far and wide. He established Christianity in India! His newfound faith in Christ was greatly rewarded—he is said to be the only witness to the Assumption of Mary. Can you imagine that?! He went from doubting that Jesus was resurrected to witnessing the Assumption of Our Lady! What blessings can be bestowed upon us when we are no longer *áπιστος* (unfaithful) but faithful to Christ?

Prayer to St. Thomas the Apostle, for Faith

Almighty and ever living God, who didst strengthen thine apostle Thomas with sure and certain faith in thy Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that our faith may never be found wanting in thy sight; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Prayer to St. Thomas the Apostle, Pray for Me

Lord Jesus, St. Thomas doubted Your resurrection until he touched Your wounds. After Pentecost, You called him to become a missionary in India, but he doubted again and said no. He changed his mind only after being taken into slavery by a merchant who happened to be going to India. Once he was cured of his doubt, You freed him and he began the work You had called him to do. As the patron saint against doubt, I ask him to pray for me when I question the direction in which You are leading me. Forgive me for mistrusting You, Lord, and help me to grow from the experience. Saint Thomas, pray for me. Amen.



FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."
Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever."
Let those who fear the LORD say, "His mercy endures forever."

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just:

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING

1 Jn 5:1-6

Beloved:

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but Son of God?

This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

ALLELUIA

JN 20:29

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; Blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Jn 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." 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."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

THE WORD OF GOD AS THE BREATH OF LIFE

By: Mary Rice & Ned Rice

Desire the pure milk of the Word that you may grow thereby, if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

This opening prayer of today's Liturgy expresses the born-again feeling that we have during this Easter season. Just as the water was sprinkled on everyone in the congregation on Easter Sunday, our baptism was recalled and we were taken back to that moment in time.

A newborn baby has a natural eagerness for the milk which will insure growth and development. But occasionally it happens that a baby does not have the ability or energy to take nourishment. Such an infant has to be literally taught by gently stroking the cheeks and massaging the chin. Patience and persistence will train the baby.

Once the baby experiences the pleasure of drinking milk, it is not necessary to continue the stimuli. When you and I have recognized the graciousness of God through his Word, we hunger to hear it again and again.

We all yearn for the presence of God in our lives just as the apostles and disciples did in the upper room. When the glorified Jesus appeared to them, he was gentle and understanding:

It is I. Look at my hands and my feet (Luke 24:39).

He understood their shocked reaction.

In Peter's first epistle he speaks of us as new-born: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead... (1 Pet 1:1) .

This new birth must be nurtured gently with the assurance that God is with us during every step and minute of this new life. There are two new babies in our extended family, as well as excited, happy parents. As the infants are brought to the baptismal font, we know that they are ...precious in his sight.

Like New-Born Infants You Must Long For The Pure Spiritual Milk That In Him You May Grow To Salvation

(1Pet 2:2).

READINGS OF THE WEEK

MONDAY, 04/12:

Acts 4:23-31 • Ps2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 • Jn 3:1-8

TUESDAY, 04/13:

Acts 4:32-37 • Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 • Jn 3:7b-15

WEDNESDAY, 04/14:

Acts 5:17-26 • Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 • Jn 3:16-21

THURSDAY, 04/15:

Acts 5:27-33 • Ps 34:2 & 9, 17-18, 19-20 • Jn 3:31-36

FRIDAY, 04/16:

Acts 5:34-42 • Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 • Jn 6:1-15

SATURDAY, 04/17:

Acts 6:1-7 • Ps33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 • Jn 6:16-21

SUNDAY, 04/18:

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 • Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 • 1 Jn 2:1-5a
Lk 24:35-48

DATE	LECTOR	EMHC
APRIL 17 4:30pm	Marilyn Gallagher	John Gallagher Irene Zabowski
April 18 9:00am	Tony Allam Bill Fedelem	Lorna Mattson Charlene Zupanick
April 18 11:00am	Debbie Knott Pat Phillips	Annette Haapala Barb Hargan
April 18 1:00pm	Extraordinary Form (Latin Traditional)	

MARY'S HELPERS April 2021

04/13 Lee Curtis & Diane McLean

04/20 Sylvia DeBrincat & Irene Zabowski

04/27 Rose Marie Schmidt & Amy Golonka

USHER SCHEDULE

April 2021 Saturday/Team B Sunday/Team C

NOTE: All the ministries above could use an extra hand or 2...Could that be You? Please consider helping your Parish Family.

Coffee : Good or Bad

Caffeine, the most widely consumed substance in the world, is the best-known ingredient of coffee. It's beneficial effects on the body had been researched quite well. The research and it's pros and cons for humans is nowhere near finished, but here is a list of what we know at the moment.

Health Benefits of Coffee

1. Coffee boosts your physical performance. Having a cup of coffee about an hour before a workout can improve your performance by 12%. Caffeine increases adrenaline levels in your blood. Adrenaline is your fight or flight hormone and increases your physical exertion.
2. Coffee contains magnesium and potassium which helps the body use insulin, regulating blood sugar levels and reducing your craving for sugar so may help you lose weight.
3. Coffee helps fat cells break down body fat and uses it as a fuel for training.
4. Moderate coffee intake 1-6 cups a day, helps you focus and improves mental alertness
5. Studies have shown that coffee drinker's overall risk of premature death by 25% lower than those who don't drink coffee.
6. Coffee is associated with lower risk of stroke and has decreased the risk of Parkinson's disease by 25%.
7. Coffee protects your body because it contains a lot of antioxidants, that work as little warriors fighting and protecting against free radicals within your brain.
8. Coffee protects your brain. High caffeine levels in your blood reduce your risk of Alzheimer disease. It also lowers your risk of dementia.
9. Coffee brightens your mood, helps fight depression and lower risk of suicide. Caffeine stimulates the central nervous system and boost production of neurotransmitters like serotonin dopamine, and noradrenaline, which help to elevate your mood

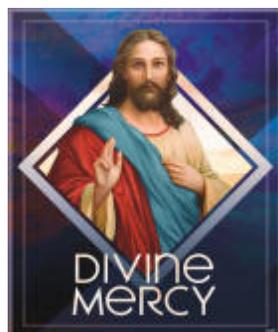
Risks of Coffee

1. Bad Coffee can be toxic. Bad quality coffee can have a lot of impurities in it, which can cause sickness, headache or a general bad feeling. This can happen if your coffee is made from beans over ripe. Investing in high quality, specialty coffee you don't have to worry about this.
2. Coffee can kill you if you drink a large volume of coffee in a short time. 80 cups or 23 liters and is lethal.
3. Coffee can cause insomnia and restlessness and we are all different in the amounts that can cause that in our bodies. If you're caffeine sensitive, be careful with your coffee intake.
4. Don't drink more than one cup of coffee if you are pregnant. There have been studies done on the effect on a fetus and have been controversial, but one thing is clear caffeine does reach the fetus. So if you are pregnant and a heavy weight coffee drinker, you may want to limit your intake.
5. If you have high cholesterol please choose filtered coffee. Coffee beans contain cafestol and kahweol, two ingredients that appear to raise LDL cholesterol levels. Filtering the coffee traps most of the LDL, but cafestol and kahweol found in espresso and Turkish coffee.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Novena concludes on
April 11th at 2:30pm.

Please Join Us
in the church following
1:00 PM Holy Mass



St. VINCENT de PAUL

PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Vienna Sausage, Spam, Chunky Soup

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Men's Softball League

We are looking for players age 29 and over for the St. Priscilla men's softball team. The fee is \$65 for the year. There are 14 games, most on Wednesday, plus playoffs. Contact manager Lou Barrett for details at 734-363-0043

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.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Priestly Vocations: Discernment Group

The Office of Priestly Vocation discernment group for men (18-55) considering the priesthood is having its next meeting on Thursday, April 22, (7:00-8:30pm). New members can join at any

time, as there is no requirement to have been at the last meeting. The previous nights have been a great success with many men excited to talk about their possible vocation to the priesthood. Meetings are led by Fr. Craig Giera, Director of Priestly Vocations, and include prayer, group discussion on discernment, light refreshments, and fellowship with other-like-minded men. Please contact the vocation office for more info:

<https://detroitpriestlyvocations.com/groups/>.

