

ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINE CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

7:00 p.m. **Spanish** (piano & cantor)

Sunday

8:00 a.m. **English** (organ & cantor)

9:30 a.m. **Spanish** (piano & choir/cantor)

11:30 a.m. **English** (organ & choir/cantor)

1:30 p.m. **Vietnamese** (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays

8:30 a.m. **Spanish** (Mon-Fri.)

12:00 p.m. **English** (Mon-Fri)

7:45 a.m. **Vietnamese** (Thu & Sat)

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

All those who are called to follow Jesus in the Catholic faith along with Catholics already baptized (adults, youth & children) who desire to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation can make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Registration for these programs are announced in the bulletin during various times of the year. Also appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements for participating in the Baptismal Program.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

At the parish office by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

VISITS TO THE SICK

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all parishioners.

We encourage all parishioners to register at our parish office. We invite new parishioners to make an appointment to meet a member of the parish staff.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. open

MONDAY - THURSDAY 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open

SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



AUGUSTINIAN FRIARS

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In Residence

CATHOLIC FAITH

FORMATION

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (OR OF DIVINE MERCY)

EXEMPLAR OF THE FAITH



Poor Thomas. Singled out from among the disciples because he refused to believe what they were telling him—that they had seen, in the flesh, their friend and their Lord, Jesus Christ. Can any of us really blame him? All of the disciples were terrified, crestfallen, hiding. But what of Thomas? Just where was he when Jesus appeared the first time to the group huddled in fear? He had gone “out”—out of the community where his faith had life. Maybe this was actually a blessing for Thomas and not the curse associated with the “doubting Thomas” moniker bestowed on him by tradition. Oh, the divine mercy of the Lord! Could Thomas be the forerunner of all of us who come in fragile hope and uncertainty to the Christian community, so beautifully described in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles? Could Thomas be an ultimate exemplar of the faith described in the First Letter of Peter?

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

From Saint Patrick's Breastplate

I arise today
through God's strength to pilot me,
God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's hosts to save me from the snares of the devil.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).

Psalm — Be thankful to God who loves us forever (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Divine Mercy

Saint John Paul II named the Second Sunday of Easter “Sunday of Divine Mercy” in response to Saint Faustina Kowalska’s Divine Mercy devotion, which offered spiritual comfort to hearts worldwide. But Pope Francis challenges us to make the comfort that we receive a gift we gladly share, saying that because mercy was first shown to us we are therefore called to show mercy ourselves. The clearest expression of merciful love, says Francis, is pardoning others. He acknowledges how difficult it can be to forgive sometimes, but if we are to achieve peace in our hearts, pardon is the tool that has been put into our very fallible hands. The necessary condition for living joyfully? We must let go of anger, hatred, revenge, and violence. A tall order in a world seemingly bent on the destruction of every peaceful impulse. May Divine Mercy Sunday remind us that Jesus made mercy our life’s ideal and a criterion for our faith’s credibility: “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy” (Matthew 5:7).

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Sunday

Second Sunday of Easter
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy);
Julian Calendar Easter

Monday

Yom Ha-Shoa
(Holocaust Remembrance Day)

Tuesday

Income Tax Day

Friday

St. Anselm of Canterbury

Saturday

Earth Day

DOUBT

There lives more faith in honest doubt,
Believe me, than in half the creeds.

—Alfred, Lord Tennyson

X-treme Christians

You may notice that Acts of the Apostles is the source of the first reading during the Easter season. This book describes how Christianity grew from a handful of disciples to a major religion. Today's reading about an ideal Christian community is meant to show ordinary believers how to be extraordinary, using three examples I call power, property, and prayer.

Power means the "signs and wonders" (Acts 2:43) performed by the disciples through the power of the Holy Spirit. This should be named last, because it takes a lot of faith to heal the sick. "Of course, we can visit the sick and comfort the dying. Just leave it up to God to cure anyone," you might say. If you had the same faith as the apostles, you just might be able to cure the sick. Or you might study to become a doctor and cure them with medical skills. As long as you acknowledge that God gave you the brains and the talent to become a doctor, you are doing God's work.

By property, I mean sharing what you have with those in need. Many disciples were moved to sell their goods and share them with the poor, and word of that must have spread. If you are not called to sell all your goods and become a monk or a nun, you can still tithe to your church or the poor. You can donate time as well, perhaps tutoring disadvantaged kids, helping build or repair houses in poor areas, or bringing meals to shut-ins. The point is that followers of Christ are not just individual do-gooders. They are a community of believers who care about each other and also care about the non-believers who need help of any kind.

So where did these first disciples get the faith to cure the sick and the love to help the needy? The answer is the third example—prayer. Twice in the first reading we hear how "they devoted themselves . . . to the breaking of the bread" (Acts 2:42, 46). Breaking bread was their name for the Eucharist. They also went to the temple to pray, because at that time most disciples were Jewish Christians. As they heard the Hebrew scriptures, they saw how God's promises were fulfilled in Christ. Later, they added reading from the letters of Paul and preaching about Jesus' works and teachings. All of these practices helped unite them to Christ and to each other.

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Healing After Abortion: Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A "Day of Prayer and Healing" offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. Upcoming dates in the NYC area are: Jan.14, Feb. 4, March 11, and May 20 in English, and May 6 in Spanish. For more dates, locations, and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at (866) 575-0075 (toll free) or reach us by email at hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

APRIL 2, 2023

Tithing: \$11,491.39
Children: \$0.00
Total: \$11,491.39

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

APRIL 17, 2023

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; 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
 Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

APRIL 17, 2023

Monday
8:30am Felix Antonio Hernandez, Maria Olinda Ramirez, Keren Hernandez (D)
12:00pm
Tuesday
8:30am Samuel Tonge (D)
12:00pm
Wednesday
8:30am Germania Perez, Willie Galarza (D)
12:00pm O'neal Grell (D)
Thursday
8:30am Benera Sufron, Petra Ortiz, Damaris Sanchez, Wilberto Rivera (D)
12:00pm
Friday
8:30am Domingo Basora (D)
12:00pm
Saturday
7:45am Maria Huê (D)
 Elvia Hidalgo (D), Rafaela Rofriguez Guzman (D), Chanel Berrea (D), Miledy Mackenzie (D) - 5 años, Rafael Saavedra (D)
7:00pm
Sunday
8:00am People of SNT
9:30am Felicia Peña (D), Santa Diaz (D), Idalia Ventura (D)
11:30am Ramonita Orta (D)
1:30pm Daminh (D)

We pray for the People of St. Nicholas of Tolentine.

*We pray for the sick: Fidelina Gonzalez
 We pray for the dead: Flor Maria Flores de Fernandez, Teofilo Fernandez*