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Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

April 28, 2019

**Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever.—
Revelation 1:18a**

SEEING IS BELIEVING

Seeing is believing! Since cellphone screens connect us instantly to social media, live TV, and loved ones' faces near and far, "Doubting Thomas" could be our patron saint: "Unless I see, I will not believe!" But how comforting for any of us who share Thomas's doubt, or love "doubters" who do, to see how kindly Jesus responds. By offering the very evidence that Thomas demanded, Jesus doesn't scold Thomas, but seems to understand such skepticism. Could Jesus have been thinking of us, who long to believe that "Jesus is risen!" but see so much suffering, and perhaps even cause some, that we wonder, how could something so wonderful be true? In today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the risen Jesus' healing love comforts through disciples who love others. In Revelation, "our brother John" doesn't just claim he saw Jesus alive, but passes on Jesus' life-giving words, "Do not be afraid." Seeing Jesus in others is believing!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An ancient title for this Sunday is *Dominica in Albis*, or "Sunday in White." During the Easter Vigil, the newly baptized are invested with a white garment, a sign that they have put on Christ. At one time, the garments were worn for a full week of celebration and reflection, and on this Sunday the newly baptized would appear in their robes again in their new place among the faithful for Eucharist.

In later centuries, the energy of new life at Easter was largely forgotten, and this Sunday was renamed "Quasimodo Sunday," or "Low Sunday." In recent years, with the recovery of the insight that Easter is the privileged time for celebrating and renewing baptism, there is nothing "Low" about this Sunday. At a week's distance, the beauty and grace of our Easter celebration is sustained by joyful alleluias, the blessing and sprinkling of holy water, and the comfort of the Lord's presence to us. He is risen, and he summons us together, opening up the scriptures for us, breaking the bread, filling us with new life.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — A large number of people gathered, bringing the sick, and all were cured (Acts 5:12-16).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives (Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19).

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31-37; Ps 2:1-4, 7-9; 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 or
(for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or
Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;

Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

DON'T SAY TOO MUCH

One is almost bound to fall into error if one tries to say a great deal.

St. Regina is going to have a picnic on May 26th .Keep this date in mind and come enjoy the fellowship and get to know all in our Church family .

A Bereavement Ministry is going to be formed for St. Regina .If you are interested in knowing more about this ministry and becoming part of it see Fr. Anthony or Pat .

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter

(or Sunday of Divine Mercy);

Julian Calendar Easter

Monday: St. Catherine of Siena

Tuesday: St. Pius V

Wednesday: St. Joseph the Worker

Thursday: St. Athanasius; National Day of Prayer;

Yom Ha-Shoa (Holocaust Remembrance Day)

Friday: Ss. Philip and James; First Friday

Saturday: First Saturday

A BETTER USE OF YOUR TIME

Learn to give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you'll have no time for criticism of others.

Saturday May 4th an outside clean-up is planned starting at 8:00 am. Everyone is needed to get our church building and grounds spruced up . Please plan on helping with this project . Many hands make light work .

May 5th

Lector Maurisio

E/M Tom/Gerardo

USHERS Marina/ Diane

Server Francisco

Offertory 4/21/2019
BUDGET \$1249.00
ACTUAL \$974.00
-\$275.00

Holy Thurs

\$63.00

Good Friday

\$50.00

Seminarian Fund

\$77.00