

Dear Padre,

My friend is doing a Bible study, and part of the program is something called *lectio divina*. Is that a Catholic practice?

This method of listening to Scripture has the Church's approval. In fact, Catholic bishops have recommended *lectio divina* as an easy way for Catholics to become more familiar with the Bible. The practice of *lectio divina* is quite simple:

First, ask the Holy Spirit to help you listen. Then slowly read a short Scripture passage aloud. Listen for a word or phrase that strikes you. Next, think about why this word or phrase is so striking at this moment. Does the word or phrase touch your life right now? Then, ask God's help in making an important choice, or ask what the word or phrase that struck you in the first step means in your life. Finally, close your eyes, let go of all thoughts, and remain silent before God.

These parts have a logical progression, but it's not a hard-and-fast method. People who have been doing *lectio divina* for a long time sometimes move back and forth between parts. If you practice *lectio divina* regularly, over time your understanding of God's word will deepen.

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

[*Lectio divina*] is first of all a matter of reading the biblical passage attentively—even more, I would say with “obedience” to the text, to understand what it means in and of itself. One then enters into dialogue with Scripture, so that those words become a cause for meditation and prayer.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, JANUARY 27, 2021

Calendar

- Monday**
APRIL 25
St. Mark,
Evangelist
1 Pt 5:5b–14
Mk 16:15–20
- Tuesday**
APRIL 26
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:32–37
Jn 3:7b–15
- Wednesday**
APRIL 27
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:17–26
Jn 3:16–21
- Thursday**
APRIL 28
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:27–33
Jn 3:31–36
- Friday**
APRIL 29
St. Catherine of Siena,
Virgin and Doctor
of the Church
Acts 5:34–42
Jn 6:1–15
- Saturday**
APRIL 30
Easter Weekday
Acts 6:1–7
Jn 6:16–21
- Sunday**
MAY 1
Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41
Rv 5:11–14
Jn 21:1–19 or 21:1–14



Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 24, 2022

Second Sunday of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy) (C)
Acts 5:12–16
Rev 1:9–11a, 12–13, 17–19
Jn 20:19–31

Take My Word for It

This is easier said than done. Growing up, we insisted on doing things ourselves, learning from our own experience, developing a sense of our own ability. We soon came to know that there are times when we should—in fact, we must—take someone else's word for something. If we refused to do this, we might be called a “doubting Thomas.” Is that fair to us? Is it fair to Thomas?

As today's Gospel passage reports, gathered in a room, several disciples of Jesus experienced him truly among them. Thomas was absent. When the others told him what had occurred, he refused to take their word for it. To believe, he also would have to experience Jesus. It is unfair to credit them with faith and label him a doubter. After all, their experience probably convinced them, an event Thomas did not enjoy with the other disciples.

The point of this story is not Thomas' eventual visit by Jesus or his subsequent profession of faith. Rather, it is the source of such a confession. Thomas was unwilling or unable to accept the truth of the resurrection unless he saw Jesus and touched him. Jesus told him: “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” (John 20:29). Blessed are you and me, who have come to know Jesus and the truth of his resurrection on the word of others—our parents and teachers, pastoral ministers and friends, those who have come to know him and who witness to this in their lives.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ If you lack faith, as seems to be the case with Thomas, pray for it.
- ★ What do you do to learn more about the faith?



When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead. He touched me with his right hand and said, “Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives.”
REVELATION 1:17–18A



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 23	4:00 p.m.	Rosie Perez +
Sunday, April 24	9:00 a.m.	For Rain
Monday, April 25	No Mass	Marlyn Morrison
Tuesday, April 26	No Mass	Charles Hoff
Thursday, April 28	No Mass	Melisa Burden & Tiffany Sm.
Friday, April 29	9:00 a.m.	Special Int. Powers F.
Saturday, April 30	4:00 p.m.	Bog Rooney
Sunday, May 1	9:00 a.m.	Harold Smith

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (White)

4/23/2022 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Maggie Gannett, Jonathan Gannett, Nathan Gannett

Reader: Debbie Frederick

4/24/2022—Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Cade Berning, Jace Berning, Luke Woodrow

Reader: Mike Broeckelman

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (White)

4/30/2022 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Lucy Gannett, Jason Velasco, Ryann Bamberger

Reader: Gwen Waechter

5/1/2022 – Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Kirbe Koons, Taybree Lohman-Fuller, Joleigh Lohman-Fuller

Reader: Kyle Berning

Reconciliation: Confessions will be heard every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. or by appointment.

Baptism: Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Godparents must be 16 years of age or older and have received Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

Marriage: Please contact parish priest at least four to six months before the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER –DIVINE MERCY – APRIL 24, 2022



Jesus, in this Second Sunday of Easter’s Gospel, utters ten of the most famous words in all of Scripture: “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

There is no doubt who he is talking about. He’s talking about you and me and countless others through the centuries --- every single person who didn’t have the profound privilege of encountering the risen Jesus. Except for that ridiculously small number, all the rest had to take the word of someone else, had to believe in a story told by another --- that is, had to believe even though they hadn’t seen. And for this, Jesus calls us “blessed”.

My friends, we will probably never see the risen Jesus in the tangible and intimate way his disciples did, short of our life with God in heaven. But that doesn’t mean we have to go through life blind, doesn’t mean we have to stumble through life without any evidence of his existence or presence. God is still in our midst. We just have to know where to look. As we are celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday today, let’s pray together, “Jesus, I trust in You.”

Fr. Peter

COLLECTION for April 17th, 2022: Envelopes: \$892; Loose: \$349.25; Online Giving: \$198.07; Total \$439.32; Average Weekly Expense: \$1,761.17. Income over/under - 351.85

CHURCH PROJECT GOAL \$52000—Last weekend contribution: \$155; Building Fund To Date: \$9634.26

Thank you so much for your love for our parish church and your faithful stewards.

MAY MEETINGS: Pastoral Council—May 4 at 5:30 p.m. K of C—7:30 p.m.

PSR—CCD 2021-2022 April 27 will be the last meeting for CCD this school year. We will have a pizza party for the CCD kids. Kids can bring a drink or pop as long as it has a lid and not in glass bottle. Our DRE Lisa Gannett, CCD teachers, and students have been hard at work all school year! Thank you students for working so hard and a Big Thank You to Lisa, all the CCD teachers that have made this a successful year.

ALTAR SOCIETY BREAKFAST Altar Society is sponsoring a breakfast after Mass on May 1. We will be serving breakfast casseroles, fruit, muffins, breads, breakfast burritos, etc. This is for the building fund project. Altar Society, which includes all ladies of the church are kindly asked to sign up to bring something for this breakfast. Call Nanette Rice to sign up or if you have any questions—620-355-7676 or 620—651-1327

VOCATION VIEW “The Lord is truly risen!” Are you being called to proclaim the the Lord’s resurrection as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother?

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT In the second reading today, St. Paul reminds the Colossians that they have been raised with Christ, exhorting them to “be intent on the things above rather than on things of earth.” We too, have been raised with Christ. Let us rejoice and be glad!

PRAYER OF THE WEEK (Adapted from a collection of first century hymns quoted in Days of the Lord, v.3) Christ Jesus, Risen One, As the sun is the joy of those who seek the day, so our joy is you, our Lord, for you are our sun. Your rays resurrect us, and your light drives all darkness from our eyes. Thanks to you we have acquired eyes and seen your holy day; we have been given ears and heard your truth; we have been given knowledge and trembled with joy. We thank you, and we praise you. Amen.

UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL OF THE WEEK - John 20:19-31)

Peace & reconciliation The disciples are afraid and withdrawn. Jesus walks through the locked door and gives them peace. The great hope of God’s people was for shalom, a lasting peace that would encompass all creation. Jesus tells his disciples to walk through the doors of other locked hearts in order to dispel fear and bring peace and reconciliation into the world. One way the Church fulfills this mission is the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Holy Spirit Before he was killed, Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to help the disciples carry out their mission (14:16f). John reminds us that although the earthly Jesus is gone, he remains within and among us in the person of the Spirit (19:30).

Doubt & faith Thomas is mostly remembered for not believing that Jesus rose from the dead. What people forget is what he said when Jesus appeared to him: My Lord and my God! This is the boldest statement of faith in John’s Gospel. Thomas’ words of faith sum up the main theme of this Gospel: Jesus is one with the Father, just as Jesus had been telling people all along. To see Jesus is to see the Father. Those who believe that Jesus is from God receive his Spirit of eternal and empowering life.

Seeing & believing The first half of this Gospel is often called The Book of Signs. Here Jesus does and says things so that people will see that he is the one whom God has sent to give eternal life to all who believe. Verses 30-31 thus sum up the reason John wrote. (John’s Gospel probably ended with v.31, and soon after someone added an epilogue.) Because we ourselves haven’t seen the earthly Jesus nor the signs he worked, John wrote his Gospel in order to help us believe. Both the words of this Gospel and the guidance of the Holy Spirit enable us to believe and profess that Jesus is our Lord and our God. iever in Jesus. They must keep believing despite all that happens next, and they must imitate their master in everything.

UNDERSTANDING THE SECOND READING (Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13,17-19)

Write down what you see The Book of Revelation is apocalyptic literature, a genre in which the author has a heavenly vision that he shares with others who are persecuted for their beliefs. John’s book urges the persecuted to hold fast to their faith in Jesus. John counts himself among those being persecuted by Roman officials. He’s imprisoned on Patmos because he spread the gospel, but this forced exile clearly failed to silence him.

Biblical allusions • The bold sound of the trumpet signals God’s presence, as it did when the Israelites received the Law (Exodus 19:16). • The lampstands represent both seven particular churches and the one unified church. The risen Christ stands in the midst of his church. A lampstand (menorah) stood inside the Jerusalem temple; now light goes forth from Christ and his church. • One like a son of man recalls the one who received power and dominion from God (Daniel 7:13-14); here he’s dressed as both a priest and a king.

He hold the keys to death John faints when he sees the awe-inspiring risen Christ, just as others did in the presence of divine glory (compare Isaiah 6:5). Christ reassures and then commissions him. Because Jesus rose from the dead, he is now master of death and victor in the struggle against sin and evil. No one who believes in him should fear anything or anyone. John is told to share this good news with others so that they won’t yield to persecution or evil

 <p style="text-align: center;">VALUE THEM BOTH</p> <p>In 2019, the Kansas Supreme Court issued a ruling that “discovered” a right to an abortion in the 1859 Kansas Constitution. This decision puts at risk all existing pro-life laws that protect women and their unborn children from the abortion industry. In January 2021, the Kansas Legislature stood up to the abortion industry to support women and babies. They voted to put the <i>Value Them Both</i> amendment on the ballot the next year. Now, Kansans will get the final say with a vote on the amendment in August of 2022. <i>Value Them Both</i> will allow Kansans to, once again, regulate the abortion industry.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote YES on August 2nd, 2022</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">VALUE THEM BOTH</p> <p>En 2019, la Corte Suprema de Kansas emitió un fallo que “descubrió” el derecho al aborto en la Constitución de Kansas 1859. Esta decisión pone en riesgo todas las leyes provida existentes que protegen a las mujeres y a sus hijos por nacer de la industria del aborto. En enero 2021, la Legislatura de Kansas se enfrentó a la industria del aborto para apoyar a las mujeres y los bebés. Votaron para poner la enmienda Valóralos a Ambos en la boleta electoral el próximo año. Ahora, los habitantes de Kansas tendrán la última palabra con una votación sobre la enmienda en agosto 2022. Value Them Both (Valóralos a Ambos) permitirá a los habitantes de Kansas, una vez más, a regular la industria del aborto.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote Sí el 2 de agosto de 2022</p>
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CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR FIRST COMMUNION! WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!

Jocelyn Barrios Gomez, Joselyn Nicole Pantoja, Kipton Koons, Noel Saenz, Nicolas Barrera, Zoey A Gary, Michelle Moreo, Amada Mia Ruiz, Owen J. Maddux, Eden D. Vasquez, & Luis Ortega



SOLEMNITY OF THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER—DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Mercy seasons justice

Mercy is described as a double blessing in Shakespeare's famous "quality of mercy" speech delivered in *The Merchant of Venice*. Mercy blesses the giver as well as the receiver. We're blessed by being merciful since God promises to be generous to us in the same measure we use with others. Withholding compassion punishes both the denier and the denied. Saint Gertrude the Great expresses gratitude to God for how divine mercy "has led me through the many obstacles I have placed in the way of your love." Love better by loving with compassion. (Prepare the Word)

DOMINGO DE LA DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

El árbol de la La misericordia sella la justicia

La misericordia es descripta como una doble bendición en el famoso discurso de Shakespeare sobre la "calidad de la misericordia" pronunciado en *El Mercader de Venecia*. La misericordia bendice tanto al que la da como al que la recibe. Somos bendecidos al ser misericordiosos, dado que Dios promete ser generoso con nosotros en la misma medida en que lo seamos con los demás. Negar la compasión castiga tanto a quien la niega como a quien le es negada. Santa Gertrudis la Grande expresa su gratitud a Dios por cómo la misericordia divina "me ha conducido a través de los muchos obstáculos que he puesto en el camino de tu amor". Ama mejor amando con compasión.

