



Jesus said to [Thomas], “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

JOHN 20:29

The Importance of Trust

ANN M. GARRIDO

We can readily understand Thomas’ insistence upon seeing things with his own eyes. Would you believe it if someone told you that a friend whose funeral you had attended was now walking through walls?

At some time or other, all of us have been tricked into believing something we later found out was untrue and remember how foolish we felt. Haven’t our parents told us not to believe everything we hear? Haven’t our teachers taught us to do our own research? Doubt serves a valuable purpose, and we would be naïve to disregard it.

At the same time, we know that doubt can become a way of life, overstepping its usefulness. During the COVID pandemic, for example, some refused to believe even the most knowledgeable medical voices in the nation. Like Thomas, they insisted that unless they’d “done their own research,” they wouldn’t believe. Such a stance ignores that unless you are a scientist working in a medical lab, even “your own research” will be based on an act of belief that what you are reading of others’ research is correct. Doubt is good, but only in combination with a healthy dose of humility. In the end, the world turns on an axis of trust.

At the close of today’s gospel, Jesus names as “blessed” those able to discern what is true and believe not only because of what they have seen with their own eyes but also because of what they have heard through their ears from sources worthy of their trust. ●

Reflect

When has doubt served a purpose, and when has it gotten in my way?



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Weddings: By appointment – 1 year in advance. Pre-Marriage Course is required for all weddings here or overseas
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DATES TIMES INTENTIONS

Sat.	April 11th	6:30pm	+	Ben DeSilva
Sun.	April 12th (Portuguese)	8:30am	+	Daphne's Tribe
		10:00am	+	Marshall Yokell, Souls in Purgatory, Kevin Ledo, + Carlos Almeida, Rogerio & Manuel Santos Bolarinho, + Humberto Santos, Jose & Amelia Andrade Almeida, + Jose Cunha, Joe & Theresa DoCouto Special Intention of Mr. & Mrs. Jose Garrafa, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Senechal, Natalie Yokell
		11:30am	+	Mr. & Mrs. Manuel & Arminda Garrafa, Victor Moniz
		6:00pm	+	St. Theresa's Parish Family
Mon.	April 13th	7:30am		Special Intention of Bishop Emeritus Robert Kurtz
Tues.	April 14th	7:30am		Special Intention of Fr. Michael Morris
Wed.	April 15th	7:30am		Special Intention of Bishop Wes Spiewak
		12:10pm	+	Manuel Bizarrio, Jose Oliveira, Maria de Lourdes & + Maria Encarnacao Martins
Thurs.	April 16th	7:30am		Special Intention of Fr. Dandy Traje
		12:10pm	+	Maria de Fatima & Adelino Medeiros
Fri.	April 17th	7:30am	+	Aniceto Lazaro, Happy Birthday in Heaven
		12:10pm	+	Special Intention of Elfrieda Lewnowski
Sat.	April 18th	6:30pm	+	Jeffrey Mark Medeiros
			+	Serafim Medeiros, Happy Birthday in Heaven
Sun.	April 19th (Portuguese)	8:30am	+	Mr. & Mrs. Albert Victor Soares Sr.
		10:00am	+	Maria Orselina Botelho De Lima
		11:30am	+	Aretta & Nelfred Furbert
		6:00pm	+	Gonzalo Araujo, Loved unconditionally, + our Husband, Father and Grandfather

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY : April 18th & 19th, 2026

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
Proclaimer:	N. Medeiros	A. Farrell	A. Aguila M. T. Ayensa	J. Placedes K. Mosquito
Communion Ministers:	C. Carreiro J. Judd S. Booth D. DeSilva	I. Brackstone C. Scarth O. Scarth T. Sinclair	C. Kieck E. Mosley G. Edwards	M. Billones R. Ronquillo D. Robiso
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FILIPINO MASS SCHEDULE:

St. Theresa's Cathedral

Canceled for this month

St. Anthony's Church

11am 1st Saturday of the month

St. Patrick's Church

7pm 2nd Friday of the month

St. Joseph's Church

11am 3rd Saturday of the month

Stella Maris Church

7pm Last Wednesday of the month



PASSIONIST HOUR:

Please come and join Fr. Dandy and Fr. Vivien, our Passionist priests, on the **last Friday of the month at 6pm**, here at St. Theresa's Cathedral.

Spend some time to get to know them, and their spirituality.



ADORATION:

Saturday Adoration will be held in the St. Theresa's Cathedral Chapel at **9am**.

This Holy Mass, in Portuguese, will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration.

Benediction will be at **10:15am**.

LECTIO DIVINA:

Mondays at 7:30pm via Zoom.

Please contact Franz Wohlmut at fgwohlmut@logic.bm to join.



CATHEDRAL HOURS:

Monday—Friday 7am-4:30pm

Saturday 8:30am-7:30pm

Sunday 8am-7pm



FOCUS: My Lord and my God!

In the year 2000, Pope John Paul II designated the Second Sunday of Easter as the Sunday of Divine Mercy. As we continue to celebrate and give thanks for the Resurrection, we acknowledge that we need the risen Christ; we need his healing and his steadfast mercy.

Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	Date	Actual
Collection:	April 4th & 5th	\$9,692.00
Electronic Offering:	April 4th & 5th	\$3,489.52
2026 Collection to Date:	Week 15	\$88,959.04
Holy Land Collection	April 3rd	\$1,977.00

Thank you for your support!



ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL

April 12th—18th, 2026

Donation given for Two 7 Day Candles
and Two Roses

In Loving Memory of Tarsicio Pacheco



BAPTISMS:

We welcome **Jacob Ryan DaPonte**, child of Peter & Krystle DaPonte, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism, this **Sunday, April 12th, 2026.**

Welcome to the Church Family Jacob!

THE FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY:

On April 30th, 2000 the first Sunday after Easter was officially established in the Church as the Feast of Divine Mercy.

This mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Church on **Sunday, April 12th at 3pm.**

All are invited to attend!



PARISH COUNCIL COFFEE SOCIAL:

Our next social will be this **Sunday, April 12th**, after the 11:30am Mass, in the Church Hall.

All are welcome to attend!



MSA INFORMATION SESSION:

MSA will host its next information session on **Wednesday, April 15th at 9am.**

This session will focus on the Early Learning Program and Kindergarten. You can register at www.msa.bm.

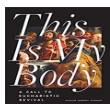
We look forward to seeing you there!



"THIS IS MY BODY" - A Call To Eucharistic Revival:

FREE copies of this wonderful book can be found at the front and back entrances to the Cathedral.

Please collect your copy and read Bishop Robert Barron's attempt to assist all of us to understand the Sacrament of Jesus' Body and Blood.



THE BISHOP'S CORNER



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Approximately 65,000 flowers and 120,000 olive branches decorated St. Peter's Square for Holy Week and Easter celebrations at the Vatican. These decorations were gifts from Italy and the Netherlands, as has been the tradition for four decades.

For Palm Sunday, 120,000 olive branches were distributed to the faithful attending the Mass celebrated by Pope Leo XIV in St. Peter's Square. These olive branches were a gift from the Umbria regional delegation of the National Association of Olive Oil Cities.

On Easter Sunday, the Vatican Square was covered with a mantle of more than 65,000 flowers from the Netherlands. These plants were a gift to the Holy See from Dutch florists and decorators.

The Vatican detailed the composition of the flowerbeds: "65,000 tulip bulbs, daffodils, hyacinths and mini-daffodils; 220 white and orange violets; 7,800 flowers, including roses, delphiniums, anthuriums, chrysanthemums, gerberas, and matthiolas; 600 branches of plumosa; 80 azaleas and 600 long branches of willow catkins, long branches of eucalyptus, as well as various types of foliage."

For 40 years, the Netherlands has offered flowers to the Holy See for Easter. In November 1985, during the beatification of St. Titus Brandsma, Dutch florists offered thousands of flowers to the Vatican to beautify the celebration. They were invited to do the same for the following Easter, before this practice became a tradition.

Have a restful weekend of Divine Mercy and a blessed week!

Bishop Wes

SAVE THE DATE:

St. Theresa's Parish Council will hold an **Italian Dinner Bingo on Saturday, May 9th.**

Tickets will be available soon, and more details will be provided in future bulletins.



MEN OF GOD MONTHLY GROUP:

The next Men of God monthly group meetings will be held on **Tuesday, April 28th at 7pm.**

We hope to see you there!



ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP:

Our Gift Shop is looking for at least one volunteer who can assist for 2 hours per week on Saturday's from 12-2pm or as a fill-in for any volunteer absences.

If you can assist, please contact the Gift Shop at 292-0416 or drop by in person.

Many thanks in advance!!!



ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP:

The Gift Shop has First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards for sale for only \$2 each, not to mention other gift ideas!

Do stop by and support our Gift Shop!



Dear Padre,

We are told that when we receive the Holy Eucharist, our venial sins are washed away. Does the same thing happen when we receive spiritual communion?

Yes, and there are many other ways that venial sins can be forgiven. First and foremost is each of the sacraments of reconciliation: baptism, Eucharist, penance, and anointing of the sick. In addition to the sacraments, an Act of Contrition will also suffice, as will a simple prayer of intercession, such as, “Lord, Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a sinner.” Forgiveness of venial sins is directly dependent on one thing: the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit at work in our world and in each one of us. Forgiveness is not merited; it is a gift, and, as a gift, it requires only that we ask and gratefully receive.

It is true that we are all sinful. We are also all blessed. As wonderful as forgiveness is, and there truly is no greater gift of God’s love, an equally wonderful gift is gratitude. Perhaps, with every Act of Contrition that we pray, we should also offer a prayer of thanksgiving. It might help us find balance if we remind ourselves not only how we may not have measured up but also that we are blessed and graced. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV



ALESSIA PIERDOMENICO / SHUTTERSTOCK

The Lord shows us his wounds and says: Peace be with you. Do not be afraid to show your wounds healed by mercy. Do not be afraid to draw close to those who are trapped in fear or guilt. May the breath of the Spirit make us,

too, witnesses of this peace and this love that is stronger than any defeat.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, OCTOBER 1, 2025

Monday

April 13
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:23–31
Jn 3:1–8

Tuesday

April 14
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:32–37
Jn 3:7b–15

Wednesday

April 15
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:17–26
Jn 3:16–21

Thursday

April 16
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:27–33
Jn 3:31–36

Friday

April 17
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:34–42
Jn 6:1–15

Saturday

April 18
Easter Weekday
Acts 6:1–7
Jn 6:16–21

Sunday

April 19
Third Sunday
of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22–33
1 Pt 1:17–21
Lk 24:13–35

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about **Dear Padre**.