

Dear Padre,

I get a lot of questions from Protestant friends about the Catholic “obsession” (as they put it) with Mary. What should I say to them?



A convert to Catholicism tells the story of a dinner he had with a friend who had a very evangelical outlook. As they talked about the new Catholic's decision to convert, the friend asked hesitantly, “What do you think about Mary?” The new Catholic smiled and said, “I think she's wonderful, don't you?” The friend responded with an embarrassed “Yes, but...”

If Catholics and Protestants can begin with this premise—that Mary is wonderful—it might be possible to step back and consider why. Mary is an extraordinary human being who holds a special place in the Christian faith for two reasons: first, it was through her that God became flesh in the person of Jesus Christ; and second, she was the first to believe in Jesus' mission and ministry.

All Catholic doctrine about Mary refers to two special relationships. She has a special relationship with God because she bore the “God-man” in her womb. She also has a special relationship with us because she was the first Christian.

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Calendar

Monday

APRIL 12

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:23–31

Jn 3:1–8

Tuesday

APRIL 13

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:32–37

Jn 3:7b–15

Wednesday

APRIL 14

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:17–26

Jn 3:16–21

Thursday

APRIL 15

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:27–33

Jn 3:31–36

Friday

APRIL 16

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:34–42

Jn 6:1–15

Saturday

APRIL 17

Easter Weekday

Acts 6:1–7

Jn 6:16–21

Sunday

APRIL 18

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13–15, 17–19

1 Jn 2:1–5a

Lk 24:35–48

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

[The disciples] had abandoned the Lord at his passion and felt guilty. But meeting them, Jesus did not give a long sermon. To them, who were wounded within, he shows his own wounds. Thomas can now touch them and know of Jesus' love and how much Jesus had suffered for him, even though he had abandoned him.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020





**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
APRIL 11, 2021**



St. Ann Catholic Church & Our Lady of Chartres Mission

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St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions

Apr 10th Sat 4 pm

Apr 11th Sun 9am

Apr 11th 6:00 pm

Mon 8am Int donor

Wednesday 6pm Int donor

Thurs 8am Int donor

Fri 8am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Both before Mass and by Appointment.

April 17th Sat 6 pm

April 18th Sun 9 am

April 18th 6pm

Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule.

Sun 7:30 am Parish

From Father David's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

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

I Want Proof

Who doesn't? It's not simply that we are children of the scientific age in which proof is essential. Concrete evidence gives us a sense of security; it helps us understand how things work. Even in ordinary human relationships, we want proof. A tune from *My Fair Lady* demands: "Don't talk of love...show me." It's very difficult to live without a certain degree of surety. Consequently, we should not be surprised at Thomas' insistence: "I want proof."

Thomas is often described as lacking faith. This isn't the full story. The reason the other disciples believed was because they had an experience of the risen Lord. Before that experience they were hiding behind locked doors. Thomas was absent; we are not told why. Whatever the reason, he also wanted an experience of the risen Lord. He was not content to base his believing on their word alone. In a sense, more was being asked of Thomas than the others.

Thomas is the patron of all of us whose faith in the risen Lord is based on the word of others rather than on our own unique revelatory experience. Who of us wouldn't want some mystical experience? We are called to believe without seeing. Yet, this isn't strictly true—we

can see evidence of the resurrection. The best proof is evident in the lives of millions of people who commit themselves to God and who strive to live with integrity.

For Reflection

- Who are the people who taught you your faith and who live it themselves? Thank God for them.
- Who looks to you as an example of one who believes that Christ is alive today?

Fr. David

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:

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Welcome back Father David from retreat. We hope you had a blessed and peaceful retreat.

School Subsidy for 2021: Students attending a catholic school have the opportunity to get a tuition subsidy from their parish church. Please get the subsidy form from your child's school and then meet with me. Thanks.

Dispensation for Sunday Mass Attendance: The dispensation for Sunday Mass attendance has been cancelled by the bishop.

Donations for Father David's order: Thank you for the donations for Father David's order. We were able to collect \$2,639.00. – Father appreciates your love and support for his order.

House Blessing: During the Easter Season Father would like to visit your home and bless your home with Holy Water. Please call the office to set it up. 228-832-2560 or 228-346-3578 (Father's cell phone)

**WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS † PLEASE FILL OUT A NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM AND SUBMIT TO PARISH OFFICE
FR. DAVID WOULD BE HAPPY TO VISIT WITH YOU AND HELP YOU ASSESS YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS.**

MASS	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS
Sat Apr 10 th 4pm	Mike West		Shorty Shaw
Sun Apr 11 th OLC 7:30am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchel
Sun Apr 11 th 9am	Beverly Saucier		
Sun Apr 11 th 6pm	Kathryn Cuevas		
Sat April 17 th 4pm	Mike West		Shorty Shaw
Sun April 18 th OLC 7:30am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchel
Sun April 18 th 9am			
Sun April 18 th 6pm			

Easter Flowers. Thanks to the following for their donations for Easter flowers for the altar: Daniel Squillante, Leeann Booth, Wanda Brignac, Sherry Rutland, Boots Moran, Sherrie DeMello, William and Nancy Burke, Jr., Barbara Thomas, Gerry and Kay VanPelt, Ellen and Mike West, W.C. and Lenell King, George M. Jacob, M. H. Dickson, William Peleaz, Boots Moran, Wilson, Luke Cuevas.

In Memory of: All Souls in Purgatory Jerry Rutland, Carla Thomas, Fred & Beulah Jacob, Curvis & Juanita & Frieda, Louis & WM Burke & Laura & Aurthur, Charles and Kathryn Van Pelt, Herman & Nora Mueting, Helen & Merle West, Rosa & Walter Moss, Mary Jo Nunez, Phyllis Breaux, Dantylar & Lee Ladner, Chester & Genera King, William Demello and Elizabeth Boudreaux

Thanks: Thanks to Lacey Scarbough for conducting the Easter egg hunt. It was a fun occasion for the children and everyone who attended.

Thanks for the donations for the Easter wreath. We collected \$236. The beautiful swag was won by Ann Shaw.

Garage Sale: April 17th & April 24th, 7am-4:30 pm.

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill: Leslie Cuevas, Lee James, Jerry Malley, Ezekiel Rutherford, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Andrew Fillengame; Breanna Ladner, Andrew, Sharon Somora, Nancy Ladner, Chris (Dube) McGill, Paul Ladner, Dianne Dearman, Marie Cuevas, Sharon Smith, Kathy, Marlene Moran, Teresa McAllister, Kendra Necaise, John &, Susan Parish, Courtney Stewart, Kathy Robison, and, Joseph and Megan Colbi Capuano, Bill & Brenda Peterson, Christine Constantine, Anthony Moran, Jill Ladner, Stephany Bass, and Brandi Moran, Verda Crabtree, Lynn & Linda Bangs, John O'Neal, Terri, Loretta Ladner and Matt Dubission; Addie Threadgill; Cindy Ladner; Amanda Mayberry; Robin Cuevas Emmie Tubbs, Wally Clifford, T.J Moran, Robin Shamplo.