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Mon. - Fri. 8:15am & 12:15pm
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SUNDAY MASSES

7:30am, 9:15am, 10:45am, 12:15pm
& 5:30pm (Spanish)

MASS SCHEDULE ON:

Eve of Holy Days: 6:00pm
Holy Days: 8:15am, 12:15pm
Holidays: One Mass at 9:00am

CONFESSIONS

Sat. 3-4:00pm,
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ADORATION

Tuesdays 5:00pm to 8:30pm
1st Fridays from 9:00am to 8:30pm

BAPTISMS

Call the Parish Office 561.392.0007

MARRIAGES

Must be registered parishioner/s for at
least 6 months before the wedding date



Feast of Divine Mercy Closing Service
Sunday, April 7 at 2:30pm:
Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and
Veneration of the Relic of the True Cross of Christ

APRIL 7, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Gospel: John 20:19-31

SCHOOL WISH LIST:

50 IP HD Security Cameras for our School
Approximately \$80,000 for installation/hardware
SJA Tuition Assistance to aid a needy student for the
2024-2025 school year.

Donations towards The Sisters of Mercy Scholarship
Endowment, as we celebrated 64 Years of the
Sisters of Mercy Legacy at St. Joan of Arc. Please call
561.952.2868 for more details. Thank you!



MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 6 TO APRIL 13, 2024

SATURDAY – April 6

4:30pm Barbara D'Amico+ • Miriam Mejia by Luis Mejia
William Kirsch by the Wells family • Sherri Mantey by the Wells family

SUNDAY – April 7

7:30am James Gattuso by the Cipolli family
9:15am Jim Mantey by his wife Sandra
For all souls in Purgatory by Terri Picinich
Pauline Spano by Michelle Frankestein • Eileen Crook by the Quatromani family
10:45am Patricia Murray by Genevieve Murphy
Priests and Deacons of Saint Joan of Arc by Laurie Colbert
Tom and Theresa Giguere by Diana and Joe Kabbas
12:15pm Gregory Lacivita by his wife • Angela la Mantia by Sarah Lena
In thanksgiving for the Gracie family by Angela
5:30pm Raymond John Gonzalez by Alcira Gonzalez
Sayed El Khaouli by Pedro El Khaouli

MONDAY – April 8

8:15am In thanksgiving to Saint Padre Pio by Teresa Viglieti
Robert J. Scully by the Marshall family

12:15pm Eric Bauer by Maria Dana

TUESDAY – April 9

8:15am Larry Leturmy by the Care Ministry

12:15pm Casey Clarity • Iris Ramos

WEDNESDAY – April 10

8:15am Casey Clarity • Iris Ramos

12:15pm Christ Child Society by Chris

THURSDAY – April 11

8:15 am Saint Joan of Arc Parishioners

12:15pm Casey Clarity • Iris Ramos

FRIDAY – April 12

8:15am Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Schaefer by Lydia David

12:15pm Olga Palomo by the Palomo family

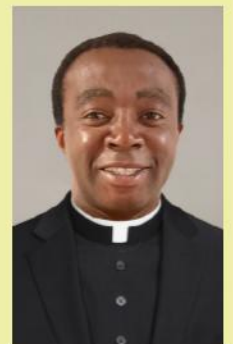
SATURDAY – April 13

8:15am Maxine and George Hays by Mary Jo and Jennifer

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important family events. At Weddings, Baptisms, First
Communions, Confirmations, Hospital Visits and Last
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be. Please consider remembering St. Joan of Arc in
your will, for donations in memory of a loved one who
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Fr. Nichodemus Okafor who is residing here at St.
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Parish Office. Thank you and may God bless all of you
and keep you safe.



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PASTORAL STAFF: Very Rev. Nestor Rodriguez, V.F.,
Fr. Junesh Xavier, Fr. Armando Leon, Fr. Michael Driscoll,
Fr. Nichodemus Okafor, Fr. Adam Forno, Fr. Richard Moran,
Deacon Bill Watzek, Deacon Michael Zatarga

Happy Easter Season

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In Memory of Melissa Forrester, RN
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In Memory of the CCW members who are deceased
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In Memory of Stanley Sarnar by Maryanne Sarnar
In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Cacciatore by Janine Cacciatore
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In Memory of Ray Weiland by Cheri
In Memory of Russell Kinney by Mimi & Barbara
In Memory of Louis and Marie Graziano by Barbara Johnson
In Memory of Charles J. Henrieta Baker Sr. and Charles J. Jr
& Christopher J. Baker by Carolyn J. Baker
In Memory of John W. Mahoney, Jr. by Mary C. Mahoney
In Memory of Joseph & Muriel Cresclo by Bill & Dolores Woolley
In Honor of Jack Wefinski by Maryann Wefinski
In Memory of Sid Guevarra by Amelia Guevarra
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In Memory of John Wuensch by Ron & Kathy Lakey
In Memory of Alicia and Katie Hofacker by Hofacker Family
In Memory of Joan Vigneri Gregory by Pamela Gregory John
In Memory of William J. Murphy III by April Murphy
In Memory of Bryce Strayer by Brad & Lynn Strayer
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In Memory of Evelyn Weisz, Charmaine Sabga & Fred Sabga by
Steve & Blanche Weisz
In Honor of Casey Clarity & Iris Ramos by SJA Parish Office staff

WEEKLY TREASURE

We ask you to please continue to support your church, St. Joan of Arc relies on the weekly offertory to pay its bills. The Holy Easter Collection for March 30/31 totaled \$51,924. The Good Friday Holy Land Collection totaled \$8,293. You can mail in your envelopes to St. Joan of Arc, or click on the secure yellow "Donate" button located on our website stjoan.org. We can also securely store your donation information by filling-in the Online Credit Card Authorization Form that can also be found on our web-site under WAYS TO GIVE. St. Joan of Arc appreciates whatever support you are able to offer.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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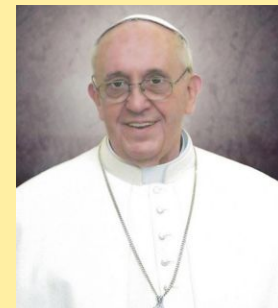
April 14 - Third Sunday of Easter
First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19
Second Reading: 1 John 2-5a
Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

I Want Proof Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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.

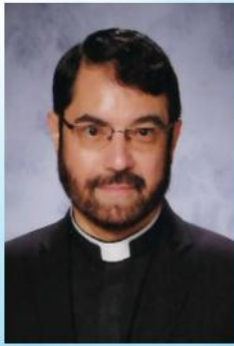
Thomas is the patron of all of us whose faith in the risen Lord is based on the word of others rather than on our own unique revelatory experience. Who of us wouldn't want some mystical experience? We are called to believe without seeing. Yet, this isn't strictly true—we can see evidence of the resurrection. The best proof is revealed in the lives of millions of people who commit themselves to God and who strive to live with integrity.



A Word from Pope Francis

Today is the day to ask, "...Do I, who have so often been fed by the Body of Jesus, make any effort to relieve the hunger of the poor?" Let us not remain indifferent. Let us not live a one-way faith, a faith that receives but does not give....

HOMILY, ROME, APRIL 11, 2021



I would like to invite you to please join me in supporting the 2024 Diocesan Services Appeal. The Diocese of Palm Beach's appeal provides support within our faith family and for the greater community beyond our parish, including education, parish resources and social ministries. Our valued seasonal parishioners and those who are regular visitors are also welcome to consider a gift and go to the diocesan website at www.diocesepb.org to make a pledge.

We are close to reaching our goal with a balance of \$72,205.88. With over 3,500 St. Joan of Arc registered families, if another 45 families make a tax deductible donation of \$800 per family and another 90 families donate \$400 per family, we will have met our goal. Please prayerfully consider helping the Diocese of Palm Beach with this worthy cause. It is in giving that we receive.

May the power of the resurrected Jesus fill your heart with hope and love during this Easter Season. Rejoice, for our Savior has Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Very Rev. Nestor Rodriguez

PLEASE CLICK ON THIS LINK:
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Next Class Days: SUN Apr. 7,
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Contact Religious Ed Office.

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AIM MINI-RETREAT VIA ZOOM:

AIM, a South Florida ministry serving the spiritual needs of adults with physical disabilities, is hosting a Zoom Mini-Retreat on Saturday, April 20, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. The retreat will include two spiritual talks by Father Kevin McQuone of St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary and group discussions. AIM is an outreach ministry of our own Parish serving the South Florida area. For more information, contact Margarita at 954-821-6077 or email margcast@bellsouth.net

SAINT JOHN PAUL II ACADEMY:

Saint John Paul II Academy invites all current 6th Graders to join us for an exciting 6th Grade Preview Day on Thursday, April 11th. To learn more and register please go to; <https://www.sjpii.net/admissions/6gpf.cfm> or email admissions@sjpii.net.

DOUBT AS A DOORWAY TO FAITH Richard B. Patterson

Somewhere between college and the present, I seem to have lost the faith of my youth. The strong emotions I would feel at midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. The intense desire to serve God. The deep guilt and fear when I would fall into sin. Somewhere along the way I lost that faith. I would wonder, what happened?

At times I blamed the loss on my sisters' deaths. Perhaps it was because my job as a psychologist brought me into contact with so much suffering. Or maybe the nuns were right; maybe it was because I went to a secular school after college.

I've come to see that probably all those factors were involved. And more. I miss that faith. That certainty. Knowing where I stood. The warm feelings of connection with the Divine. As I began to doubt, I feared that doubts were sinful or at least a sign of weakness. I would occasionally hear relatives whisper about someone who "lost the faith." Such whisperings were tinged with a bit of judgment.

I have read a lot over the years and have found help and comfort from many writers: Thomas Merton. C. S. Lewis. Henri Nouwen—all men of deep faith. A faith I lack. One day it dawned on me that each of these men whom I envied had gone through moments of significant doubt. Is it not conceivable that the rich faith they articulated would in some way have only been possible through doubt? In other words, rather than being the enemy of faith, could it not be possible that doubts could in fact be a doorway to a deeper faith?

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APRIL 27

10:00AM - 2:00PM

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Family Faith & Fun Day

Family, Faith, & Fun Day offers St. Joan of Arc families an opportunity to gather together in a fun-filled environment recognizing the common element that brings us together, our faith.

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Primera Lectura: Hechos de los Apóstoles 4:32-35
Segunda Lectura: I- John 1
Evangelio: Juan 20:1-9

DOMINGO DE DIVINA MISERICORDIA

El domingo de Resurrección Jesús se manifestó a los discípulos, que estaban reclusos por temor, para llenarlos de alegría y enviarlos a anunciar la Buena Noticia como el Padre lo envió a Él. El Señor les muestra sus llagas gloriosas como pruebas palpables de su triunfo y les desea la paz, que es “el don precioso que Cristo ofrece a sus discípulos después de haber pasado a través de la muerte y los infiernos –explica el Papa Francisco–. Es el fruto de la victoria del amor de Dios sobre el mal, es el fruto del perdón”

El Evangelio de este segundo domingo del Tiempo de Pascua cuenta que el discípulo Tomás no estaba con los otros en aquella ocasión. Cuando regresa, no cree en el testimonio jubiloso de todos: “¡Hemos visto al Señor. Tomás exige algo más que el testimonio apostólico y pide signos evidentes para creer y cambiar de vida. Al domingo siguiente, Jesús volvió a mostrarse. “Quizá tú también escuches en este momento el reproche dirigido a Tomás : mete aquí tu dedo, y registra mis manos; y trae tu mano, y métela en mi costado, y no seas incrédulo sino fiel; y, con el Apóstol, saldrá de tu alma, con sincera contrición, aquel grito: ¡Señor mío y Dios mío!, te reconozco definitivamente por Maestro, y ya para siempre —con tu auxilio— voy a atesorar tus enseñanzas y me esforzaré en seguirlas con lealtad”

En este domingo de la Divina Misericordia, comentaba el Papa Francisco: “entrando en el misterio de Dios a través de las llagas comprendemos que la misericordia no es una entre otras cualidades suyas, sino el latido mismo de su corazón. Y entonces, como Tomás, no vivimos más como discípulos inseguros, devotos pero vacilantes, sino que nos convertimos también en verdaderos enamorados del Señor”.

Es natural que sintamos el anhelo de Tomás –querer ver y palpar a Jesús–, porque conocemos a través de nuestros sentidos corporales. Por eso nos preguntamos con el Papa, “¿cómo saborear este amor, cómo tocar hoy con la mano la misericordia de Jesús? Nos lo sugiere el Evangelio, cuando pone en evidencia que la misma noche de Pascua (cf. v. 19), lo primero que hizo Jesús apenas resucitado fue dar el Espíritu para perdonar los pecados. Para experimentar el amor hay que pasar por allí: dejarse perdonar” También podemos sentir como dirigida a nosotros la última bienaventuranza que pronunció Jesús en la tierra, provocada por el desconfiado Tomás: “Bienaventurados los que sin haber visto hayan creído”. La fe, la confianza en Dios sin pruebas llamativas, es una dicha, un don que hemos de pedir humildemente: “¡aumentanos la fe!” (Lc 17,5). Es un regalo que hemos de cultivar y practicar con obras diarias, porque “el que cree en mí, también él hará las obras que yo hago, y las hará mayores que éstas porque yo voy al Padre. Y lo que pidáis en mi nombre eso haré, para que el Padre sea glorificado en el Hijo” (Jn 14,12-14).



OUR OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

AA (Alcoholic Anonymous) Men & Women - Saturdays meetings at Immaculata Center. Saturdays 10:00am -12:00pm.

The Newcomers group meets on THURSDAY night in the Conference Romm A (2nd floor of the "Ministry Building") beginning at 6:30pm. Contact Pat McLaughlin 561 239 2462 or April Stone 760 717 5184 for more information.

AI-Anon & Alateen - Saturdays 10:00am -12:00pm 2nd floor of the Education Bldg.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Every Tuesday: 5pm to 8:30pm First Friday: 9am to 7pm, 7 until 8:30pm Bilingual Rosary, Meditation and Benediction. Would you sign-up for a weekly Adoration Hour? Please without such personal commitment Adoration cannot continue. Please be a Eucharistic Adorer and commit to one hour. Call Laura at 561.702.3303 or Rosie at 954.534.5380 or 561.392.0007

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING CENTER - Counseling services at Catholic Charities' satellite office at SJA's Kilby House by Professional Counselors. Services are available Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm. Contact our Counselor Maria Nowak: 561-952-2852 or email: amnowak@ccdbp.org. For scheduling please contact Maria Lumbi at counseling@ccdbp.org

COLUMBIETTES - Ladies group building a strong bond in our parish. For details call Terry Picinich at 561-901-7312.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (CCW) - We are a joyful group acting through our members to support, empower and educate Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. Our seven circles offer a variety of monthly meeting times. Join us and make new friends as we are Women Making a Difference. SJA Council of Catholic Women Circles: Santa Ana Circle, Last Wednesday of the month 7pm to 9pm, St. Martha & Mary Circle, 3rd Thursday 1 -2:30 P.M. Kilby House St. Monica Circle, 4th Monday 1-3 P.M. Kilby House

For more information, email stjoanccw@gmail.com.

DAD'S CLUB - Every Monday in Mercy Center at drop off - 7:45am. All dads in the Parish welcome. For more information contact the school office.

DAILY ROSARY: We pray the Holy Rosary at 4:00pm at the Marian Garden.

GRIEF SUPPORT SESSIONS - When grief is shared, pain may be eased and life be more bearable because we see that we are not alone. The SJA Grief Support Program have been having small group meetings in the Kilby House on Wednesdays from 4-5pm. If you've lost a loved one and would like to participate in this program please call Marjorie O'Sullivan at 561.609.2542 or write osullivanmarjorie546@gmail.com.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY - Call us if you or someone you know is no longer able to attend Mass. Our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion visit the elderly & infirmed parishioners 561-392-0007.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - We are a part of this great dynamic Catholic International Organization. Contact: knights.council13051@gmail.com

KOINONIA - A spiritually uplifting weekend experience that takes place in our parish grounds. Please contact: George Kunzman at bridgefin@bellsouth.net or call 561-394-7128.

MEN'S MINISTRY - Strives to develop God-centered Catholic men through Christian fellowship, education and service. Meetings Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm-8:15pm upstairs at The Kilby House. All men of the parish are most welcome. Call Paul Paschke 561-392-2476.



For information on:

- EMs (Eucharistic Ministers)
 - School of Christian Formation
 - Lector Training
 - Annulments
 - SJA Campus Room Reservations
- Please contact Deacon Bill Watzek at 561-952-2828 or watzek_bill@stjoan.org

MOTHER MARY CONTINUUM BIBLE STUDY Starting Friday, Nov. 10 we will begin studying a book entitled "The Story of A Soul: The Autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux". Please feel free to join us in person in St. Kateri Room in the Kilby House or online. We start with the Rosary at 9:15am. For additional information please contact Kathy Graham (kathymthgraham@gmail.com)

PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS IN ENGLISH - First Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM in Mercy Center, 2nd Floor. Please contact the Parish Office at 561-392-0007 to register before attending.

CLASE PRE-BAUTISMAL EN ESPANOL - Tercer Jueves del mes a las 6:30 PM en Mercy Center, 2nd Floor. Por favor comuniquese con la Oficina Parroquial al 561-392-0007 antes de asistir.

SCRIPTURE STUDY - Sunday mornings at 9:15 in Mercy Center upstairs. Contact George Kunzman at bridgefin@bellsouth.net or call 561-394-7128.

SJA SCHOOL ALUMNI - We invite you to register on our St. Joan of Arc website as an alumni if you haven't already done so at stjoan.org/school/alumni-outreach/

SPANISH ACTIVITIES:

Rosary for Priestly Vocations – Wednesdays at 5pm in the SJA Chapel.

Prayer Group – Every Tuesday at 7pm at the Kilby House.

Pre Baptismal classes in Spanish every 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at the Kilby House.

SOULCORE CLASSES - SoulCore is an apostolate that nourishes mind, body and spirit by combining the prayers of the rosary with movement of gentle stretching and core strengthening exercises. Classes are offered Mondays and Wednesdays 6:30pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30am, and Sunrise Saturdays at 6:45am.

Please contact Ramona joachim for locations or more info 561-866-4820

SUNDAY TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND - The Diocese of Palm Beach's weekly Sunday morning Mass for the homebound airs on CW34 WTVX at 10:30am -11:00am

UPLIFT THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY - Please join UPLIFT, the Thursday morning Bible Study group for a study on the Acts of the Apostles with Jeff Cavins beginning on October 19th. This 20 week study will help you to see your place in the Church as a disciple of Christ. We will meet Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:15 in Mercy Center, 2nd floor conference room. Please contact the Religious Education office to register (561-391-4345 or ReligiousEd@stjoan.org).

USHERS - Men & women at SJA represent the parish and the community in their function as hosts and hostesses at our liturgies. For more information call Javier Palermo at 561-445-1782 or Dennis Jordan at 561-395-8329.

WOMEN OF GRACE - Travel a spiritual pathway with the Blessed Mother through the Women of Grace Foundational nine-week program and discover your purpose, your mission, and the gift of your feminine genius! For more information contact Martha at mnicolli@womenofgrace.com

WOMENS REFLECTION GROUP - Join us for various Bible Studies. Wednesdays 8:30am - 10:00am.

WEDDING MINISTRY - If you have a question about marriages, first please visit our website stjoan.org for Wedding Requirements. For appointments, please contact Laura Wazek at 561-952-2854 or email watzek_laura@stjoan.org.



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