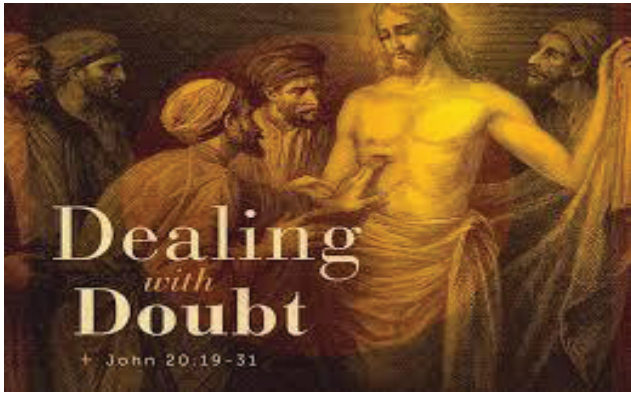


# Blast from the Past



**St. Bartholomew Parish  
Jubilee Year 1973-2023**



**First Reading: ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 2:42-47**

The first community of Christians grows as its members meet to pray and break bread.

**Second Reading: 1 PETER 1:3-9**

We have new hope because of Jesus' Resurrection.

**Gospel: JOHN 20:19-31**

Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

**FAMILY CONNECTION:**

Many of us can relate to Thomas's response to the news that the disciples had seen Jesus. We want to see for ourselves too, but we grow in faith, trusting the experience and knowledge of others.

Many of us have heard the saying "Seeing is believing." As your family gathers, take some time to consider what that saying means. What are some things we believe because we see them? Is there anything we believe without seeing? Today's Gospel reminds us that faith sometimes asks us to believe things we cannot see with our eyes. Read today's Gospel, John 19:19-31, with your family. Think about Thomas's response to the reports about the risen Lord. Is Thomas's doubt reasonable? How does Jesus respond to Thomas? Jesus grants Thomas the evidence that Thomas needs to believe, but Jesus also affirms the faith of those who will be called upon to believe without first-hand experience. We are among those whom Jesus calls blessed. Discuss with your family the basis of each member's faith in Jesus—the witness of the first disciples, the Gospels, the continuing activity of the Holy Spirit, the community of the Church.

Pray together that your faith in Jesus will be strong. Pray an act of faith together.

*Prayer to the Divine Mercy*

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O blood and water which gushed forth from the heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in you.

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. *(Repeat three times.)*

Jesus, King of Mercy, we trust in You.



**Mass INTENTIONS**

- Saturday**      **APRIL 15, 2023**
- 9:00 AM      ENGRACIA CAYABYAB (†)
- FRANK JOHN DIAS (†)
- ALOY & ANNE CANAGASURIAM (†)
- 5:00 PM      OFELIA LIM (†)
- Sunday**      **APRIL 16, 2023**
- 9:30 AM      FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF
- ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS
- 11:15 AM      ELAINE CORTEZ (†)
- Monday**      **APRIL 17, 2023**
- WHOLE DAY – PASTOR'S REST DAY**
- Tuesday**      **APRIL 18, 2023**
- 8:30 AM      KRISTOFFER BHAGWANDAT (†)
- Wednesday**      **APRIL 19, 2023**
- 8:30 AM      LUNINGNING BERNARDINO (†)
- Thursday**      **APRIL 20, 2023**
- 8:30 AM      TERESA & LUIGI D'AMBROSIO (†)
- Friday**      **APRIL 21, 2023**
- 8:30 AM      ALESSANDRO FERRANTE (†)
- BURNING THIS WEEK:**
- SANCTUARY LAMP:**
- SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF RICHARD RIVERA**



**We are now booking Mass Intentions for 2024.**



**Plans/Projects/Activities for our Jubilee Celebration are underway:**

1. To honour and appreciate all priests who served the parish we have their photo collage at the Narthex.
2. New **statue of St. Michael the Archangel** was donated by the weekday Golden Girls Club and friends.
2. **Shirts and totes** to commemorate our celebration are now available for purchase. Order forms are in the lobby.
3. The **Jubilee Heritage Wall** will be unveiled on **May 14, 2023 after the 11:15am Mass.**
4. Advance **Feast Day Mass** with Bishop Vincent Nguyen as well as the former priests and deacons on **August 20, 2023 at the 11:15am Mass**
5. Picture taking for the souvenir program will be on **May 2-5, 2023 starting at 2:30pm until 8:30pm. Registration required.** Sign-up sheets available in the office (office hours Tuesday-Friday 9am-12:30 or 1:30-3:00pm) or at the Narthex (before or after each Mass)

**More activities are being lined up. Watch out for it.**



**Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Happy Easter!** Thank you for your presence and prayers as we celebrated the Lenten Season.

I pray that you and your loved ones have a blessed Easter! When you come before the Lord, please pray for me, for the other Priests who serve our parish, and for our Staff. Know that we will pray for you, your loved ones and your intentions. We may not see each other each day but may we meet each day in our prayers!

I take this opportunity to thank all who have called me or sent emails, cards and notes to me during the Lenten Season. Your support and prayers (and your offer of food!) mean more to me than you will ever know.

God always has the last word. Just look at the Easter event! On Good Friday the world of darkness had thrown everything it had on the Anointed One and buried Him in a tomb – thinking it had the final word. But the final word belonged to God. On Easter Sunday God overturned the world’s verdict, as our Savior Jesus Christ rose from that tomb and conquered the darkness of the world forever.

My friends, this is *still* God’s world. You have heard me preach that many, many times. God will always provide. He will see us through these days where it seems always to be Good Friday. But Easter is triumphant. God has the last word – always! May you and our faith family of St. Bartholomew, along with all of our loved ones, have a most blessed and Happy Easter.

As we already have closed our Heritage Wall campaign I would like to thank all those who supported our project. The report will be available next week. This is a substantial addition onto our Building Fund.

It is also worth noting that we care for others as we collected coins during Good Friday for the Republic of Turkiye and Syria. We raised **\$5516.70**. May God bless you and your family.

In Christ,  
Fr.Fernan



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will conduct a **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE** after all weekend Masses on: Sat. Apr.22 & Sun. April 23. This is a unique opportunity for ALL practicing Catholic Men of this parish to consider becoming members of this great international Catholic Fraternity. We invite interested men *and their families* to meet us in the Narthex for a cup of coffee and a friendly chat with the Knights of this council.

Join us with your families and find out what we are all about and how you and family can benefit from being a member of the K of C.

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