

APRIL 11, 2010
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Doubter!

by Fr. Mark Pavlik

Poor Thomas! The poor guy has one instance of doubting and for two thousand years, he is known as “doubting Thomas.” His name is synonymous with those who lack faith in all circumstances. But the fact is that it seems he just had one bad day. History has put little emphasis on his positive traits or the times he did have faith. Remember in the Gospel of John, when Jesus is going to Judea, the apostles try to discourage him from going, fearing that he may be stoned if he returns there. While the others are saying, “Don’t go,” it is Thomas who says, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.” Most people don’t remember that. Is that the voice of a doubter?

This tendency to dwell on Thomas’ shortcomings is all too common. There is something in us that seems to want to focus on shortcomings instead of strengths. How many times do we think about the faults of others before we think of their strengths? It seems somehow easier to think about those things at which we have failed instead of our successes. Too often there is a fixation on sin, instead of virtue. This is all a result of original sin and is something we have to fight against our whole lives.

I wonder what the other apostles thought was going to happen when Jesus came back to see Thomas. Judging from their past attitudes and behaviors, I wonder if they weren’t thinking that Jesus was going to really give Thomas “what for” for being a doubter. They seemed to find it rather easy to argue about which of them was the best and who had the greatest strengths. But Jesus’ response to Thomas and his doubt is a kind and gentle one: “Do not be unbelieving, but believe.” He does not even seem very surprised that Thomas’ faith was weak. After His three years with the apostles, I am not sure anything they would have done would have surprised Jesus that much. Does he blame Thomas for his shortcoming? He does not. Instead, he gently leads him to faith.

That is the message of this Divine Mercy Sunday. On this day, we focus on the tremendous mercy that Jesus has for sinners and His love for us, even when we doubt and lack faith. The answer to questions and doubts is a simple one: bring them to Jesus and let Him show us His truth in His gentle and merciful way.

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Take Five Table – April 10 and 11 *Changing our World*

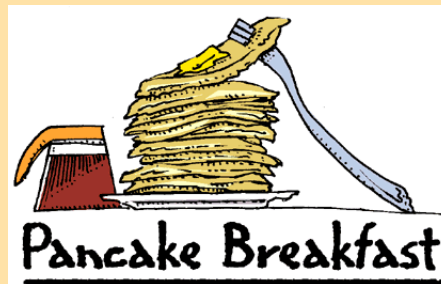
This is an opportunity to ‘take five minutes’ after Mass to learn about a public policy issue that affects the poor and vulnerable. Information on Catholic social teaching, pending legislation and action to end homelessness and poverty will be available at the table. (organized by the St. Olaf Commission on Social Justice)

Sing with VENITE CHOIR

(veh nee teh; Latin ‘Come’)

on the Solemnity of Pentecost

This choir continues its meetings and ministry at St. Olaf. It is a choir for the person who would like to explore their voice — even if you have never been in a choir before — to learn basic technique, simple unison singing of songs, hymns and psalms, and after a period of rehearsals, **sing the Saturday 4:00 pm Mass on the Solemnity of Pentecost on May 22.** The commitment to this ministry group is regular attendance to learn the most basic tools of singing for the liturgy. All ages welcome. REHEARSALS on Saturday afternoons from 12:30 - 2:00 pm in the music room, lower level of St. Olaf Church according to schedule: **April 10, 24, May 1, 8, 15. COME!**



St. Olaf House of Pancakes (SOHOP) invites you to a hearty breakfast of pancakes, sausages and beverages in Fleming Hall on Sunday, April 25, following the 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 noon Masses. Tickets will be available in the skylight area as well as the skyway access area (near St. Patrick's Guild) following all Masses on Sunday, April 11 and Sunday, April 18. Join your fellow parishioners and bring your friends to this “friend raising” event. Ticket prices: \$5.00 for adults; \$3.00 for children age 7-13; children under 6 are free; families are \$15.00. Hospitality in the Gathering Room follows the 4:00 pm Mass only on April 25.



St. Olaf Worship and Sacred Music Series

The Saint Catherine's Choral Society presents Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem* and W.A. Mozart's *Solemn Vespers for a Confessor*, featuring soloists Maria Jette and Bradley Greenwald. Both works will be performed in their rarely heard original orchestrations in the beautiful acoustic of St. Olaf Catholic Church on Sunday, April 25 at 7:30 pm. Tickets will be available at the door, \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and admission is free with a St. Catherine's University student ID. The concert will be conducted by Erick Lichte, the interim director of chorale activities.



ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS AT ST. OLAF

(Greeters, EMs, Lectors, Sanctuary Ministers, Sacristans) are called to choose one of the following times to gather at St. Olaf. It is important to gather all for spiritual renewal, update of guidelines, rosters, and to enjoy fellowship, so that our faith community is always offered the best of liturgical service.

Monday, April 19, 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the church OR
Tuesday, April 20, 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the church



With Sympathy

"Remember, Lord, those who have died, and have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. . . "

-Eucharistic Prayer 1

**Doris Belanger
Ruth Cardinal
Clara Shirling**

**Warren Kump
Mary Rundorff**

. . . and for those who love them.

Upcoming Risen Christ Gala

The 14th Annual Risen Christ Catholic School Gala "For the Children" will be held on Friday, April 30 at the Minneapolis Hilton.

Tickets for the Gala as well as Sweepstakes tickets will be offered for sale after all Masses the weekend of April 10-11 and April 17-18. Gala tickets are \$115 per person and Sweepstakes tickets are \$20 each for a chance at a \$2010 price.

For additional information about the Gala or Sweepstakes, contact Risen Christ School at 612-822-5329.

Regina Caeli

*Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.
Has risen, as He said, alleluia.
Pray for us to God, alleluia.
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.*

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant, we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ON FRIDAYS

INTENTION FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 16

That those who are without work or homes, or who are otherwise in serious need, may find understanding and welcome, as well as concrete help in overcoming their difficulties.

Preparing for Next Sunday's Liturgy

APRIL 18
3rd Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING:
Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
Psalms 30:2, 4, 5–6, 11–12, 13

SECOND READING:
Revelation 5:11–14

GOSPEL:
John 21:1–19

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The disciples in the Gospel were “running on empty,” both in their lives and in their fishing. Jesus helped them by calling for them to cast their nets to the other side, by beckoning them to cast their nets into different waters. The results banished their emptiness. If we’re “running on empty,” if there’s a void or gap in our life due to a death or loss or some other unfortunate circumstance, it could well be that Jesus is calling us to cast our nets into different waters, to involve ourselves in some cause or some new venture or program that may well rekindle that spirit we long to have restored.

1. Give examples of how casting a net into different waters has helped you.

2. Describe some of the main reasons why people may be “running on empty.”

3. Where might Jesus hope that those “running on empty” would cast their nets?

Pancake Help Needed! *(note shift time changes)*

Volunteers are still needed to help with the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 25 for the following two shifts: 7:30 to 10:30 am and 10:30 am to 3:00 pm. Volunteer openings are available for cashiers, dining room table helpers, food runners, food servers, and beverage table helpers. All volunteers will need to purchase a breakfast ticket in support of the event. An orientation meeting is planned for the week before the event. For more information and to volunteer, please call the parish office at 612-332-7471.

The African Partnership at St. Olaf

The St. Olaf 2010 African Partnership Appeal has an added urgency this year. A severe drought has stricken Kenya for the last three years. When Fr. Ben visited with us this past December, he asked that we pray for rain and plan on the possibility for the necessity of digging new wells.

In the past several years St. Olaf parishioners have funded building projects for a teacher's residence at St. Timon's High School in Rabondo; roofs were placed on three outlying sub-parishes at St. Mary's in Bulanda, Mwari, and Kakurikit, as well as money contributed for the Health Clinic in Kakurikit. Donations have been allocated for student scholarships and numerous suitcases full of medical and school supplies, tennis shoes, socks and t-shirts have been distributed to the students and families in the villages.

But there is still no greater physical need than water. We are working with Fr. Ben to assess this situation. Kenya receives most of its annual rainfall during the months of January and February. In February, the BBC reported a mass roundup of livestock in Kenya expected to die of thirst if not tended to. Purchasing water is expensive — twenty liters of water can cost more than a day's wages. Well digging is not cheap especially in the rocky terrain of western Kenya; however, it is much less expensive than purchasing water and is at least a semi-permanent solution to a life threatening problem. The St. Olaf African Partnership Committee will keep you up-to-date about how the water shortage is being resolved as we approach our May 15-16 Annual Appeal date.

— Tim Powers, African Partnership Committee Member





Second Sunday of Easter — April 11, 2010

Order of the Mass

Hymnal #153

Our celebration of the Mass lasts about one hour. Why depart early?
“So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?”

Jesus, in the Garden of Gethsemane, before he gave his life for our salvation

PRELUDE

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight by M. Biery
Sun. 4pm: *Sleepers Awake!* by C. Waddell

OPENING

Lift High the Cross #791, vss. 1,2,3,5
Sun. 4pm:
Now the Feast and Celebration by M. Haugen #742

GLORIA/SPRINKLING OF WATER

from *Missa Pacem* by L. R. Babin

Liturgy of the Word

We open our minds and hearts to the Word of God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16
Through the work of the apostles,
many signs and wonders took place among the people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 118 by M. Guimont; Sun. 4pm: by C. Browning

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
The author of Revelation shares the vision of seven lampstands.
Among them, one dressed as the son of man.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

tune: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, arr. M. Burkhardt; Sun. 4pm: by D. Haas

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31
Thomas doubted, then believed in the Risen Lord.

HOMILY

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Our communion with the Lord and one another.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Without Seeing You by D. Haas #844
Sun. 10am Choir: *The Glory of Christ* by K. Lee Scott
Sun. 4pm: *Peace* by G. Norbet

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER ACCLAMATIONS

from *Mass of Angels and Saints* by S. Janco
The community prayer of praise, petition and thanksgiving is offered.
Christ, the Saving Victim is present in the consecrated Body and Blood.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD

from *Mass in Honor of St. Andrew* by J. Tuuk;
Sun. 4pm: from *Mass of Rejoicing* by J. Angotti

COMMUNION SONG

Hail Thee, Festival Day #450
Sun. 4pm: *We Remember* by M. Haugen #593

MEDITATION

Sun. 10am: *Mitte Manum Tuam*
Communion Proper of the Day, by M. Cain
“Stretch forth your hand, and feel the place where the nails were;
be not doubtful but believing.” Alleluia.

SENDING FORTH

We Walk By Faith #590

You are invited to stay to enjoy the music postlude.

POSTLUDE

Variations on “O Sons and Daughters”
by Jean-François Dandrieu
Sun. 4pm Ensemble: *He Has the Power* by L. Roberts

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MASS SCHEDULE

Music is part of all weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon, 4:00 pm
Monday - Friday: 7:00 am, 12:00 noon, 5:15 pm
Saturday: 8:00 am, 12:00 noon

Sacrament of Penance / Confessions

Monday through Saturday: Following morning Mass
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: Following 12:00 noon Mass

Benediction / Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays at 12:30 pm, chapel
(following 12:00 noon Mass in the church)

Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 5 pm
5:15 pm Mass, chapel

Broadcasts

Sunday 10:00 am Mass is broadcast Sundays at 8:00 pm
on Relevant Radio, WLOL, 1330 AM.

Sunday Mass is broadcast Sundays at 8:00 pm and
Mondays at 10:00 am on MCN Cable TV Channel 6.