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**The One Who Doubts / A Healthy Sign of Growth**

Doubt is a mental state in which the mind remains suspended between two or more contradictory propositions, unable to be certain of any of them. Doubt on an emotional level is indecision between belief and disbelief. The resolution of doubt is not belief, but certainty, and with certainty, one is able to explore belief. In today's Gospel, we have the first appearance of Jesus to the apostles. They are paralyzed by fear, shame, guilt and confusion and so, they have locked themselves away from the world, physically, but also mentally, emotionally and spiritually. Undeterred by a locked door, the first words out of Jesus' mouth to each and every one of them was Peace be with you! He is making it plainly clear to them that all is forgiven and that his love for them is in no way diminished, but remains the ground and source of his relationship with them.

He shows them his wounds, not to shock them but as a confirmation that it is he who is standing before them. It is then that they actually see him and rejoice. By showing them his wounds, he is attempting to bring them back into the present moment: not to be stuck in the past with shame and guilt, nor hemmed in by a future that lacked clarity and purpose due to confusion. It was not a matter that they had doubted Jesus, they simply never really believed, because they had not understood his words. But consider this, their seeing him has not

given them the certainty of what Jesus had taught them, that he would rise from the dead, but has given them the experience of overwhelming joy that he was alive. Thomas is another story.

He was absent when Jesus first appeared and refuses to believe that he is alive unless he touches his wounds. Curious is it not that it is his wounds that he wants to touch, and not simply to see or to physically embrace him. Thomas does not simply want to believe something is true, he wants to know it. Certainty is this foundational support upon which our mental and emotional wellbeing depends. Without certainty, a person's world view and their place in that world, is thrown into chaos. They are not able to create or sustain healthy relationships with others. They become isolated, disconnected and mistrustful of others, and of their own ability to take care of themselves. It is like being locked inside a room with you holding the key, but you have no idea what it is for. So, Thomas's doubting is meant to find that solid ground upon which to stand and then to live and to act from. Taking the word of another that something is true or false, good or bad, right or wrong, is not enough. At some point the person has to ask himself or herself, not merely what do I believe, but what do I know for certain. And whatever I do not know, I will doubt it's validity until I have tested it myself, until I have put myself into the process of touching every last aspect of what I do not know. To doubt is the beginning of growth!

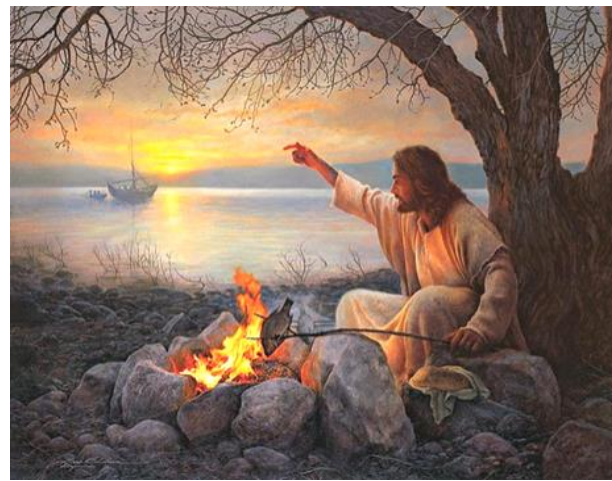
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"God is just as merciful in the things He does not allow, as He is in the things He does."  
*Andrena Sanyer*



**Third Sunday  
Of Easter  
May 1, 2022**



“The life is the red wagon  
rolling along  
The life is the red wagon  
simple and strong  
The life is the red, is the red,  
oh, it's no big deal  
But when the feet are  
dragging you pull for me  
And I pull for you, you pull  
for me and I pull for you”

*Jane Sibbery  
“the life is the red wagon”*

**Do You Love Me?**

When a person has to ask that question, “Do you love me?” especially if you have been in that relationship for a number of years, you have to know that relationship is on shaky ground. The love you are confessing, has become less that lack luster, because there are fewer tangible signs of that love. In the case of our Gospel this weekend, Jesus asks this question of Peter three times, not because Jesus needs to hear it, but in order for Peter to appreciate that saying the words “I love you” is not enough. It is always about consciously allowing these words to be lived out daily.

In effect Jesus is saying to Peter, and to us, if you say you love me, then show that love to the person before you. It is not enough to simply say to thin air “O lord I love you”, but in turn ignore the person who is in most need of your kindness and mercy. The person before us is the living Christ in our midst. Jesus does not say, pray for them, give them a kind look, he says, FEED THEM, TEND TO THEM and again FEED THEM. We actively and constructively show our love for the other, by being love to the other, unto the point that the other no longer exists separate from us. He or she is our brother and sister, we are Christ to Christ. There is no limit to our love for the other, no excuse not to help or to be encouraging of the other. We follow Christ, we become Christ, we then see Christ EVERYWHERE! *pah*

**Parish Group Meetings /**

Choir Practice:	Wednesdays / 6PM / Church
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Tuesday, May 3rd, 6:30PM, Parish Hall
First Communion Mass	Sunday May 8th, 2:00PM, Church
CWL General Meeting	Monday May 9th, 9:45AM, Parish Hall
12 Hours for Palliative Care	Wednesday May 11th, 8AM - 8PM, Church/Hall
Confirmation Mass	Saturday, May 14th, 1:00PM, Church

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**Parish Pastoral News**

**Sunday May 1, 2022**

**Sacrament of First Communion** / will be celebrated on **Sunday May 8th at 2PM.** Let us keep them and their families in our prayers as these little ones prepare to receive the Eucharist for the first time. Thank you.

**CWL Guest Speaker / INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** The CWL is sponsoring a guest speaker, Joyce Jonathon Crone, an Indigenous Mohawk from Six Nations Reserve, on Monday, May 9, 2022, in the Parish Hall. She will be presenting on Indigenous Issues which will hopefully enlighten us on our journey to Truth and Reconciliation. Everyone is encouraged and welcomed to attend. Orange Ribbons in memory of Residential School Victims are at the back of the Church. Please help yourself to show your support.

**12 Hours of Prayer** / You are invited to join parishioners and members of the community for **12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care** on May 11, 2022. Come for an hour, come for the day. 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Details are posted on the bulletin board.

**Sacrament of Anointing** / This sacrament does address the physical, bodily conditions of illness, but the primary emphasis of Anointing is **to bring spiritual strength and healing to the sick or dying person.** As a sacrament (an outward sign of something internal), it is performed to give God's grace through the Holy Spirit. It is not magical, nor is its effects imposed. Our will and desire to work with what God is sharing with us, is necessary. A non-Catholic can receive the anointing of the sick, in special situations, just as when we are in need of God's grace, for spiritual guidance, support, clarity of discerning God's will, and inner wellbeing. An anointing is as much God calling to us to come and receive his presence as it is our willingness to receive God's grace. At the end of the 12 Hours of Prayer, we will celebrate communally the sacrament of Anointing. All are welcome.

**Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated on **Saturday May 14th at 1PM.** Bishop Daniel Miehm will be conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation. Let us continue to pray that God's gifts of the Holy Spirit will be upon them all.

**Altar Servers** / To any child who has received Communion, and would like to be an Altar Server, please contact the office. It would be great to have you helping out during the mass in the role of an Altar Server.

**SVDP** / Would like to thank St. Mary Elementary School for the donation from their Food Drive. The SVDP received over 800 lbs. of food. And thank you again to our parishioners for their generous donations of over 600 lbs. of food from the monthly food drive. Thank you for your continued care and good will.

As well, **St. Vincent de Paul** is putting out a request. We are immensely grateful for your continuing support of this ministry. Your generosity allows us to do our loving ministry. At this time we are in need of more volunteers to help us out. If you are at all interested please contact either Al Cormier or Mike O'Mara, in person or call 705-789-0008. Thank you!

**Children's Liturgy** / As we come out of COVID time, we are seeing new faces in our parish. It would be great to get our Children's Teaching Time going again, but this requires your help. Anyone interested in helping, please contact Rosi through her email. It is a great way to pass on your faith to these little ones. Thank you.

**Readers, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion & Ushers** / Perhaps you might wish to consider one of these ministries, especially if you are not presently involved or you are new to the parish. Interested? For more information, please contact the office (see cover of bulletin) or speak with Fr. Paul. This would be a wonderful way to put your gifts and talents at the service of others.

**Next Weekend Ministry Schedule - May 7th /8th, 2022**

	4:00PM Mass	9:00AM Mass	11:00AM Mass
Readers	Michelle Haskin	Craig Martin	Bob Lacroix June McDonald
EMC	Bob Moore	Gisele Neigel	
Ushers	Walter Grys Tracy Shisko Victoria Baumgart Ben Boivin	Mary Kudryk Al Kudryk Lou Luvison Walter Grys	Hugh Knox Bob Lacroix Linda Lacroix
Counters	Tuesday May 10th	Bob Moore &	Shirley Morra

“The people on the bottom of the system - any system - are usually much more ready to hear the word of God. Longing and thirsting for righteousness, they are more ready to stop protecting the status quo. Therefore they're much more ready for conversion.”  
*Richard Robr*

**Weekend Offertory /  
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*Let us join our prayers with those who have died and for those who have asked for our prayers ...*

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