

TAKE UP AND READ

ST. AUGUSTINE ST. MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH

2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy

Sunday, April 28, 2019

*You believe in me, Thomas, because
you have seen me, says the Lord;
blessed are those who have not seen me,
but still believe!*

Jn 20:29

Welcome
Back St. Catherine
Alumni!



TODAY'S READINGS

2nd Sunday of Easter

1st Read: Acts 5:12-16

Respons: Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-2

2nd Read: Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Gosp: Jn 20:19-31

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

3rd Sunday of Easter

1st Read: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

Respons: Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13

2nd Read: Rev 5:11-14

Gosp: Jn 21:1-19

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POPE FRANCIS ON CONFIRMATION

Jesus entrusted a great mission to His disciples: "You are the salt of the earth; you are the light of the world" (Cf. Matthew 5:13-16). They are images that make us think of our behaviour, because the lack or excess of salt makes food unpleasant, just as the lack and or excess of light impedes our seeing. He who can truly render us salt that gives flavour and preserves from corruption, and light that illuminates the world is only the Spirit of Christ! And this is the gift we receive in the Sacrament of Confirmation or Cresima, on which I wish to pause and reflect with you. It's called "Confirmation" because it confirms Baptism and reinforces its grace (Cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1289); as also "Cresima" from the fact that we receive the Spirit through the anointing with "chrism" — oil mixed with fragrance consecrated by the Bishop —, term that refers to "Christ," the Anointed of the Holy Spirit.

The first step is to be reborn to divine life in Baptism; one must then behave as children of God, namely, to be conformed to Christ, who works in the Holy Church, letting oneself be involved in His mission in the world. The anointing of the Holy Spirit provides for this: "without His strength, nothing is in man" (Cf. Sequence of Pentecost). We can do nothing without the strength of the Holy Spirit: it is the Spirit that gives us the strength to go forward; just as the whole life of Jesus was animated by the Spirit, so also the life of the Church and of every member of hers is under the guidance of the same Spirit. Conceived of the Virgin by the Holy Spirit, Jesus undertakes His mission after, coming out of the water of the Jordan. He is consecrated by the Spirit, who descends and remains upon Him (Cf. Mark 1:10; John 1:32). He declares it explicitly in the synagogue of Nazareth: it's beautiful how Jesus presents himself, what is Jesus' identity card in the synagogue of Nazareth! Let us listen to how He does it: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor" (Luke 4:18). Jesus presents himself in the synagogue of his village as the Anointed, He who was anointed by the Spirit. Jesus is full of the Holy Spirit and is the source of the Spirit promised by the Father (Cf. John 15:26; Luke 24:49) Acts 1:8; 2:33). In reality, on the evening of Easter the Risen One breathes on His disciples saying to them: "Receive the Holy Spirit" (John 20:22); and on the day of Pentecost the strength of the Spirit descends on the Apostles in an extraordinary way (Cf. Acts 2:1-4), as we know.

The "Breath" of the Risen Christ fills the lungs of the Church with life; and in fact the mouths of the disciples, "filled with the Holy Spirit," open to proclaim to all the mighty works of God .

'If in Baptism it's the Holy Spirit that immerses us in Christ, in Confirmation it's Christ that fills us with His Spirit, consecrating us His witnesses, participants in the same principle of life and of mission, according to the celestial Father's plan'



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY by Fr. Matthew P. Schneider, LC

I don't know how many of you have ever seen a painting called *The Incredulity of Thomas*, painted by Caravaggio. Often, when we think of the Resurrection, we think of a perfectly manicured lawn with everything sitting perfectly. Then, we imagine the upper room where the apostles hid as some kind of idyllic setting with wide windows looking down on Jerusalem.

Caravaggio breaks these notions. In this painting we see Jesus pulling aside his cloak while the dirty hand of Thomas reaches inside. The apostles don't look like these idealized figures, but like the tough fishermen Caravaggio used as models. This is a more realistic image than we often have. It wasn't that Jesus rose in some idealized world, but he rose in the midst of our difficult and messy lives. The room was probably pretty barren, as they were hiding out, wondering if the Sanhedrin would get them next and crucify them.

As Jesus entered the messy world, he enters our messy lives. Today's readings each tell us something about accepting him in. The second reading shows how Jesus comes even when we are down. The Gospel tells us that it is a personal relationship. The first reading tells us how Jesus heals us. Finally, the Psalm tells us how to respond.

In the second reading, John seems completely abandoned. He's alone and imprisoned on the island of Patmos; imprisoned for proclaiming Jesus's name. He feels despair. All seems lost. It is like the darkest moments we've had. Nothing seems to work. Then, John says, "I was caught up in spirit on the Lord's day. . . . When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead." It was a powerful revelation of the risen Lord to him. He was not alone. God did not abandon him in his moment of need.

Do we turn to God in our need? In our messiness? God wants to be with us in these most difficult moments. We might not be "caught up in the spirit," but we will be helped along the path.

Then we move to the Gospel. Our society might consider Jesus some shadowy figure or ghost, but he is a person. Not only that, he wants a personal relationship with each of his followers. Thomas was not there the first time. Maybe he was afraid, or maybe he was the opposite, out running errands for the rest hiding inside — whichever way it was, he wasn't there and has trouble believing the wonderful news. The next time Jesus comes, he doesn't chide Thomas, but he doesn't ignore him either. Jesus looks at Thomas and invites him to take up his doubts. He responds exactly to what Thomas wanted. Jesus wants to respond specifically to our messy situations. When we have our doubts or troubles, Jesus wants to come there and heal us.

Moving on to the first reading, we see how Jesus does that. He heals us. As Peter would walk by the crowds coming close to him after the Resurrection, the people would be healed. Likewise, in our lives, when we get close to Jesus, especially after his resurrection, he can heal us of so many spiritual ailments. He may or may not heal us of physical ailments, but definitely of the spiritual ones. So often these spiritual ailments are what cause the real messes in our lives.

Finally, after Jesus has come into our lives and helped us be cured of spiritual sicknesses, what do we have? We have today's psalm where we repeated two lines: "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting," and "His mercy endures forever." When we see how much God does in our lives, that should be our reaction. Thanksgiving is the proper response to a God who comes into the messiness of our lives and cures us. A God who raises us up to be with him. Let's prepare for the final day where we too will be raised up with him in glory.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

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A Night of Jazz, featuring the Trunino Lowe Quartet, is designed to defray the expenses of *Jazz on the Lawn*.

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Saturday, June 22, 2019

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