SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL/ABRIL 19, 2020

Jesus said to Thomas,
“Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

John 20:29

www.stfxavier.org
Parents and caregivers, please do not allow your children to leave your sight while at church. Do not allow them to go to the restroom or out to the car alone. Children need to be supervised by a parent or adult at all times while attending any church-related function. Children can never be left unsupervised in a car.

- Padres y tutores les pedimos que por favor no pierdan de vista a sus niños cuando estén en la iglesia. No permitan que los niños vayan solos al baño o al auto. Los niños necesitan la supervisión de sus padres o de otro adulto siempre cuando asisten a un evento en la iglesia. Los niños nunca deben quedarse sin supervisión en los autos.
BELIEVING IN THE RESURRECTION

The readings today describe how life was lived in communities formed not long after the death and resurrection of Jesus. Their focus is on communal life and the teachings of those who knew Jesus best, his apostles. The readings from First Peter and John both remind us that even among the apostles there is a tension between believing and seeing the reality of the resurrection. John tells of an apostle, Thomas, who refused to believe in the risen Christ until he had seen and touched his wounds. Jesus offers him the chance to do just that. Most of us are not in a position to demand such tangible proof from Jesus. But these stories are written so that we, who cannot see Jesus as his apostles did, can still come to believe and through that belief have life.

SEEING IS BELIEVING

In today’s passage from Acts we read of an idealized version of what the first communities were like. People are devoted to the community, to teaching, breaking bread, and sacrifice. Many signs and wonders were done. First Peter offers a more realistic picture because time has passed and believers are still waiting. Faith is being tested by the passage of time and the suffering that is a part of life. In the Gospel, the disciples are consumed with recent events. That is all they can talk about. Poor Thomas misses the latest revelation, that is, the visit by the risen Jesus to the disciples in the locked room. He is angry and refuses to share in the excitement or even to believe it happened. So Jesus appears again, this time when Thomas is present. Jesus tells him to touch and feel the wounds so that Thomas can believe. Jesus then reminds Thomas and us that there is something more to believing than just the physical reality.

OR IS IT?

Too often we are more like Thomas than we might like to think. We are disturbed when we can’t directly see or experience the results of our faith. We want some evidence for all the years of faith and struggle when there seems so little to show for our faith. The mistake that Thomas made and that we make is thinking that if we could just see some evidence that our faith makes a difference, then it would be easier to have faith. But it is not the evidence that makes faith possible. Thomas does not gain his faith because he puts his hands in Jesus’ wounds. Thomas gains faith because Jesus comes back. Jesus comes back again and again and again. Jesus returns every time we ask for his presence in our life because Jesus never really leaves. Thomas had only to ask. We need only ask.

TODAY’S READINGS

Acts 2:42–47
Psalm 118:2–4, 13–15, 22–24
1 Peter 1:3–9
John 20:19–31
## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday/Sábado, April 18**
- 4:30pm

**Wednesday/Miercoles, April 22**
- 8:30am
- 7:00pm

**Tuesday/Martes, April 21**
- 8:30am

**Monday/Lunes, April 20**
- 8:30am
- 7:00pm

**Sunday/Domingo, April 19**
- 8:00am
- 10:00am
- † Irma Higuera
- † Luis Antonio
- & † Luis Armando Botello
- 12:00pm
- † Domingo Cardenas
- † German Mejia
- † Transito Mejia
- 6:30pm

---

### PRAYER FOR A PANDEMIC

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake. May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable. May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent. May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options. May we who have to cancel our trips remember those that have no place to go. May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all. May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home. During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.

Amen.
Prayer for the Sick/Oración para los Enfermos

Father, your son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Padre, tu hijo aceptó nuestros sufrimientos para ensénanos la virtud de la paciencia durante la enfermedad humana. Escucha nuestras oraciones que te ofrecemos por nuestros hermanos. Te lo pedimos en Cristo Jesús. Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST

Joel Hernandez, Violeta Casem, Nick Cruz, Cely Cruz, Skip Frates, Carson Fisher, Joe Olaeta, Carol Carbonell, Dennis Carbonell, Carlos Zuñiga, Rita Totaan Pangelinan, Estela McKenzie, Marc Thornton, Maria de Lourdes, Magellen Pacariem, Lily Pagarian, Jose Pagarian, Susan Aquino, Julita Gomez, Peter Martinez, Liz Totaan Aguas, Ruth Acosta, Juan Juarez, Linda Dmytruk Daisy Perez, Trinidad Mateo, Anita Terry, Lisa Marquez, Lu Ramos, Alex Cortez, Vera Freitas, Danette Carballo, Cathy C. Monsade, Evelyn Pacariem, Jesus Flores, Manuel Lujan, Cathy Bender, Marie Henderson, Barbara Okishi, Rose De Berry, Debbie Harrington, Walter Washington, Lupe Rubio, Rachel Moore, Bryan Gauthier, Kelly Flood, John I Mitchell, Il, Frances Davila, Maria Luz, Linda Cruz, Estrelita Lopez, Veronica Metz, Don Harris, Inez Clayton, Jason Goldsmith, Manuel Lujan Anthony Colletti, Michael Colletti, Michelle G. Kelly, Gerardo Vasquez, Francisca Hernandez, Elizabeth Bernardino Jimenez, Antonia Espinoza, Alicia Gauthier, John Harris, Gerardo Vasquez
UPCOMING EVENTS/EVENTOS PROXIMOS

VERY IMPORTANT

Effective March 13-31, 2020

In response to the outbreak of Corona Virus, our Bishop Daniel Garcia, has taken the following measures to improve public and each individual safety:

Parish offices are CLOSED until further notice. For information regarding weddings, baptisms or any other sacrament(s), please call 831-394-8546, ext 0 and leave a message.

We will respond to your call as soon as we can
Thank you, we appreciate your understanding during this time. God Bless

Faith, Hope,
& Love

A PRAYER FOR THE SICK ESPECIALLY THOSE SUFFERING FROM THE CORONAVIRUS

Loving God, you sent you son Jesus Christ to heal the sick. We ask you to come to our aid in the midst of the Coronavirus crisis that we too may experience your healing love. We ask you to heal those who are sick. Calm those who are living in fear. Be with those who have died and comfort their families. Inspire health professionals to aid them in their healing work. Guide national leaders to lead and make decisions with wisdom. Help us to always be aware of your presence as we place our trust in you. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.
MASS SCHEDULE
PROGRAMA DE MISA
Live Streaming / Transmisión en Vivo

Mass/Eucaristía

Weekdays (English)
Mondays and Wednesdays 08:30am
Facebook Live

Semana (Español)
Martes y Jueves 08:30am
En Vivo por Facebook

Weekends
Saturday 04:30pm
Facebook Live
Youtube on Sunday at 03:00pm

Fin de Semana
Domingo 10:00am
En Vivo por Facebook

Grupo de Oración

Martes 07:00pm
En Vivo por Facebook

Bilingual Rosary/Rosario Bilingue

Wednesdays/Miercoles
07:00pm
Youtube Video
Posted in Youtube and Facebook
CHURCH NAME AND ADDRESS
St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church #519120
1475 La Salle Avenue
Seaside, CA 93955

TELEPHONE
831 394-8546

CONTACT PERSON
Sr. Benedicta
Roxanna

EMAIL: gsfxparish@aol.com

SOFTWARE
MSPublisher 2007
Adobe Acrobat XI
Windows 8

TRANSMISSION TIME
Tuesday 12:00

SUNDAY DATE OF PUBLICATION
April 19, 2020

NUMBER OF PAGES SENT
1 through 8

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS