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**Worship Times**

**Saturday Vigil Mass**, 4:00p  
**Sunday Mass 11:15a**; En español, 1:00p  
**Daily Mass, Holy Days** Consult bulletin  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p

**Sunday Mass** 9:00a  
**Communion Service** Tuesdays, 12:15p  
**Holy Days** 7:00p  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
By appointment

**Welcome, New Parishioners**

*We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.*

**Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony**

*For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.*

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

*For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.*

**Anointing of the Sick**

*For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis*

**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**April 7, 2024**

*Morning Church!*

I don't know about you, but for me the critical thinkers, those who question the status quo, are the prophetic voices among us ~ and they are a rarity! Then add in The Doubters and The Cynics who always seem to get a bad rap.

Those who "go along to get along" are uneasy around The Critical Thinkers, The Questioners, and The Doubters who are edgy and dissatisfied with how the world is jaggedly asymmetric on so many levels and in most relationships.

Those who constantly question, doubt, or spend more time critically thinking about "the way it is" are often accused of being irritable, aggravating, and down right grouchy.

Some ask:

Why can't they just go with the flow  
and accept the reality before them?

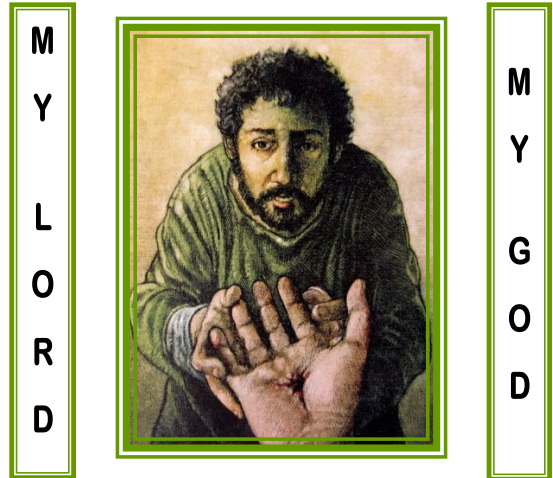
Apostle Thomas takes nothing on face value. He has questioned and doubted along The Way. He is not easily swept up in the renewed tsunami of faith exuding from The Upper Room crowd.

Nothing they say makes any sense to Thomas. He remembers the arrest in the Garden, the unlawful night trial and crucifixion and death that followed.

*He hadn't seen it all, but he believed what others said had happened. Jesus is dead.*

Thomas is the only one asking the tough questions in the Upper Room. He will not believe what they say unless he himself sees Jesus and places his hands in Jesus' nailmarked wounds.

Thomas is like Jesus in that he asks the really hard questions: is it legit to work on the Sabbath; or heal someone on the Sabbath; fight against a very oppressive, foreign government; to treasure a childlike heart over the brilliant mind of a religious leader?



Thomas is *us*. We are *Thomas*. We want to ask the question that no one else in the room dares to ask: Where is Jesus leading us?

How can we know the way so we can follow?

In a time when families are in constant conflict, nations adore war and international bullying, when we're still reeling from the collateral damage of a world-wide pandemic, racism, ageism, sexism, and a spectrum of addictive behaviors and desires ~ we *need* and *want* a clear direction for our lives.

Today's the day to resurrect your inner spiritual grouch, your holy skepticism, and your deep down desire to know and follow Jesus.

Go ahead, question everything.  
Do a deep dive into what you believe  
about Christ, who is The Way.

If we believe Jesus is our Lord and God,  
we will believe he is  
The Way to our eternal home  
and our lasting peace.
















In CommUNITY,

*spanis*

🌱 **HEARTwork ~ Reflecting & Acting on The Word ~**

*Do you appreciate those who test your faith in Christ  
by daring you to say and live what you believe?*

Readings <https://bible.usccb.org/>

APRIL	
	07 2nd Sun Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday Family Faith Formation 10:30-12N
	08 Ladies Guild, 5p
	09 The Chosen, 10a; Communion Service, 12:15p
	10 RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p 
	14 3rd Sun Easter Family Faith Formation 10:30-12N
	15 Give Blood Elkin Rescue Center ~ 1:00p-6:30p 
	16 The Chosen, 10a; Ministerial Assoc., 12N Communion Service, 12:15p
	17 RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p 
	18 Wise Ones, Cracker Barrel, 1p  Hosts: Lana & Bob (336) 874-8614
	20 Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a
	21 4th Sun Easter Family Faith Formation 10:30-12N
	23 Communion Service, 12:15p
	24 RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p 
	28 5th Sun Easter Family Faith Formation 10:30-12N
	30 Communion Service, 12:15p



*Blessings on  
Charles "Charlie"  
Gualberto Faw who celebrated his  
Confirmation at the Easter Vigil.*

🕯️ Mass Intentions	
07	+Mary Burnham & +Patrick Tyrrell
14	+Linda Murphy r/b Barb & Bob DeJohn
21	+John G. Collins
28	+McKenzie & McKinley Orta

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

08 Melisa Bustos	12 Jose Ledesma
Jennifer LaCashio	15 Andy Crawford
09 Alberto Nava	26 Michael Hadfield
Oswaldo Bustos	27 Dianne Crawford
10 Richard Jones	28 Luis Rodriguez
11 Oswaldo Martinez	30 Liza Go-Harris
Keith Stringer	Vanessa Lopez

05 Beth Altemueller & Newell Hauser  
15 Judy & Frank Simon 21 Lupe & Ray Hernandez  
29 Julie & Patrick Colglazier



### Women of Jerusalem

presented in remembrance of our sister  
in faith, Cecelia Jones by: Gayle

Altemueller, Mary Blackburn, Aileen Cahill (Asst. Director), Dianne Crawford, Jacquie Darcey (Director), Ashley Davis, Becky Dursee, Kathy Jenkins, Theresa Martin, Wendy McClamrock, Morgan Orta (Logo Design), Beth Orta, Peggy Reikowsky, Lou Stackhouse, and Doris Watson.



### +S. Gertrude Melus, SSJ

<b>Born</b>	March 1, 1938
<b>Born to Eternal Life</b>	March 29, 2024
in the 68 <sup>th</sup> year of religious life	

### Tri-C Almsgiving Thank you so much !!

APR	Canned fruit
MAY	Toilet tissue
JUN	Toothpaste

### Easter Flowers

To honor or memorialize a loved one, make a donation to our Flower Fund using the envelope in the pew. PRINT your name on the front, the amount enclosed, & your envelope # on the front. PRINT the names of those you wish remembered on the back. Put the envelope in the collection basket.  
Thank you!

Nancy Hubbard	Lane Hubbard
Wendy & Jason McClamrock	Mary E. Cain, Susan Martin, and Jeff Stout
Doris Watson	Langlois & Watson Families



Spring 2024  
Campaign



CHANGE  
for  
GLOBAL  
CHANGE

***Sustainability— Something for Everyone to Be Concerned About***

***Did You Know?***

- ④ **More than 1 billion people live in areas without clean water and 2.4 billion do not have access to proper sanitation, nearly all of them in the developing world.**
- ④ **An American family of four uses up to 260 gallons of water in the home per day.**
- ④ **One ton of paper made completely from recycled scrap saves 7000 gallons of water, 4100 kilowatt-hours of energy and 17 trees.**
- ④ **Continue to practice the “Lessens” we taught during Lent:**  
**Don’t let water run.**  
**Turn off lights and TV’s.**  
**Don’t buy bottled water**  
**Eat less meat.**  
**Walk or bike more; drive less.**  
**Recycle as much as possible.**

*What do you do as a good steward of creation?*

**Change for Global Change is a non-profit corporation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia. United with the CSSJ Federation and many generous donors, we provide life-saving grants for our “dear neighbor” worldwide.**

In *Laudate Deum*, Pope Francis states: in recent years we have witnessed extreme weather phenomena, frequent periods of unusual heat, drought and other cries of protest on the part of Earth that are only a few palpable expressions of a silent disease that affects everyone... The climate crisis is at a critical stage. It is a fact that richer countries contribute more to global warming than poorer countries. The Covid-19 pandemic confirmed that what happens in one part of the world has repercussions on the entire planet. This allows me to reiterate two convictions that I repeat over and over again: “Everything is connected” and “No one is saved alone”.

Every donation – big or small – contributes to ‘global change’ in the form of ...  
... bore well in India      ...water tank in Mozambique



**We gratefully accept donations**  
- by check mailed to:      ... online through  
**Change for Global Change      Pay Pal**  
**9701 Germantown Ave.      or**  
**Philadelphia, PA 19118-2694      Facebook**

**For help with a group campaign, please contact Kathy Finke 1(215) 248-7259**  
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# 2024 Spring Campaign ~ Easter ... Earth Day ... Environment Day



is launching a special fundraiser during this season of NEW LIFE. WATER IS LIFE and too many people and places on Earth are thirsting for it.

This nonprofit ministry of the Sisters of Saint Joseph provides:

- education about life-threatening crises our global 'dear neighbors' face - mainly the lack of water.
- grants for projects, like wells, cisterns, irrigation, restoration, etc.

*Sisters ~ Associates/Consociates ~ Partners in Mission ~ Schools ~ Parishes ~ Organizations ~ Individuals*

*We invite you ~ to get onboard in the way that works for you!*

## Easter March 31

We celebrate the Resurrection and Christ's promise of new life. "Living Water" is both a spiritual and physical gift that God intends for all, but God needs us - our hands and hearts - to provide WATER and HOPE to billions!

Keep up-to-date at [www.laudatosi.org](http://www.laudatosi.org)  
[www.oneearth.org](http://www.oneearth.org)  
[www.catholicclimatecovenant.org](http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org)

Begin a campaign at Easter. Use our materials to learn more about global needs and the projects we fund - 'who' and how' they help. Pray for them.

Visit our website. Facebook & Instagram  
[www.changeforglobalchange.org](http://www.changeforglobalchange.org)

## Earth Day April 22



Take donations until Earth Day when you might also do a local project to improve your small plot of Earth!  
[www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org) This year's goal is to reduce our use of plastic.

## Environment Day June 5

Pope Francis tells in *Laudato Si* and *Laudate Deum* that the environment encompasses everything that provides sustainability for creation. Along with the planet, our human spirit is suffering from our lack of care for each other.

Will you join us in helping our "dear neighbors"?

Or begin with Earth Day and extend your campaign into June. Recall our "Lessons for Lent" - reducing human impact, so our ecosystems can thrive. Celebrate World Environment Day: Go Green in 2024 | [SDG Resources](#)

We thank our faithful donors - individuals and groups of all ages - who have supported our efforts to provide access to water for thousands of people around the world. Your help is still urgently needed and, please, tell your friends about us!

# Divine Mercy Sunday

Today the Church celebrates the feast of Divine Mercy. On this day we thank God for His forgiveness and love. It is the mercy of God that lets all of us come back to Him after we have sinned.

We know how much Jesus loves us because He suffered and died for us. When we have sinned, He wants us to be sorry and come back to Him. No matter how big of a sin you do, if you are sorry for it then God will forgive you. He wants to forgive you because He loves you!

Today we are thankful for God's mercy and forgiveness and ask God to look on us and our friends and the whole world with love and forgiveness! Here is a prayer we can say:

*Eternal Father,  
I offer You  
the Body and Blood,  
Soul and Divinity  
of Your  
dearly beloved Son,  
Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
in atonement for our sins  
and those of the  
whole world.*

Answers to Annunciation Puzzle:  
sent, Joseph, name, Lord, confused, angel,  
not, God, Son of God



# The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Easter  
Divine Mercy Sunday  
April 7th, 2024



"Put your finger here,  
and see my hands;  
and put out your hand,  
and place it in my side;  
do not be faithless,  
but believing."

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MKYLG  
MONDO



What did St. Thomas  
reply to Jesus? Use every second  
letter to fill in the blanks!

