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As Thomas believed because he saw the risen Jesus, so too were many brought to faith through the various signs and wonders wrought by the apostles. They proclaimed as Lord "the stone rejected by the builders", "the First and the Last of the One who lives".

## Annunciation Catholic School

School will will reopen on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. We hope you had a blessed Easter!

**Have you come to believe because you have seen me?**

**Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed. *John 20:29***

We all know the story of Thomas: He wasn't with the others when Jesus appeared post-resurrection, and he promptly declared his disbelief. It surprises us that Thomas wasn't willing to take the word of the other disciples. After all, why would they lie? Thomas was appropriately overwhelmed a week later when Jesus returned and invited them to touch his wounds.

Thomas's story is also the story of us. We can feel isolated and abandoned when we face struggle after struggle while the blessings bestowed on others seen so obvious. But Lord's ways and his love don't always come in visual forms. If we summon up the faith and courage and patience to accept the Lord's timing and plans, even when we find then difficult to accept, the happy ending he is writing for us becomes more apparent—and believable.

*Lord help me to see you—and to believe and trust when I can't.*

-Melanie Rigney

## Respect for Life Intentions

*That the Holy Spirit may call people of all talents to defend the right to life,  
- We pray to the Lord....*

## Loving as Jesus Loves...

*This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. *John 15:12**

A single sentence. And in it, Jesus couldn't be more clear. This commandment he says is my commandment. It encapsulates his life and his teaching. Jesus couldn't be more succinct either; *Love one another*. Three little words that take us a lifetime to put into practice. Then comes the most difficult part of his commandment. Jesus tells us how we are to love one another; *as I love you*.

Sometimes I wish Jesus wouldn't have added that last part. By saying "as I love you", Jesus raises the bar of loving as high as it can go, leaving us little wiggle room. For, how does Jesus love? Compassionately, inclusively, unconditionally, consistently, joyfully and (here's "the biggie") sacrificially, that is, unto death.

A good question for our reflection today: How does my love measure up to Jesus' way of loving?

*Loving Jesus, for the times I have loved well, I give you thanks. For the times my love has fallen short, I ask your forgiveness and your help.*

*Sr. Melanie Svoboda, S.N.D*

*Prayer is the peace of our spirit, the stillness of our thoughts, the evenness of recollection, the seat of meditation, the rest of our cares, and the calm of our tempest; prayer is the issue of a quiet mind, of untroubled thoughts, it is the daughter of charity and the sister of meekness.*

Please Pray for those on our

## Parish Prayer List

Patty Bailey, Mary Barber, Rhody Bertoniere, Dale Boler, Thelma Bonnette, Tim Blansett, Linda Brennan, James Brignac, Mary D. Brignac, Margie Brown, Teresa Busby, Jean Byrd, Peggy Chance, Pat Corkern, Andy Daley, Merle Daley, Mary Donahue, Carol Duke, Buddy Green, Rita Herring, Gary Holloway, Aline Hymel, David Jarrett, Tim Johnson, Perry Keen, Walter Landrum, Denise Langston, Kathleen Lemoine, Julie Lott, Anne Martin, Lou Ann Mayfield, Roy Melancon, Patricia Mitchell, Marie Mizell, Sarah Mizell, Mickey Murphy, Taylor Naquin, Marty Paige, Bruce Phares, Tammie Pierce, Pat Pounds, Emanuel Rachel, Kathleen Rachel, Ethel Quirk, Wayne Rhoden, McKenna Scroggs, Melissa Seal, June Stewart, Phillip Talley, Sidne' Tate, Summer Singley, Elizabeth Stewart, Dudley Talley, Camille White, Shirley Wheat, Diana Thibodeaux, Antoinette Warner, Sharon Williams

## Mass Schedule

<b>Monday</b> 8:00 AM 3:00 PM	<b>(April 29, 2019)</b> Comm. Service Chapel Rosary
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00AM	<b>(April 30, 2019)</b> Mass – Church
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 AM	<b>(May 1, 2019)</b> Mass – Chapel
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00 AM 8:30AM – 4PM	<b>(May 2, 2019)</b> Mass – Chapel Adoration – Chapel
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 AM	<b>(May 3, 2019)</b> Mass – Chapel
<b>Saturday</b> 3:00 PM 4:00 PM	<b>(May 4, 2019)</b> Confessions Mass
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	<b>(May 5, 2019)</b> Mass Mass Confessions ( <i>en español</i> ) Mass ( <i>en español</i> )

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## Weekly Mass Intentions

**Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>**                      **4:00 PM**  
Mickey Paduda, John Underwood, Welfare of Dudley Talley, Welfare of Julie Lott, Sheanie C. Mitchell, Welfare of Marty Paige, Welfare of Roy Melancon, Jr., Welfare of Margie Brown

**Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>**                      **8:30 AM**  
Earl Hughes, Betty Scroggs, Sheanie C. Mitchell, Welfare of Marvin and Marty Paige, Irma Lee Callender, Welfare of James and Mary Brignac, Gus Borde, LaRoux Family, Lou Ann Mayfield

**10:30 AM**  
Annunciation Catholic Church Parishioners

**Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup>**                      **8:00 AM**  
Sheanie C. Mitchell

**Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup>**                      **8:00 AM**  
Irma Lee Callender

**Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup>**                      **8:00 AM**  
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**Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup>**                      **8:00 AM**  
Sheanie C. Mitchell

**Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>**                      **4:00 PM**  
Mickey Paduda, John Underwood, Nathan and Carol Bush, Sheanie Mitchell, Welfare of Marvin and Marty Paige, Welfare of Vita Saltaformaggio Irma Lee Callender, Lou Ann Mayfield

**Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>**                      **8:30 AM**  
Earl Hughes, Betty Scroggs, Sheanie Mitchell, Irma Lee Callender, Lou Ann Mayfield, Michael Taylor

**10:30 AM**  
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## Sanctuary Lamp

*Our Sanctuary Lamp burns  
In memory of:*

***Dorman and Helen Crowe***

## Last Week's Collection

April 20, 2019 - April 21, 2019

Loose-Checks and Cash	3,173.00
Envelopes	1,835.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,008.00</b>

Funds needed to operate: \$6,299.00

**Amount under weekly budget: \$1,291.00**

Easter Collection \$1,887.00

**Thank you!**

## **Christ is Risen, Alleluia Alleluia!**

Easter Blessings! Christ is Risen, Alleluia, let us CELEBRATE!! What are we celebrating? Are we celebrating that we can now give up our good Lenten intentions and go back to our normal way of life? Is that what we want? Is that what Lent taught us? What is Easter?

Easter is certainly worth celebrating, as it is the greatest feast in the Christian calendar. Yes, it marks the end of our 40 day Lenten journey of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. Throughout the past forty days there have been many Lenten opportunities in the Parish to partake in, along with our own personal Lenten goals.

We prepared ourselves to spiritually die with Jesus Christ on Good Friday, we now rise again

with Him in "new life" on Easter. Easter represents the fulfillment of our faith, St. Paul wrote that, unless Christ rose from the dead, our faith is in vain (1 Corinthians 15:17). Through His death, Christ saved mankind from bondage to sin, and He destroyed the hold that death has on all of us; but it is His Resurrection that gives us the promise of new life, both in this world and the next. In the Our Father we pray "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven." With the resurrection of Jesus Christ, God's Kingdom is established on earth, in the form of the Church. Our new life begins on Easter Sunday.

I pray that your "new life" retains and expands upon the awareness of the great love that Jesus Christ has for us, the following of His Father's will, His obedience to the Cross, continued death to sin and rising to new life in the Kingdom of God.

So, yes, celebrate! Rejoice in the gift, hope, and journey of "new life."

I wish all of you a very Blessed Easter!

- Fr. Bru