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April 27, 2014
Second Sunday of Easter

MASS TIMES

DAILY MASS: 7:30 am
9:00 am
FIRST FRIDAY: 7:30 pm
SATURDAY: 8:00 am
(Vigil) 5:00 pm
(en español) 7:00 pm
SUNDAY: 7:00 am
8:30 am
10:30 am
12:30 pm
(Youth) 5:30 pm

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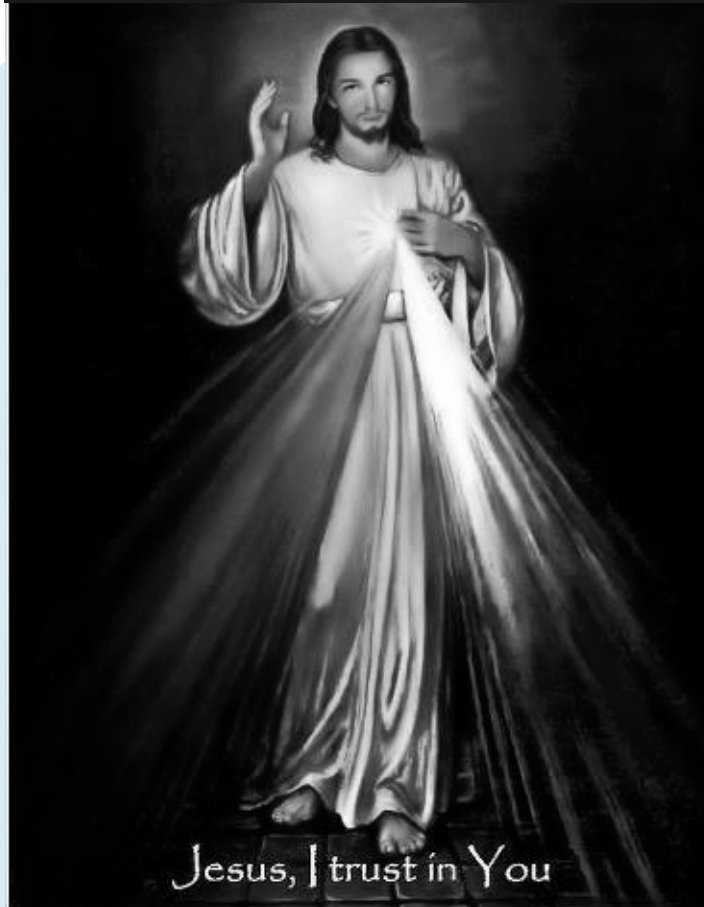
DEACON

Dn. Les Miyashiro

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Divine Mercy Sunday



NOVENA PRAYERS AFTER SUNDAY'S 12:30 PM MASS:

Exposition &
Adoration of the
Blessed
Sacrament

The 3 O'clock
Prayer

Divine Mercy
Chaplet

Benediction

*Light refreshments
will be served in the
Parish Hall*

CANONIZATION OF TWO POPE-SAINTS

We praise you and we bless you, good and gracious God for giving us Saints John XXIII and John Paul II to be our brothers on the path of holiness and examples of hope and light for the world.

Let their courage embolden us, their missionary zeal for the Gospel inspire us, and their contagious joy be ours as we continue their work of preaching the good news to a world in need of your divine mercy and love.

Saint John XXIII, pray for us! Saint John Paul II, pray for us!

Blessed be God, for ever!



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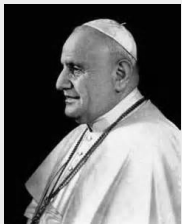
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Reflections



Fr. Paul Schmidt

MEMORIES OF AND GRATITUDE FOR TWO SAINTED SHEPHERDS



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend the Church celebrates the canonization of two saints, both of whom I had the privilege of seeing in person. In the case of one, I actually shook his hand, which makes me a second class relic! I am referring to Popes John XXIII and John Paul II.

In the summer of 1960, the year I graduated from college, I took the Grand Tour of Europe with a seminary professor and four other seminarians. We were together for most of ten weeks, traveling in a Volkswagen bus. It was a time when one could get a room in a church-sponsored pension for three dollars a day!

We spent six days in Rome, living at an inn run by German nuns, right at the entry to Vatican City. A highlight of the Rome visit was an audience with Pope John XXIII in St. Peter's basilica, along with ten thousand or more other pilgrims. We were able to get seats in one of the *loggias*, temporary balconies situated close to the sanctuary, beside the massive piers which hold up Michelangelo's spectacular dome.

The atmosphere was festive. The pope was late. The crowd conducted an impromptu battle of the hymns, each pilgrim group singing their country's favorite hymns. At one point a children's marching band favored us with a selection. Eventually Pope John was borne in on the *sedia gestatoria*, the traveling "throne" carried on the shoulders of several strong men. The Pope got out and sat at a chair in front of the high altar. His feet did not touch the floor. He spoke in Italian, of which I had little comprehension, but his manner was that of an energetic Italian grandfather sharing wisdom with his grandchildren. (Pope Francis reminds me of him, from what I have seen.) He said that he used to watch from his window the pilgrims coming across St. Peter's square. He imitated the gaits of different groups, young and old. As he did, his feet moved back and forth as they dangled from the chair.

Part of his message I did understand was about the centrality of Jesus Christ in our faith. He said that people told him that they prayed to St. Anthony or this saint or that. That was fine, he said, but they should pray to Jesus above all. This was a message emphasized by the Second Vatican Council, which began two years later. In its decree on the liturgy it asked that reforms be put in place that would restore the proper balance to worship and devotion.

Move the clock forward to 1992. I was with a group of priests who were taking a sabbatical program at the North American College, a seminary where seminarians from the United States prepare for priestly ordination. Our group was able to concelebrate Mass with Pope John Paul II on one of the weekdays of lent. We were ushered into the Apostolic Palace and saluted by Swiss Guards as we passed. In a chapel the forty or so of us joined about a hundred lay people for the Pope's Mass.

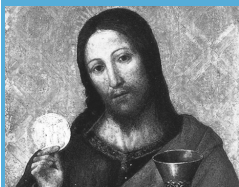
After the Mass we priests were ushered into a large, ornate room, where we stood in a circle around the walls. The Pope came in and shook the hand of each of us and gave us a Rosary. We were instructed to tell him our name and where we came from. When I told him that I was from Oakland, California, he said: "Ah, California!" I had seen him from afar during his visit to San Francisco, at Candlestick Park and St. Mary's Cathedral. Apparently, his memories of the visit were positive.

Little did I suspect at the time that in 2005 I would be in Rome for Pope John Paul II's funeral and the election of his successor, Benedict XVI. I was on another sabbatical after twelve years in the personnel office, just before coming to St. Joseph's. He died on the vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday. No one could take that as a coincidence. His second Encyclical was *Dives in Misericordia* about God who is rich in mercy. He is being canonized, along with the Pope from whom he got the first part of his name, on Divine Mercy Sunday. No coincidence there, either.

This is a day to give thanks. The Lord has indeed been good, in giving us these two Pope-Saints. May they intercede for us in heaven with the Good Shepherd whom they served and imitated so well on earth.

Your Pastor,
Father Paul Schmidt

Our Week at St. Joseph's



Thursday, May 1
9:45 am - Church
 Divine Mercy
7:30 pm - Church
 Parish Mission &
 Exposition,
 Adoration
 & Benediction
 ~The Holy Hour~

First Friday Mass
May 2
7:30 pm - Church
 Followed by:
 Alliance of Two Hearts
 and
 Eucharistic Adoration
 (until midnight)

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 28
Sts. Peter Chanel & Louis de Montfort
 7:30 am Katherine Garaventa †
 9:00 am Juan Spampinato †
Tuesday, April 29 *St. Catherine of Siena*
 7:30 am Sophia Malicki †
 9:00 am Antonio Spampinato †
Wednesday, April 30 *St. Pius V, Pope*
 7:30 am Melania Tejares Ortua †
 9:00 am Juanito M. Murella †
Thursday, May 1
Feast of St. Joseph the Worker
 7:30 am Joseph Aiello †
 9:00 am Manuel P. Artuz †
Friday, May 2 *St. Athanasius*
 7:30 am Anthony Nghia & Maria Ban †
 9:00 am Joshua Tayag (Birthday)
 7:30 pm John & Mary Hanley †
Saturday, May 3
Sts. Phillip and James, Apostles
 8:00 am Penagos Family †
 5:00 pm Petra Stott †
 7:00 pm Ysmael Alvarez †
Sunday, May 4
 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Joseph
 8:30 am Maria Ba Nguyen †
 10:30 am Theodore Wondsel, Sr. †
 12:30 pm Mary, Saad, & Khedar Kacyra †
 5:30 pm Emilio, Jr. & Emilio Aying, Sr. †

Please Pray for Our Sick Relatives & Friends

Lisa Amdahl, Julissa Ando, Charito Antaran, Rachel Austria, Victoria Barthell, Linda Bass, Elaine R. Baxter, Mike Becker, Pureza Belza, Bernabe R. Bernardo, Felisa R. Bernardo, Mariano Berona, Michael Betschart, Edward Borja Jr., John Byrne, Pablo Cabasa, Carlana Calderon, Veronica Cañas, Catalina Caoile, Angelita Capé, Lily L. Cardeñas, Karen Cartwright, David Castrillo, Juanita Castrillo, Karl Castrillo, Valerie Chaves, Sharon Chilson, Kathy Cichon, Franco & Marie Consolacion, Donna Cowen, Colleen Cronin, Rose Cuaresma, Tom Cutino, Jack Davis, Donna Day, Devon Devera, Ester Dimalanta, Mary Louise Duhart, Hector & Leonila Duque, Hilario Duque, Lily B. Estepa, Sr. Mary Felicity OCD, Anita Ferrer, Wil Figueira, Gilbert Garcia, Jose M. Gonzalez, Rene Hagen, Ley & Tony Ibasco, Gordon Jee, Bill & Pamela Jones, James Jones, Kelli Kierstead, Fr. Gary Klauer, Carmen Kruger, Zoltan Kraynik, Joan Kunze, Darlene La Fountain, Ann Kamille Labay, John & Shamisa Lauderdale, Leslie Lawless, Jessica Lawless, Andrew Lazarus, Christopher Longmire, Imelda F. Magat, Anela Malani Medalle, Flocita Mendoza, Manuel Miraflores, Yolanda Monsano, Becky Montayre, Sean & RoseMary Moore; Olive Myers, Aurora Nagrampa, Jasmine Naraja, James Nation, Margarita Navarez, Monina Nuguid, Mark Nelson, Francois Njike, Angelica Nodia, Enriqueta Nool, Jose Oliquiano, Leonard Olivas, Jaime Pacheco, Robert C. Pacificador, Lisa Paine, Christian G. Pascual, Joyce Peterson, Mark Pizzagrani, Leticia F. Poblete, Dominic Prado, Gloria M. Purificacion, Grace Quiddaoean, Josie U. Ramos, Lyan I. Recacho, Gaudencio G. Rivera, Allan Roben, Gary Rondeau, Carlina Santos, Msgr. Harry Schlitt, Victor Scolari, Gloria Sendaydiego, Eller Sunga, Hortense Swing, Peter & May Tam, Fe A. Tamparong, Joaquina P. Tapayan, Jeffrey Tayag, Jesus Tayag, Sandy Thompson, Cesar R. Tolentino, Flor Tolentino, Liviu Tomutsa, Keytoen Townsend, Abraham Trinidad, B. Jay Trinidad, Bernard Trinidad, Rev. Eugene Tungol, Buenaventura Ugarte, Alma N. Valeros, Javier Van Cleave, Mary Vanderzwan, Julita Varquez, Rosie Vidal, Vincetta Ward, Julie Wee, Pam White, Rick Young, Brittany Ziegler, & Jerry Zivney.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 27
 7:00 am Hospitality-YLI - PH
 8:00 am 7:00 AM Choir Practice - PC
 10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word - PH
 10:30 am 12:30 PM Choir Practice - PC
 3:30 pm Divine Mercy Sunday - PH
 3:30 pm Youth Mass Choir Practice - CH
Monday, April 28
 5:30 pm FF - First Communion Rehearsal - CH
 6:30 pm Youth Ministry - SCH
 7:30 pm FF - First Communion Rehearsal - CH
 7:30 pm Asociación Guadalupana Rosario - PC
Tuesday, April 29
 5:30 pm FF - First Communion Rehearsal - CH
 6:30 pm Faith Formation - SCH
 7:30 pm FF - First Communion Rehearsal - CH
 7:30 pm Cursillo Mens Reunion - PC
Wednesday, April 30
 9:30 am Our Mother of Perpetual Help - CH
 11:00 am New Covenant Prayer Group - PC
 4:45 pm Faith Formation - SCH
 5:30 pm FF - First Communion Rehearsal - CH
 6:30 pm Middle School Ministry - SCH
 6:30 pm Faith Formation - SCH
 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 81 - PH
 7:00 pm Spanish Choir Practice - CH
 7:30 pm Asoc. Guadalupana Prayer Group - PC
Thursday, May 1
 11:00 am Seniors Mass & Pot luck - CH & PH
 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree - PH
 7:30 pm Family Choir Practice - PC
Friday, May 2
 9:45 am Friday AM Adoration - CH
 7:00 pm 8:30 & 10:30 AM Choirs Practice - PH
 7:30 pm Brothers in Christ - PC
Saturday, May 3
 8:45 am Our Lady of Fatima First Saturday - CH
 4:00 pm 5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - PC
 8:00 pm Asoc. Guadalupana-Convivio despues de
 misa - PH
Sunday, May 4
 8:00 am 7:00 AM Choir Practice - PC
 3:00 pm Confirmation Class - SCH
 3:30 pm Youth Mass Choir Practice - CH

OUR LADY OF FATIMA GROUP

Thanks to our patrons for joining us at our April 12 "Pabasa" in the Parish Hall. Thanks to Mr. Gus de los Santos and Mr. Nick Dalisay for the guitar accompaniment. We appreciate your continued support and generosity.

Please Pray for Our Loved Ones Overseas in the Military, and Their Families: Darryl Jason Garcia, *Army*; Christine Massey, *Army*; Rebecca Sabatini, *National Guard*; Carlo Spampinato, *Marines*; and Jasmin Trias, *Navy*.

Religious/Youth Formation & Ministry News

FAITH FORMATION, GRADES 1 TO 6

The time is fast approaching for First Communion masses. The priests, teachers and Miss RoseMary congratulate the families whose children are receiving the Eucharist for the first time. We hope it will be the first of hundreds to come. Below are the masses and rehearsal times. Please remember that all children must be accompanied by a parent and their sponsors for the rehearsals.

<u>First Communion Mass</u>	<u>Rehearsal in Church</u>
Saturday, May 3, 5:00 pm	April 28, 5:30 pm
May 3, 7:00 pm	April 28, 7:30 pm
Sunday, May 4, 8:30 am	April 30, 5:30 pm
May 4, 10:30 am	April 29, 5:30 pm
May 4, 12:30 pm	April 29, 7:30 pm
Sunday, May 11, 8:30 am	May 6, 5:30 pm
May 11, 10:30 am	May 6, 7:30 pm
May 11, 12:30 pm	May 7, 5:30 pm

All other students have class in the School.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Congratulations to the new Neophytes, the following is your class schedule through May:

- April 27, Mystagogy
- May 4, Faith and Culture
- May 11, Preserving the Faith
- May 18, Hospitality
- May 25, Neophyte Blessing / Potluck

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please join us for Children's Liturgy every Sunday at the 10:30 am Mass.

STUDENT APPLICATIONS

St. Joseph School is now accepting applications for the 2014 – 2015 school year. Along with our strong academic programs we offer an array of enrichment subjects for our students. These include: Spanish, Computers, Art, Music, Library, and Physical Education; all presented in a welcoming and nurturing environment. Our children receive the support, guidance, and encouragement in becoming their best as independent and well-balanced learners. For more information please call the School office at 510-724-0242.

Ministry Programs

CLASES DE LA PLANIFICACIÓN DE LA FAMILIA

Clases de la Planificación Natural de la Familia en español se inician el 4 de mayo en la iglesia de San Jose Obrero en Berkeley a las 12:30pm. Conocimiento y la aplicación de ese program han mejorado miles de matrimonios. Por mas informes, por favor hable con la Sra. Cathy Tomutsa, 510-245-1145 o deja un mensaje en español/inglés.

YOUTH, GRADES 7 TO 12

WHO'S INTERESTED IN BEING A LEADER? Our leadership ministry teams need people with different types of personalities and abilities. Those in high school, in college, in their 20s or older are welcome to be involved. Those who exhibit a willingness to serve, lead, and support young people, will develop a deeper relationship with God, a stronger Catholic identity, and a clearer understanding of their place of importance in the parish community.

Applications for the Middle School Ministry team, Emmaus Peer Ministry or Confirmation Teachers are available and are due on May 14th. Those in high school, in college, or older may apply. Please contact Teena Posas, youth ministry director at 741-4900 ext. 210 or teenap@sjcpinole.org if you would like an application.

CONFIRMATION CLASS (SECOND YEAR):

Congratulations to the candidates who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 26 at the Cathedral of Christ the Light! We have our remaining classes:

- 1) Sunday, May 4 in the Gym at 3 pm: Guest Speaker Panel (Chap 10: Vocation); Closing Prayer Service & Potluck. Candidates bring main dish or appetizers.
- 2) Monday, June 2 in the Gym 6:30-8:30 pm: Potluck. Candidates join Youth Ministry students to close the year. Candidates bring main dish, appetizers or dessert. We hope to have the confirmation certificates by then.

YOUTH MINISTRY, GRADES 9-12: Our next class is Monday, April 28 at 6:30 pm in the Gym.

SAC PREP YM: We have class on Monday, April 28 and May 5 at 7:00 pm in the Art Room. Please check your letter from Miss RoseMary for your rehearsal and Mass times.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY, 7TH & 8TH GRADE:

We provided a flyer to families regarding our last month of classes. We apologize for the confusion caused last week in cancelling the April 23 class. Our next class is Wednesday, April 30 at 6:30 pm in the Gym.

Parish Events

SENIORS TO CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO

Our celebration will be on Thursday, May 1 (perhaps we should change it to Uno de Mayo). Mass will be at 11 am. Bring a pot luck dish to share at our lunch in the Parish Hall. Our own delightful Susie Stone will share her knowledge of the history of Cinco de Mayo as well as tales of her own travels in Mexico.



Please wear something in the spirit of the celebration of this historic event. All are welcome.

"THE MUSIC OF THE NIGHT" BENEFIT CONCERT

St. Joseph Community will present a fundraising show including our School Choir and St. Joachim's Orchestra, among other performers, on Friday, May 9, at 7:00 PM in St. Joseph Church. Admission is \$10 with concert proceeds going to livelihood programs assisting fishing families in Samar, the Philippines, affected by Typhoon Haiyan. Tickets are available in the Parish Center and from St. Joseph School, 724-0242.

Faithful Stewardship

Jesus meets the need of each disciple. To the fearful in the upper room, He speaks words of peace. To doubting Thomas, He provides the tangible proof of His resurrection. What do I need to become His disciple? What do I have to share that might meet someone else's need?

Palm Sunday, April 13

Plate/Mailed-in:	\$16,705.69
EFT:	\$4,727.50
Total:	\$21,433.19



Thank you for your generous contributions.



FLOWER DONATIONS

The gold & white flowers that beautified our church on Easter were offered for the 70th birthday of Lucio Raymundo, Jr.

ORCHID & LILY DONATIONS

Many thanks to those who provided the Cymbidiums and Calla lilies that adorned the altar and sanctuary for Laetare Sunday (March 30) and Holy Thursday.



TO ALL DECORATION VOLUNTEERS

The Environment Committee would like to acknowledge everyone who assisted in decorating the Church during Lent, the Triduum, and Easter periods. Your work is greatly appreciated.

CHANGING THE WORLD

The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic Study Guide

If you don't have a book, pick one up in the Parish Center! Each week in the bulletin, we will print a few discussion questions. Discuss them with your family and bring your thoughts to hospitality after Mass to informally share your responses with other parishioners.

Chapter Five, Opening Prayer

Loving Father,

Open our hearts and minds and allow us to see the beauty of our faith. Show us what is possible and fill us with the grace, strength, and wisdom to live all the good things we explore here together. Send your Spirit upon us so that we can discover your dream for us to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, and have the courage to defend and celebrate this true self in every moment of our days. We ask all this through your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Question 1) If you could change one thing about the world, what would it be?

Question 2) Did you watch the news with the Ten Commandments in front of you? What conclusions did you come to through this exercise?

MOTHER'S DAY CORSAGES

On May 11 the San Lorenzo Ruiz Society will be selling handcrafted corsages after the Sunday morning masses. Details will be provided in upcoming bulletins.



EASTER LILY OFFERINGS



Aguilar & Eugenio family	Grace Johnson †
Shirley Cortez Antonio	Dan Kelley
<i>(Thanksgiving)</i>	Charles & Emma Lauerman †
Lilia Cortez Asuncion &	Espiridion & Conchita Laxa †
family <i>(Thanksgiving)</i>	Juana Lopez
Avila Family †	Remy Mangoba
John Banuelos, Sr. †	Lino Martinez †
Georgette Barba †	Alejandro Militante †
Donald Beauchamp †	Antonio & Felicidad Militar
Cleofe Bitas <i>(Birthday)</i>	Molica family
Iris Bloch †	Nues, Capuyan, Casco,
Betsy Boyle †	Olimpiada, Quitalig &
Charles & Gladys Boyle †	Coffey families †
Dr. Francis & Alice Boyle †	Edwin & Leonila Pangilinan †
John & Mary Boyle †	Estella & Dennis, Thelma
Albert Brignone	Pastones
Violet & Edward Budzeleski	Salvador Pastor †
Bugtong & Factora families †	Marie T. Petersdorf †
Calim family †	Daniel Purnell †
David Wayne Christensen †	James Romero
John P. Christensen †	Purificacion Rowley
Santiago & Maria Cortez †	Andres S. San Mateo †
and family	Wilfredo San Roque, Jr.
Santiago Jr. & Leonida	Bernice Schwenk †
Cortez and family	William, Richard & Dorothy
<i>(Thanksgiving)</i>	Shinnick
Randolph Joseph de Jesus †	Cecilia & Edward Shramick †
Pete, Jose and Salud de la	Sean A. & Richard Silva †
Peña	Loren Smith
Vicente & Felomina del	Virginia Medran Smith &
Rosario	family <i>(Thanksgiving)</i>
Josefina Dominguez	Stirling family
Helen Doran †	Streng & Yost family
Encarnacion Duque	Maria Sumalabe †
Jack & Tsugi Esberg †	Mr. & Mrs. Pedro Sumalabe †
Patience & Ben Flores	Hoy Yu & Mon Seto Tang
Fontejon family	Antonio & Alicia Villanueva †
Aurelia & Joe Francis †	Carmen Cortez Villanueva †
Thomas Freschi †	Yolanda Villanueva
Fuccillo Family	Eduardo Viray †
Grabar – Nelson Family	Rich Weidener
Hortencia Higueros	Younis family †
Jan Hudson	Tom Zablan
Harold Hughes	Barbara Zybach †
Rita & Joseph Hughes	
Joseph Joaquin	



Sunday, April 27 Seeing is Believing

Readings: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1); 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31. "Seeing is believing" could have been Thomas's motto, but Jesus's response is "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." We have not seen Jesus with our own eyes, but our faith leads us to see him in our hearts and in our sisters and brothers. This same faith led the early Christian community to care for one another with great zeal, as the first reading describes. Thomas really did not "get it" when the Apostles told him that Jesus had risen from the dead. At times, we don't "get it" either. We have a hard time believing, yet we can take hope in Christ's gracious, patient response to Thomas. Christ offers what we need to believe in him; he is the way, the truth, and the life on our path toward salvation.

Monday, April 28 Saint Peter Chanel

Peter Chanel joined the Society of Mary (Marists), and became a missionary to Oceania. He mastered the language of the people, and many were baptized and instructed in the faith, but when the chieftain's son asked for Baptism, in 1841, Chanel was clubbed to death. In today's reading from Acts of the Apostles, the Apostles, filled with the Spirit, went out and became missionaries to the Gentiles. Filled with zeal, they "spoke the word of God with boldness." In what ways do you boldly proclaim the Word of God? Acts 4:23-31; Psalm 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 (see 11d); John 3:1-8.

Tuesday, April 29 Saint Catherine of Siena

Today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles speaks of the early Christian community being of "one heart and soul." The community cared for all, and no one was in need. Catherine of Siena, declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Paul VI in 1970, was also a spiritual writer and mystic. Catherine was on fire with the love of God and neighbor, and worked to establish peace and concord between cities, fought for the rights and freedom of the pope, and promoted renewal of religious life. Acts 4:32-37; Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 (1a); John 3:7b-15.

Wednesday, April 30 Saint Pius V

Pius V pursued reforms in the liturgy and called the Council of Trent. The Church and the world at this time were undergoing great turmoil. The Apostles in today's reading from Acts are also undergoing turmoil. Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, they have been preaching boldly about Christ, and the high priest and the Sadducees respond by putting them in prison. But in the middle of the night, an angel leads them out so that they can continue preaching in the Temple the next day. The Apostles are exhilarated by their mission and by the Spirit, who works with them. Acts 5:17-26; Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (7a); John 3:16-21.

Thursday, May 1 Saint Joseph the Worker

This memorial was created by Pope Pius XII in 1955. The Church has a long history of concern for workers' rights, beginning with the encyclical of Pope Leo XIII, *Rerum novarum* (On the New Things), which upheld the dignity of laborers and their freedom to form unions. It also affirmed the right to private property. Like the words of today's psalm refrain, "The Lord hears the cry of the poor" (Psalm 34), the Church stands as a beacon and advocate for workers' rights, labor unions, and economic justice. Acts 5:27-33; Psalm 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 (7a); John 3:31-36.

Friday, May 2 Saint Athanasius

Athanasius (296-373) was the most famous defender of the Incarnation in early theological debates. In today's Gospel, Jesus withdraws to a mountain to be alone in prayer to his Father. Acts 5:34-42; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 (see 4abc); John 6:1-15.

Saturday, May 3 Saints Philip and James

We know little about the Apostle James, but Philip is mentioned several times in Scripture. Like many of the disciples, he questioned Jesus, showing his humanity, doubts, and fears. Jesus responded to Philip by saying, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father." When we doubt the presence of Jesus in our lives, let us turn to the Father, who shows us the way to the Son. 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5 (5); John 14:6-14.

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Domingo, 27 de abril de 2014 Ver es creer

Hechos 2:42-47; Salmo 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pedro 1:3-9; Juan 20:19-31. "Ver es creer" pudiera haber dicho Tomás. Pero la respuesta de Jesús es "Benditos los que sin ver han creído". Nosotros no hemos visto a Jesús con los ojos, pero nuestra fe lo ve en nuestros corazones y en nuestros hermanos y hermanas. Esa fe llevó a la primera comunidad cristiana a cuidar con gran esmero de los más necesitados. Tomás no 'entendía' cuando los apóstoles le decían que Jesús había resucitado de entre los muertos. Creer no es fácil; pero confiamos que Cristo es el camino, la verdad y la vida en nuestro andar hacia la salvación.

Lunes, 28 de abril San Pedro Chanel

Pedro Chanel se unió a la Sociedad de María (Maristas) y fue enviado a misionar a Oceanía. Aprendió el lenguaje de aquellas gentes y bautizó a muchas habiéndoles instruido en la fe, pero cuando el hijo del jefe pidió el bautismo, en 1842, Chanel fue muerto a macanazos. En el libro de los Hechos, los apóstoles, llenos del Espíritu, se convirtieron en misioneros de los gentiles. Llenos de celo, "hablaban la palabra de Dios con valentía". ¿De qué modo proclama usted la palabra de Dios con valentía? Hechos 4:23-31; Salmo 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Juan 3:1-8.

Martes, 29 de abril Santa Catarina de Siena

Catarina de Siena fue declarada Doctora de la Iglesia por el Papa Paulo VI en 1970, debido a sus escritos espirituales y mística profunda. El libro de los Hechos cuenta que la primitiva comunidad cristiana "tenía un solo corazón y una sola alma". La comunidad cuidaba de todos sus miembros y nadie pasaba necesidad. Catarina ardía en amor a Dios y al prójimo, y trabajaba por establecer paz y concordia entre las ciudades, luchaba por los derechos, la libertad del papa y la renovación de la vida religiosa. Hechos 4:32-37; Salmo 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Juan 3:7b-15.

Miércoles, 30 de abril San Pío V

Pío V promovió cambios en la liturgia, la doctrina de la Iglesia, y convocó el Concilio de Trento. La Iglesia y el mundo, en ese momento, sufrían confusión e inestabilidad. Hace poco más de cincuenta años, otro concilio, el Vaticano II, fue convocado por el Venerable papa Juan XXIII y conducido por Pablo VI, para confrontar las crisis y retos actuales. El de Trento impuso muchas restricciones a los miembros de la Iglesia, a diferencia del Concilio Vaticano II, que siguió el espíritu de Jesús del evangelio de hoy que no "condena al mundo" sino que invita a la Iglesia a "caminar en la luz". Hechos 5:17-26; Salmo 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Juan 3:16-21.

Jueves, 1 de mayo San José, Obrero

Esta fiesta fue establecida por el papa Pío XII en 1955. La Iglesia tiene una amplia tradición respecto a los derechos de los trabajadores, comenzando con la encíclica del papa León XIII *Rerum novarum* (Las nuevas realidades), que sostiene la dignidad de los trabajadores y la libertad para conformar uniones y sindicatos. También afirmó el derecho a la propiedad privada. Con las palabras del Salmo de hoy, "El Señor escucha el clamor de los pobres", la Iglesia promueve y aboga por los derechos de los trabajadores, los sindicatos y la justicia económica. Hechos 5:27-33; Salmo 34:2, 9, 17-18, 19-20; Juan 3:31-36.

Viernes, 2 de mayo San Atanasio

Atanasio (296-373) fue el más célebre defensor de la Encarnación en los debates teológicos primeros. En el evangelio de hoy, Jesús se retira a la montaña solo para estar en oración con su Padre. Hechos 5:34-42; Salmo 27:1, 4, 13-14; Juan 6:1-15.

Sábado, 3 de mayo Santos Felipe y Santiago

Casi nada sabemos del apóstol Santiago, pero a Felipe lo mencionan varias veces las Escrituras. Como muchos discípulos, él cuestionó a Jesús, expresó sus dudas, flaquezas y miedos. Jesús respondió a Felipe "El que me ve a mí, ve al Padre". Cuando dudemos de la presencia de Jesús en nuestra vida, volvámonos al Padre, quien nos muestra el camino hacia el Hijo. 1 Corintios 15:1-8; Salmo 19:2-3, 4-5; Juan 14:6-14.

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