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Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
1John 2:1-5a
Luke 24:35-48

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 2018

Sunday, April 8 Second Sunday of Easter

8:30 **BW** Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

10:30 **BW** Nellie Dillon from Carol and Larry

12:00 **BW** Jerry Stoeckle from Carol Wessel

Monday, April 9

The Annunciation of the Lord

12:10 Gus Juengling from Gloria Miller

Tuesday, April 10

12:10 Diane Zuk from the Zuk Family

Wednesday April 11

Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

12:10 Gus Juengling from Julia Jackson

Thursday, April 12

12:10 Robert Joseph Carle (Ann Remembrance) from Mom and Steve

Friday, April 13

12:10 Special Intention for Storm Thompson from Carol and Larry

Saturday, April 14

12:10 Helen Lustenberger

BW 7:00 Special Intention for the 60th Anniversary of Allan and Nancy Woodhouse from Diane Robisch, Dianne Vollman and Mary Jo Martin

Sunday, April 15

8:30 **BW** Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

10:30 **BW** Jerry Stoeckle from Carol Wessel

12:00 **BW** Susan Castleberry from Hap

From the Pastor's Desk

At the Easter Vigil, March 31st, **Kensley Rouse** was welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism. **Kendall Rouse** was welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist. **Lucy Lane and Erik Stultz** received their First Eucharist and the sacrament of Confirmation. **Timothy Wynne** and **Stephen Penker** received the sacrament of Confirmation.

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of **David White** whose funeral was this past week here at St. Rose Church.

St. Vincent DePaul Society has a Celebration of Service celebration every year honoring someone from the local community. This year they are honoring Fr. Barry. This is a benefit for the Society. If you are interested in attending on May 8th at the Cintas Center, you can purchase tickets at SVDPCincinnati.org/COS or call Casey White @513-562-8841 Ext. 011.

Married couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (25,40,50,60,65,70,75) in 2018 are invited to request a congratulatory certificate from Archbishop Schnurr at catholiccincinnati.org

Married couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2018 are invited to a Golden Anniversary Mass; August 4, 2018, 4:30PM, St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, Cincinnati.

The CMA (Catholic Ministries Appeal) goal for St. Rose Church is \$33,853.00. As of today we have \$30,460.00. If you have not made your gift we ask you to do so in order that we may meet our goal.

Our Easter collection this year was \$37,015.95. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Our collection for the Shrines in the Holy Land was \$1,160.00.

I want to thank Patty Savage and all her helpers in making the church look beautiful for Easter.

You are invited to join Fr. Barry for a **10-day trip to Italy** next fall, October 2-12, 2018 for five days in Florence and five days in Rome with side trips. If you are interested in an itinerary, call the office at 513-871-1162.

Lectors/Lay Distributors for April 14th and April 15th

7:00 J. Christmann, M. Luehrmann, F. McCune, W. Russ, L. Solimine

8:30 Jon Hemmer, Matt Howland, Tom Perrino, Tim Smullen, Lenny Diaspro

10:30 Roland Becker, Rich Creighton, Bob Sheil, Joseph Sonnefeld

12:00 Patrick Homan, Matt Scheitering, Shawn Gillette



Opening Prayer

God of everlasting mercy,
 who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast
 kindle the faith of the people you have made your own,
 increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,
 that all may grasp and rightly understand
 in what font they have been washed,
 by whose Spirit they have been reborn,
 by whose Blood they have been redeemed.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

Have you ever heard news that seemed too good to be true? Maybe that a friend was visiting, or that something special was in store for you? Perhaps the news was so good or unexpected that we needed "to see it to believe it." We might be reminded of the motto of Missouri, the "show me" state. We don't want to get our hopes up only to be disappointed. We want proof. This is precisely Thomas's reaction on hearing the news about Jesus' resurrection. Though the disciples had been witness to the risen Lord on Easter Sunday evening, Thomas was absent, and so he functions as a disciple for all of us. In a sense, we stand in the person of Thomas. We were not present that Easter Sunday evening. And perhaps, like Thomas, we reply, "seeing is believing." The beatitude that Jesus speaks to Thomas is meant for each of us: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

The church gives us this reading on the Second Sunday of Easter, as that is when Thomas had his experience of the risen Lord. Though we are not given the opportunity to put our finger in the nail marks, we, like Thomas, may condition our belief on seeing. The gift Jesus gives his disciples is "peace." It is not a peace that the world gives, that is, merely an absence of war. But the peace Jesus gives is a serenity in the face of life. The gift is a sense of calm knowing that Jesus is "my Lord and my God" and that there is nothing in this life that can separate him from me. In this gospel, Jesus calls us friends. And it is a friendship that can never be broken; its hallmark is "peace."

Closing Prayer

Hear the prayers of this community, O God, whom you gather at your table to remember in the "breaking of bread" your Son's passion, death, and resurrection. May his peace and spirit enable us to be your ministers of reconciliation and forgiveness in our homes and communities. **Amen.**

For Reflection:

• Have I ever been swallowed up in Thomas-like skepticism and cynicism? How was that "doubt" transformed into hope and trust?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the opening prayer (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect");
2. One person read aloud the gospel;
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer;
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection";
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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Gospel John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week,
 when the doors were locked, where the
 disciples were,
 for fear of the Jews,
 Jesus came and stood in their midst
 and said to them, "Peace be with you."
 When he had said this, he showed them his
 hands and his side.

The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.
 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.
 As the Father has sent me, so I send you."
 And when he had said this, he breathed on
 them and said to them,
 "Receive the Holy Spirit.

Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,
 and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve,
 was not with them when Jesus came.
 So the other disciples said to him, "We have
 seen the Lord."

But he said to them,
 "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his
 hands
 and put my finger into the nailmarks
 and put my hand into his side, I will not
 believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside
 and Thomas was with them.
 Jesus came, although the doors were locked,
 and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be
 with you."

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here
 and see my hands,
 and bring your hand and put it into my side,
 and do not be unbelieving, but believe."



Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord
 and my God!"
 Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe
 because you have seen me?
 Blessed are those who have not seen and have
 believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the
 presence of his disciples
 that are not written in this book.
 But these are written that you may come to
 believe
 that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,
 and that through this belief you may have
 life in his name.

Readings for the week

2nd Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)	Monday Annunciation	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	3rd Sunday of Easter
Isa 7:10-14; 8:10 Acts 4:23-35 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 1 John 5:1-6 John 20:19-31	Isa 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 Heb 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38	Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1ab, 1cd, 2, 5 John 3:7b-15	Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8, 9 John 3:16-21	Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 John 3:31-36	Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 John 6:1-15	Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 John 6:16-21	Acts 5:13-15, 17-19 Ps 42, 4, 7-8, 9 1 John 2:1-5a Luke 24:35-48