



Second Sunday of Easter  
Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

April 24, 2022  
San Francisco, California



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**CURRENT WORSHIP HOURS**

Daily Mass: M - F 8am  
Saturday Vigil Mass: 5pm  
Sunday Masses: 8am, 10am & 6:30pm  
Holy Days: 8am & 7pm  
Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:45pm - 4:30pm

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**THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH**

Daily Mass

**Monday - Friday 8:00am**

Wednesday, April 27

**Wednesday Supper: 4pm - 5:30pm**

**Lunch distribution at the church doors.**

Saturday, April 30

**Vigil Mass 5pm**

Sunday, May 1

**Masses: 8am, 10am & 6:30pm**

**Coffee hour after the 8am & 10am Masses**

**FACE COVERINGS ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.**

**Livestream the 10am Sunday Mass**

**on our MHR Facebook page:**

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**Collection - Week of April 9 & 10**

5pm -	\$202.00
8am -	\$708.00
10am -	\$985.00
6:30pm -	\$302.00
Misc. -	\$300.00
<b>Online giving -</b>	<b>\$1,547.66</b>
<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$4,044.66</b>
<b>Budgeted -</b>	<b>\$4500.00</b>

**Thank you for your amazing generosity!  
This weekend there is a second collection  
for Catholic Home Missions.**



**APRIL 25 - MAY 1**

**Monday: 1Pt. 5:5b-14, Mk. 16:15-20**

**Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37, Jn. 3:7b-15**

**Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26, Jn. 3:16-21**

**Thursday: Acts 5:27-33, Jn. 3:31-36**

**Friday: Acts 5:34-42, Jn. 6:1-15**

**Saturday: Acts 6:1-7, Jn. 6:16-21**

**Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41, Rev. 5-11,  
Jn. 21:1-19 or 21:1-14**

## Second Sunday of Easter

Doubting Thomas. The disciple whose nickname will forever define him — all on the basis of one remark.

Did you ever wonder why Thomas was not with the others on that first Easter night? A group — we know not how large — of women and men who had been disciples of the slain Jesus had gathered together in fear and confusion on the most mystifying evening of their lives. Did they lock the doors before Thomas arrived? Was he too sad or angry or ashamed to gather with them? Obviously, he wasn't completely cut off because soon thereafter somebody told him that Jesus had appeared in their midst.

Maybe someone went looking for Thomas precisely because of what Jesus did that night. Jesus had broken in on their fear and hiding, he blessed them with peace and then revealed to them the greatest power in the universe: the love that creates forgiveness.

The breathtaking thing about forgiveness is that it positively transforms the effects of the past. People whose sins are retained can be tethered forever to the millstone of their mistakes, defined by their worst moment. In forgiveness, they are freed to reconfigure (another word for redeem) what has been destructive of relationships.

When Jesus made himself part of the group gathered in hiding, he simply said, "Shalom, peace." *Shalom* is an insider word. It says, "I have no fear of you and hold nothing against you." One ancient Jewish teaching maintains that shalom-peace is "the only vessel God found capable of holding a blessing." The word is also a name for God.

*Shalom* was Jesus' first word to his friends after he had suffered. Jesus' *shalom* recreated his relationship with each and all of the gathered disciples. In some ways, it was as astounding as his resurrection itself. In some ways, it is identical with his resurrection because it expresses the reality that the power of love cannot be overcome. *Shalom*, Jesus' word of forgiveness, conferred redemption.

For some reason, those who found Thomas on another day weren't capable of communicating the whole message to him. They did well enough to get him to join them a week later, but he still didn't quite grasp the transformation that had begun among his friends — and in the history of the universe.

In reality, the other disciples hadn't fully caught on yet either: One week after the Resurrection they were back behind locked doors. Once again, Jesus appeared in their midst. Once again, Jesus said, "Shalom."

Then, turning to Thomas, Jesus invited them all to face their doubts as he said, "Touch me. I am no ghost. I bear the scars of rejection and abandonment. Shalom. Touch me and know shalom."

With that, Thomas grasped what none of them had comprehended. Thomas looked at Jesus' scarred hands and wounded side and said, "My Lord and my God!" Thomas grasped the terrifying, wondrously scandalous truth that Jesus reveals that God is not exempt from suffering. Thomas realized that God's forgiveness expresses a love as vulnerable as human beings' and more powerful than evil.

The story of the Resurrection would not have been complete without Thomas. He was the one who didn't just stand back in awe; he had to plumb the depths of what it meant. Thomas was the one who needed proof that the effects of evil, horrendous as they were, were not omnipotent. Thomas was the one whose faith did not come easy, and for that reason it could become unshakable.

If not for Thomas, we might think of forgiveness superficially, as a mending or a forgetting. If it were not for Thomas, we might not fully understand that God forgives us in freely chosen vulnerability. But with Thomas we realize that the God who suffered and still suffers in the world's victims invites us into history-changing transformation.

Thomas reminds us that honestly facing our doubts can open us to greater faith. The courage Thomas showed in doubting allowed the risen Christ to reveal God's face in a new and fuller way. Thomas' story also demonstrates that Christ's resurrection frees us to forgive and be forgiven. Let us celebrate and emulate Thomas as a patron of great and courageous faith.

*Sr. Mary M. McGlone, National Catholic Reporter*



*Our Mass celebrants will remember the following intentions during the celebration of the Eucharist:*

**Saturday, April 23**

**8pm Helen & Albert Kontura †**

**Sunday, April 24**

**8am George Hegga Wetsergaard †**

**Anna Rose Westergaard †**

**Nicholas Aloï †**

**10am Thomas Levy †**

**6:30pm MHR Parishioners**

**Monday, April 25**

**8am**

**Tuesday, April 26**

**8am Lita Elman (L)**

**Wednesday, April 27**

**8am Jack Bankhead †**

**Thursday, April 28**

**8am Teresita Deza (L)**

**Friday April 29**

**8am**

**Mass Intentions are celebrated for those to remember a loved one, honor someone on an important date or celebrate a special occasion. To schedule a Mass Intention or sponsor the weekend altar flowers, please call the parish office at 415-863-6259 or email [secretary@mhr.org](mailto:secretary@mhr.org).**



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Bible Study on upcoming Sunday readings meets via Zoom on Tuesday evenings at 7pm.  
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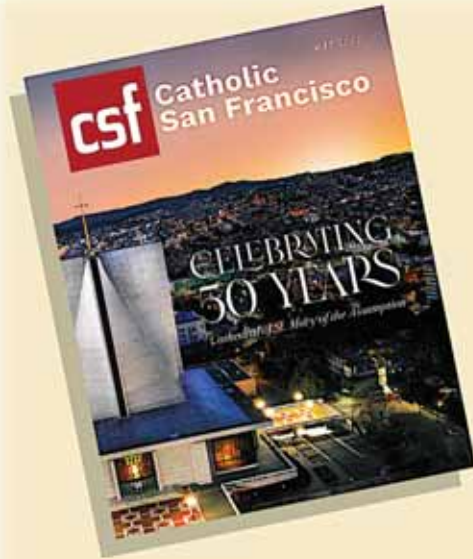
**Client in Park Merced:** We have a client who uses a wheelchair and greatly enjoys going to the movies. He would like someone with access to a car that could accommodate the wheelchair, and who would like to accompany him to the movies every month or so; in addition to just visiting, going for walks, and playing video games.

**A Couple in the Fillmore.** Two men, one of whom is bedbound, would like a someone to visit for conversation and watching movies on TV; also, to help them in walking their small dog.



## **OUR PARISH COMMUNITY BIRTHDAYS**

**Charles Spina, Mary Ann Sullivan, Thess Deza,  
David Dupree, Keith Gatto, Ann Sulit, Philip Solodkin  
and Deirdre Ryan-Booth.**



**A History of the Cathedral** complete with vintage black and white photos of its groundbreaking and construction

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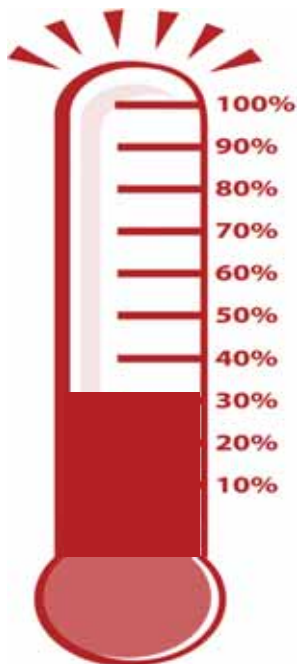
**The Second Vatican Council's** influence on the architecture

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**Thank you for your amazing support!**

**We reopen  
May 4th!**



**WEDNESDAY**  
**NIGHT**  
*Suppers*

After being closed for two years, we are happy to announce that the Wednesday Night Suppers will reopen on MAY 4!

If you would like to return as a volunteer or become a new volunteer, please send a note to [suppers@mhr.org](mailto:suppers@mhr.org). We will need people to serve meals and, especially, clean up afterwards, **each Wednesday from 5:15pm to 6:45-7pm.**

There will be some necessary changes to the procedures we've used in the past to protect both our guests and volunteers. They will be explained at a short meeting after the bagged lunch distribution on **April 27 at 5:30 in Ellard Hall.**



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