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Third Sunday of Easter • May 8, 2011

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dear Padre
Is my son ready for Communion?

My 7-year-old son Joey has a condition that causes him to have outbursts, and sometimes he spits out his food. He takes classes to prepare for first Communion, but I worry about what might happen. Our pastor says Joey shouldn't be denied Communion because of his condition.

Do you agree?

Confused and Worried Dad

Dear Confused and Worried Dad,

I agree with your pastor. Your concerns touch on the ways we prepare for the intimate encounter with our God in the Eucharist, but preparation isn't what is most important.

We who are able should enter into the celebration of the Eucharist with active participation, but we each come to the altar broken and damaged by life. One reason we come to the Eucharist is to be healed, strengthened, and maybe even made whole. Our Lord spent his life gathering in the broken, the sinful, the sick. They were his first concern. He met them where they were, and whether they were incapable of plunging themselves in the pool of Bethesda (see John 5:1-9), outcast for their assumed sinfulness (see John 9 and Luke 8:42-48), or simply children (see Mark 10:13-16), Jesus chose to enter their lives and heal them. The Incarnation is God coming to us.

So don't worry if Joey can't go all the way to Jesus by following all the "human precepts" (Matthew 15). Trust that Jesus will come to him, meet him where he is, and embrace him, "for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:14).

Rick Potts, CSsR

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Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Saturday from 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.; also by appointment.

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Please call the rectory (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-4466.

THIS WEEK
 MAY 7TH – MAY 8TH
 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
 CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST
HOLY COMMUNICANTS



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Usher's Group III
 Triple Play Café Breakfast
 Blood Pressure Screening
 Youth Choir Rehearsal
 Plant Sale – 8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 7:

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for +Rudy DeTuccio requested by Dolores, Annita, and Genovita Betti; and for +Vincenza and Francesco Russo requested by Mr. & Mrs. Maratta

SUNDAY, MAY 8:

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for +Michal, Helena and Henry Sabczak request of Szwed Family

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Arthur Kehl, requested by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus

5:30 p.m. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, MAY 9:

No Mass

7:00 p.m. Property Management Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 10:

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Special Intention

7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

7:15 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Rolande & Clifford Mishio request of the Fournier Family

9:00 a.m.-noon Christmas Fair Workshop

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Faith Formation Classes

4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. gr. 1 – 5

6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. gr. 6-8

THURSDAY, MAY 12:

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Allen Spencer, request of Olbrias & Fleming family

7:00 p.m. K of C Business Meeting

FRIDAY, MAY 13: No Mass

SATURDAY, May 14

3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Plant Sale

NEXT WEEK

MAY 14TH -15TH
 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 MAINTENANCE COLLECTION
 USHERS GROUP IV
 YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL

SATURDAY, MAY 14

3:30 p.m. Rosary before Mass

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for +Olga Guglielmino,
 Altar Servers: Kyle Toce, Josh Meyers
 Minister of the Word: Charles Luchini
 Eucharistic Minister: Georgette Pelletier

SUNDAY, MAY 15

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for +Casimir and Thomas Kurys
 Divine Mercy Chaplet after Mass

Altar Servers:
 Minister of the Word: Stephen Paul
 Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Joyce Bachl

Altar Servers: Elizabeth Foran, LeeAnn Snuffer
 Minister of the Word: Paul Brown
 Eucharistic Minister: Donna Bradford

MONDAY, MAY 16 NO MASS

TUESDAY, MAY 17

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Marie Storman
 7:00 p.m. – Vernon Deanery Cluster Meeting

7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

9:00 a.m. Mass

9a.m.-12 noon Christmas Fair Workshop

NO ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

6:00 p.m. CHILDREN'S MASS FOLLOWED BY END OF YEAR PARTY. Last Faith Formation Class of the year.

THURSDAY, MAY 19

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +deceased members of Olbrias Family

FRIDAY, MAY 20 NO MASS

SATURDAY, MAY 21

3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

3:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE MASS



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You are what makes this a great Parish.

**And to Shop Rite of Manchester for donating all the hams to fill all the baskets.
thank you, thank you, thank you!!!!!!!!!!!!**

GOD'S PLAN FOR TITHING

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION \$ 3,552

Last Year's collection \$ 2,300

"You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever." Psalm 16:11

Jesus has shown us the path to abounding joy. It comes when we give generously of ourselves. It comes when we love and serve one another. Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus we don't always recognize Jesus' way. Or maybe we just try to ignore it.

By Father Thomas Rosica, CSB

TORONTO, APRIL 24, 2011 (Zenit.org)- "Doubting Thomas" is a term often used to describe someone who refuses to believe something without direct, personal evidence; a skeptic.

It refers of course to Thomas, one of the Twelve Apostles, whose name occurs in all the Gospel lists of the apostles. Thomas is called "Didymus," the Greek form of an Aramaic name meaning "twin."

When Jesus announced his intention of returning to Judea to visit Lazarus, Thomas said to his fellow disciples: "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (John 11:16). It was Thomas who, during the great discourse after the Last Supper, raised an objection: "Lord, we do not know where you are going; and how can we know the way?" (John 14:5).

Little else is recorded of Thomas the Apostle in the New Testament, nevertheless, thanks to John's Gospel text for today (John 20:19-31), his personality is clearer to us than that of some others of the Twelve. Thomas would have listened to Jesus' words, and he certainly experienced dismay at Jesus' death. That Easter evening when the Lord appeared to the disciples, Thomas was not present. When he was told that Jesus was alive and had shown himself, Thomas stated: "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe" (John 20:25).

Eight days later, Thomas made his act of faith, drawing down the rebuke of Jesus -- "Because you have seen me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed."

The real Thomas

Thomas the Apostle is one of the greatest and most honest of the lovers of Jesus, not the eternal skeptic, nor the bullish, stubborn personality that Christian tradition has often painted. This young apostle stood before the cross, not comprehending the horrors of what had happened. All his dreams and hopes were hanging on that cross.

Thomas rediscovered his faith amidst the believing community of apostles and disciples. This point must never be forgotten, especially in an age when so many claim that faith and spirituality are attainable without the experience of the ecclesial community. We do not believe as isolated individuals, but rather, through our baptism, we become members of this great family of the Church. It is precisely the faith professed by the ecclesial community we call Church that reinforces our personal faith.

Each Sunday at Mass, we profess our faith either in the Nicene Creed or the Apostles' Creed. In doing so, we are saved from the danger of believing in a God other than the one revealed by Christ.

Let us not forget the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "Faith is a personal act -- the free response of the human person to the initiative of God who reveals himself. But faith is not an isolated act. No one can believe alone, just as no one can live alone. You have not given yourself faith as you have not given yourself life. The believer has received faith from others and should hand it on to others.



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