



The Gift of Doubts

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When people tell me they have doubts about their faith, I usually tell them that doubts can be a good thing. “Reflect on your doubts,” I say. So very often the doubts bring someone to deeper faith and understanding. When people say they’re not sure they believe in God anymore, often what they mean is that they don’t believe in a particular idea of God, like the bearded old man in the sky or a God who “allows” children to die of cancer and “permits” wars that slaughter people.

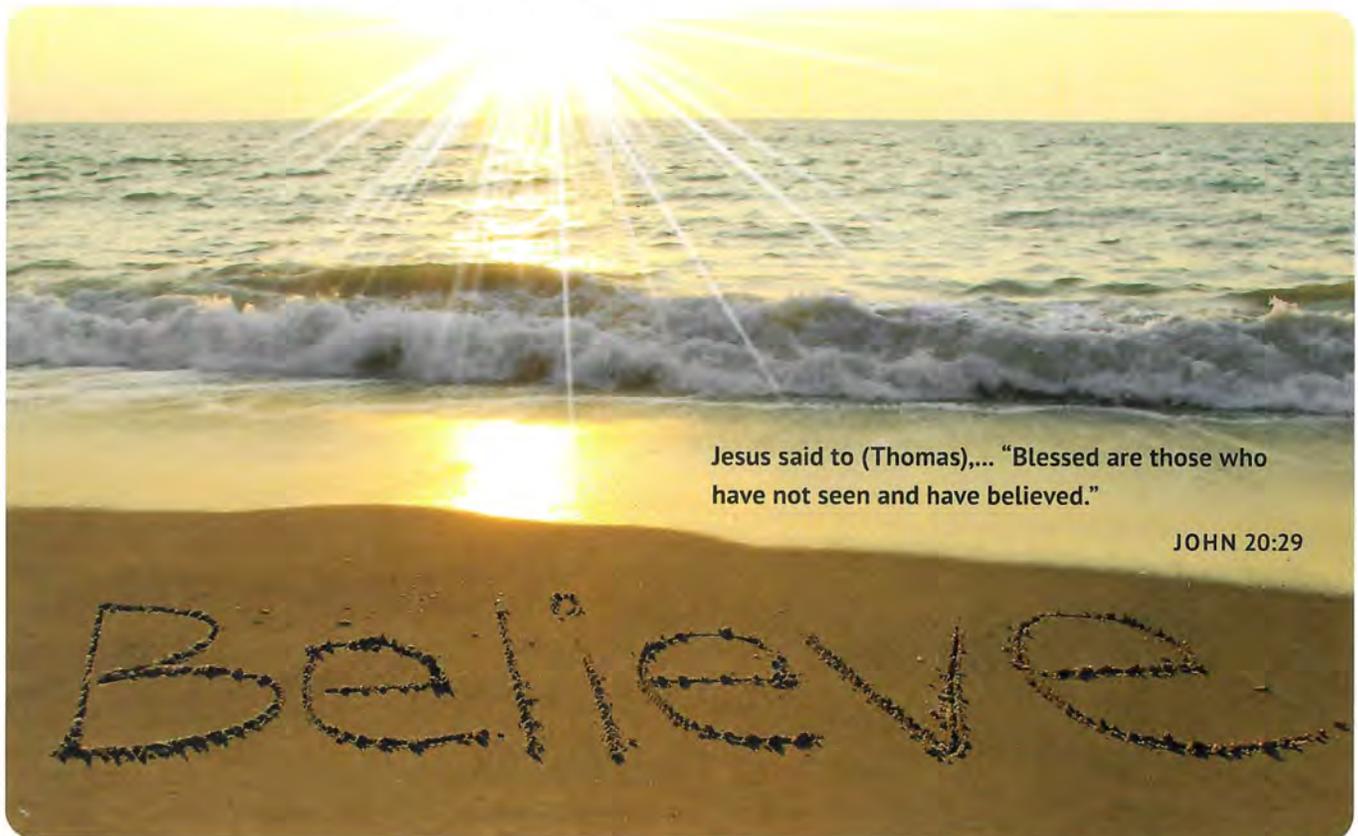
What such doubts ask us to do is to rethink our understanding of who God is. Tossing out our old idea of God does not mean there is no God. It simply means we had a faulty or immature notion of God. It may take some time to rethink who God is, but if we stay with it, do some reading, ask some questions, and pray over it, we

may come to a deeper and richer understanding of God. In short, because I don’t understand how something can be does not mean that that something—or someone—is not true or real.

In this week’s Gospel, Thomas, who was not with the community when Jesus appeared, later could not believe that the Jesus he had known was alive. He doubted. Yet when he was with the community the following week, he discovered that the risen Lord was indeed real but in an entirely new reality. It takes a community of faith to become a believer. ●

Reflect

How has your understanding of God changed over the years?



Jesus said to (Thomas),... “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

JOHN 20:29

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**CONFESSION: SATURDAY 3:00 - 3:30 AND BY APPOINTMENT ONLY,
PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE
SUNDAY MASS IS AVAILABLE ON LIVESTREAM
www.facebook.com/sacredheartprinceton
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Office Hours: Mon - Thu 9 am - 2 pm**

Mass Intentions:

Saturday, April 15, 4pm - ☩ **Deceased Members of Sacred Heart**
Sunday, April 16, 11am - ☩ **Helen Myers** by Cathy & Jimmy Hillyer
Tuesday, April 18, 6pm - No Mass
Thursday, April 20, Noon - No Mass
Saturday, April 22, 4pm - ☩ **Deceased Members of Sacred Heart**
Sunday, April 23, 11am - ☩ **Deceased Members of Sacred Heart**

Upcoming Church Events

Apr 17-21, No Mass, Fr. Sebastian out of town
Sat, Apr 22, St. Joseph Work Day
May 1-4, No Mass, Fr. Sebastian at Presbyteral
Council
Sat, May 6, Confirmation Retreat
Rei from Gifts of the Holy Land
Sun, May 7, Rei from Gifts of the Holy Land
Tue, May 9, 6:45 pm Parish Council meeting
Fri, May 19, 6 - 8 pm Murder Mystery Dinner

Sun, May 20 Faith Formation Family day (after
Mass)
May 22 - 26, No Mass, Fr. Sebastian at Priest
Retreat
Sat, Jun 10, 11 am Confirmation
Sun, Jun 11, 11 am RCIA
Tue, Jun 13, 6:45 pm Parish Council Meeting
June 26-30, No Mass, Fr. Sebastian at Priest
Retreat

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Join Us For An Evening With
Bishop Brennan!

May 23, 2023

Mass - 5:30pm
St. James the Greater Parish
Dinner to Follow Mass

Get to know Bishop Brennan
while you celebrate Mass
and enjoy dinner.

ALL YOUNG ADULTS WELCOME!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Fr. Sebastian

As you add another year today, my prayer for you is that you will continue to serve the Lord with all your heart, thanks for not only preaching love, but also showing love. The love of God shall always be with you and his light will always lighten your paths. Happy birthday to a great spiritual leader.

Your Sacred Heart Family

GRADUATION
Sunday

5.21.2023
11:00AM

Deadline for submission is:
May 12

**Sacred Heart
CATHOLIC
CHURCH**

It's time to brag about your student. We want to acknowledge our High School and College graduates' achievements at Mass. Please send us your student's information (school, degree, clubs, activities, awards, and future plans).

Send information to:
lwiyatt@sacredheartprinceton.org

Sending all prayers and our deepest condolences to Anne Sullivan, whose sister Ruth VanBeem passed away. May our Lord comfort and send you all o the angels and saints, peace to all who mourn, and may Ruth rest eternally in the arms of Jesus and in the company of all the angels and saints



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

Christ is Present! Will you be?

June 2-3 at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral
of the Sacred Heart, Charleston

It's FREE!

RSVP & more info:



If you need a ride to this event please sign up in the Narthex. The church is looking into providing transportation for all who would like to attend.

Religious Education



Divine Mercy Sunday: The Greatest Gift By Monique Sammut | March 30, 2018

Divine Mercy Novena
Children's Printable
Humble Beginnings
Divine Mercy Sunday
originated when Our
Lord appeared to Saint
Faustina, a humble,
Polish sister. During
these visions, Jesus asked

specifically that the Feast of
Divine Mercy be established
so that all people would
turn to Our Lord and find
refuge in him and in his un-
fathomable mercy.
Jesus told Sister Faustina:
This Feast emerged from the
very depths of my mercy,
and it is confirmed in the
vast depths of my tender
mercies. Every soul believ-
ing and trusting in my mer-
cy will obtain it. Diary 420
He also told her:

"Let all mankind recognize
my unfathomable mercy. It
is a sign for the end times;
after it will come the day of
justice." Diary 848
Jesus told Sister Faustina of
his great desire to have a
Feast of Mercy established on
the first Sunday after East-
er. He also instructed that
the Feast be preceded by
a Divine Mercy Novena that
begins on Good Friday and
ends the day before Divine
Mercy Sunday.

Schedule:

Faith Formation

Apr 16
No Class

May 7

Youth Sunday:

May 21

Youth Ministry:

Apr 23

May 4, 21, 28

Confirmation

Retreat

May 6

9 am - 4 pm

[Divine Mercy Sunday: The Greatest Gift - My Catholic Kids](#)

Youth Ministry

Attention Youth:

Please join us for our **Spring Progressive Dinner** on April 23rd. We will journey from house to house for each course of our meal enjoying games and activities, great food, and fellowship along the way.

Contact Lorin to sign up. 540-529-6495.



Please join us on
May 4
5:00 - 6:30 pm

POC is Lorin Albin at
540-529-6495

Faith Formation Family Day

May 21 after Mass
Please join us for a
lunch to end our faith
formation year. If you
would like to
volunteer to help out
contact
Eileen Kisiel at
304-464-4575

Adult Faith Formation

Women's Group

Next meeting
TBD

Men's Group

First and Third
Thursday at 10
am in the Narthex

Book Study

May 3 (last
session) in the
Conference Room
at 6 pm



Our next RCIA
lesson will be
Sunday, **April 23**
at **9:45 am.**

All are welcome to attend.
Any questions contact Laura Wyatt at
304-425-3664 or
lwyatt@sacredheartpinceton.org



Sin City Slayer casino murder mystery Dinner

What Is a Murder Mystery Dinner?

Often described as a live-action version of the game Clue!, this is a themed dinner, with a mysterious murder at the center of the story. Attendees must work together to figure out "who done it."

Invitations to the party will be sent to you.

It will include:
character description,
costume suggestions,
background story of the guests

Over the course of the evening, everyone will receive additional clues. These clues may be about their own character or the murder. They will need to reveal the clues to the rest of the guests. With some kits, the host knows who the murderer is. In others, no one knows a thing until it is revealed during the party.

Please join us for some fun and laughter

check out www.yourmysteryparty/sincity

May 19, 2021

6:00 pm
The Church Hall
\$25/person
Includes dinner and drink
Adults only
BYOB

Spring Clean-up

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

9AM - 1PM

On the To do list:

Trash pick-up

Takes no skill!

Trash bags and plastic gloves provided

Get your steps in while cleaning up our campus!

Weeding

Bring garden gloves and kneel pads

Great job for working out frustration!

Instant gratification as your area looks better!

Great job to do while praying!

Paint the old conference room

Requires some skills.

Paint, brushes, drop cloths provided!

See the change, be the change...

to give our kids a brighter Room!

*You see that faith was active along with his works,
and faith was completed by the works.*

~James 2:22



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God's School of Trust | Divine Mercy | Episode 1

The sin of our first parents, Adam and Eve, has distorted the way we see God. But God hasn't given up on us. In fact, he has tirelessly worked to heal our distorted image of him through his "School of Trust," beginning with his Chosen People in the Old Testament.

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The Last Days: The Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ w/ Jonathan Roumie

[The Last Days: The Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ w/ Jonathan Roumie - FORMED](#)



[What Is the Lord's Prayer? - Short Answers to Big Questions - FORMED](#)



Gifts from the Holy Land

On May 6 & 7 after Mass the group from the Holy Land will have a display of beautiful religious handmade olive wood carvings, from Bethlehem in the Holy Land. The Christians of the Holy Land have been suffering and continue living in hard economical situations. Your support through purchasing these items will help 200 families, also it will support peace in the middle east.

Olivewood carvings are a part of a traditional handed down from generations.

Please stop at their table and purchase a nice gift from the little town in Bethlehem.

Weekly Offering



	Easter Weekend	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	2,982.00	53,846.16	47,500.00
Loose Offertory	115.00	1,551.40	1,350.00
Total Contributions	\$ 3,097.00	\$55,397.56	\$48,850.00
Dioc: Holy Land	475.00	685.00	725.00
Attendance:	Holy Thur: 65	Good Fri: 82	
	Vigil: 78	Easter: 212	

Divine Mercy Sunday
Music for
April 15 & 16, 2023

Mass of Christ the Savior
Mass Readings on pg. 241
Word & Eucharist

Entrance: G526
"Be Joyful, Mary"

Responsorial Psalm: G118
Give thanks to the Lord for he
is good, his love is everlasting

Presentation of Gifts: G584
"Come to the Water"

Communion: G525
"The Strife Is O'er"

Parish Council

Deb LaMothe (Chair)	Vickie Blankenship
Harold Cofer	Gerry Cosgrove
Mike Flanigan	Renee Green
Anthony Heltzel	Zack Romano
Santina St. John	
Ad Hoc:	Gina Boggess
Kim Hickman	Laura Wyatt
Susie Pace	

Finance Council

Charlie Pace (Chair)	Gina Boggess
Richard Flanigan	Kevin Garrett
Shelby Neri	Gene Richardson
Frank Sinicrope	Fred St. John
Kirt Suehs	
Ad Hoc:	Kim Hickman

April Ministry Schedule

DATE	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter	Video	Altar Server	Counter
<u>4/15</u> 4 p	M. Tinio	K. Bailey V Manley M Flanigan	J Gaspersich	N/a	C. Pace	Choate
<u>4/16</u> 11a	D Lamothe	Kim Hickman Laura Wyatt B Picknally	S Neri	T. Wyatt	D. Richardson	
<u>4/22</u> 4p	M. Bacho	Charles Pace K Bailey V Manley	F. Bacho	N/a	T. Byron	T. Settle
<u>4/23</u> 11 a	Lorin Albin	Jim Cosgrove Gerry Cosgrove Mary Jane Albin	Hillyer	W Picknally	M. Shay	
<u>4/29</u> 4p	Mary Gaspersich	Theresa Settle K Bailey V Manley	Joanne Gaspersich	N/A	C. Pace	S. Pace
<u>4/30</u> 11a	Carole Cofer	Maria Cox G. Richardson Zach Romano	Blankenships	W Picknally	T. Byron	

Please include the following in your Daily Prayers

Parishioners:

Catherine Belcher
Ruth Boyd
Deloris Caccamo
Ron Ciccolini
Romulo DelaRosa
Dale & Mary Lu Geiger
Angie Grbac
Cynthia & Gordon Harmon
Cyndi Jones
Nancy Larkin

Valarie Laxton
Christina Laxton
Robert Laxton
Kaitlyn Laxton
Keith Laxton
Jim Lintz
Jim & Diane Luciano
Fr. Greg Lyttle
Jaelynn Mendoza
Annette Morgan

Dr. Jun Neri
Patricia Nester
Esther Piconi
Alan Rieger
Deborah Saffell
Jacob Santon
Gareth Settle
Felomina Yongque
Carrie Yurkovich
Jane Walthall



Friends and Family

.Linda Berghof (mother of Jackie Mercado)
Mary Berentes,
Lou Berentes (friend of Monica Mills)
John Bowers
John Caccamo (brother of Pat)
Rita Calhoun (Aunt of Tanya Marx)
Irene Charney
Regina Church (friend of Monica Mills)
Judy Clayton (sister of Loretta Lintz)
Matthew Cosgrove (Jim Cosgroves nephew)
Linda Cunningham
Rachel Denton
Kimiko Fetro (friend of Bill Picknally)
David Frei & Mary Piper (son-in-law & daughter of Carrie Yurkovich)
Kyle Geiger
Mike Goff
Myles Harris
Velma Hartwell
Wylie Rae Henson (Kay Bailey's granddaughter)

Brenda Ivelise
Ruby Jones (Aunt of Rachel Colosi)
Langan Family
Lucas Llado (grandson of Maria Franco)
Richard Lockhart
John Mills (brother of Gary Mills)
Sandy Morefield (friend of Gaspersich family)
Tina Mullins (friend of Tanya Marx)
Wayne Mullins (brother of Delores Caccamo)
Carolyn Munther (mother of Lisa Black)
Susan Nelson (Bill Picknally's daughter),
Rex Neely
Allan Perry
Agnes Sedi
Sherry Sisk
Bryan Staten
Agnes Tokarski (Bill Picknally's sister)
Jamie Willoughby (niece of Sharon Buttaci)
Richard Wentz (brother in law of Rick & Laura Wyatt)

In case of an emergency and a priest is needed, please call:

The Parish Office
(304) 425-3664

Bluefield Parish Office
(304) 327-5623

Kim Hickman
(304) 920-2440

In case of illness: Please call the parish office to let us know if you, a family member, or a parishioner is sick. We can place your name on the prayer list. If requested, Fr. Sebastian will arrange for distributing Holy Communion in the home.

Nursing homes, rehabilitation centers and anyone who is hospitalized are not permitted to contact the church. If someone you know is in the hospital, please call the church office.

In case of serious or life threatening sickness or the actively dying: The church should be contacted as soon as possible. People deserve the opportunity to confess their sins, profess their faith, be anointed, and receive Holy Communion – the foretaste and pledge of eternal life. PLEASE don't wait until after the person is unconscious or so sedated that he or she cannot communicate. It is imperative with current situations, that there be enough time for Fr. to go through the appropriate protocol to visit the actively dying.

Dear Padre,

I am very curious why, after his resurrection, Jesus told Mary Magdalene not to touch him, but in the upper room, Thomas was encouraged to touch him.

Saint John tells us of this incident between Mary and the risen Jesus. There are scholars who say that immediately after Jesus spoke to Mary he ascended to heaven. His encounter with Thomas, then, would be after the ascension, and the feast of the Ascension we celebrate forty days after Easter is simply a termination of Jesus' earthly appearances.

There is another explanation to consider, offered by other Scripture scholars. The word Jesus uses to tell Mary Magdalene not to touch him is more like "cling" to him. She cannot *cling* to her old relationship with Jesus. Since his resurrection, a new relationship is necessary. Mary was looking for the Jesus she knew before the passion, not the Jesus of the resurrection. She must now come to know the risen Jesus.

Mary could not cling to Jesus because she had to see him in a new way. For Thomas, the situation is different. Jesus invites Thomas to place his hand on the wounds to prove that he is "real"—that he is really a new kind of being, a resurrected being. Thomas, in his way, also wants to cling to what he thought he knew about Jesus. Both he and Mary Magdalene were close to Jesus, but even so, there were things they still did not understand. Jesus always has the ability to surprise us. ●



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY

April 17
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:23–31
Jn 3:1–8

TUESDAY

April 18
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:32–37
Jn 3:7b–15

WEDNESDAY

April 19
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:17–26
Jn 3:16–21

THURSDAY

April 20
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:27–33
Jn 3:31–36

FRIDAY

April 21
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:34–42
Jn 6:1–15

SATURDAY

April 22
Easter Weekday
Acts 6:1–7
Jn 6:16–21

SUNDAY

April 23
Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22–28
1 Pt 1:17–21
Lk 24:13–35



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Don't be afraid of doubts, because they are not a sign of the lack of faith....On the contrary, doubts are "vitamins of faith": they help strengthen faith and make it more robust. They enable faith to grow, to become more conscious, free and mature. They make it more eager to set out, to persevere with humility, day after day.

MEETING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE, ATHENS, DECEMBER 6, 2021