



April 15, 2020

St. Mary's **MESSENGER**

Hello St. Mary's Family,

Bishop Doyle has continued the suspension of "at Church worship" for the time being. Check your email for your copy of the readings for this Sunday, and tune in on our website, www.ourstmarys.org Sundays at 10:00 AM for live worship services. We will continue to update you on alternative means of worship.

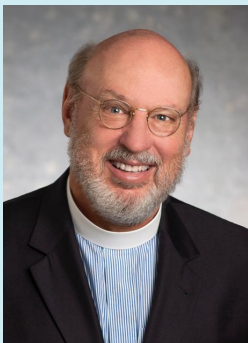
**In His Peace,
Rev. Bill**



*Readings for 2nd Sunday of
Easter
April 19, 2020*

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

From Your Priest:



"It's Always Something"
John 20:19-31

The disciples are gathered behind closed doors. They are staying away from crowds—socially isolated—but for very different reasons. In that moment, the Risen Lord makes an appearance, his first. There is not much discussion. For

some reason, the disciple Thomas is not there. When he hears what has happened, well, naturally he is skeptical. Who wouldn't be? Perhaps the real lesson is that Thomas should have been there in the first place and wouldn't have missed it.

A week later, much has changed. Christ's presence is an established fact. Thomas is there this time, and he can see for himself. Does the Lord shame him for his doubt? No, Christ welcomes him to take a full measure of a new reality. Still, it is a blessing to trust, to have faith. That is something we can all use right now, and we can provide it to others as well.

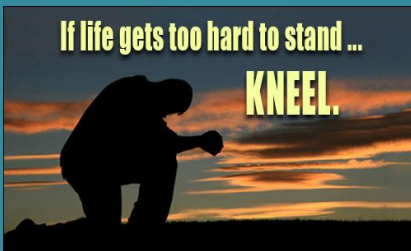
THINK ON THIS:



When Jesus died on the cross, He died not only for us, but He also died to meet the holy and just requirements intrinsic to the basic nature of God. The contamination was removed so that we could stand clean in His presence. - Josh McDowell, *More Than a Carpenter*, 1977.

"Since all have sinned and are falling short of the honor and glory which God bestows and receives. All are justified and made upright and in right standing with God, freely and gratuitously by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a mercy seat and propitiation by His blood through faith."

Romans 3:23-25



Bow the Knee

"Trust the heart of your Father when the answer goes beyond what you can see...in the presence of your King, bow the knee." -Chris Machen



Prayer List:

Larry & Becky Hart, Ricky Gilmore, Anne Brown, Jim & Pat Anderson, Alec Richardson, Katherine Mezger, Buck, Alex, Randy, Debbie, Jack, John, Buddy, & Rebecca.

Remember the families of Don Peterson and Jean Harrison as they grieve their losses of these dear ones.

May we remember Jesus is alive! He saves and He is coming back for us.

"I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

- Revelation 22:12

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