

**Acts 4:32-35,1 John 5: 1-6
John 20: 19-31, John 20: 1-9**

FOCUS: Blessed are we who have, through faith, come to see and know Jesus.

It seems that a prudent principle to follow in our daily lives is to place our faith and trust in people or things which have proven themselves as true or reliable. We are smart if we share the personal details of our lives only with others who have earned our trust. We are wise to use only medications which have, through trials and studies, been approved as safe and effective for the ailments with which we suffer. We can make sound financial decisions through the guidance of an experienced advisor who is a person of integrity as well.

However, if the principle of only placing our trust in things which we can see or experience is applied to all parts of life, no new development will occur. The disposition of faith leads us to believe that new ways of living are possible. Thomas Edison believed it was possible to record sounds and to play them back, before he invented the phonograph. Christopher Columbus believed it was possible to reach the Far East by sailing west before he set sail. Moses believed it was possible to lead a nation out of slavery to freedom based on the message of God delivered through a burning bush.

Today's Gospel is about the importance of faith. After hearing reports that the body of Jesus was gone from the tomb and that some from their company had seen him alive, many of the disciples gathered in a locked room. They feared that the Jesus. There must have been great confusion over what all of this really meant.

Suddenly Jesus came and stood among them. He greeted them with peace and showed them his hands and side. The disciples rejoiced at His presence and He breathed on them new spiritual life in the Holy Spirit. Thomas was not with the others and refused to believe that Jesus had risen. Later, when Thomas saw the risen Jesus, he proclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus responded, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

These words of Jesus may sound harsh, but can be seen as a challenge to Thomas and the other disciples. Now these disciples, witnesses to His death and resurrection, are given the awesome responsibility, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to carry on Jesus' saving mission. Blessed indeed are those who have not seen but believed.

It is only through placing our faith in Jesus that we can come to know his saving and healing power, and, thus know the Father. Placing our faith in Jesus and following his teachings gives our lives meaning and purpose which enables us to reach out to others with love and forgiveness. Jesus assures us that he is with us always by the power of the Holy Spirit, giving us guidance and strength and assuring us that we have eternal destiny in heaven; that just as Jesus rose, so will we.

The first disciples placed their faith in Jesus and his Holy Spirit and that makes our faith in Jesus possible. If you have the courage to make the leap and believe, you will see Jesus work wonders in your life. Then your life, lived in faith and in love, will inspire

faith in Jesus for others. Don't see to believe, rather, believe that you may come to see and know.

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**MCCW First Friday Program:
Installation of the New MCCW Board**

All women of Most Holy Trinity are invited to join us on Thurs, 1 May for our final MCCW event of this semester. We will be inducting the new MCCW board members for 2003-2004. The evening begins with a Mass at 7 PM. If you can come early, Rosary begins at 6:45.

MCCW Spring Service Project:

Anyone willing to donate new women's toiletries for the homeless women of NYC should bring their donations to the 1 May MCCW meeting, which begins with Mass at 7 PM in the Chapel. Donations can also be given to any members of MCCW prior to that meeting.

SCRIPTURE FOR WEEK OF April 27, 2003

Mon – Acts 4: 23-31, John 3:1-8
St Peter Chanel
Tue – Acts 4: 32-37, John 3: 7b-15
Saint Catherine of Siena
Wed – Acts 5: 17-26, John 3: 16-21
Thurs – Acts 5: 27-33, John 3: 31-36
St Joseph the worker
Fri – Acts 5: 34-42, John 6: 1-15
St Athanasius
Sat – 1 Corinthians 15: 1-8, John 14: 6-14
St Philip and James Apostles—Feast

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Sat 26 Apr 1715 Parishioners of MHT

Michael Kwinn, III, son of LTCs Brigitte and Michael Kwinn is fighting cancer. The Most Holy Trinity Parish family has secured a medal of Mary of the Miraculous Medal that was touched by Mother Teresa of the Missionaries of Charity in 1997. Michael and his family have been blessed with the medal and are wearing the two medals. We are asking members of the parish family to pray to God for Michael's healing through the intercession of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and Mother Teresa whose is being considered for canonization to Sainthood. Please feel free to ask others.

Novena Prayer: O Immaculate Virgin Mary / Mother of Our Lord Jesus and our Mother, / Penetrated with the most lively confidence in your all-powerful and never-failing intercession, / manifested so often through the Miraculous Medal, / We your loving and trustful children implore you to obtain for us the graces and favors we ask during this novena, / if they be beneficial to our immortal souls, and the souls for whom we pray. /
(Healing of Michael Kwinn III)

You know, O Mary, how often our souls have been the sanctuaries of your Son who hates iniquity. / Obtain for us then a deep hatred of sin and that purity of heart which will attach us to God alone so that our every thought, word and deed may tend to His greater glory. / Obtain for us also a spirit of prayer and self-denial that we may recover by penance what we have lost by sin and at length attain to that blessed abode where you are the Queen of angels and of men. Amen

Jesus, we humbly ask you to glorify in heaven and on earth, the servant of God, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who generously participated in Your sufferings, who loved Thee so much and labored for the glory of your heavenly Father and for the good of souls. With confidence, we beseech thee to grant us, through her intercession the grace of ... (Healing of Michael Kwinn III) which we ardently desire.

Pray: *Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen (3 times)*