



## The Gift of Doubts

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**W**hen 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.

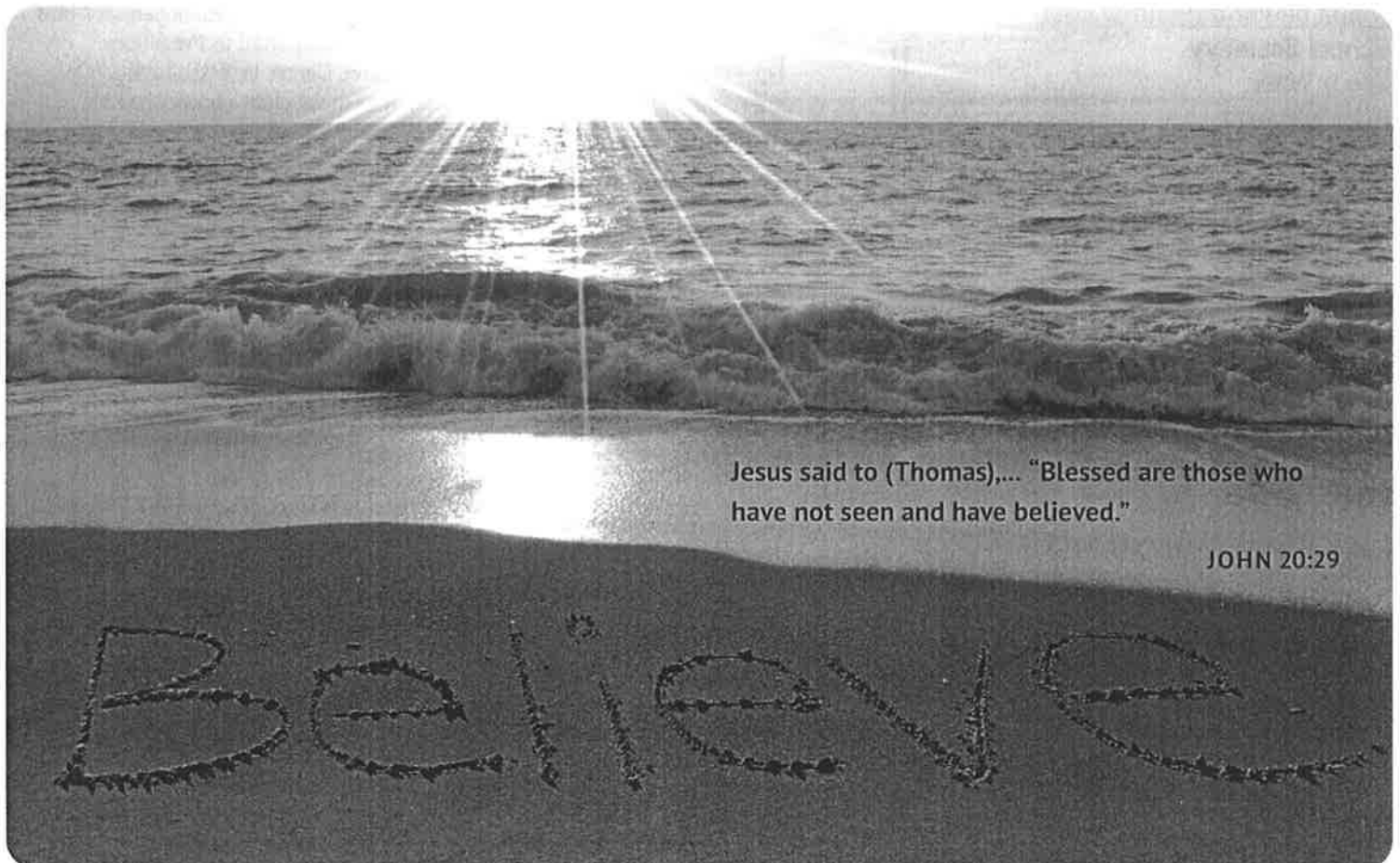
What such doubts ask us to do is to rethink our understanding of who God is. Tossing out our old idea of God does not mean there is no God. It simply means we had a faulty or immature notion of God. It may take some time to rethink who God is, but if we stay with it, do some reading, ask some questions,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

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

#### Weekday Masses

8:00 a.m.

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Tuesday 7:30 p.m.

and PH Devotions

Thursday 6:00 a.m.

#### Confessions

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

or by appointment

#### Adoration

Tuesday 1:00-2:00 p.m.

4:00-5:00 & 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Wednesday 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursday 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

First Friday 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

First Sunday 7:00-8:00 a.m.

#### Baptisms and Marriages

By arrangement  
with Fr. Steve Robeson

### Upcoming Events at St. Ignatius

04/19 Ladies Sodality Mtg 7 pm-Cafeteria

04/19 Rosary & Litany after Mass

04/20 Rectory Cleaning—Stacy Kloeppel & Chris Meyer

04/20 Spring Concert 7 pm

04/20 Home Economics 8am-3pm

04/24 Church Cleaning Team 5-Carleen Glosemeyer

04/25 Finance Council Mtg 6pm

04/26 Rosary & Litany after Mass

04/26 All Things New Mtg 7pm Cafeteria

04/28 Grandparents Day; 11:30 Dismissal

04/30 Shooting Match

#### St Ig Club April Winners

Gary & Chris Meyer

THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! from the clean and dry bottoms of our hearts. Our moms and dads thank you too!! Your generosity has again exceeded our expectations!! 2590 diapers and pull ups were transported to Pregnancy Assistance Center in Washington. On behalf of these clean and dry babies, the Permanent Diaconate thanks you also. As always, we knew we could count on you. God Bless! Deacon Paul and Sue Hecktor

#### Employment Opportunity

#### SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Are you a practicing Catholic who could foster, develop, and evaluate a vibrant learning environment for our students, parents, and faculty? If so, we are looking for you at St Ignatius! We are looking for someone to take over administrative duties for 23/24 school year. In addition to being principal, this individual will teach Religion one hour a day, five days a week. Interested applicants should contact Father Steve Robeson or Hanna Butherus.

#### Cemetery Flowers

Please remove all flowers from the cemetery that are not attached to the headstones. It is grass cutting season. Thank you!

#### Hot Lunch Donations Needed

Treats for the kids (Breakfast Bars)

### Sunday Offerings

General Fund	\$3257.00
Loose Collection	\$52.00
Votive Stand	\$55.00
Easter	\$2326.00
Retires Priests	\$440.00
Holy Land-Good Friday	\$280.00
Rice Bowl	\$37.13
Funeral	\$200.00

#### TOTAL \$6,647.13

101 General Offering envelopes collected, including children.



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encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. The next three weekend experiences are listed below. Sign-up now! For more information or to apply, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org), or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

5/5/23-5/7/23-Cape Girardeau, Mo.

8/4/23-8/6/23-St Peters, Mo.

9/29/23-10/1/23-St Peters, Mo.

Ladies of the Parish are invited to meet on Wednesday 4/19/23 @ 7pm in Community Center-Cafeteria. We will have a meeting & light refreshments. Any topics for discussion, please contact Sue H. Or Teresa V.

Thank you to everyone from the school who contributed to the Fundraiser for the Hermann Police Officers. We were able to raise \$345.00, this will be sent directly to these families. And thank you to anyone else who contributed directly to People's Savings Bank. It matters!!



## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, April 15, 2023

5:00 p.m. † Ralph Glosemeyer

Eucharistic Minister: Francis Hellebusch

Jeanne Dothage | Jacob Lierman

Lector: Geralyn Smith

Ushers: Diane | Kenny Liermann

Servers: Sam Marquart | Gabby Faust

### Sunday, April 16, 2023

8:00 a.m. † Eugene Roettger

Eucharistic Minister: Paul Hecktor

Larry Sander | Sue Hecktor

Lector: Larry Sander

Ushers: Bill Schuler | Kevin Nenninger

Servers: Drew Hecktor | Lane Kluesner

10:00 a.m. † People of the Parish

Eucharistic Minister: Debbie Brewé

Syd Fees | Carl Brewé

Lector: Ellen Fees

Ushers: Glen | Judy Bieker

Servers: Kali Glosemeyer

### Monday, April 17, 2023

8:00 a.m. † St Ignatius Parish

### Tuesday, April 18, 2023

7:30 p.m. † Herman Engemann

### Wednesday, April 19, 2023

8:00 a.m. † Ralph Glosemeyer

### Thursday, April 20, 2023

6:00 a.m. † St Ignatius Parish

### Friday, April 21, 2023

8:00 a.m. † Ralph Glosemeyer

### Saturday, April 22, 2023

5:00 p.m. † Ralph Glosemeyer

Eucharistic Minister: Leo Meyer

Jayne Glosemeyer | Maurice Glosemeyer

Lector: Jayne Glosemeyer

Ushers: Leo | Miriam Meyer

Servers: Wyatt Glosemeyer | Aaron Meyer

### Sunday, April 23, 2023

8:00 a.m. † St Ignatius Parish

Eucharistic Minister: Paul or Alice K.

Danielle Gratza | Amanda Schwoeppe

Lector: Kevin Nenninger

Ushers: Mike Hellebusch | Greg Hellebusch

Servers: Drew Schwoeppe | Annalese Mayer

10:00 a.m. † People of the Parish

Eucharistic Minister: Donna Blahut

Mary Glosemeyer | Becky Schoppenhorst

Lector: Donna Blahut

Ushers: Jodi Bocklage | Camille Johnson

Servers: Christine Marquart | Emma Poindexter

## Pastor's Letter to the People of St. Ignatius

My thanks to everyone who has offered support after I shared, in some homilies on a Lenten Sunday and during Holy Week, my brother-in-law's rapidly increasing dementia. My sister, his wife, describes it as losing him mentally, while he is still breathing. I have gone through that very illness in my role as a priest with several people over the years, supporting them, but as you can imagine, it is different when it is your family. My prayers for all of you who come to a holiday like Easter Sunday and remembered what it was like to share that feast day with a loved one whom you have lost. Since my brother's decline was so shockingly fast, happening during the weeks of Lent, it added to our family experience of the meaning of Lent, letting go of things in this world and remembering all this life 'returns to dust,' as we hear every Ash Wednesday. Then my sister and I went to see her husband at Easter and shared with him an Easter feast and some treats. He lit up when he saw a strawberry-flavored dessert that she knew he liked. (He was surprised that she knew!) Our family sharing delights around the table of his hospital bed, suggested the meaning of that Feast Day-- the mortality of our life in this world, raised up to sweet joys. The great biblical stories that we get to enjoy at every Sunday Mass of Easter time, of the encounters of those early disciples with Christ after the grave, and our encounters with Him now, are even sweeter. The sweetest encounters of all will be when we taste the delights of the heavenly banquet table with Him and with all those cherished loved ones who will have departed from this world before us. What a sweet joy that we already get to encounter Him as Church, at the Sunday banquet table today!

Blessings of Divine Mercy Sunday to you! Father Steve

## Please Pray for the Sick Ailing Recovering

Fred Borges

Connie Buenemann

Jerome Heggemann

Joey Heggemann

Andrew Hellebusch

Betty Hellebusch

Carl Jacquin

Carol Jacquin

Judith Liermann

Jeffrey Lierman

Joan Meyer

Theodore Meyer

Tom Meyer

Richard Preis

Jim Smith

Matt Struckhoff

Natalie Ulett

Audrey Wagener

Marc Wagener

Leanne Davis

Jacqueline Heggemann

Jean Jaeger

Marilyn Heady

Terry Sullentrup

Fr. Finbarr Dowling

Ronnie Marquart

Darlene Brewé

## Easter Flowers in Memory/Honor of:

Bill Carr, Vivienne Schwoeppe, Margaret Schwoeppe, Ralph & Katie Marquart, Robert & Leona Gratza, Marcellus & Margaret Jasper, Kevin, Melvin & Marvin Gratza, St Ignatius Loyola Parish Members, Bill & Tilly Kluesner, Harold & Agatha Buenemann, Bob & Norma Jean Beck, Micky Glosemeyer, Lisa Williams, Ray, Selma & Neomae Kruse, Lawrence & Evelyn Tobben and Family, Gregory & Evelyn Bocklage, Mike Bocklage, Angelo, Bernice, Ralph, Adeline, & Grandparents

Dear Parish Family,

Recently we sent out a letter announcing a new activity of the St Ann's Sodality - The Vocation Prayer Bag. Thanks to the efforts and coordination of these ladies, Fr. Steve, Sandy Walls, and Hanna Butheris, principal, this has gotten off with a bang!!

The school children have enthusiastically gotten involved and a new family takes the bag home on each Friday. This week marks our 7th week of participation and our 7th school family who have enjoyed the joy of praying together specifically for vocations!!

However, school will be finished soon - believe it or not in about 6 weeks!!!!!! And since we want to continue this activity thru the summer, we are going to let the rest of the parish in on the fun!

Beginning the weekend of May 20-21, we will be giving the bag to anyone - individual, couple, or family - who would like to participate!! This will allow any and/or all in the parish to participate in this evangelizing effort to pray together for vocations.

The bag includes a crucifix, candle, prayer cards, rosary, and instructions for their use. You will receive the bag at the weekend Mass that you attend. We would ask that you return it to the sacristy - the one near the driveway - no later than Saturday morning to be refilled for the next lucky recipient. The only items to be returned are the crucifix and the bag. All other items are yours to keep for, hopefully, continued prayer.

We will be placing a sign-up sheet on table in back of church for you to pick a week for your devotion. Please indicate which Mass you will be attending on that Saturday or Sunday.

God Bless all of us as we pray together for the future of our Church and our parish family.

The Ladies of the St Ann's Sodality

# 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	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 17	April 18	April 19	April 20	April 21	April 22	April 23
Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:23-31	Acts 4:32-37	Acts 5:17-26	Acts 5:27-33	Acts 5:34-42	Acts 6:1-7	Acts 2:14, 22-28
Jn 3:1-8	Jn 3:7b-15	Jn 3:16-21	Jn 3:31-36	Jn 6:1-15	Jn 6:16-21	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**