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"DOUBTING THOMAS"

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There is a little bit of the "doubting Thomas" in all of us! "I'm afraid of...", "I can't do that!", "It's impossible..."! How often these words are a part of our vocabulary! Has there ever been an occasion when you decided not to walk into a gathered group of strangers for fear of rejection? Have there been times when your imagined inadequacies paralyzed you intellectually, emotionally or socially? How often has your conviction that it is impossible to accomplish a task stymied your growth and left you in a rut, afraid to risk or to move beyond what you thought possible?

ALLELUIA

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This "doubting Thomas" in us is our humanness at work. The Scripture readings today poignantly remind us when we think the worst, imagine the impossible and fail to leap forward in risk, it is as if we were opting to drive our new Chevy on empty when in fact we have a full super unleaded gas pump in our own back yard! In the Acts of the Apostles we hear that "with power" the apostles were able to bear witness to the Lord Jesus. From the letter of John we are reminded that "the power that has conquered the world is this faith of ours." In the Gospel, Thomas could not imagine the impossible or risk it because he had not yet come to believe in the power that was his because of Jesus' resurrection. He chose to operate his car on empty.

By virtue of the Lord's resurrection and by virtue of our baptism, we do have the power within us to do what by ourselves, in our humanness, is impossible to do. We proclaimed at Easter that Jesus is Lord! When we really make this act of faith in our daily lives, it is as if we finally realized that, yes, I do have a full gas pump in my own back yard! His power, peace and love can catapult us into risking and doing the impossible.

PEACE
BE TO YOU

It is so easy to recite the words of the Creed! How often do we proclaim our belief in God the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ His Son and in the Holy Catholic Church? Do we really believe that Jesus reigns in our hearts as Lord, as physician, as peace giver, as power to help us do what we know, by ourselves, we cannot do? Oh, we of little faith!

A recent survey concluded that less than one out of every hundred persons could recite the Ten Commandments. Perhaps we should find this startling. What should be more startling is the number of us who are baptized in the Lord Jesus but do not really believe in his power, peace and reign in our hearts. We prefer to drive our car away empty. If we did believe in his reign in our hearts, we would be living the commandments, not just reciting them, or "keeping" them in some legalistic manner. Rather we would be living the Easter message, living as if there were no strange gods in our lives. Alleluia! The power is in our own back yard, in each of us.

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Initiation - Full Communion

Congratulations to the following Catechumens who received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil: JOSEPH DOBASH, HERU GUNANTO, PHILLIP HATFIELD, BARRY KANTZ, LAURA LOY.

Welcome to full membership in our Catholic Faith: CARRIE BURKE, DEAN CARLILE, TRACY ANN TEAH, ELIZABETH DE ARMOND, KIM ESLINGER, NANCY MC CREARY
JONI FLYNN and BRENDA BARTHOLEMW

Bible Society

On Thursday, April 18, the GIDEON BIBLE SOCIETY will be passing out New Testaments at both North and South Dining Halls.



MY LORD
AND MY GOD

BLESSED ARE THOSE
WHO HAVE NOT SEEN
AND YET HAVE
LEARNT TO BELIEVE

We must be saved together. We must come to God together. Together we must all return to our Father's house. What would God say to us if some of us came to Him without the others? □ CHARLES PEGUY

A PRAYER FOR THE LEAST OF MY BROTHERS

Oh Lord, you once opened the eyes of the blind,
Open my eyes that I may see the suffering of the hungry.
Oh Lord, you once cleared the ears of the deaf,
Clear my ears that I may hear the cry of the afflicted.
Oh Lord, you once cleansed the touch of the leper,
Cleanse my touch that I may feel the grief of the mournful.
Oh Lord, you once freed the tongue of the mute,
Free my tongue that I may speak for the weak and oppressed.
Oh Lord, you once restored the limbs of the cripple,
Restore my limbs that I may comfort the lonely.
Oh Lord, you once raised the body of the dead,
Raise my body that I may embrace those in need of love.

Mike Ialacci '87
Carroll Hall



April 23

GEORGE, martyr

If Mary Magdalen was the victim of misunderstanding, George is the object of a vast amount of imagination. There is every reason to believe that he was a real martyr who suffered at Lydda in Palestine, probably before the time of Constantine. The Church adheres to his memory, but not to the legends surrounding his life.

That he was willing to pay the supreme price to follow Christ is what the Church believes. And it is enough.

The story of George's slaying the dragon, rescuing the king's daughter and converting Libya is a 12th century Italian fable.

George was a favorite patron saint of crusaders, as well as of Eastern soldiers in earlier times. He is a patron saint of England, Portugal, Germany, Aragon, Genoa and Venice.