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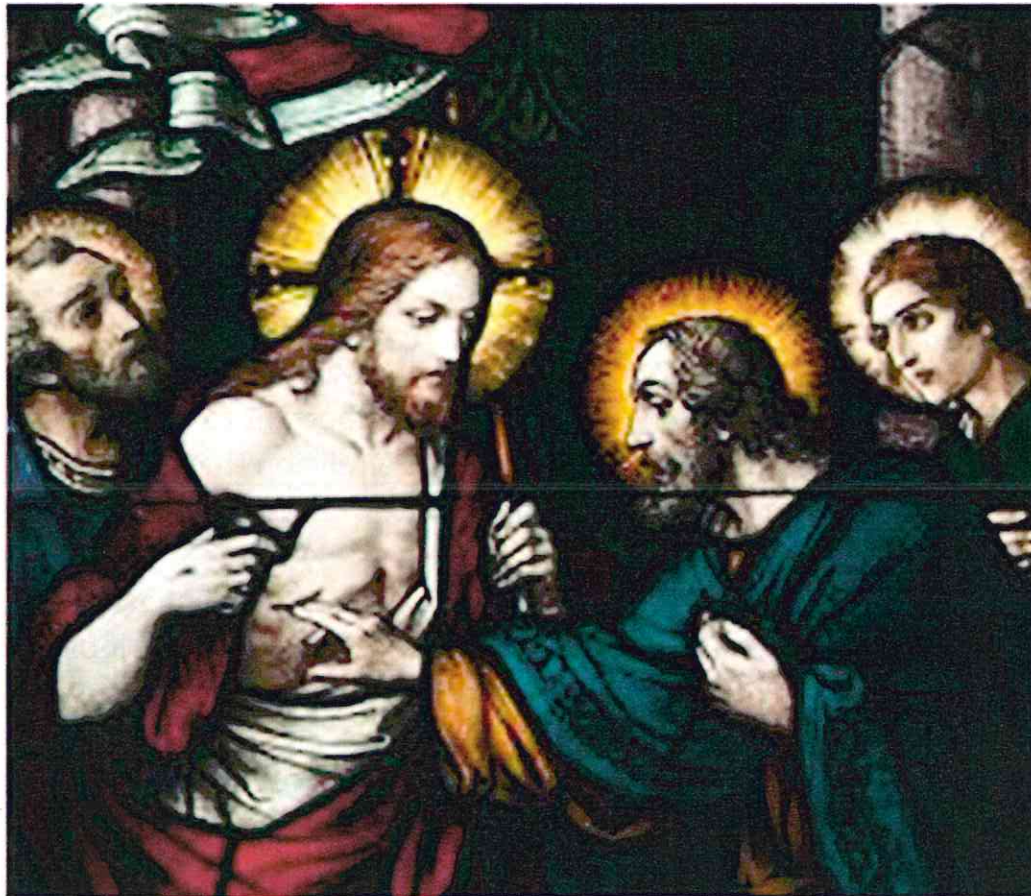
Archbishop Most Rev J. Michael Miller, CSB



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 7, 2024

SUNDAY MASSES:	SATURDAY	5:00PM
	SUNDAY	9:00AM & 11:00AM
DAILY MASS:	MONDAY	9:00AM
	TUESDAY — FRIDAY	8:00AM
	SATURDAY, HOLIDAYS	9:00AM
CONFESSIONS:	SATURDAY	4:00PM OR BY APPOINTMENT
ADORATION:	EVERY FRIDAY FOLLOWING MORNING MASS AND ENDING WITH BENEDICTION AT 2:30PM	



Doubt and Belief

The early Christians, according to the Acts of the Apostles, were so filled with the Holy Spirit that miracles and wonders were happening wherever they were. Even those who were not followers of Christ saw these miracles and wonders and were amazed by them.

Probably the closest we come today to this early Christian experience is in some of the holy places associated with apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Miracles and wonders continue to happen, but not everyone is going to become a Christian just because of miracles and wonders. Over the centuries, there have been accounts of miracles and wonders happening in all the great religions, and even in religious believers who are not so great.

Nowadays, after the Resurrection, we are still confronted with this one question: What do I believe about Jesus the Christ?

The Gospel today shows us Thomas who simply does not believe that Jesus has risen from the dead and is now present in a new way in the midst of his followers. Then Jesus himself appears to Thomas and invites him to put his hands onto and into his wounds. Now Thomas believes.

We are invited today to reflect on our own belief. Why do we believe? If we have doubts about our belief, what will help us dispel those doubts? What can help us deepen our faith in Jesus as our Savior, as God, and as present with us now?

Our Christian tradition has found that understanding and believing in Christ requires reading the Scriptures and meditating on them. It is also important to come to know other believers and to trust in their experiences. Christianity is a religion that preaches Jesus crucified and risen, but always in the context of the community of those who believe in him.

Today, let us ask St. Thomas to intercede for us so that we may believe more deeply in the great mystery of salvation. Let us be patient with our doubts and keep looking for the truth of Christ's presence. Most of all, let us rejoice in the Lord who loves us and invites us deeper into these mysteries.

Adapted from a reflection from the Benedictine Monastery of Christ in the Desert, Abiquiu, New Mexico

EASTER GREETINGS FROM ARCHBISHOP MILLER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

From time immemorial, people have asked whether there really is life after death and, if so, what kind of life it would be. Some have suggested that life simply ends in nothingness. For them, the world is just a war-torn and violent waiting room where death has the last word.

We Christians, on the other hand, today shout "Alleluia" because Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead. His Resurrection is neither a myth nor a dream. It wasn't a vision. Nor is it a fairy tale. It is a singular and unrepeatable event in the history of the cosmos.

At Easter we celebrate that He conquered sin and death, opening us to a future of hope. Thanks to Him, evil has been robbed of its power; failure can no longer hold us back from starting anew; and death has become a passage to eternal life.

This Easter the Church invites us to relive the thrilling experience of the disciples who encountered Jesus as a living Person. Today we too can encounter Him.

He might be right there before us: in a troubled son or daughter; a difficult spouse or family situation; a neglected person clamouring for our attention. He is waiting to be encountered as Risen Lord, but He wears many disguises. He is found in the poor, the sick, the trafficked, the addicted, the imprisoned, the abandoned, the homeless, and the marginalized in our midst.

As Bishop Robert Barron has written: "It all comes down finally to this: If Jesus was not raised from death, Christianity is a joke. But if he did rise from death, then Christianity is the fullness of God's revelation, and Jesus must be the absolute center of our lives. There is no third option."

If you sincerely seek the Lord, rest assured that you will find Him. Indeed, He will come to find you, to meet you. Calling you by name, He will take you into the intimacy of His love and ask you, in return, to share your experience with others.

With my blessing, prayers, and warmest best wishes for a joyous celebration of Easter, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ J. Michael Miller CSB

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Archbishop of Vancouver



CATHOLIC WOMEN UNITE



52 Reasons to Join the CWL

#11 Faith: Catholic Women's League members know that faith is important to women. Members are called to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. We are Catholic and Living It! Come grow with us. Join or renew your CWL membership - \$42/year.

CWL Membership Survey – It just takes 5 minutes. A new year often brings change, and your CWL is moving with the times by embracing change. This is a gentle reminder to please complete our CWL member survey (sent via email), or you can find it on our Parish CWL web page or on our CWL Facebook page. If you need any help, please contact Michelle Cox at 778-227-8400.

CWL Bursaries – Deadline April 30, 2024:

For application forms and criteria information sheets, please contact Carol Landy at glandy@telus.net or 604-929-6235.

Marriage Anniversary Mass 2024

"Love isn't easy. No. But the most beautiful thing that a man and a woman can give each other is true love, for a lifetime." - Pope Francis

On Sunday, May 12, Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB will be honouring couples celebrating milestone marriage anniversaries: five-year increments from 5 to 60 years, and every year beyond 60 years. The Marriage Anniversary Mass will be at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Port Coquitlam at 1:30 p.m. Registrations received by Friday, April 19 will receive their certificate at the Mass. Learn more and register at family.rcav.org/mam.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

O God, who has taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
 MONDAY-FRIDAY
 10AM-1:30PM
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REGISTRATIONS AND DONATION ENVELOPES:
 REGISTRATION TO THE PARISH AND REQUEST FOR DONATION ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE OR YOU MAY CALL THE PARISH OFFICE.

REQUESTS FOR MASSES:
 FOR THE LIVING AND DECEASED. PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE. SUGGESTED MASS STIPEND IS \$10. MASS CARDS MAY ALSO BE PURCHASED FROM THE PARISH OFFICE. FOR A COST OF \$3.00

MARRIAGES:
 TO BEGIN THE SPIRITUAL AND PRACTICAL PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE, PLEASE CONTACT FR. JEFF AT LEAST 9 MONTHS IN ADVANCE.

BAPTISM:
 PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO ARRANGE AN INTERVIEW AT LEAST ONE MONTH PRIOR.

VISITATION OF THE SICK:
 Please call the parish office when a parishioner or family member is hospitalized or housebound to arrange visitation, Holy Communion and Anointing.

BERKLEY CARE CENTRE:
 Every 1st Wednesday at 1:30pm. Mass or Prayers with Communion.

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GREETERS

WE ARE IN NEED OF MORE USHERS/GREETERS

AT ALL THE MASSES

PLEASE CALL PARISH OFFICE

TO VOLUNTEER

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To volunteer for Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament please contact Lisa Miller
 adoration.spx@gmail.com

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Come and pray the Rosary every Saturday morning before Mass at 8:30am

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ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

FOLLOW US – See what's happening!
 Check out our Bulletin Board in the Church vestibule.

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DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES

Our Lady of Good Counsel: 604-640-7543

BIRTHRIGHT:

MONDAY—FRIDAY,
 110-207 West Hastings St. 604-687-7223

RACHEL'S VINEYARD: 604-525-0999