



**Sunday of Divine Mercy**  
**April 03, 2016**

*“You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe!”*  
**John 20: 29**



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**Parish Mission:** We are a Roman Catholic Parish located in northeastern Redding, California, made up of multi-cultural, multi-generational, faith-seeking peoples. We are nourished by God’s grace and Sacraments, forming the Body of Christ. To the best of our ability, we seek the will of God by worshipping Him, loving each other and serving the greater community through ministries of love, worship, prayer and service.

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**Parish Office Hours - Parish Hall**  
Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm

**Sunday Masses**

Our Lady of Mercy—Saturday, 5:00pm  
Sunday, 8:30am, 11:00am &  
1:00pm (Spanish)

Mary Queen of Peace—**Sunday, 10:30am**

**Daily Masses**

Our Lady of Mercy, Monday—Friday 7:30am

**Rosary and Morning Prayer**

**(Liturgy of the Hours)**

6:55am - Mon-Fri, prior to daily Mass

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday, 3:00pm - 4:30pm

By appointment - our priests are honored to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance at any time

**Anointing of the Sick**

This Sacrament should be celebrated when someone is acutely ill or preparing for surgery or in danger of death.

**Baptism**

This Sacrament is celebrated after the parents and godparents have reflected on their commitment to live the faith, and have participated in a preparation process that is offered on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

**Marriage**

At least six months advance notice is needed. Please contact the office to start the preparation process.

**Father’s Reflection**

**DO YOU DOUBT? .. I DO!**

Doubt has to do with one's belief. When it comes to belief, not just religious belief but any kind of belief, most people fall into one of 3 groups: gullible, critical, and skeptical. Do you know to which of these you belong? The gullible are those that require very little evidence to believe, and practically accept any statement as true even those that are extravagant or fantastic. The skeptic is the opposite. They mistrust people, ideas, statements, etc., in general and almost on principle. They doubt everything and everyone. Fortunately, most people fall into the group situated in between extremes.. hope so! Many of us are inclined to trust others up to a certain point but require a minimum evidence or explanation.

Jesus expected us to be critical in His teaching. He didn't expect people to accept Him and His teaching naively. He constantly appealed our personal experience, our judgment, our opinion. After all, we are covenant partners doing our responsibility as best as we can.

Today's gospel reading presents an extreme skeptic, Thomas. As such, he is not a monster or a freak. In fact, he represents all of those, who like him, are by nature and temperament suspicious of everyone and everything. And in that connection, it is interesting to observe how Jesus deals with this sort of people. Jesus accepts them as they are. Thomas demands to examine the marks of His wounds. Well and good...not a big deal! With utter meekness, Jesus submits to the tests imposed by Thomas. Only after Thomas drops his unreasonable demands, does Jesus gently chide him. Oh what an amazing rebuke which showed Jesus' person as gentle, mild, and indirect that it is hardly felt as he said 'Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.' What an inspiring reminder for all of us.. indeed, WE ARE BLESSED!

Let this welcoming attitude of Jesus toward us, who doubt, be the guiding principle in our relationship with one another. Doubt is good but must not exclude a sense of wonder and an openness to mystery.

**Readings for the Week**

<b>Mon</b>	Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Luke 1:26-38	<b>Fri</b>	Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15
<b>Tue</b>	Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7B-15	<b>Sat</b>	Acts 6: 1-7; John 6:16-21
<b>Wed</b>	Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21	<b>Sun</b>	Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Rev. 5:11-14;
<b>Thr</b>	Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36		John 21: 1-19

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**Mass Intentions**

Mon	4/4	7:30 AM	Bob Soucy + Bob & Vi Snider, SI
Tues	4/5	7:30 AM	Alvina Meyer + Purito Peredo +
Wed.	4/6	7:30 AM	Dennis Benfield +
Thr	4/7	7:30 AM	Greg Butcher, SI
Fri.	4/8	7:30 AM	Mary Leon Grishaber, SI
Sat.	4/9	5:00 PM	Cynthia Orfino, SI / For The People
Sun.	4/10	8:30 AM	Joseph Zizzo + Mary Leon Grishaber, SI
		10:30 AM	For the People
		11:00 AM	Janet Sullivan + Purita Peredo +
		1:00 PM	Esequiel Ornelas + Maria Alvarado +

**Sick & Homebound**

Barnum, Barbara	Michalski, Candy	Roberts, Fran
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Harrington, Dorothy	Nielson, James	Sharrock, Patty
Hays, Dave	Prieto, Raymond	Souza, Gino
Mantoani, Tim	Roberts, Dennis	

**Week At A Glance**

Mon 4/4	4:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Knights of Columbus	Chur/Hall
Tue 4/5	8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Pantry Volunteers	Hall
	12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Spanish RICA	Rm 2
	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Spanish RICA	Rm 2
	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Advanced Lay Faith Form	Rm 4
	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Choir Practice	Church
Wed 4/6	6:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Cub Scout Leader Intro	Rms 3,5
	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Legion of Mary	Rm 4
	5:00 PM - 7:30 PM	CFF & CFF Parents (Rm 4)	Hall
Thur 4/7	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	RCIA	Rm 4
	8:30 PM - 10:30 PM	Basketball	Hall
	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	RCIA	Rm 4
Sat 4/9	10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Mystery of the Eucharist	Rm. 6
	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Spanish Bible Study	Rm 2
Sun 4/10	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	1st Recon. Retreat-Spanish	Chur/Hall
	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Baptisms: Tavira/Cisneros	Church
	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Baptism: Payne	Church

**Stewardship**

Offertory	OLM	MQP	Total
03/27/16	7,459	608	8,068
YTD	295,167	23,296	318,463
Budget	309,069	23,274	332,343
Difference	(13,902)	22	(13,880)
Projects 2015		Estimate	Donated
Stations / Grounds		59,901	55,225
Gas Line Repair		9,000	6,452
% Donated		90%	

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**Adoration Room**



**Could you not watch one hour with me?**

The Adoration Room has openings for Adorers. So please consider taking one of the following available hours: Sunday 12am, Monday 12am, Tuesday 2pm, 3pm, 8pm, and Wednesday 2pm. Contact Lee at 244-1905 for more information.

**Notices / Activities**



**Children's Liturgy:** Our Lady of Mercy is looking for 3 to 4 adults to be one of our Sunday Children's Liturgy catechists during the 8:30 Mass. These individuals teach the Gospel to the children in a format and language they can understand. Anyone interested should contact Charlene

at the parish office 222-3424 for further information

**CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME:** Saint Joseph Parish in Redding will offer a six- week series entitled Catholics Returning



Home beginning Tuesday, March 29th, from 7:00-8:30pm in the church meeting room. The sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. For more information, call 243-3463.

**Pastoral Council:** Our Lady of Mercy is seeking members of the parish to serve on the Pastoral Council. If you feel called to this ministry, please call the church office for additional information.

**Boy Scouts of America** is beginning to organize a Cub Scout Pack for boys in 1st-5th grades. Any adult who would like to be on the OLM Organizing Committee or a leader is invited to attend an Organization Meeting, Tuesday, April 5 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Child care will be provided. For information call the Parish Office.

**Men's Retreat:** The final retreat for the season is April 15-17, 2016. The theme is "Be Merciful as Your Heavenly Father Is Merciful." Please reserve your spot today by calling Carol Forrest at 916-725-4720 Ext 314 or register on line at <http://christthekingretreatcenter.org>.

**Mercy High School:** Enrollment is now open for the 2016-17 School Year. Math and English Placement Testing for registering 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are scheduled for Wednesday, April 6th at 3:30 pm. For more information, call 527-8313 and/or visit us on the web "mercy-high.org."

**Encounter Youth Ministry:** All High School and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to attend. We meet in the Upper Room on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays from 6:00PM to 7:30PM. Bring a friend & a snack to share. For details call Janan 941-4072.

**St. Vincent de Paul Trivia Night:** Register your team to play trivia on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at Bishop Quinn Catholic Center. The event starts at 6:30 pm with proceeds benefitting the efforts of St. Vincent de Paul. If you don't play trivia, how about sponsoring a round or donating gifts to be raffled!! Also – we still need baskets and items that can be used to make baskets for the Raffle and Silent Auction. For additional information contact the St. Joseph Parish Office at 243-3463.

**New Adult Faith Formation Class:** The Mystery of the Eucharist with DVD Instructor Fr. James Kubicki will be held Thursdays, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Classes will be presented at 10:30 AM by Kay Hilario and at 06:30 PM by Chris Cook. Bring a Catholic Bible and Catechism.

**Sacramento Catholic Forum:** George Weigel, a distinguished columnist in several Catholic publications and author of several books, will explore how the four core principles of Catholic Social Doctrine shed light on the 2016 election and future of American democracy. The event is on Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Red Lion Hotel Woodlake Conference Center, 500 Leisure Ln, Sacramento. Check in is at 11:30 am, lunch at 12 noon. Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$40 at the door. Information: [www.saccatholicforum.org](http://www.saccatholicforum.org).



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