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THE BENEFIT OF A DOUBT

by John Dalla Costa

Only one week after the exuberance of Easter the Church presents us with the gospel story of Thomas and his doubts. Why this juxtaposition between the glory of Resurrection and the hesitation from suspicion? And why now?

The obvious lesson in contrasting faith with doubt is for us to embrace what St. Paul calls "evidence of things unseen." (Hebrews 11:1). But something more also seems to be at stake. Thomas' doubt may not simply be a sign of waywardness, or resistance, so much as a reminder that true faith is always incomplete, and always dependent on community.

This twist on today's readings was inspired by an exchange between Rabbi Abraham Skorka and Cardinal Borgoglio, in a book they co-authored before the latter was elected Pope Francis. In a heart-stirring dialogue they agreed that genuine faith always involves doubt for the simple reason that we are invited by God to believe in what is forever beyond our human grasp. Faith that erases all doubt is dangerous, presuming a "self-sufficiency" that Borgoglio warns leads persons to "the use of religion for their own ego."

Doubts can be stumbling blocks, but they also test and purify us; they keep us humble and make space for the grace to encounter what the mystics call the "Cloud of Unknowing."

Faith is also like the Eucharist - a communal act. If Thomas was skeptical it was in part because he was at first forced to engage the reality of the Resurrection alone. The other disciples had been together when the Lord appeared, so they were able to share their fears and joys, and help one another fashion meaning from this unprecedented event.

In Acts we read that "the community of believers was of one heart and mind." Paradoxically, we need one another to give doubt its due so as together see what cannot be seen by our eyes on their own.

Readings: Acts 4.32-35; 1 John 5.1-6; John 20.19-31

Please Welcome the New Members of Our Parish Community

Last week, at the Easter Vigil, 24 people were welcomed into full membership in the Roman Catholic Church through the sacraments of baptism and confirmation. Please keep our neophytes in your prayers and give them a warm welcome to our Parish community.

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ON MARRIAGE AND ANNULMENT

May 11 - 7:00 pm

Catholic Pastoral Centre, 4th Floor - 1155 Yonge St., Toronto Catholic Family Services of Toronto New Beginnings invite you to a talk entitled, "On Marriage and Annulment." Father Brian Clough, Judicial Vicar of the Archdiocese of Toronto will provide an understanding of the Catholic Church's teachings on marriage and annulment. Free underground parking available and we are adjacent to Summerhill subway station. For more information, call 416-921-1163, ext. 2235.

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SERRA CLUB

The Toronto Downtown Serra Club meets Wednesday Apr. 15 following the 12:10 parish mass for Vocations. A buffet lunch will be served in the COOP and Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director for the Archdiocese of Toronto will speak on "Vocations in the Archdiocese"



April 12th – 18th

Sunday

- 9:00 – Matos and Martins families (liv.)
- 10:30 – Pro Populo
- 12:00 – In honour of the Eternal Father
- 4:30 – Mary Elizabeth Myunt & family (liv.)

Monday

- 7:30 –
- 12:10 – For the protection of the unborn
- 5:10 – Jacob Chen +

Tuesday

- 7:30 –
- 12:10 – Luciana Codeluppi +
- 5:10 – Owen family (liv.)

Wednesday

- 7:30 –
- 12:10 – Vocatons Mass
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Thursday

- 7:30 – Sterlino Wilson and Patricia Wilson +,+
- 12:10 – Luigi and Lina Ciavarella +,+
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Friday

- 7:30 – Wilfred Goddard +
- 12:10 – Frank, Monica and Mary Gannon +,+ +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Saturday

- 5:00 – Isabel Campbell +

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Mary O'Brien, Sharon Han, Doris Marcon, Ancoretta Amigleo, Don Alvaro, Rita Moran, Rev. Kenneth Decker CSB, Clare DeMello, Edna Fernandez, Kenneth Heath and Marina Kazakis.

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April 17 - 5:30 pm

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