

# Most Holy Trinity Parish

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I love that our church continues to have high enthusiasm throughout the Easter Time, a season that lasts 50 days, 7 Sundays. Each Sunday the gospel recalls a resurrection appearance of Jesus. This is Jesus who graces us with triumph over fear and fills us with hope.

In the gospel today the twelve apostles have locked themselves in the upper room. They are locked in fear, anxiety, confusion, and division. It is into that unsettled disquiet that Jesus comes.

Thomas, returning to the community, discovers Christ in his unbelief. Although the apostles tell Thomas that Jesus had risen Thomas refuses to believe without seeing the wounds of Jesus. With an open heart, Thomas soon experiences faith that is found in the wounds of life and in the glories.

Thomas became a believer in the seeing. With Thomas we too have the joy of seeing Jesus risen in every face, every creature. How splendid is the act of faith.

St. Paul says, "Through your faith, God's power will guard you"...this is a cause for great joy. In wounds and trials faith shines all the more. Such faith is more precious than gold.

Pope Francis says, "To celebrate Easter is to believe once more that God constantly breaks into our personal histories, challenging our fixed ways of thinking and acting."



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Easter challenges us to discover new ways of living in faith, with love and joy.

***Together we pray:*** *Christ, you come through our fear of locked pandemic doors. You open us to receive your peace. Though our minds do not grasp you, we believe in you. We hope in you always. Thank you for your love that unites us. You are the nourishment that gives us strength to care for each other and to love each other well.*

## MISSION:

We are a people graced by God, who come together as a community of faith, supporting each other as we live and celebrate the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Parish Mass Schedule:** 4 PM Saturday Mass/Eucharistic Prayer Service in Rectory Chapel  
9:30 AM Sunday in Church | 9:15 AM Wednesday School Mass in Church (during school year)