

Liturgy Readings: *Acts of the Apostles* 2:42-47; *Psalm* 118:2-4,13-15,22-24; *1 Peter* 1:3-9; *John* 20:19-31

Many of us can relate to Thomas's response to the news that the disciples had seen Jesus. We want to see for ourselves too, but we grow in faith, trusting the experience and knowledge of others.

Many of us have heard the saying "Seeing is believing." As your family gathers, take some time to consider what that saying means. What are some things we believe because we see them? Is there anything we believe without seeing? Today's Gospel reminds us that faith sometimes asks us to believe things we cannot see with our eyes. After reading today's Gospel with your family think about Thomas's response to the reports about the risen Lord. Is Thomas's doubt reasonable? How does Jesus respond to Thomas? Jesus grants Thomas the evidence that Thomas needs to believe, but Jesus also affirms the faith of those who will be called upon to believe without first-hand experience. We are among those whom Jesus calls blessed. Discuss with your family the basis of each member's faith in Jesus—the witness of the first disciples, the Gospels, the continuing activity of the Holy Spirit, the community of the Church.

Thank you for all your support in this difficult time. Everyday I say a private Mass in the chapel, I pray for you and your family to be safe and protected by God. Let us pray together that our faith in Jesus will be strong especially during this Corona virus crisis.

Peace, Fr. Luke