

# 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 11, 2010



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by Father Greg Friedman, O.F.M

"I'll need to see some proof"—how often have you used that expression? Most of us are quick to call for proof for anything out of the ordinary. We don't want to be "taken in" by extravagant claims or scams. So today's Gospel, the story of "Doubting Thomas," has a modern appeal. It sounds natural to us for Thomas to want to have his doubts answered with real proof. But Jesus praises those who believe without any physical proof. He calls such believers "blessed." This Easter story is specifically directed at us, those who would come to believe in Jesus down through the ages. We welcome the testimony of those who went before us: those who walked with Jesus after his resurrection and went on to witness to him throughout the world. We are part of a community of faith, a living legacy passed on from generation to generation and often given at great cost, with personal sacrifice. When we hear this Gospel proclaimed in a community of believers this Easter, we can take heart in the Lord's words. And where my faith wavers, I can gain strength from the Holy Spirit at work in the midst of the community of faith.

### SCHEDULE of MASSES

Monday, Apr. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Prescott	8:00 A.M.	Muriel & Bud Platt ++++++++ Tom & Marilyn Campbell
Tuesday, April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Prescott	NO MASS	PASTOR IS AWAY
Wednesday, April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Prescott	NO ADORATION - PASTOR IS AWAY	
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Thursday, April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Prescott	NO MASS	PASTOR IS AWAY
Friday, April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Cardinal	9:00 A.M.	Bud Hunnault ++++++++ Mary VanDenDam
Saturday, Apr. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Prescott	5:15 P.M.	Eric Latimer ++++++++ His Grandmother, Sandy Gibson
Sunday, April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Cardinal	9:00 A.M.	Intentions of all St. Mark & Sacred Heart Parishioners
	Prescott	11:00 A.M.	Vince Bonneau ++++++++ Len & Etiennette Theriault

Sunday Offertory : April 04 - 10 St. Mark - \$2385.50 Sacred Heart - \$ 742.00

Thank you for your Generosity

### PARISH MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR MASSES ON APRIL 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday.



MASS	USHERS	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC	GIFT BEARERS
Sat. 5:15 - Apr. 17 St. Mark	Josh Whelan, Colleen Dixon, John McAuley	Tobin Wade	Alice Laushway Wayne Dove	Makinley Dumond & Family
Sun. 9:00 - Apr. 18 Cardinal	"To be determined on Sunday"	Jason Edge	Ann Dunlop Joan Toupin (C)	"To be determined on Sunday"
Sunday 11:00 - Apr. 18 St. Mark	Gerry Devaney, Rene Villeneuve, Albert Laporte	Betty Warren	Betty Warren, Larry Sauve, Tom O'Keefe (C)	William Roy & Family
CHILDREN'S LITURGY - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER			SUNDAY APRIL 18 <sup>th</sup> - ANNE WADE	

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE** - This collection has now closed and the following amounts have been forwarded to the Archdiocese for distribution: **St. Mark: \$1829.00** and **Sacred Heart: \$307.00.** *Thank you for your generosity.*

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**CATHOLIC GIRLS' LEAGUE:** Due to Easter falling on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, the **CGL** will meet on **Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**, from **5:00 - 8:30pm** - Dinner, Meeting, & Movie ("The 13th Day" - *The story of the Miracle at Fatima*) Pizza and Dessert provided..... Diane's house - 101 Sophia St. S., Prescott. Bring a smile and your bracelets!

**SPECIAL EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM:** The **Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario** will be hosting a **Special Education Symposium** on **Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>** from **5:00-8:30 pm** at **St. Michael Catholic High School** in **Kemptville**. The evening will start out with dinner and will include breakout sessions and informational carousels. All parents, staff and interested community members are invited to attend. **Tom Jordan, Principal of Special Education, CDSBEO:** CALL: **1-800-443-4562 ext. 246** or E - Mail: [Tom.Jordan@cdsbeo.on.ca](mailto:Tom.Jordan@cdsbeo.on.ca)



**CWL CORNER**

On **Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**, the CWL will be hosting a **Pot Luck Dinner & Movie Night** in **St. Mark Parish Centre** following **6:00 p.m.**

**Mass.** Dewitt Jones, a world-class photo journalist for the National Geographic created this short – 22 minute documentary where he shares the National Geographic mantra: **“Celebrate What’s Right With The World!”** .... Contrary to the traditional **“common sense”** approach which teaches **“don’t believe it until you see it”**, he adopts the opposite – Believe it and you’ll see it! - approach which defines what his lens finds in this world. An invitation is being extended to all women in the area along with our neighbours in Brockville and Morrisburg. Mark your calendar to attend and enjoy an evening of good food and fellowship. Please bring a covered dish and your own place setting.

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**2. CWL BAKE SALE:** will take place on the weekend of **April 24/25** at **St. Mark Club House** after each Mass. Your generosity in the past has made our sales very successful. We hope you will continue to support this very worthwhile project once again. **St. Mark Club House** will be open to receive baked goods before each Mass.

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**PERENNIAL PLANT SALE/ORDERS FOR FALL BULBS:**

On **Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>** in **St. Mark Church parking lot**, the CWL will be having a plant sale and taking orders for fall flower bulbs. When you split your existing perennials or need to thin out your plants, please drop them off at the club house on **Friday evening (May 21<sup>st</sup>) after 6:00 pm** or between **7:00 & 8:00 a.m.** on Saturday morning, for our Sale. If you need your plant donations to be picked up, or would like more information please contact **Annette Norton at 613-925-5601**

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**BULLETIN SUBMISSION ANNOUNCEMENT:** The Bulletin editor will be unavailable for Bulletin submissions from **Monday April 18<sup>th</sup> until Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**, due to medical reasons. I will resume publishing the Bulletin on **Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**. **ALL SUBMISSIONS BETWEEN THESE DATES ARE TO BE SENT TO: BRENT LATON AT 613-925-3313 OR E-MAIL: LatonGroup@primus.ca**  
Thank you for your understanding and prayers.

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**“CATHOLIC EDUCATION: REJOICING IN HOPE”**  
**Catholic Education Week** will be celebrated from **May 2<sup>nd</sup> - May 7<sup>th</sup>**. This year’s theme, **“Catholic Education: Rejoicing in Hope”**, comes from **St. Paul’s** letter to the **Philippians** where he writes, **“Rejoice in the Lord always .... and the God of Peace will be with you.” (Phil 3:4, 9)**. During this week, schools will be celebrating the gift of Catholic Education with special prayers & presentations. We ask that our Parishes continue to pray for our Catholic Schools, that they may be marked by God’s hope & joy. **Contact St. Mark Catholic School for more details.**

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“A clear conscience can only be destroyed by its owner.”

**The Pastor’s Message**

**April 11, 2010**

The great season of Lent and the special Holy Week have again come and gone. Today a special word of appreciation and thanks to all who have participated and contributed to the liturgy and all the practical implications of these special days and weeks. To begin with I have been very impressed by the good number of parishioners who attended the daily Mass whether in Prescott or Cardinal. My thank you note today applies mutatis mutandis to both parishes. Nothing like the daily Mass and power-supply for the start of a day, God on our hearts, in our lives and in Holy Communion. I think there were some who never missed a day during Lent: forty days to prepare in humble penitential observance for our Easter Duties and the joy of the Easter Season.

In particular I thank all who participated in the Penitential evenings, always impressive by its devotion and simplicity and let us not forget that all Catholics are given an extended period of grace to observe the Easter Duties, of Communion and Confession, namely till Pentecost, this year on May 23.

But especially I like to add words of thanks and appreciation regarding the special Days of Holy Week: Palm Sunday, the Chrism Mass, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday; each of the days conveys special messages for our living and cherishing our Catholic Faith. First of all a thank you to all who participated, but in particular those who served in special ministry, and the co-ordinators for this; I am thinking of the beautiful music ministry, both our choirs deserve a great amount of credit for all the practicing and then the singing on all the days. Then of course, the ministries of Eucharistic Ministers and Readers, both highly regarded in the Sacred Liturgies. And in the same way the ushers and collectors and the Altar servers, young and older. I have already spoken in last week’s bulletin about the exceptional beauty and abundant participation at the Chrism Mass at our Cathedral. And like every week a thank you to all who made their regular or some extra donation in the collections at this time for the upkeep and the running of the parish. Do we know that **“contributing to the upkeep of the Church”** is also one of the precepts of the Catholic Church. A thank you to all who so faithfully take this duty seriously. An extra word also of thanks to all who help to decorate our church, cleaning, polishing and decorating with flowers. And may I add a thank you to people who sent me a personal Easter Greeting Card.

Sometimes people say at the end of these special days of Lent and Holy Week: **“Father, you must be tired”**. To be honest, not really; I love the Holy week ceremonies, all the readings, all the praying, all the singing and the preaching. You remember what Mother Teresa used to say: Here we work, in Heaven we can rest for all eternity. One final word of encouragement: I am always a little sad that the Easter Vigil does not attract the large congregation it deserves. It is the most elaborate and beautiful and meaningful celebration of the whole year. So, next year we are going to **PACK**, I mean **PACK the Church**, and be truly inspired. And of course when you have celebrated the Easter Vigil you come back again on Easter Morning, why not!

*Father J. Appelman, M.F.M.*, Your Pastor

**NOTES: FROM FR. APPELMAN - SHORT ABSENCE:**

This coming week I will be away for a few days like every year after the Easter celebrations. I will visit family and friends in St. Mary's, Ont. I will, leave on Monday morning and return on Thursday around supper-time. Don't forget your daily prayers, and contact with the **Master**.

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**BEAUTIFUL DONATION:** A few weeks ago our parishioner **Peggy Israel** donated a beautiful statue of **Our Lady** and the **Child Jesus** which had been in her basement for a while. The statue needed some touching up and repainting. Fortunately I knew an expert in this field: Greg Czempiel (and Irmgard) good parishioners in Merrickville. I took the statue there a few weeks ago, and it has now been beautifully restored and is now shown here in our Church of St. Mark the Evangelist. Probably in the near future we will find a permanent place for it. The statue looks like a mideaval Austrian "**woodcarving**" in stone of great artistic beauty. Many thanks to Peggy Israel and Greg Czempiel. May it inspire many of us in our devotion to the Mother of God.

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**"SHINE LIKE THE SON" YOUTH CONFERENCE.** On **Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**, the Archdiocese of Kingston is sponsoring an **all day youth event** which will be held at **Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School in Kingston** from **10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.** This will be like a mini "**Journey to the Father**". The theme of the day is "**Shine like the Son**" The opening liturgy will be with Archbishop Brendan O'Brien. Music will be provided by Joe Zambon, a well known Christian artist from our diocese with close ties to our youth group. Kevin McDonald (seminarian) from Cornwall diocese will be the keynote speaker. There will be workshops, praise and worship, drama and ice breakers. The day ends with the celebration of the Eucharist. This will be the first time such an event has been held in our diocese. The **\$10.00 registration fee** for the event will be assumed by our youth fund for any teen from St. Mark or Sacred Heart Parishes wishing to attend. Please read the "**Focus on Youth**" article in the latest copy of our Journey news paper for more information. Interested youth should contact Tony or Diane Jozefowicz (613 925 5133),by April 18<sup>th</sup>, for a registration form.

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**STORY OF A CHALLENGED SENIOR... We can all relate to this in this modern era !!! This is Funny!**

I had worked with 1,800 employees, all without a Blackberry that played music, took videos, pictures and communicated with Facebook and Twitter. But.... I signed up under duress for Twitter and Facebook, so my seven kids, their spouses, 13 grandkids and 2 greatgrand kids could communicate with me in the modern way. I figured I could handle something as simple as Twitter with only 140 characters of space.

That was before one of my grandkids hooked me up for Tweeter, Tweetree, Twhirl, Twitterfon, Tweetie and Twittererific Tweetdeck, Twitpix and something that sends every message to my cell phone and every other program within the texting world.

My phone was beeping every three minutes with the details of everything except the bowel movements of the

entire next generation. I am not ready to live like this. I keep my cell phone in the garage in my golf bag.

The kids bought me a GPS for my last birthday because they say I get lost every now and then going over to the grocery store or library. I keep that in a box under my tool bench with the Blue tooth [it's red] phone I am supposed to use when I drive. I wore it once and was standing in line at Barnes and Noble talking to my wife as everyone in the nearest 50 yards was glaring at me. Seems I have to take my hearing aid out to use it and I got a little loud.

I mean, the GPS looked pretty smart on my dash board, but the lady inside was the most annoying, rudest person I had run into in a long time. Every 10 minutes, she would sarcastically say, "**Re-calc-u-lating.**" You would think that she could be nicer. It was like she could barely tolerate me. She would let go with a deep sigh and then tell me to make a U-turn at the next light. Then when I would make a right turn instead, it was not good.

When I get really lost now, I call my wife and tell her the name of the cross streets and while she is starting to develop the same tone as Gypsy, the GSP lady, at least she loves me.

To be perfectly frank, I am still trying to learn how to use the cordless phones in our house. We have had them for 4 years, but I still haven't figured out how I can lose three phones all at once and have to run around digging under chair cushions and checking bathrooms and the dirty laundry baskets when the phone rings.

The world is just getting too complex for me. They even mess me up every time I go to the grocery store. You would think they could settle on something themselves but this sudden "**Paper or Plastic?**" every time I check out just knocks me for a loop.

I bought some of those cloth reusable bags to avoid looking confused but I never remember to take them in with me.

Now I toss it back to them. When they ask me, "**Paper or Plastic?**" I just say, "**Doesn't matter to me. I am bi-sacksual.**" Then it's their turn to stare at me with a blank look.

**Story of Leo ..... A CHALLENGED SENIOR**

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**An Angel Says....**

...if you had never known misfortune, you wouldn't recognize happiness.

...the world is composed of givers and takers. The takers eat better, and the givers sleep better.

...man looks at the outward appearance-the Lord looks within.

...very few burdens are heavy when everyone lifts.

...he who has little and says it is enough has more than he who has much and wants more.

...if you attempt to be better than yourself, you will have more success than if you attempt to be better than someone else.