



April 26, 2019

St. Mary's MESSENGER

This Week:

Tuesday

11:00 AM Morning

Prayer

7:00 PM AA

Wednesday

12:00 PM Holy

Eucharist

Thursday

7:00 PM AA

Friday

7:00 PM AA

This Sunday

April 28,
2019

Acts 5:27-32

Psalm 118:14-29

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31

Celebrant:

Rev. William Fowler

Eucharistic

Minister:

Richard Hammett

Altar Guild:

Tulisha/Charlotte

Ushers:

From Your Priest:



"Any Doubt?"

John 20:19-31

If it's Sunday after Easter, then it must be the story of "Doubting Thomas!" It's the same Gospel reading every year: the disciples have gathered behind locked doors. They're scared. Just then, the Risen Lord appears to them.

One of the twelve--Thomas, is not with them that night, and when the others tell him they have seen the Lord, he wants more than their testimony before he believes. He wants to see and touch the wounds. He wants proof. As a result, he is forever marked with the not so flattering sobriquet "Doubting Thomas." Was his skepticism really so extraordinary? I *doubt* it. There are plenty of reasons to understand Thomas' response to what the other ten disciples told him—not to mention that each of them had themselves displayed a lack of faith in their Lord at a critical moment. Thomas merely takes his turn.

The greater issue is the role of doubt in our own faith—how uncertainty or a lack of conviction can be used by Christ to strengthen the Church. The long history of the Church has been marked by righteous skepticism, saints whose faith was reinforced after a trial of doubt. Who among us has not had reasonable doubt? The resurrection dwarfs the human imagination. It is hard to grasp its reality, and it takes the whole Church to know the whole truth. When we are in doubt, Christ may be offering us an invitation to greater faith. In those moments, the Body of Christ, the Church, is there to walk with us.

Holy Eucharist on Wednesdays!

Join Rev. Fowler as he celebrates
The Holy Eucharist on Wednesdays at 12:00 NOON. At
the midweek Eucharist, he preaches on the "Holy
Women, Holy Men" calendar. Hope to see you there!

Mike & Janie
Watson
Vestry person:
Paul Wilborn



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 5th *ECW* meets @ 9:10 AM in Hirst House

Saturday, May 18th *Trash Off* meets @ 8:00 AM at GUYCO Yard of US 190

Sunday, May 19th *Vestry* meets @ 11:00 AM in Hirst House

Bow the Knee

Trust the heart of your Father when the answer goes beyond what you can see...



Prayer List:

Larry & Becky Hart, Wilder & Anne Brown, Pat Anderson, Catie Johnson, Randy Johnson, Jackie Covington Buck Lansford, Alex Lansford, Bill & Sharon Archie, Newton Key, Amanda Lang, Cheryl, Sese, Buddy, John, Jack, Debbie, Lucy, Robin, Dee, Dorothy, Tom, Connie, Bobby, Wanda & Jimmy

All bishops and ministers and those in authority in government.

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Office Hours

Mon: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Tues: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Wed: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Thurs: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

