This Week's Edition:
Standing in Christ's Place

DID YOU KNOW?

We are given the Spirit of God so we may proclaim the Good News of the Risen Christ. Like the Apostles, we are called to faith in God; like Thomas, we are called to believe in Christ's Resurrection without placing our hands in Christ's wounds. We are also called to show the same gentleness Jesus showed Thomas.

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Gospel: John 20: 19-29

The disciples were afraid of the Jewish leaders, and on the evening of that same Sunday they locked themselves in a room. Suddenly, Jesus appeared in the middle of the group. He greeted them and showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they became very happy.

After Jesus had greeted them again, he said, “I am sending you, just as the Father has sent me.” Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, they will be forgiven. But if you don’t forgive their sins, they will not be forgiven.”

Although Thomas the Twin was one of the twelve disciples, he was not with the others when Jesus appeared to them. So they told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But Thomas said, “First, I must see the nail scars in his hands and touch them with my finger. I must put my hand where the spear went into his side. I won’t believe unless I do this!”

A week later the disciples were together again. This time Thomas was with them. Jesus came in while the doors were still locked and stood in the middle of the group. He greeted the disciples and said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and look at my hands! Put your hand into my side. Stop doubting and have faith!”

Thomas replied, “You are my Lord and my God!”

Jesus said, “Thomas do you have faith because you have seen me? The people who have faith in me without seeing me are the ones who are really blessed!”

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Gospel Reflection

I wonder how the disciples felt when Jesus first appeared to them...

I wonder who are the people who have faith in Jesus without seeing him first...

I wonder what are the ways we come to know Jesus even though we have not seen him...
"Seeing is Believing" Word Search

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Jesus Appears!