

GOSPEL PEARLS

Regaining our faith

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Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." (*John 20: 24-29*)

Mindful of Jesus's Passion and His dying on the cross and because he was not present at His first appearance, St. Thomas does not trust what the other apostles tell him. Jesus later appears to Thomas and he recognizes Christ as Lord and God. Thomas experiences God's mercy. This is all he needs to regain his faith. May this also be the same for us: let's recall, throughout our lives, just how many times God has taken care of us and may we always be grateful for his Providence.