

## **Second Sunday of Easter**

April 24, 2022

So, here on the Second Sunday of Easter we have the “Doubting Thomas”.

Because he was not present in the Upper Room the first time Jesus appeared to the apostles, Thomas refused to take their word as truth: “we have seen the Lord”. But, the next time, a week later Jesus once again appeared to them, including Thomas this time. Knowing the doubts of Thomas, Jesus challenged him directly: “Put your finger here and see...” One can almost hear the frustration in Jesus’ voice as he said: “Blessed are those who have NOT seen and have believed.” As the Christian Church began to establish credibility after the Resurrection, witnesses spoke of their own development in the faith of the resurrection. It was the faith of the Apostles that spoke to Thomas. These shared experiences and faith stories are the impetus for the development of the Christian church. The transformation of the apostles themselves gave proof of the Spirit in their lives.

What is it that nurtures our faith? Are we willing to believe in that which we cannot SEE? Is our faith deep enough to trust in the words of Jesus, I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life?