

Reflections on Gospel of 2nd Sunday of Easter 2020 April 19th

“The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the Apostles”(Acts 2:42-47) &

“We have seen the Lord “ (John 20 :19—31)

Yes , we have all met them.....the “Doubting Thomas’s “ –the “Unless I see proof of what you have told me –I will not believe !” The same happened to our Thomas..he demanded to put his hands into the marks of the nails and into Jesus’ side wound before he would give credence to what his best friends had told him....the fact of the appearance of Jesus in their midst in the Resurrection .

Re-reading the story we do see printed that Jesus did show his wounds to His disciples , but there was no mention of an investigation as to their veracity –what the 10 disciples saw , they believed.

However Thomas believed on the 2nd visit of the resurrected Christ to his friends....his words :

“My Lord and my God” are used often in the Mass after the Consecration, to signify our belief in the Real Presence. The majority of believers are commended by the Lord for their faith without visible signs when He said :”Blessed are those who have not seen , but believe! ”

Let us ask the Lord for a deeper faith in Him and the fact of His Resurrection and what it means for us

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Further reflections :

The 1st reading indicates the primacy of the witness of the 1st Christians as they opted to live in community and to share all they had with others. They lived according to the pattern set by Jesus for them through the breaking of bread, the prayers in common, and the example set by the Lord, including the sharing of food and possessions. The exact model of Christianity is set in these words – we are invited , even if not living in a community of believers , to imitate Christ in this way.

Our church community strives to put this into practice each day by encouraging us to do likewise.

Did not Gandhi say : “I like your Christ , but do not see his Christians acting in the same way !”