

“Have you come to believe because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

JOHN 20:29

SECOND
SUNDAY OF
EASTER
(OR OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 11, 2021

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ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA
A CATHOLIC PARISH FAMILY - PALATINE, IL

Parish Information

MASS SCHEDULE

Visit www.stov.org for registration.

RECONCILIATION

By appointment only.

NEW PARISHIONERS: All are welcome! Visit our website www.stov.org to download our registration form or call the Parish Office for more information about our Parish.

BAPTISM: Visit our website www.stov.org to fill out a request form for a baptism or call the Parish Office for more information.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements for the celebration of marriage should be made at least six (6) months prior to your planned wedding date. Call Deacon Tom Dunne for more information.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC: Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Process is for adults who were never baptized in any faith, who were baptized in another Christian faith but wish to become Catholic or who were baptized Catholics but never received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Contact the Parish Office for more info.

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND: No ministers are allowed to bring communion to the homebound at this time.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Contact the Parish Office to add your name to the sick list. Due to patient privacy (HIPAA Law,) only the ailing person, or in case of their incapacitation, the person delegated for the medical care, can add their name to the sick list.

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL: Contact the Parish Office to add a name of someone serving in the military, so our faith community can pray for their safety and service.

FUNERALS: Please contact our Parish Office for more information to plan a funeral service.

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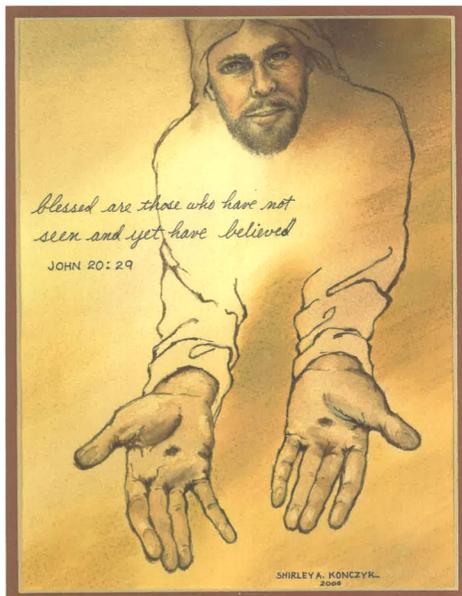
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Bulletin deadlines: Articles for the bulletin are due on Fridays—9 days before publication date.



“When Wounds Become Blessings” – A Witness by R.A.Y.

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Gospel story (Jn 20:19-31) Jesus, the crucified one, now miraculously transformed, breaks through a barrier locked room to appear to some fearful, troubled, anxious, maybe guilt-ridden followers. First Word: “Peace” to you all! “Nothing to fear.” Wow! You will be given some awesome power, strength, a spirit /force to feel peace, forgiveness, endless love, mercy from within to forgive also! Mercy within mercy.

One, Thomas by name, is absent for the first appearance, seeks evidence. “Let me touch the wounds.” Ugh! Here’s my take. A lyric in a Bob Dylan song goes: “I’ve been wounded in love or wounded in hatred.” I don’t like wounds, scars, blood, suffering. I detest the whole bunch of it. Just having gone past the 83 age # and another Lent, Holy Week, Passover/ Pascha – Pandemic year, etc. I would share from a M. Oliver poem after she suffers grief of a lost love or lover and the deep wounds it causes her soul: “I don’t want to belong to my wounds. Let everyone in the world who suffers have a day off!” (I would add - how about a Sabbath of a 100 years.)

Poetry has always resonated in my soul, along with art, song, stories, etc. Heart stuff, visceral, “washed in blood stuff” rather than reason, logic, philosophy, etc. Blaise Pascal: “The heart has reasons the mind will never know or understand.” I’m sure all of us have scars, wounds, cuts that often run deep or sear our very souls and enter into the deepest recesses of our minds and hearts, not just the inner valve or physical chambers but far greater.

The heart is also a symbol of love and light. We use phrases: He or she is all heart. Heart and Soul – a song. He/she has a broken heart. Heartbroken. Sweetheart sends a Dear John/ Jane letter- worst way to breakup often can be cruel and devastating. No easy way to call it quits or say goodbye.

In the Gospel today, Jesus has been a very major part of these disciples’ lives. They are fellow travelers with Him. They have witnessed healings, walk on water, feeding of multitudes with two fishes and five loaves of bread, water to wine, healing lepers, raising widow’s son from his death bed. They have heard fantastic, charismatic sermons. He promises a new life – a blessed eternal life – eight Beatitudes, blessed ways of really living. Real joy, lasting happiness and peace, not material treasure or possessions but some “other worldly city” – a new Jerusalem with streets paved with gold, a magic mysterious kingdom. To get there is the rub - “Become a child again.” Awe and wonder, dependent, trusting that all will be well. Sounds fantastic. The Master / Servant uses a symbol tiny yet powerful in age. “Unless a grain of wheat falls to earth and dies it remains just a grain; but if it dies, much fruit.” Much bread from one grain multiplied over and over. There is needed a dying to come to real living, abundant living.

And you followers, to be a real follower, must go with me through hills, valleys, mountain tops and deep recesses, the highs and lows of being mistreated, persecuted, suffer lonely nights and cloudy plagued days – there will be darkness and gloom. And then, if you pass through the test, the narrow gate – there is great light at the end of the tunnel often in your life the light /darkness are woven tighter within your very being, within your soul.

Tests will come in disguises – good on the outside but might be evil inside, while darkness inside might be light outside. “First on list will be last and last first!” Reversal of order and fortune, too! Those “thought to be great and mighty and powerful might be brought low.” You might feel or sense I’m the best person for you, the job, the position, the one to be united with in marriage. You might feel your comfy world is shattered like a glass table top when your life seems to be closing in. Then, we often get mixed up, confused, anxious and worried and afraid. I lost the job, lost my best friend, health, pet, whatever. Things aren’t going well in my journey. “You promised peace and unity,” “that all will be one.” Where is the one? The unity in the world, family, life? I’m hurting, wounded outside forces and inside turmoil!

Which way to go? Evil besets me in my conscience and on every side. And I flunk, give into excessive selfish behavior, harbor resentments, anger, dishonest deeds, hurtful words, betrayal, lack of trust, deceptions. Boasting just to look good and powerful or just plain blindness to the needs of the less fortunate or taking too much for granted or infidelity, making idols of something or someone!

And you followers, if you wish to be one of mine, will need a cross to carry – sometimes heavy, sometimes crushing your shoulder, burdened with fear, anxiety, confusion from without and within or sometimes lighter easily shouldered. It’s often a lighter load when carried with a love/ friend or fellow travelling companion, pilgrim on the journey. We’ll carry each other to the other side of the river; and cross over together, maybe singing as we go “side by side” as you may find yourself and companion/s chanting.

Questions to you: So, on the eve of my execution overlooking the capital in a garden at night – on the next day at noon on the Skull Hill - “Were you there to give testimony, witness?” To the wounds, the thorny crown, the cold steel nails driven deep into hands, feet – my heart / side split in two with a spear – did you watch the blood gush or fall drop by drop on the dry earth along with some water? Did you hear my last gasp of air – “I can’t breathe anymore” as my head sinks down deep in my chest? How do you think I felt at those moment? Did you hide, fall asleep, turn the other way? Or did you cut me, too? Did you wound me, too? Did you lift a finger or lend a hand?

As ordinary folk, followers of Me, says Jesus – did you feel shame, guilt? Fear? To own up and look Me square in the eye and face the music? What did you feel or what excuses have you to offer? In the non-canonical Gospel of Thomas, it reads: “His disciples said/when will you be visible to us? And when will we see you?” Jesus said: “When you undress and are not ashamed!”

Shalom! If you need to touch my wounds, look to your own wounds first. Be healed and touch another’s and find joy and peace forever! It’s all about mercy within mercy and maybe your heavy-laden heart will be lighter and much lovelier!

With endless love in the Risen Christ,

Ray A. Yadron

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Worship at STV



We are aware of the concern with the cases of COVID-19, especially in the states that are currently on a quarantine list for our area.

STATES **NOT** ON QUARANTINE

Alabama	Montana
Arizona	Nevada
Arkansas	New Mexico
California	North Carolina
Georgia	Oklahoma
Hawaii	Oregon
Idaho	Puerto Rico
Indiana	South Carolina
Kansas	Texas
Kentucky	Utah
Louisiana	Washington
Mississippi	Wisconsin
Missouri	Wyoming

ALL other states are currently on quarantine for our area.

We ask that if you have traveled for more than 24 hours in any quarantined state, please refrain from attending any liturgies at St. Thomas of Villanova for 10 days out of caution and compassion for your fellow parishioners.

We want to reiterate that we continue to do all that we can to follow the guidelines provided by the Archdiocese of Chicago to keep you as healthy as we can when you come to St. Thomas of Villanova to worship. Adhering to these practices has been extremely helpful thus far. We have worked so hard to make our Church a safe place to pray in the midst of this pandemic.

Remember, too, that the Archdiocesan dispensation for Spiritual Communion remains. There is no Sunday Mass attendance requirement at this time.

Together, let us pray for a swift end to the coronavirus pandemic that afflicts our world, that our God and Father will heal the sick, strengthen those who care for them, and help us all to persevere in faith. Amen.

WEEKEND MASSES

**All who wish to attend Weekend Mass must sign-up.
NO WALK-INS, PLEASE!**

Signup to attend weekend Mass will open on Thursday mornings at 9:00am. Look for a Flocknote with the link to signup for Mass or signup on our website: www.stov.org.

- Each individual person wishing to attend Mass must be registered.
- If you (or if you know someone) are not able to register online due to a lack of computer / internet access, please call the parish by 5pm on Friday at 847-358-6999 . Someone will get back to you and help you register, if spots are available.
- Pre-Mass registration is needed for contact tracing if someone gets sick.
- Seats will be sanitized before each Mass.
- Masks must be worn and social distancing will be observed at all times in the Church and building.

NOTE: While we are excited to resume public Mass, the Archdiocesan dispensation for Spiritual Communion remains. There is no Sunday Mass attendance requirement at this time. If you feel sick, State and Archdiocese guidelines ask that you remain at home. If you feel uncomfortable or unsafe, please do not feel an obligation to join us physically in the church. If you are considered part of the 'vulnerable population', we welcome you to join us IF you are comfortable to do so.

WEEKDAY MASS Every Tuesday & Thursday - 8:00am Come celebrate Mass and receive the Eucharist with us! No pre-registration is required for weekday Mass. However, you will need to sign in upon arrival. PLEASE arrive early to allow enough time. Doors will open at 7:40am. The doors will be closed once Mass begins, so please don't be late.

ADORATION Join us **each Wednesday from 6pm - 7pm** in church for silent prayer before the Holy Eucharist. No pre-registration will be required. However, you will need to sign-in when you arrive. You are invited to come pray for an hour or just a little while.

OTHER SERVICES Reconciliation is available by appointment. Leave a voicemail message at the Parish Office - 847-358-6999 and one of the priests will return your call. We continue to celebrate Baptisms, wedding and funeral Masses.

MASS INTENTIONS If you would like to have a Mass celebrated in honor or memory of someone, please call 847-358-6999 or email STOVReopen@stov.org. Donations can be mailed to our Parish or dropped in the offertory box, if you attend Mass. If you are requesting a particular date, please contact us at least 2 weeks prior to the date of the intention. Thank you.

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH

live-streaming SUNDAY MASS

Join us virtually each Sunday for Mass.

9:00 am - English

11:00 am - Polish



Look for the live-stream links in your Saturday Flocknote
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**Saint Thomas of
Villanova Parish- STOV**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO KEEP OUR CHURCH OPEN

The number of Masses and services we can offer and the number of people allowed in church will be directly tied to how many volunteers will be available to set-up, greet/usher and clean-up before and after each service.

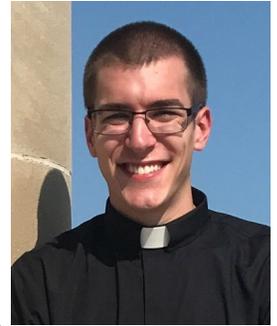
Currently, our greatest need is for volunteers on the **Greeting team**: *Must be 18 -65 years old OR fully vaccinated, if over age 65.*

To volunteer or receive more information about volunteering, email:

stovreopen@stov.org

FROM DEACON ANDY

In today's Gospel, we are in the upper room with the Apostles and Jesus appears to us, shows us his wounds from the crucifixion, and instead of condemning the Apostles for abandoning him during his passion, says "Peace be with you" (John 20:19). This is the message of the Risen Lord to each of us, that despite our sinfulness, despite our failures and shortcomings, He offers us His peace. Not only does He offer us His peace, He sends us, as the Father sent Him (cf. John 20:21). This shows us that no matter how poorly we have lived the Christian life, no matter how many times we did not 'do what Jesus would do,' in the light of the Resurrection, new life, forgiveness, and renewal is found. Throughout our lives, in light of our fears and anxiety and unworthiness, Jesus comes to us, He shows us His marks of His love for us, He offers us peace, and He sends us on a mission to proclaim the love found in Him and that He is indeed risen from the dead.



The week before Holy Week, I received a call from the Archdiocesan Priest Placement Board, informing me of my first assignment as a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago. I have been assigned as the Associate Pastor at Holy Name Cathedral beginning July 1st. As a newly ordained priest, any parish assignment is daunting, having to learn a new community with their customs and history, the neighborhood and overall way of life. It is at the first assignment that the new priest makes all of their 'firsts' as a priest. Their first baptism, wedding, funeral, daily and Sunday Mass mistakes, anointing of the sick, etc. Receiving the call to go to the Cathedral, I will admit I was scared and fearful. But praying through Holy Week and basking in the glory of the Risen Lord, I know I am not alone. That Jesus is with me, working through me and the people I will be called to minister to. I know that I am going to make mistakes, and that is okay, because Jesus who offers new life is risen from the dead. I am excited to begin my assignment, to learn to love the people of God in the good and the bad, to be a witness of the Resurrection to them, to allow them to encounter the Risen Lord through my service to them.

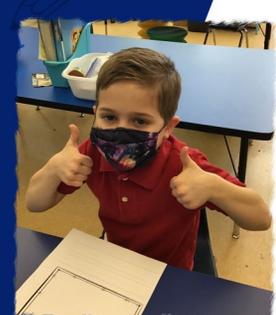
Please pray for my classmates and me as we move closer and closer to our ordination date. Please pray for my classmates and me as we prepare to minister to the people of God through our priestly ministry. Please pray for my classmates and me as we look with fear and excitement to our first assignment as priests. Please pray for my classmates and me that through our ministry, at whatever parish we find ourselves assigned to throughout our lives, we may tell others that "We have seen the Lord" (John 20:25), and through our witness, our presence, and our ministry, others may come to see and believe.

In Christ our Joy,
Deacon Andy Matijevic



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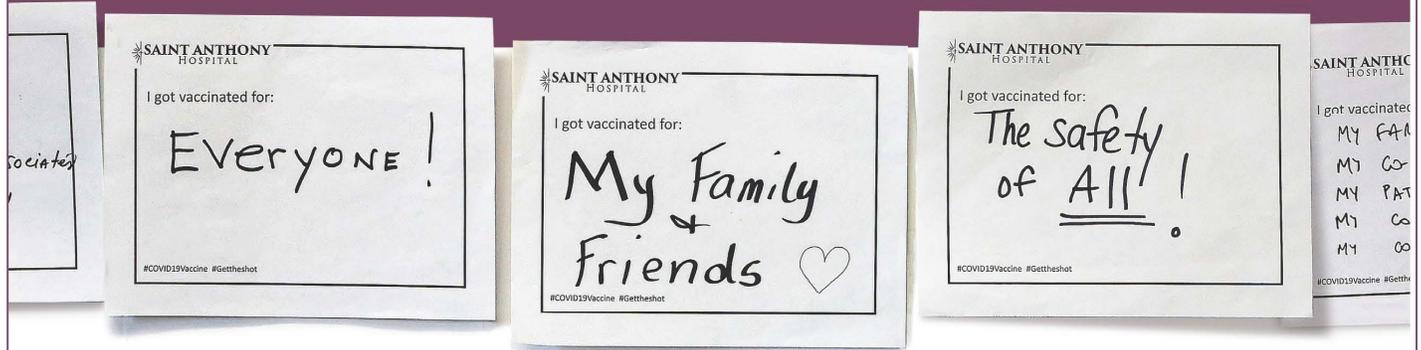


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GET REGISTERED!

To put your name on a vaccine registry or get more information, visit your local health department's vaccination website:

- City of Chicago
- Cook County
- Lake County

Links to these sites and other helpful information can be found at

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| Dawn Dish Soap | Bleach | Clorox & Lysol Wipes |
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| Large Bottle Drinks Including | Cranberry, Apple | Orange, Tomato Juice |
| Mattress Toppers | Paper Towels | Paper Napkin |
| Toilet Paper | Shampoo/Conditioner | Applesauce |
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(7/1/2020—6/30/2021)

Date	Weekend Collection	On-Line Giving	Weekly Total	Over / Under Budget: \$19,230.00
Apr 4	\$ 20,278.00	\$ 5,926.00	\$ 26,204.00	\$ 6,974.00
Apr 11				
Apr 18				
Apr 25				

YTD Totals	
YTD Budget	\$ 769,200.00
YTD Actual	\$ 784,292.66
Over / <i>(Under)</i>	\$ 25,012.66

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2020 TAX DONATION STATEMENTS

Thank you for your generous donations during 2020! To help you prepare for your taxes, 2020 donation statements are now available. To receive your statement, please either call the Parish Office at 847-358-6999 and leave a message or email your request to: soshea@stov.org and put "2020 Statement" in the subject line. Thank you again for your continued support to St. Thomas of Villanova Parish

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2021 PARISH EASTER GIFT

We are still humbling accepting your 2021 Easter Gift to our Parish Family. Thank you to all those who have already contributed. Your generous Easter donation will help us meet our financial obligations for this financial Year. Whatever you give, please do so in praise and in thanks to God for the gift of our Savior, Jesus Christ! Thank you, Parish Stewards! - *Parish Finance Committee*



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

New Service Opportunities - Catholic Charities is providing food pantry home delivery services for seniors on the weekends.

Food Pantry Locations

- St. Sabina 1120 W 79th Street, Chicago, IL
- Cicero 1400 S. Austin Blvd, Cicero IL
- Casa Catalina 4537 S Ashland Ave, Chicago, IL



Who Can Volunteer? New and returning volunteers are needed to help. This opportunity is great for pairs of family or friends.

What will tasks include? Food deliveries to the homes of clients of Catholic Charities over the age of 70. Access to a car and comfort using technology is needed for this opportunity!

When will deliveries take place? Deliveries will take place Saturday mornings, starting at 10am. More details will be available upon signup.

If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact Andrew Mc Kernin at amckernin@catholiccharities.net

Registration and brief screening will be required prior to volunteering.

Our Weekly Prayers

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 12

8:00am ✠ Kathleen & Nicholas Dahm

Tuesday, April 13

8:00am Int. for Maria Jennifer Quiaoit

Wednesday, April 14

8:00am All Who Are Sick

Thursday, April 15

8:00am ✠ Joanne Walczynski
✠ Emil Batke

Friday, April 16

8:00am All Medical Personnel

Saturday, April 17

5:00pm ✠ Diane Leo
✠ Megan Betti
✠ Don Schulz

Sunday, April 18

7:00am Mass—POLISH

9:00am ✠ David Sladky

✠ Eleanor Redmond

11:00am Mass—POLISH

DAILY READINGS

Mon: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tue: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5;
Jn 3:7b-15

Wed: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thu: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20;
Jn 3:31-36

Fri: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
Jn 6:1-15

Sat: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;
Jn 6:16-21

Sun: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9;
1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

PRAYER SUPPORT

STV Prayer Ministry can provide Healing Prayer via phone or Zoom. You will be gently listened to and prayed with by parishioners who are experienced in personalized prayer. All prayer is confidential. Email your prayer requests to: stv4prayer@gmail.com. A Prayer Ministry member will respond to set up a prayer time with you. *NOTE: Healing Prayer does not replace the Sacraments of Reconciliation or Anointing of the Sick.*

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Lisa Antonelli
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Mary Margaret Lazich
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Elayne Maruska
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Robert Szott
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IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

Lord, bless the men and women of our military as they answer the call to serve our nation and defend our freedom. Protect and heal them-- body, soul, mind and spirit--especially those in harm's way. Most of all let them know your love; that you are with them, and that you will never forsake or abandon them. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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And all those serving in the Middle East.

FOR ALL CLERGY IN FORMATION

- Pray for all Transitional Deacons and Seminarians as they continue their priestly formation, especially: Deacon Andy Matijevec and AJ Sales.
- Pray for Derek Oliver and his wife Jola during his 4th and final year of formation to become a Permanent Deacon.

FOR OUR DEPARTED, REST IN PEACE

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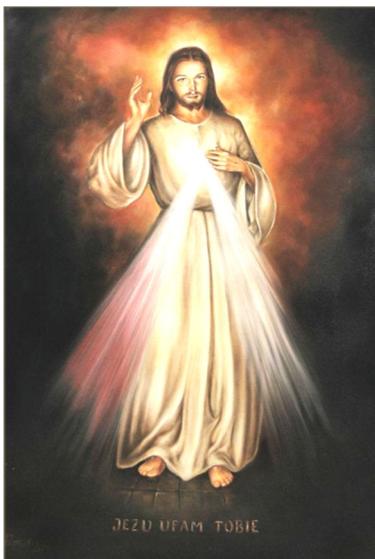
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II NIEDZIELA WIELKANOCNA – ŚWIĘTO MIŁOSIĘDZIA BOŻEGO – Chrystus jest naszym pokojem

Jezus przynosi dar pokoju. Więcej, to On sam jest pokojem. Jego pokój jest głębszy, inny od tego, który daje świat, bo Chrystus przyszedł nas zbawić, przeszedł przez krzyż, śmierć i piekło. Pokój Jezusa jest doskonały, bo jego źródłem są Jego rany. Ten pokój napełnia nas także w sakramencie pokuty, kiedy doświadczamy przebaczącej miłości Boga. Pokoju i miłosierdzia doświadczą Tomasz Apostoł, kiedy jest zaproszony do tego, by włożyć ręce w rany Jezusa, niejako wejść w nie całym swoim życiem. 'Unieś tutaj swój palec i zobacz moje ręce, podnieś też swoją rękę i włóż w mój bok. I przestań być niedowiakiem, a bądź wierzącym'. Uwierzymy i oddajmy się w pokorze Bogu, byśmy i my zostali napełnieni Jego pokojem.



Miłosierdzie pośród ludzi...

Miłosierdzie pośród ludzi jest zwykle wyrazem jakiegoś układu, z którego płyną wzajemne obowiązki pamięci i pomocy poszczególnym osobom, z którymi się ten układ zawarło. Miłosierdzie, jakie ludziom okazuje Bóg, jest wyrazem Jego wierności, wrażliwości, troskliwości i miłości.

Kiedy Naród Wybrany dopuszcza się grzechu, Bóg i tak pozostaje mu wierny i przez to objawia mu swoje miłosierdzie. Wyraża je przez swoje współczucie, cierpliwość i przebaczenie. W taki właśnie sposób miłosierdzie staje się podstawowym wyrazem, przymitem czy atrybutem Boga – Zbawcy, który pochyla się przede wszystkim nad słabymi, grzesznikami, okazując im swoją łaskę.

'Błogosławieni miłosierni, albowiem oni miłosierdzia dostąpią... Mt 5,7'

Biblia nie określa jakimś szczególnym mianem ludzkich relacji miłosierdzia. Można co najwyżej pewne jego cechy odnajdywać w takich hasłach, jak: pomoc, życzliwość,

uczucie, dobroć. Najczęściej występują one razem ze sprawiedliwością: 'Gdy zbliżała się śmierć Izraela, kazał wezwać swego syna Józefa i rzekł do niego: 'Jeśli jesteś mi życzliwy, połóż mi twą rękę pod biodro na dowód twojej wiernej miłości' (Rdz 47,29). O prawdziwym miłosierdziu można natomiast mówić w przymierzu Boga ze swoim ludem. W tej relacji miłosierdzie jest wyrazem bezinteresownej miłości. O tym zapewnia sam Bóg: 'Ukochałem cię odwieczną miłością, dlatego też zachowałem dla ciebie łaskawość' (Jr 31, 3). Od tej pory miłosierdzie, pojmowane jako Boża łaskawość, staje się znakiem Jego przymierza z ludźmi. Uświadamia to sobie mądry król Salomon i tak się modli: 'O Jahwe, Boże Izraela! Nie ma takiego Boga jak Ty, ani w górze na niebie, ani w dole na ziemi, tak zachowującego przymierze i łaskę względem Twoich sług' (1Krl 8, 23).

Bóg okazuje swoją łaskawość i miłosierdzie przede wszystkim wobec tych najmniejszych. Pochyla się nad nimi z litością i z przebaczeniem. Gdy słaby człowiek uświadamia to sobie, wtedy modli się słowami Psalmu: 'Wysłuchaj mnie, Jahwe, bo Twoja łaska pełna jest dobroci, wejrzyj na mnie w ogromie swego miłosierdzia' (Ps 69,17). Pośród tych małych i słabych są przede wszystkim grzesznicy. Bóg okazuje im łaskę miłosierdzia, ponieważ jest względem nich cierpliwy i nieskory do gniewu: 'Dlatego Jahwe czeka, by wam okazać łaskę, i dlatego stoi, by się zlitować nad wami, bo Jahwe jest sprawiedliwym Bogiem. Szczęśliwi wszyscy, którzy w Nim ufają!' (Iz 30,18).

Spotykając na kartach Biblii Boga pochylającego się na człowiekiem, coraz bardziej poznajemy Go w Jego miłości miłosiernej, która bardziej niż w uczuciach przejawia

się w aktach miłosierdzia. Można ją rozpoznać już w dziele stwórczym, a potem w towarzystwie człowiekowi na jego drodze do zbawienia: 'Przez słowo Jahwe powstały niebiosa i wszystkie ich zastępy przez tchnienie ust Jego. On gromadzi wody morskie jak w worze: oceany umieszcza w zbiornikach' (Ps 33, 6-7).

Najgłębszą prawdą Biblii jest stwierdzenie, że Boża miłość jest wieczna. W ten sposób najpełniej łączy się Boże miłosierdzie z przymierzem. Wielkości Bożego miłosierdzia doświadczą grzeszny człowiek za każdym razem, kiedy uświadamia sobie swoją niewierność. Wracając, jakby słyszał słowa Boga: 'Poślubię cię sobie znowu na wieki, poślubię przez sprawiedliwość i prawo, przez miłość i miłosierdzie' (Oz 2,21). Doprawdy miłosierdzie jest tajemniczym i darmo danym człowiekowi darem Boga, który objawia się jako Ojciec miłosierdzia przede wszystkim dlatego, że to On pierwszy nas ukochał. Dlatego też Bóg może powiedzieć człowiekowi: 'Ja ukażę ci Mój majestat i ogłoszę przed tobą imię Jahwe, gdyż Ja wyświadczam łaskę, komu chcę, i miłosierdzie, komu Mi się podoba' (Wj 33,19).

Pełnię swego miłosierdzia Bóg objawił w Chrystusie. W Nim Bóg jest widziany jako nasz Zbawiciel, który pochyla się nad ludźmi słabymi i grzesznymi, udzielając im swojej łaski: 'Bóg, będąc bogaty w miłosierdzie, przez wielką swą miłość, jaką nas umiłował, i to nas, umarłych na skutek występku, razem z Chrystusem przywrócił do życia' (Ef 2, 4-5). Ta łaska jest też wezwaniem do miłosierdzia, mającego objawiać się w życiu chrześcijanina. To będzie nasza odpowiedź na łaskę Boga, ważniejsza niż jakakolwiek ofiara. 'Bądźcie miłosierni, jak Ojciec wasz jest miłosierny' (Łk 6, 36).



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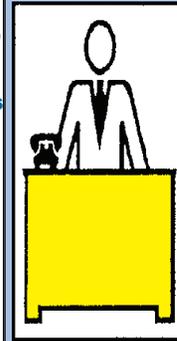
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