

Young Apprentices

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MYSTAGOGY: BAPTISM

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Risen Lord,
like Thomas, I sometimes have doubts
and need to see things for myself.

Like Thomas,
sometimes I find it hard to believe
that you are real,
guiding me, caring for me,
and speaking to me
your words of peace.

Increase my faith.
Help me to see and to believe.
Amen.



Sunday Word

Acts 5:12-16

Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

John 20:19-31

The above readings are available at
usccb.org/bible/readings.

To Help You Remember



1. Many signs and wonders were done through the Apostles, and great numbers of women and men became believers in the Lord.
2. The one who spoke to John described himself as the first and the last, the one who lives, once dead but now alive, and holding the keys to death and to the netherworld.
3. Jesus stood in the midst of the disciples and said, "Peace be with you." Thomas came to believe that it was indeed Jesus who stood in their midst.

With My Family



Deepen

Long before the celebration of the Easter Vigil, you began to meet Jesus in his Word and in his people, the parish community. With them you heard the message of Salvation and learned what it means to be a person of faith.

You reflected on the Word of God. You thought about how to live it in daily life—at home, at school, and in your neighborhood. All along the way, others helped you hear the Word, think about its meaning, and put it into practice in your life.

With your family, name those who have helped you on your journey of faith thus far. Think of ways to thank them in the days and weeks to come.

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Meditate

Thomas is absent when the Risen Lord appears to the others. This is part of the reason he does not believe what the others are telling him. He did not see it for himself.

When the Risen Lord appears again, Thomas does see for himself and he does believe. He is surrounded by other believers who are also encountering the Risen Lord. Other believers surround us and often give us strength and courage to believe. Their prayers, support, and encouragement help us to know and to see God present in our lives.

With your family, think about those who could use your prayers, your support, and your encouragement. Decide together on one or two things you will do to help those persons in the coming week.

Share

With your family, recall the celebration of your Baptism. Share:

- Who was there with you at the font
- What happened
- How you felt
- Your favorite memory and why

Invite your whole family to share their memories of the celebration too.

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Do

Think about the people beyond your family with whom you can share the story of the Easter Vigil celebration and your memories of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist. Think about those in your life who might be ready to hear about what you have learned, know, and believe about Jesus.

With your family, pray for God's help to share the Good News of Salvation with others.

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Pray

With your family, continue praying the prayer on the front of this page. Keep this prayer for times when you, like Thomas, are tempted to give in to doubt.