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The Propers for today: Troparion of Resurrection, Tone 2 (page 130); Kontakion of the Resurrection, Tone 2 (page 131); Prokeimenon and Alleluia of the Resurrection, Tone 2 (page 132).

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory to him forever!

Scripture readings: Epistle: 2 Cor 11:31-12:9 Gospel: Lk 6:31-36

**Sunday, Oct. 4 19th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy**

**Sunday, Oct. 11 Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council
8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy**

Today’s Gospel reflections (Lk 6:31-36) . . .

What word or phrase struck me as I heard the reading?

What idea or image came to mind?

What story did I hear being told, in my own words?

What really touched me in this reading?

In the coming week, reflect on the call of Jesus to love your enemies and do good to them.



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Welcome to new parishioners and visitors: The faithful of St. John the Baptist Parish would like to welcome new parishioners and visitors. We are happy that you have joined us on our spiritual journey and we hope that you feel welcome.

Please remember in prayer all parishioners of St. John Parish, especially sick and shut-in parishioners and friends: Christine Boros, Steve Boros, Bob Dirda, Chris Hannes, Daryl Hannes, Linda Hritz, Mike Hritz, George Homa, Father Michael Huszti, Frances Koleszar, Lynn Ann Lepole, Mark Lepole, B.J. Lysic, Mary Jane Molnar, Jonna Nesbella, Linda Parker, Allen Potoma, Mitzi Sauvinsky, Pat Schabel and Bunny Stanislaw. And please pray for Bishop Robert Pipta and our administrator, Father Jan Maturkanic.

PRAYERS TO OUR BEATIFIED BISHOPS: Please use the handout prayer cards in the bookrack for text.

Nut roll baking dates: The dates for our next fall nut roll bakings are **Saturdays, Oct 10 and 31; Nov 21; and Dec 5**. Help is needed all day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Offertory 9/27/2026

Offertory	\$145.00
Candles	\$16.00
Holy Land collection	\$30.00
Nutrolls	\$238.00
Total	\$429.00

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Feast of St. Thomas, October 6

Jesus “appointed twelve,” the gospel of Mark says, “that they might be with him” (Mk 3:14). We know nothing of Thomas’ life before the Lord called him, but we do know that the call resounded in this Jewish man’s life as nothing before or after it. We know, too, that this call worked in him for the rest of his life, ultimately leading him to the ends of the earth.

The first time that we hear from Thomas in the gospels, he exhorts his fellow disciples to accompany Jesus to Bethany, near enough to Jerusalem to be hostile territory: “Let us also go to die with him” (Jn 11:16). He was a man who loved his Master, then, and a man of courage. But above all, he was a man whose life was marked by the most inconceivable event in the history of the world: the Resurrection of his Lord.

Thomas made one mistake that is recorded in the gospels, and it was not first to doubt. It was to be absent from the assembled church on the evening of the Resurrection. Thomas was alone, without the protection of his brothers, and so all the fragility of our human nature in the face of death and pain is revealed in him.

His Lord had died. Thomas knew this; it filled him with a grief greater than his comprehension. He must

have thought: after so brutal a death, after so definitive a sealing of the tomb, there can be no more life. Not for the Lord, not for him, not for any of them. “So the other disciples said to him, ‘We have seen the rd.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the marks of the nails in his hands and . . . put my hand into his side, I will not believe” (Jn 20:25).

Eventually Thomas went east, first to the Persians, then to Jewish settlements in far-away India. From those settlements, tradition has it that he eventually reached the Malabar coast (present-day Kerala). There, the “St. Thomas Christians” trace their origins to the apostle whose mission, as St. Ephrem the Syrian wrote in the fourth century, was to “espouse India to the Only-Begotten.”

It was not doubt that signed the life of this apostle so much as the fact that he was overwhelmed, overcome by the light of the Resurrection. It was in this light that, in the year 72 A.D., he was martyred in Chennai, India. Thomas once confessed Christ’s divinity with his lips. There, he confessed with his life. He did as he once exhorted his brethren: he went so far with the Lord as also to die in him.

(Excerpted from:
<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/03/st--thomas--apostle.html>)