

# Family Connections

Sunday of St. Thomas

Acts 12:1-11 & John 20:19-31



*Divine compassion brought it about in a wonderful way that when the doubting disciple touched the wounds in his Master's body, he cured the wounds of our unbelief. Thomas's unbelief was of more advantage to our faith than the faith of the believing disciples because when he was led back to faith by touching Jesus, our minds were relieved of all doubt and made firm in faith. And so after His resurrection Jesus allowed His disciple to doubt. But He did not desert him in his doubt. —St. Gregory the Dialogist*

## EXPLORE TOGETHER:

Doubting Thomas—We have all heard of “doubting Thomas,” and we all have a “doubting Thomas” in us. Doubt keeps us from faithfully committing ourselves to the Lord. In what ways in our lives do we let our doubts keep us from our Risen Lord? How can we turn to God and ask Him to help us with our doubts?

Thomas Transformed—We remember Thomas for his doubt, but the Church remembers him for his ministry as a faithful servant of God. After Pentecost, Thomas went on to serve the Lord faithfully, unto death, by preaching the Gospel in India. Learn more about St. Thomas at [www.goarch.org](http://www.goarch.org).

**Before church next week, read the scripture passages for the  
Sunday of the Myrrhbearing Women  
Acts 6:1-7 & Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8**

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