

“Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

Today is the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle.

And it is always amazing and edifying to read about and reflect on the Faith of the Apostles.

In light of Thomas’ un-belief, Jesus appears and offers his hands and his side to Thomas for evaluation.

“Do not be unbelieving, but believe.!”

For us, who live some 2,000 years after the time of Christ and the Apostles, it is maybe convenient to think that those sort of event and that sort of Faith is a thing of the past.

Yet, St. Paul tells us in the First Reading, “You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God.”

In other words, we aren’t just to sit on the sidelines and longingly look back at the time of the Apostles, but rather, we are their peers, or as St. Paul continues, saying that we form a Temple “built upon the foundation of the Apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone.”

By virtue of our Baptism, we too received the supernatural virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love. And it is through engaging those virtues, and in particular today the virtue of Faith, that we can receive the blessing spoken of at the end of the Gospel, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

Let us pray to kindle the spark of Faith we received at Baptism into a raging inferno of Faith so that we can embrace our role in the Kingdom of Heaven as children of God the Father, who have received salvation in Christ Jesus the Son, in the abundance of spiritual gifts and graces poured out in the Holy Spirit.