

St Thomas Aquinas_4th week ordinary time

On this Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, we reverently commemorate the enduring legacy of one of the Catholic Church's towering intellects. St. Thomas' profound teachings, still integral to priestly training, are lauded by St. John Paul II as a paradigm for the right approach to Theology.

Reflecting on St. Thomas' five ways to prove God's existence, particularly the last emphasizing Divine governance, strikes a resonant chord. As a young seminarian, it fortified my faith, affirming that the world's order is not a mere happenstance. Nature's intricate patterns, the rhythmic dance of weather, and the order in our lives reveal an intricately woven tapestry of purposeful design. Our existence as humans finds its meaning within this divine order.

Connecting this introspection to today's Gospel (Mark 1:21-28), where Jesus manifests authority by expelling an unclean spirit, we witness divine order in dynamic action. Just as Jesus brought order, St. Thomas' teachings underscore the intelligent design that underlies our world. In the midst of contemporary confusion, let us fervently pray for the grace to recognize, akin to St. Thomas, that God perpetually orchestrates order in our lives. May our trust in Him deepen, acknowledging the divine governance that imparts profound purpose to our existence. Amen.

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