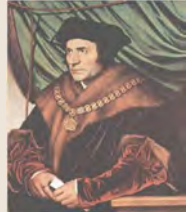




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January 23, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME,
BECAUSE HE HAS ANOINTED ME
TO BRING GLAD TIDINGS TO THE POOR.

- LUKE 4:18



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH
IRVINE, CA

New Mass Schedule

Starting January 16, 2022
Revised Mass times

DAILY -- Monday to Saturday: 8am

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm Vietnamese/Eng
6:00 pm English

SUNDAY MASS

8:00 am English 1:00 pm Spanish/Eng
9:30 am English 3:00 pm Chinese/Eng
11:30 am English 5:00 pm English



Welcome!

Morning Prayer: Wed & Fri 7:30am to 7:50am

Adoration: Every Friday 6:00pm to 7:00pm

24 Hour Adoration: on the 22nd of every month

Saturday Confessions: 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Mass will be available online for the sick and homebound on Sundays at 9:30am & Monday-Saturday at 8:00am. For spiritual advisement, please contact the priest to schedule an appointment.

Baptisms and Marriages: contact the office for details

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 1/24	8:00am	Gianna Cabral
Tuesday 1/25	8:00am	†Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday 1/26	8:00am	Daniel Zotti
Thursday 1/27	8:00am	Ben Zotti
Friday 1/28	8:00am	Dominic Zotti
Saturday 1/29	8:00am	†Manuela Candela †Sofia Urbina †Al Spellmire Baby Johanna Harris
	4:00pm	Maria Tieu Thi Vu
	6:00pm	Pro Populo
Sunday 1/30	8:00am	†Clella Lewis
	9:30am	Richard Lopez, Jr.
	11:30am	Christopher Gonzalez
	1:00pm	Chris Jensen
	5:00pm	Anita Maria Delariva



IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT MASS INTENTIONS

The suggested donation to be given for the celebration and application of an intention at a Mass in the Diocese of Orange is \$10. (Can. 952) More information on how to request a Mass intention can be found on our website on the "How-To" tab.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Ezra read from the book of the law of God to the assembled people. They understood and accepted the law (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

Psalms — Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life (Psalm 19).

Second Reading — As the body with its many parts is still one body, so it is with Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]).

Gospel — While attending worship in the Nazarean synagogue, Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah and declares himself to be the fulfillment of the prophecy (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2;

Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-18 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17;

Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17;

1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

Today's theme on the readings: GOD'S LAW

Scripture has always held God's law to be the path to human happiness. In today's first reading, Ezra the priest reads the scroll of the law to the people returned from exile. They weep—then are joyful. Israel's relationship with God had always been defined by how they kept and lived God's law. The author of Psalm 96 likewise praises the law of God as the source of wisdom, joy and enlightenment, purity and justice.

In his advice to the bickering Corinthians, Paul points out that, just as God has made all parts of a human body essential for the health of the whole, living as "Christ's body" requires that each member be recognized as necessary for the good of all. Finally, in Luke's Gospel Jesus claims that the Spirit is sending him to relieve human suffering. Like Ezra, he is reading from a scroll, proclaiming God's "law" of mercy to those in need.

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Collections and Expenses

1-10-22 to 1-16-22

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$14,647	\$7,113	\$21,760
Maintenance Fund	\$1,560	\$295	\$1,855
Other income	\$7,339	\$424	\$7,763
Total income	\$23,547	\$7,833	\$31,380

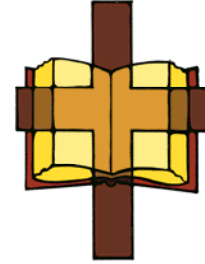
Regular Expenses	\$28,865
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Believe & Grow	\$728	\$2,438	\$3,166
Capital Campaign			

We appreciate your continued financial support of the parish during these challenging times. If you would like to give, please click on the e-giving link in the top corner of the STM website to set up or update your e-giving. If you have questions, please call the office. All donations to the *Believe & Grow Together Campaign* will be used exclusively to pay for the construction costs to build the new Parish church. Moreover, Maintenance Fund donations can be used to pay for the construction costs to build the new Parish church and for the maintenance and repairs of the existing Parish buildings and property.

Thank you for your generosity!

Sunday of the



Word of God

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time


Almighty ever-living God,
direct our actions according to your good pleasure,
that in the name of your beloved Son
we may abound in good works.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

How can I allow God to direct my actions this week?



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Do now what you wish to have done when your moment comes to die.

St. Angela Merici
16th-century Italian religious educator who founded the Company of St. Ursula (from which came the monastic Order of Ursulines)
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January 27

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Sunday of the Word of God

Monday: St. Francis de Sales

Tuesday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle;
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends

Wednesday: Ss. Timothy and Titus

Thursday: St. Angela Merici

Friday: St. Thomas Aquinas

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING

Ken Hughes

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LIFE TEEN

Now

The Summit Bible Study.

Our high school bible study is back! Come join us as we study the following Sunday's Mass readings. The Summit meets on Mondays at 7pm in room 3.

LIFE TEEN

Thu 7:00 PM

LIFE NIGHT Sunday, 01/23

Our high school life night that was scheduled for Sunday 1/9 has been cancelled. Please join us on 1/23 at 6:30pm. We apologize for the inconvenience.

CONFIRMATION

WED 6:00 PM

WALK FOR LIFE OC

Join STM as we participate in the 2022 Orange Walk For Life. This will take place Saturday 1/22 from 8am-12pm. We will meet at 8am at St. Norbert's Catholic Church. For more information, please email Abraham@stmirvine.org



REP. CORNER



REP CLASS NEWS!!

We are planning on going back to in-person classes this week!

We want to send out a big thank you to all of our families and catechists for their flexibility and understanding during these past two weeks as we temporarily ventured back into Zoom classes. Please keep all of our families in prayer during this challenging time.



ATTENTION 6th, 7th & 8th Graders!!!

Want to spend the day at Knott's Berry Farm with hundreds of other students for fun, faith & fellowship? Come join us Saturday, February 19th from 8:30AM-7PM!

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For any questions, call the REP office at (949) 551-8029 or email rep@stmirvine.org.



The Library Corner

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday of the Word of God



The St. Thomas More Parish Library staff would like to wish all our parishioners a Happy Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Parish Library will be open today.

The Catholic Church celebrates today the Sunday of the Word of God. This tradition was instituted by Pope Francis in 2019 and presents to us an ideal opportunity to reread and to be certain of the truth of our faith. The Parish Library has an excellent book titled, 'The Journey Toward God', authored by Father Benedict Groeschel. Our deepest desire is to know God and to get closer to Him. Father Benedict shows us by bringing together in one book, inspiring and instructive selections from the great writers who have mastered the spiritual life. Our faith is a living and teaching truth authentically preserved and interpreted by the Magisterium of the Catholic Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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the church throughout the day!
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MEN'S RETREAT

Perhaps there has never been a more appropriate time for a retreat. Most of us are ready to break from the challenges we have faced in the past many months. Men from our parish are invited to make their annual retreat at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center in Sierra Madre. The Center provides a private room and bath, delicious meals, beautifully landscaped grounds and the guidance of the Passionist Retreat Team. Theme for the upcoming weekend: **"Embracing God's Gift of Hope"** will take place on **February 18-20, 2022.**

The atmosphere of this silent, preached retreat will help you Relax, Reflect, Rejuvenate spiritually.

Reservations can be made by contacting our Parish Captain: Mark Kreyche at mgkreyche@gmail.com or at 714-914-2689.

Or you may register directly at:
www.stmirvine.org/mensretreat

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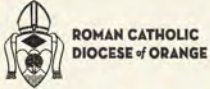
- Who:** Any parishioner over the age of 18.
- What:** These are faith-filled weekends where you develop a closer relationship with Jesus, spend time in prayer and in the scriptures, and get to know more of your fellow parishioners of various backgrounds and faith levels. Your level of participation in activities is up to you.
- When:** **Men's Weekend: March 26-27, 2022**
– Call Steve with Questions (714) 319-9947
Women's Weekend: April 9-10, 2022
– Call Patty with Questions (714) 390-9626
- Why:** Most people who have participated in the weekend experience say, **"you can't explain what happens; you have to experience it."** This is your invitation to that "experience."

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Around the Diocese...



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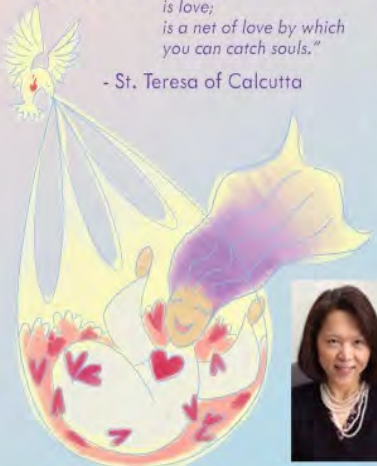
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Join us for *First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community*, our brand new Saturday Bible Study starting on **January 15th**. Participants will view a video during the week and meet via Zoom every Saturday morning at 9AM for a lively group discussion and fellowship.

To register, contact: **Deacon Tony** at deacontony@stmirvine.org



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LUNAR NEW YEAR
2022
YEAR OF THE TIGER

On Sunday, January 30th, join us after the 9:30 am and the 11:30 am Masses to celebrate the Lunar New Year with the Chinese, Vietnamese, and Korean communities of St. Thomas More!

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- E**ARLY to Mass
- E**NGAGE in Mass with your heart
- P**ARTICIPATE actively
- E**ND. Stay to the end of the FINAL HYMN
- N**EIGHBOR-MINDED. Help make Mass a sacred time for you and your brothers and sisters.

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WHY IS IT

A man wakes up after sleeping
under an ADVERTISED blanket
on an ADVERTISED mattress
and pulls off ADVERTISED pajamas
bathes in an ADVERTISED shower
shaves with an ADVERTISED razor
brushes his teeth
with ADVERTISED toothpaste
washes with ADVERTISED soap
puts on ADVERTISED clothes
drinks a cup
of ADVERTISED coffee
drives to work
in an ADVERTISED car
and then
refuses to ADVERTISE
believing it doesn't pay.
Later if business is poor
he ADVERTISES it for sale.

WHY IS IT?



THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME,

because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

LUKE 4:18

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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COMMUNITY

Community is important. Community is essential. Community is crucial. This message is the foundation of today's readings from Nehemiah, Corinthians, and Luke. Ezra's reading of the scroll is done in front of the community, including—a radical act at the time—women, and children old enough to understand, groups usually not counted among those hearing God's promise proclaimed. Community is important. The mystical Body of Christ, like the human body, functions best and most fully when all members are playing the role for which they were meant. Community is essential. God's word is fulfilled when the community has heard it, and witnessed it. In Luke, the baptism and desert trials of Jesus lead to the synagogue scene, which will then lead Jesus to his public ministry of proclaiming the reign of God. He eventually will journey to Jerusalem and his crucifixion. Community is crucial.

ONE BODY, ONE JESUS

Our liturgical calendar separates different Gospel scenes, which can sometimes do them a bit of a disservice. The liturgical year, of course, has its own rhythm and purpose, into which the stories of the life of Jesus are placed. However, when Luke was organizing his Gospel (for "Theophilus" the lover of God whom we encounter in today's Gospel introduction), today's scene was part of a three-fold structure: the baptism of Jesus; the temptation in the desert; the announcement of the public mission in the synagogue at Nazareth. Linking these is the Holy Spirit, who descended on the body of Jesus at his baptism, who filled his body as he endured his forty-day trial, and who is upon his body to announce and to bring about God's reign, a mission he fulfills with his body on the cross. The incarnation (the "in-flesh-ing") of Jesus, which we think of in connection with his birth, remains central to his story.

ONE CHRIST, ONE BODY

Last week's reading from Corinthians concerned the one Spirit who gives many gifts, yet is the source of our unity. Paul continues this theme today using the image of the body, whose different members each have an important and distinct role to play. The Spirit of baptism forms that one mystical Body of Christ. The Spirit of baptism fills the many members, but unites them always as one. The Spirit of baptism is on each member, as it was for Jesus in the synagogue at Nazareth. That Spirit of our baptism anoints each of us as a member of Christ's Body to be glad tidings, proclaim liberty, bring clearer vision, lift the oppressed, to announce God's reign to all. As different members of Christ's Body, we are each called upon to do this in our own way. We may face opposition or rejection, as Jesus did, but we can always turn again in faith to the Spirit of our baptism who is still with us.

TODAY'S READINGS

Nehemiah 8:2–4a, 5–6, 8–10

Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 15

1 Corinthians 12:12–30 [12–14, 27]

Luke 1:1–4; 4:14–21