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Saint Thomas More Welcomes All

Welcoming all, we, the Spirit-filled parish of St. Thomas More, value our Roman Catholic faith by celebrating the sacraments, breaking open the Scriptures, and joyfully offering ourselves in service to others. Under the inspiration of our patron saint, we seek to build a caring community that embraces the values he modeled of friendship, integrity and courageous love of God.

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Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm



Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

January
30
2022

Before I formed you
in the womb I knew you,
before you were born
I dedicated you,
a prophet to the nations
I appointed you.

Jeremiah 1:5





SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH
IRVINE, CA

New Mass Schedule

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

LIVESTREAM

Daily at 8:00 am and Sunday at 9:30 am



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 1/31	8:00am	†Manuel Contaoi
Tuesday 2/1	8:00am	Sera LeMire
Wednesday 2/2	8:00am	Marcia Noonan
Thursday 2/3	8:00am	†Corinne Barclay
Friday 2/4	8:00am	†Monica Lytle
Saturday 2/5	8:00am	†Edward Andrade
		†Nancy Medina
		Janet San Juan
		Hector Gomez II
		Nault Family
	6:00pm	Pro Populo
Sunday 2/6	8:00am	†Erlinda Salvador Yuvienco
	9:30am	†Jeff Reinig
	11:30am	†Michael Haley
	1:00pm	†Josefina Tapia
	5:00pm	Tony Jacome & Valeria Tovar



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God appoints Jeremiah as prophet to the nations (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19).

Psalm — I will sing of your salvation (Psalm 71).

Second Reading — Love with its many facets is the most important of the virtues (1 Corinthians 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]).

Gospel — When Jesus claims his salvific mission is for all people, not just the Jews, he is expelled by the enraged members of the Nazarean synagogue (Luke 4:21-30).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

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 theme on the readings: TO BE A PROPHET

Today's readings show us what it is like to be a prophet. As Jeremiah recounts his call, God warns him that he will need strength and perseverance to withstand the hostility he will face from "Judah's kings and princes" and "its priests and people" (Jeremiah 1:18b). God also assures him that they "will not prevail over you, for I am with you" (1:19). The psalm reflects both of these struggles as well as deliverance from them ("salvation"). This is exactly what Jesus experiences in today's Gospel. After he claims that his own mission is the same as what Isaiah proclaimed, at first the people marvel at his "gracious words" (Luke 4:22). Soon, however, they become suspicious, skeptical, and hostile, even threatening to kill him. But just as God promised to deliver Jeremiah, so Jesus "passed through the midst of them and went away" (4:30). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Collections and Expenses

1-17-22 to 1-23-22

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$16,029	\$13,543	\$29,573
Maintenance Fund	\$100	\$359	\$459
Other income	\$704	\$419	\$1,123
Total income	\$16,833	\$14,322	\$31,156

Regular Expenses \$2,873

Believe & Grow	\$123	\$12,534	\$12,657
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.

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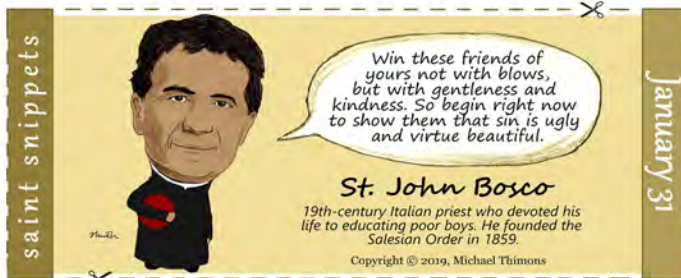
PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Grant us, Lord our God,
that we may honor you with all our mind,
and love everyone in truth of heart.
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:

What can I do to come closer to loving everyone in truth of heart?



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
- Monday:** St. John Bosco
- Tuesday:** Lunar New Year 4720
- Wednesday:** The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life; Groundhog Day
- Thursday:** St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of Throats
- Friday:** First Friday
- Saturday:** St. Agatha; First Saturday



Rest in the Love of Christ

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PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING



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LIFE TEEN

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YOU. Life, Love, and the Theology of the Body introduces teens to the truth that life is not, in fact, all about them; it is about going out of themselves to be a sincere gift for others. YOU meets Mondays at 7pm in room 3.

LIFE TEEN

Thu 7:00 PM

Life Night Sunday, 2/13

All High School students are invited for a night of Adoration and Prayer. The night begins at 6:30pm and ends at 8:30pm. The topic is Lessons in Love/How To Save Your Marriage Before Meeting Your Spouse.

CONFIRMATION

WED 6:00 PM

Confirmation Class Schedule

C1 Dates: Feb 2, Feb 16, Mar 9, Mar 16, Mar 30, April 27.

C2 Dates: Feb 9, Feb 23, Mar 9, Mar 23, Apr 20, May 4.



R.E.P. CORNER



SAVE THE DATE!



The MANDATORY meeting of parents with second year students preparing for First Holy Communion this Spring is scheduled for Monday, February 7th at 6:30 PM. At least one parent must attend. There is no make up meeting scheduled. This meeting is FOR PARENTS ONLY.



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! The cost is \$80 for the entire day! To register, contact Lisa Busch at lisa@stmirvine.org or call the REP Office.



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



The Library Corner

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Today I would like to introduce you to an excellent book on reading the Bible from the Heart of the Church. This book is titled, 'Scripture Matters', and is authored by Dr. Scott Hahn. Scott takes a penetrating look into the depths of Scripture, showing us how to uncover its many layers of meaning and inspiration. It serves not only as an instructional guide but also as a delightful meditation on the grandeur of God's Word.

In addition, on Wednesday, the Church will celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also recognized by the Catholic Church as Candlemas Day. Candlemas Day is a solemn time for us to worship and reminds us to be God's light in the world.



First Corinthians

The Church and the Christian Community



TIM GRAY

NEW BIBLE STUDY!

First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community

The conflicts of the early Christians in Corinth are in many ways similar to our struggles today as Christians. They, too, witnessed division, scandal, immorality, persecution and other trials. In *First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community*, an eleven-part Bible study, learn how St. Paul addressed these struggles by introducing the Corinthians to God's greatest gift—the Eucharist.

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

Christ Renews His Parish *A Special Opportunity at STM*

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."

RSVP: Register online or to learn more go to www.ChristRenewsOC.com



**Happy
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!

There will be a DRAGON DANCE presented by the Chinese Community after the 9:30 am Mass and a DRUM DANCE presented by Korean Community after the 11:30 am Mass!

-ALSO-

Enjoy traditional finger foods served by these communities!


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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EARLY to Mass
ENGAGE in Mass with your heart
PARTICIPATE actively
END. Stay to the end of the FINAL HYMN
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Pancake Breakfast




February 6, 2022
After Morning Masses



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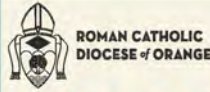
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Life Teen – High School & Young Adults	Abraham Villela	(9) 551-8602
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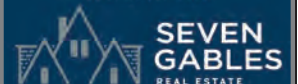
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FULFILLED IN YOUR HEARING

The “fulfilled in your hearing” statement of Jesus today is also the conclusion of last week’s Gospel, with the words of Isaiah about the breadth of God’s mercy and justice at its heart. The response of the crowd in the synagogue is united: *all* are amazed, but *all* likewise ask if he’s not merely the son of Joseph the humble carpenter. Jesus calls them out for seeming to think that he ought to be doing his ministry only locally, and—selfishly—only for them. (After all, they know where he comes from!) When Jesus essentially replies “nope” through some proverbs and prophetic stories, *all* the crowd gets angry at his implication that the fulfillment in Jesus is for everyone, not just for them. When our “take care of your own” reflex kicks in, we would do well to recall that this isn’t the attitude of Jesus, nor is it the attitude of his mission that we continue to this day.

YOU’VE BEEN WARNED

The opening of the reading selected from Jeremiah is surely one of the most comforting in scripture. Imagine! God knew me before my bodily conception; God dedicated me before my birth or any human dedication rites; God appointed me a prophet! Then comes the uh-oh. Jeremiah is warned that his appointment as a prophet will bring opposition, against which God’s prophets must stand up. Somehow the appointment as God’s prophet seems like it should be a bit happier, with the glamor that we might think will come from having friends in high places. Yet, just as there are many forces in the world arrayed against the divine will and divine goodness, so too are they arrayed against God’s prophets. A second round of assurances comes to Jeremiah, a pledge that God will be with Jeremiah to strengthen him. God doesn’t promise a turmoil-free life, but does vow to be Jeremiah’s strength.

JESUS, SON OF JEREMIAH

In the synagogue at Nazareth, a similar turn of events takes place. When Jesus speaks of the Spirit’s anointing being upon him, the anointing described in Isaiah, the crowd is amazed, and seems like they even want to take credit, since he’s a local boy. Then Jesus speaks some words of tough love, and “local boy” pivots to “who does he think he is?” You couldn’t blame Jesus, in that moment, if he recalled the words of Jeremiah, his prophetic ancestor. Though the crowd drove Jesus out of town and up a hill to throw him to his death, his time had not yet come. The strength and protection that God promises to prophets came for Jesus that day, as he passed through the mob’s midst, unharmed. He passed through their midst to continue the work for which the Spirit had anointed him. For us who follow the prophetic heritage of Jesus this day, we’ve been warned. But we’ve also been assured of God’s care.

TODAY’S READINGS

Jeremiah 1:4–5, 17–19

Psalms 71:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 15–17

1 Corinthians 12:31 — 13:13

[13:4–13]

Luke 4:21–30