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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



FEBRUARY 6, 2022



**JESUS SAID TO SIMON,
“PUT OUT INTO
DEEP WATER AND
LOWER YOUR NETS
FOR A CATCH.”**

Luke 5:4

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Saturday 2/5	4:00pm 6:00pm	†Mr & Mrs Chuong Vu Pro Populo
Sunday 2/6	8:00am 9:30am 11:30am 1:00pm 5:00pm	†Erlinda Salvador Yuvienco †Jeff Reinig †Michael Haley †Josefina Tapia Tony Jacome & Valeria Tovar
Monday 2/7	8:00am	Patrick Lee
Tuesday 2/8	8:00am	†Sheldon & Linda Butler
Wednesday 2/9	8:00am	†Kathleen Fliller
Thursday 2/10	8:00am	Glenda Mortenson
Friday 2/11	8:00am	Amber Alvarez
Saturday 2/12	8:00am	Baby Johanna Harris Estelita Purino Kristyn Gonzaga Anna Marie Ferri †Jim Corcoran



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 — In a vision Isaiah is called to be a messenger for the LORD of hosts. Isaiah responds, "Send me!" (Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8)

Psalm — In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — Paul reminds us of the gospel he preached through which we are saved, if we believe it (1 Corinthians 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]).

Gospel — Jesus directs Simon to take his boat into deep water for a miraculous catch of fish. Simon and his partners leave all to follow Jesus (Luke 5:1-11).

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: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Ps 81:10-15; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 138: 1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

Today's theme on the readings: THEOPHANIES

Today's readings recount three theophanies, or particular manifestations of God's presence. The prophet Isaiah is caught up in a dramatic scene of heavenly worship, with a royal throne, burning embers, and seraphim singing, "Holy, holy, holy." Isaiah is overwhelmed. In the responsorial psalm, the assembly adds its own worship to that of the seraphim: "In the sight of the angels, I will sing your praises, Lord" (Psalm 138:1).

Paul reminds the Corinthians of his own experience of a post-Resurrection appearance of the Lord, making him an apostle, but one "born abnormally" (1 Corinthians 15:8), since he had no acquaintance with the earthly Jesus. The first of those who did know the earthly Jesus were surprised by fishing advice from the teacher who had commandeered Simon's boat, resulting in an extraordinary catch. Although less colorful than those of Isaiah or Paul, this theophany was just as overwhelming. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Collections and Expenses

1-24-22 to 1-30-22

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$15,874	\$9,012	\$24,886
Maintenance Fund	\$155	\$1,659	\$1,814
Other income	\$400	\$1,116	\$1,516
Total income	\$16,429	\$11,788	\$28,217

Regular Expenses \$73,013

Believe & Grow Capital Campaign	\$4,770	\$4,808	\$9,579
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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!

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February 11

I do not promise to make you happy in this world but in the other.



Our Lady of Lourdes

The Blessed Mother appeared to 14-year old, Bernadette Soubirous in Lourdes, France in 1858. Countless healings have been attributed to the miraculous water that flows from the apparition site.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Scouting Sunday
- Tuesday:** St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking
- Thursday:** St. Scholastica
- Friday:** Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of the Sick; National Shut-in Visitation Day
- Saturday:** Lincoln's Birthday

Pancake Breakfast



Sun, Feb 6th
after Morning Masses



Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Juice, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate

Suggested Donation:

\$5.00 Adult/Child

\$25.00 Maximum per Family

Proceeds will be used to support Pro-Life Activities, Orange County Charities and STM Parish Needs

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection.

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 come to rely more on heavenly grace?



Rest in the Love of Christ

James Duggan
Rosita Trinidad



PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING



Susan Bertoglio Bob Catiller Ken Hughes Jack Light

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LIFE TEEN

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YOU Theology Of The Body Small Groups

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

STM Super Bowl Party 2/13 @3:30pm

Super Bowl Sunday is February 13th and we're hosting a Super Bowl party at STM! Come watch the game with us as we transform our parking lot into STM Stadium with big screens, food and refreshments.

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



First Communion (2nd year) Parents:
The **MANDATORY** meeting of parents with second year students preparing for First Holy Communion this Spring is scheduled for **THIS** 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



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

This Friday, February 11th, the church will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. This title was given to Mary when she appeared to Bernadette Soubirous in 1858 at Lourdes, France. The Parish Library has an excellent book and video on this topic titled, 'Saint Bernadette Soubirous', authored by Francis Trochu and a video titled, 'Bernadette', directed by Sydney Penny. A great way for us to honor Mary on Friday is to light a candle for your loved ones and pray the Litany of Our Lady of Lourdes. This Litany reminds us that Mary is our mother, that she is there to help those in need and that she always leads us to her merciful Son, Jesus Christ.



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



STM SUPER BOWL PARTY



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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



SUGGESTED PLENARY INDULGENCE OF THE MONTH FEBRUARY 2022

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

A PLENARY INDULGENCE is granted to those who visit the Most Blessed Sacrament for at least one half hour (together with the three prerequisites (constants) of a plenary indulgence.

FR. EUGENE'S COMMENTARY & SUGGESTION

Whenever you receive Holy Communion at Mass, we are receiving the TRUE Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. THE EUCHARIST IS JESUS! We must remember how deeply sacred and lovely this Sacrament is. To enhance and deepen our reverence and faith in the Eucharist, the Catholic Church's practices Eucharistic Adoration. This is a special time and when a pastor of a parish makes it available, the people should partake in the opportunity. Here at STM, we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday at 6:00 pm and we have a 24-hour period of Eucharistic Adoration every 22nd day of the month because St. Thomas More's feast day is June 22. So, this adoration begins immediately after the end of the 8 am Mass and ends the next day immediately before the 8 am Mass. Parishioners are urged and welcome to come anytime during those 24 hours. Of course, you can partake in Eucharistic Adoration anytime and this indulgence can be obtained at anytime throughout the year.

CONDITIONS FOR RECEIVING A PLENARY INDULGENCE

1. Do the prescribed work.
2. Receive Holy Communion within several days (before or after) of the indulgenced act.
3. Go to confession within several days (before or after) the indulgenced act
4. Pray for the Pope. An Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be can suffice.
5. Be free from attachment to all sin, even venial sin.

Young Ladies Institute

All ladies of the parish, please join us for our monthly meeting to be held on Monday, February 7, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 3 here at the parish.

Young Ladies' Grand Institute continues in its long history of supporting our seminarians and helping those in our parish and in the larger community.

Please come early to meet us and answer any questions you might have or stay afterwards for social time!

If you have questions, please contact Carol Warpeha at 949-280-5791.



Reverence at Mass

Mass is deeply sacred. Let us deepen our devotion to the Eucharist.

- D**RESS to meet the King of Kings
- 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.





Around the Diocese...



Orange Diocese Magnificat Prayer Breakfast

Hosted by Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapter

Saturday, February 26, 2022

9:30am to 12:30pm

Location:

Embassy Suites Anaheim-South

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Guest Speaker: Evie Garcia

Come and meet our beautiful Magnificat sister Evie Garcia! A fourth generation Orange County native, her large family with deep roots in the Catholic faith

fostered a love of our Lord at a very early age. In her mid-20's, she had an experience which challenged and convicted her in her faith...and she has been a daily communicant ever since!

Amidst life's challenges and traumas, the Holy Spirit has been her faithful companion. Evie carries a message of Hope to all who know her! Come, and hear the story of her journey with Our Lord, leading to the wellness of Joy, which He has in store for each of us!

Evie has had an amazing and diverse career. She currently serves as Pilgrimage Coordinator and West Coast Office Representative for Dynamic Catholic. After working for over 20 years on Catholic weekend retreats, Evie now enjoys her "Retreats on Wheels" to Italy, France, Spain, Austria, Israel, Poland and more.

Questions – contact Lori at 714-609-3767 or oriloy3@gmail.com

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." Romans 15:13



Vocations 101: A series of evening meetings for young adults (18+) seeking guidance in discernment for their vocation. Our Vocations team will go through resources and discussion to give you tools to best discern through God's purpose for your life.

WHEN: Feb. 15, Mar. 15, Apr. 19, & May 17
6:30 PM - 9 PM.

WHERE: Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church,
9 Hillgate, Irvine, CA 92612.

The evenings are free -
email ocvocations@rcbo.org to register today!



Orange Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (ODCCW)

invite all women of Orange County to our February 2022 general gathering. Our keynote speaker is **Renee Bondi** she will be speaking on **"FOR THE LOVE OF CHRIST"**. Join

us on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, **1600 Corporate Drive Ladera Ranch CA 92694**. Mass at 8:30am followed by registration at 9:00am, the gathering begins at 9:30am. The suggested donation is \$25.00 which includes continental breakfast and lunch. Adjournment by 12:30PM. For reservations or questions go to the ODCCW website at www.odccw.org or contact Susan Navarrete, President of ODCCW at info@odccw.org. We look forward to seeing you!



St. Thomas More Ministries



Liturgy Support

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Sacraments

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Confirmation	Abraham Villela	(9) 551-8602
First Communion	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
First Reconciliation	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)	Michael Michalek	(9) 551-2304
Marriage Case Support	Michael Michalek	(9) 551-2304
	Mary Patronite	(9) 551-8601
Marriage Encounter	Jim & Cheryl Skudlarski	(9) 551-9156
Marriage In The Lord	Meredith & Keith Rattay	(9) 559-6464
Wedding Coordinator		

Service

Bereavement	Rosie Muñoz	(9) 551-8601
Children's Homeless Lunch Ministry	Kim Lee	(7) 293-8987
Chinese Community	Deacon Leonard Sun	(7) 932-1689
Corazon	Norma Jean Womack	(9) 903-1472
Filipino Community	Charlie Torres	(9) 551-8601
Grief Share Ministry	K.C. Riley	(7) 875-8126
Hispanic Ministry	Frank Ornelas (9) 857-9044	Patty Trujillo (7) 270-5073
Homeless Lunch Ministry	Jessica Silva	(9) 294-2875
Knights of Columbus Council #13111	Ed Francis	(858) 229-2490
Respect Life	Chris Gonzales	(9) 551-8601
STM Veterans	Sgt. Bob Kohler	(9) 552-1895
St. Vincent de Paul	Bill Chacon	(9) 331-1020
Vietnamese Ministry	Huan Le	(7) 261-9893
Young Ladies Institute	Mary O'Leary	(9) 305-6810

Parish

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Deacons	Tony Patronite, Tin Nguyen, Leonard Sun & Bernie Ocampo	(9) 551-8601
Hospitality/Donut Ministry	Deacon Tony Patronite	(9) 307-6215
Parish Business Manager	Stephanie Miller	(9) 551-8601
Parish Office Manager	Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Welcoming Committee	Vince Salico	(7) 389-7726

Spiritual Development

Adult Faith Formation / Bible Study	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Life Teen – High School & Young Adults	Abraham Villela	(9) 551-8602
Religious Education	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Christ Renews His Parish	Tony Patronite	(9) 307-6215
Cursillo and When Women Pray	Susan Navarrete	(9) 345-9130
Legion of Mary	Trisha Smith	(7) 473-3714
Library	Sam & Diana Adams	(7) 321-2405
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THEN I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD SAYING,
“Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?”
“Here I am,” I said; “send me!”

ISAIAH 6:8

SHARING GOD’S GIFTS

Isn't it comforting to know that others have struggles with low self-esteem? Today Isaiah calls himself a man with “unclean lips.” Paul is “not fit to be called an apostle.” Simon Peter tells Jesus (perhaps unnecessarily) “I am a sinful man.” All of these may be true, but God chose these three—unclean, unfit, sinful—as important, essential messengers in the work of salvation. We all can remember this whenever we are tempted to view ourselves as unqualified for (or excuse ourselves from) sharing the Good News. Having a low opinion of ourselves isn't humility. Truth be told, it's a kind of arrogance to think that God cannot work through us. It's a good thing to be aware of and honest about our failings or limitations, but we also give glory to God by acknowledging what we are able to do, by sharing the gifts that God has granted us.

RECEIVING THE CALL

All three readings today feature what are known as the “call” stories of famous figures of our faith: Isaiah, Paul, and Simon Peter. Each story shares features common to scriptural “call” stories: First, an encounter with God or a messenger of God. Second, there is some sort of resistance, usually framed as a claim of unworthiness. Third, the one who has been called receives an assurance that they are, indeed, fit for the mission. In this way God has continued to call prophets, apostles, saints, and everyday women and men throughout time. It is unlikely that any of us will receive a “call” as dramatic as fiery angels in the temple, a booming voice from heaven striking us down, or sitting side-by-side in a boat with Jesus of Nazareth. This doesn't mean we can't, or won't, or haven't received a call from God. It may even be a “spillover” from somebody else's, the way James and John are called through Jesus giving Simon Peter his mission.

SINFUL MAN, HOLY MAN

We can likely identify with Simon Peter who, in today's Gospel passage, is really having a bad day at work. When your job is to catch fish, and you're not catching fish, it's a bad day. To top it off, he knows he is in the presence of a holy man in the person of this Jesus of Nazareth, who had just commandeered his boat to do some spontaneous preaching. As good as the preaching may have been, it surely didn't put fish in the nets. So, as he will throughout the gospel, Jesus rectifies the situation. Simon Peter knows he's not merely in the presence of a holy man, but of holiness itself, and declares his sinfulness. Nevertheless, he is commissioned for the work of the Gospel. No matter how bad our day may be going, or how incompetent we think we are, we are receiving the call. Our role in the story? Listen.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 6:1–2a, 3–8
Psalm 138:1–2, 2–3, 4–5, 7–8
1 Corinthians 15:1–11 [3–8, 11]
Luke 5:1–11