



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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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#### Office Hours:

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



Blessed are you  
who are poor,  
for the kingdom  
of God is yours.  
Blessed are you  
who are  
now hungry,  
for you will  
be satisfied.

LUKE 6:20-21A

SIXTH  
SUNDAY  
in Ordinary Time

13  
2022

FEBRUARY



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 2/12	4:00pm 6:00pm	Thanksgiving for Vu Family †Anna Marie Munsayac †Maximo Dimaculangan †George Lazatin Mejia †Kim Stroh
Sunday 2/13	8:00am 9:30am 11:30am 1:00pm 5:00pm	Pro Populo †Bill D'Andrea †Marilyn Bugalski †Souls in Purgatory †Patricia Fowler
Monday 2/14	8:00am	George Quitarano
Tuesday 2/15	8:00am	Rose Hyland
Wednesday 2/16	8:00am	Abraham Villela
Thursday 2/17	8:00am	Fr. Kiet Ta
Friday 2/18	8:00am	†Alfred Manalo
Saturday 2/19	8:00am	Tony and Hermi Gonzalez Renee and Edward Andrade †Enriquez Esclade Garcia Cathy Iriart †Courtney Del Villar Teresa Harris †Eugene Kreyche



## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The one who trusts in the LORD is like a tree planted beside the waters (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

**Psalm** — Blessed are they who hope in the Lord (Psalm 1).

**Second Reading** — Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20).

**Gospel** — Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled, laughing (Luke 6:17, 20-26).

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:** Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday:** Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26

**Thursday:** Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33

**Friday:** Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1

**Saturday:** Jas 3:1-10; Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8; Mk 9:2-13

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

## 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: FEELING BLESSED**

Congratulations! Welcome to the Kingdom! Rejoice and leap for joy! Sounds a little like Easter, doesn't it? Well, in a very real way, it is. This Sunday, the scriptures remind us that we are blessed and beloved, especially when we have difficulties and don't feel especially blessed. Jesus reminds us that God blesses us in our trials, so we should trust in the saving power of God. We are "raised from the dead," as it were, each time we arise from our hardships. The ultimate proof of all of this is our new life in Christ, who died so that we could be free of sin, and was raised from the dead so that we might all have new life. Wouldn't that be something? A new life, in which poverty is riches and sadness is transformed into lightness of spirit? It's a topsy-turvy world, isn't it? Do you feel blessed today? Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**Collections and Expenses**

1-31-22 to 2-6-22

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$18,279	\$13,501	\$31,780
Maintenance Fund	\$265	\$906	\$1,171
Other income	\$1,082	\$1,000	\$2,082
Total income	\$19,626	\$15,408	\$35,034

Regular Expenses	\$18,947
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Believe & Grow Capital Campaign	\$2,175	\$2,408	\$4,583
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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!***

**STM SUPER BOWL PARTY**

**LA** VS **B**

**FEBRUARY 13  
3:30 PM**

**Join us on Superbowl Sunday  
in the STM Parking Lot for a tailgate party  
with big screens to watch the game!**

**HALFTIME SHOW FEATURING  
FR. KIET AND THE DEACONS!**

***SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES***

- Sunday:** Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day
- Monday:** Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day
- Thursday:** The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
- Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary

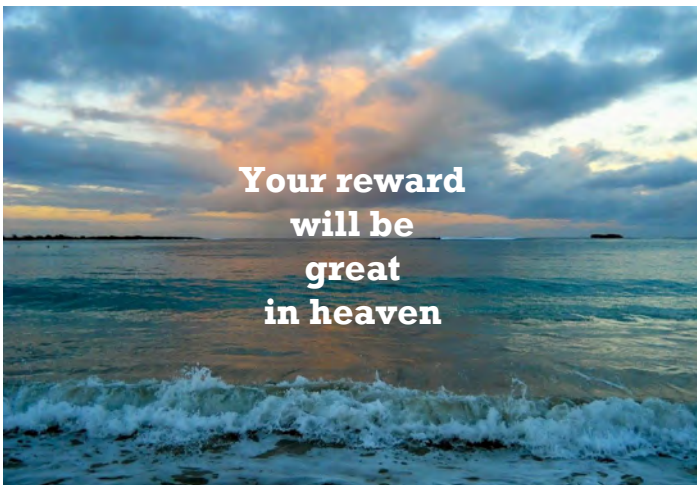


***PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING***



- Susan Bertoglio
- Bob Catiller
- Ken Hughes
- Jack Light

***Please email [bulletin@stmirvine.org](mailto:bulletin@stmirvine.org) to add a name. Names will be included for one month, if requested.***



***Rest in the Love of Christ***

- Alice Greene
- Kristin Mann
- Alvarado Ramirez



LIFE TEEN

Now

### 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



The REP Office would like to wish all of our teachers, students and families a real "sweetheart" of a Valentine's Day!

## ATTENTION 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders!!!



It's not too late to sign up for Middle School Day at Knott's Berry Farm on Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>! If you want to spend the day at Knott's Berry Farm with hundreds of other students for fun, faith & fellowship, contact Lisa Busch right away at [lisa@stmirvine.org](mailto:lisa@stmirvine.org) or call the REP Office.



## SAVE THE DATE!!! MONUMENTAL

Celebrating God's Greatness

is coming to STM the week of June 27<sup>th</sup>-July 1<sup>st</sup>.



Hope to see you all at this fun-filled, action-packed week!



## The Library Corner



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

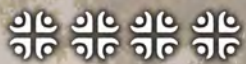
Today I would like to introduce to you a great book and a great Catholic Bishop that all our Parishioners should know. This is a book for those individuals that are searching for something to kick start or rewire their faith into something bolder. The book that I am referring to is titled, 'The Strangest Way', authored by Bishop Robert Barron. Bishop Barron explains the Christian journey towards the eternal life with the Father in three parts to find your center in Christ, to know that you are a sinner and to realize your life is not about you. Bishop Barron also points out that the only way we can really know Jesus is by spending more time with Him.


# 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](http://www.ChristRenewsOC.com)




  
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**PRAYER OF THE WEEK**  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. 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's grace to fashion me into a pleasing dwelling for the Lord?*

**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 [mqkreyche@gmail.com](mailto:mqkreyche@gmail.com) or at 714-914-2689. Or you may register directly at: [www.stmirvine.org/mensretreat](http://www.stmirvine.org/mensretreat)

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*"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."*

—Matthew 28:19

**Sts. Cyril and Methodius**

Two brothers and Byzantine theologians in the 9th-century. They are known as the "Apostles to the Slavs" because of their missionary work with the Slavic people.

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February 14  
CCD (7/17, 1981, 1991, 1971) CCD

## 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.



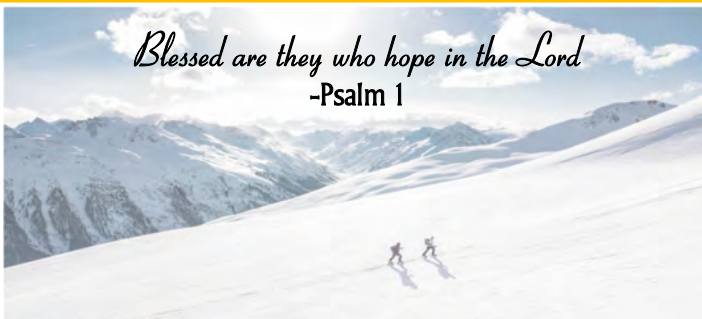
*Spend time in prayer with Jesus*

**22nd of every month**

email [deacontony@stmirvine.org](mailto:deacontony@stmirvine.org) to

*sign up for a*

*Holy Hour with the King of Kings*



*Blessed are they who hope in the Lord*  
-Psalm 1



## 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.



# 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  
11767 Harbor Blvd.  
Garden Grove, CA. 92840

Guest Speaker: Evie Garcia

**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](mailto:ocvocations@rcbo.org) to register today!

## Lenten Day of Recollection

Presented by Serra Clubs  
Vocation Ministries

**Saturday, March 12, 2022**

**8:15 AM - 1:15 PM**



**Presented by:** Fr. Cheeyoon Chun, Parochial Vicar

**Theme:** “Final Words from the Cross”

*A reflection on the final words spoken by Jesus Christ on the Cross and how His words are still relevant to us today.*

<b>Location:</b>	<b>Highlights:</b>
Holy Family Church	8:15 AM Mass
566 So. Glassell St. Orange, CA 92866	8:50 AM Registration + Continental Breakfast in Holy Family Hall
<b>\$25 per person (In advance)</b>	9:30 -10:45 AM Fr. Cheeyoon Chun - Speaker
	10:45 -11:00 AM Break
	11:00-12:20 PM Fr. Cheeyoon Chun - Speaker
	12:30 PM- Lunch + Fellowship

**All are welcome!**

Reservations: Beverly Truzzolino 714-642-6455  
or [truzzfam@yahoo.com](mailto:truzzfam@yahoo.com)

\*Deadline March 6



## 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](http://www.odccw.org) or contact Susan Navarrete, President of ODCCW at [info@odccw.org](mailto:info@odccw.org). We look forward to seeing you!



# St. Thomas More Ministries



## Liturgy Support

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First Reconciliation	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
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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

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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
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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
Spanish Bible Study	Teresa LeMire	(7) 832-1770

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Jeremiah  
17:7–8

Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,  
whose hope is in the LORD.  
He is like a tree planted beside the waters  
that stretches out its roots to the stream.

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 13, 2022

### BLESSINGS AND WOES

Today we hear once again of the deep connection between Jesus and Israel’s prophets. In the reading from Jeremiah, God’s curses at the opening are counterbalanced by God’s blessings in the second part. In Luke’s version of the Beatitudes, Jesus begins with blessings, then counterbalances with a “woe” section. The point is clear: the way we live our lives has a direct connection to whether we will experience curses and woes, or blessings instead. Of course, being among God’s blessed ones (in Latin, *beati*, from which “beatitudes” comes) doesn’t necessarily mean a life free of woe. Jesus, in his fully human nature, knew this. He also knew that when we seek happiness through our own devices, and trust only in ourselves, the woes are guaranteed to come. Let us follow the wisdom of Jeremiah and Jesus, along with the opening of the book of Psalms (echoed by Jeremiah today): “blessed are the ones who trust in the Lord.”

#### I DON’T KNOW

There are times when the smartest, but most difficult, thing we can say is, “I don’t know.” While we often think of this as a sign of weakness, the amount of humility it takes to say this means that the word of God is alive and well in us. To say “I don’t know” means that we look outside of ourselves to learn, and to find those who do know, and—ultimately—accept that we have to look to others and to God to help us, to guide us through life. To place our trust and hope only in this world, Paul tells the Corinthians (and us!), makes us people to be pitied. Jesus echoes this in the “woes” section of Luke’s Beatitudes, when he points out that trusting in earthly wealth, full bellies, entertainments, and reputation will, eventually, not be enough when we are called beyond this life.

#### LOOK ’EM IN THE EYE

Prior to delivering the blessings and woes of his “Sermon on the Plain” in Luke, Jesus had been on top of a mountain in prayer, after which he selected the Twelve to go on his mission with him. Coming down from the mountain, the first thing Jesus does is show them what is at the heart of his—and their—mission: preaching to the multitude, healing all who were in need of it, no matter where they had come from. Luke then carefully notes that Jesus raises his eyes, not to look toward heaven again in prayer, but he raises his eyes to look directly at his disciples, to share the message of blessings and woes. This scene echoes Moses coming down from the mountain to give Israel its command as to how they should live in God’s covenant. As followers of Jesus today, we are called to live out his mission to the world, while we also look beyond this world to trust in God, our only hope.

### TODAY’S READINGS

Jeremiah 17:5–8  
Psalm 1:1–2, 3, 4 and 6  
1 Corinthians 15:12, 16–20  
Luke 6:17, 20–26