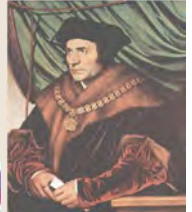




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#### **Office Hours by Phone:**

The parish office is closed to the public, and answering the phones during the following times:  
**Monday-Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm**

*Happy Easter  
from St. Thomas More*

*The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.  
To Him be glory and power  
For all the ages of eternity,  
Alleluia, alleluia.  
-Luke 24:34, Rev 1:6*

**April 4, 2021**

**EASTER SUNDAY  
OF THE RESURRECTION  
OF THE LORD**



*St. Thomas More  
Easter  
Mass Schedule*



*Sunday, April 4th*

**Outdoor Sunrise Mass:**

(Please bring your own chair)

**6:00 am - English**

**Indoor:**

**8:00 am - English**

**10:00 am - English**

**12:00 pm - Spanish/English**

**2:00 pm - Vietnamese/English**

**All Masses will be livestreamed (except 6:00 am)**



**MASS INTENTIONS**

*Please call the front desk to request a Mass Intention*

Sunday 4/4	6:00am	Melanie and Bill Patterson
	8:00am	†George Bennett, Sr.
	12:00pm	†Angela Quijano
	2:00pm	†Josephine Delacruz
Monday 4/5	8:00am	Baby Nikolai Michael Shavlak
Tuesday 4/6	8:00am	Matt Lewis & Dan Louie
Wednesday 4/7	8:00am	†Lissette Valenzuela
Thursday 4/8	8:00am	†Maria Theresa Cabalquinto
Friday 4/9	8:00am	Adrian Durdovic
Saturday 4/10	8:00am	Baby Johanna Harris
	8:00am	†William Demucci
	8:00am	†Monette Cabrera
	8:00am	†George Bennett, Sr.
	8:00am	†Margaret Manocchio
	8:00am	†Zeneida Dannan Rivera
	8:00am	†Hermie Mateo
	8:00am	Edith Rey
	8:00am	Alodia Bartolome
	8:00am	†Emilio Delacruz
6:00pm	†Lourdes Morallo	
Sunday 4/11	8:00am	†Frank and Agnes Gilmore
	10:00am	†Jim O'Donnell
	12:00pm	†Angelita Franco

**HAPPY EASTER**

**St. Thomas More Parish  
wishes all of you a  
blessed and happy  
Easter season!**

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

**Psalm** — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) **Second Reading** — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) or

(2) **Second Reading** — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

**Gospel** — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) or Mark 16:1-7 (or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35).

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**Rest in the Love of Christ**



**Memorial Mass for Libby Ringo  
April 15, 2021  
10:00 AM**



**Wedding Banns**

**Gavin Foster and Michelle Viñal**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Acts 2: 14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15

**Sunday:** Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31



My Dear People,

**Today's theme on the Readings: REJOICE AND BE GLAD**

During the first three or four centuries of Christianity, if you asked a Christian to name the feast days of the church, your answer would have been a puzzled stare, for there was only one feast: the Resurrection of the Lord. Every Sunday was a feast celebrating the one great feast. Even though our calendar now has many beautiful and holy feasts, we must continually be called back to the fact that all these other feasts exist because of the feast of Christ's passover from death to life. The psalm today proclaims this message well: "This is the day." It is not one of many days, but it is the day of all days, the one that gives all the others their origin, purpose, meaning, and destiny. Listen carefully to Peter's speech in Acts with its recollection of the Passion, to the words of the apostle Paul, and to the account of Mary Magdalene, John, and Peter finding the empty tomb, and you will hear the many wonderful works that God has done for us through Christ. Rejoice and be glad!

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In Christ,  
Father John

**Collections and Expenses**

3-8-2021 to 3-21-21 (2 weeks)

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$13,994	\$23,572	\$37,566
Believe & Grow	\$2,620	\$2,325	\$4,945
BGT- Phase 2	\$5,249	\$4,525	\$9,775
Building Fund	\$370	\$859	\$1,229
Other income	\$4,463	\$2,796	\$7,260
2nd collection	\$720	\$1,568	\$2,288

**Regular Expenses \$70,882**

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, Building 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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**Baptisms**

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**Welcome to God's Family**

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**Live Nights** are on Sundays at 7 pm. Please go to  
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**Live Nights** dates for the rest of the semester are:

March 14	April 11	May 2
March 21	April 18	May 16
	April 25	May 23



**PURPOSE**



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**Confirmation Classes** continues to take place online.  
We are no longer accepting registrations for classes..

**Confirmation 1 Classes Dates Are**

Wednesday, March 24 at 7pm  
 Wednesday, April 21 at 7pm  
 Wednesday, May 5 at 7pm

**Confirmation 2 Classes Dates Are**

Wednesday, March 17 at 7pm  
 Wednesday, April 14 at 7pm  
 Wednesday, April 28 at 7pm

# R.E.P. CORNER



## HAPPY EASTER!!!

The REP staff wishes all of our students, teachers and families a happy, holy and joyous Easter! God bless you all!



## FIRST RECONCILIATION CONGRATULATIONS

to the approx. 100 young people who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this week. A special thank you to all of the priests, staff, and volunteers who helped make this a beautiful experience for our families.



## REP EASTER BREAK

April 1—April 10

The Religious Education Program will be on Easter Break from April 1<sup>st</sup> through April 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be *NO classes* and the REP office will be **CLOSED**.



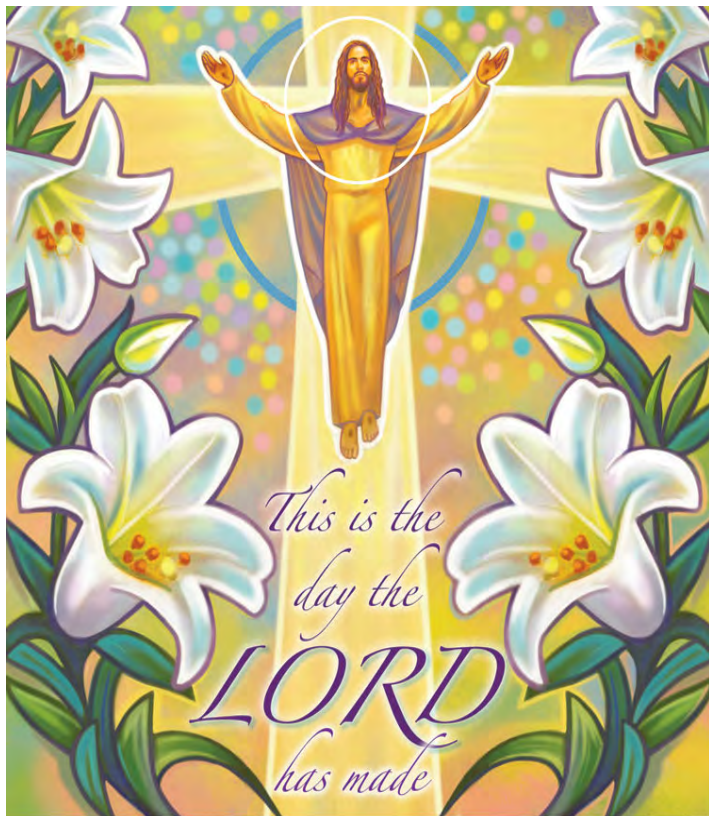
## The Library Corner

Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection

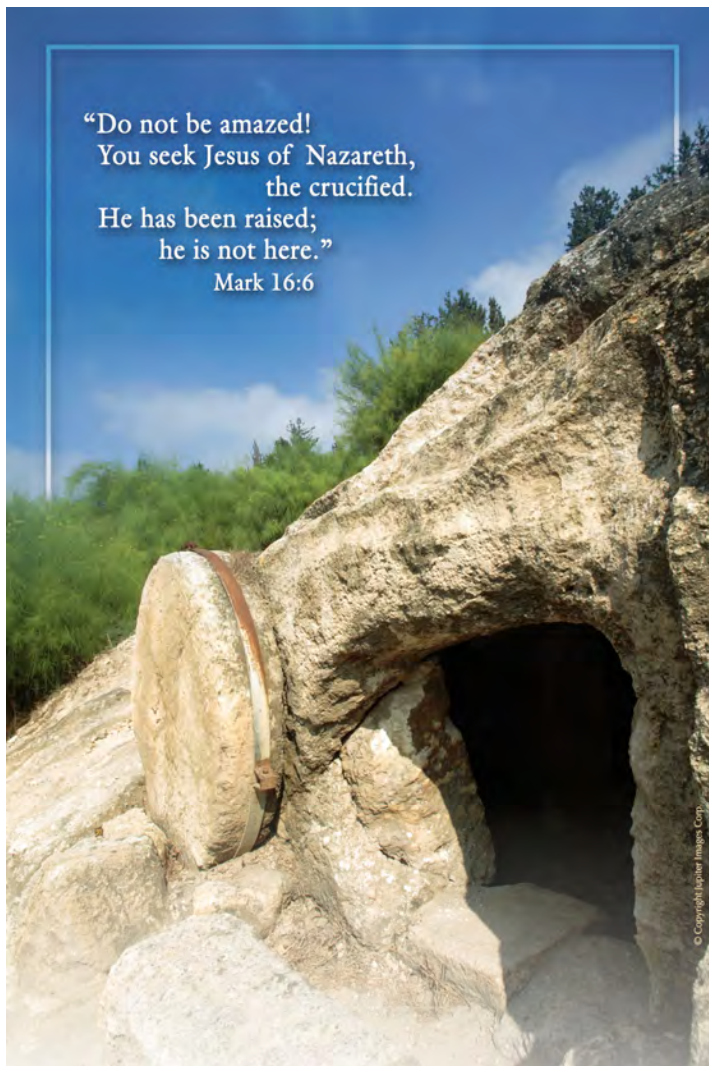
The St. Thomas More Parish Library staff would like to wish all our parishioners a Happy Easter Sunday. The Library will be closed until further notice.

Let us be glad and rejoice for 'He is risen'. The resurrection of our Lord Jesus is the foundation upon which our faith rests. It is God's guarantee and assurance of our redemption and our call to eternal life.

As Catholics, Easter means sins forgiven, death overcome, and divine life in heaven. We should all rejoice in our Lord Jesus for His resurrection has saved us, pardoned us, and has given us life.



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You seek Jesus of Nazareth,  
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Mark 16:6

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## Divine Mercy Novena

Good Friday—8:15am  
Holy Saturday—8:15am  
Easter Sunday—1:00pm


April 5 thru 10th—8:50am



*Jesus, I trust in You*



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Essay Contest 2021



The Knights of Columbus are offering awards of up to \$1,500 to Catholic high school seniors from St. Thomas More Parish. This contest is open to Catholic high school seniors accepted to a Junior College or Four Year College in the Fall of 2021.

Entry forms are available in the Parish Office lobby and can be downloaded from the STM website.

The deadline for essay submissions is April 16<sup>th</sup> 2021  
**(Entries will no longer be accepted after the parish office closes on Friday, 4/16/21)**



### FEAST OF FAITH

#### The Eucharist: Food for Resurrection

How do we celebrate Easter, the greatest of our Christian feasts? By doing what we do every Sunday and every day: celebrating the Mass. On the first Easter, as the heartbroken disciples walked the road to Emmaus, the Lord was with them but they did not realize it. They only recognized him “in the breaking of the bread” (Luke 22:35).

It is the same for us. In the Mass—the breaking of the bread—we meet the risen Lord together. We meet him in each other—for by our baptism into his death and resurrection, we have become members of one body, the Body of Christ. We meet him in his word—in the liturgy the scriptures are proclaimed to us, that they might take root and grow in us. And we meet him in a special way in the Eucharist, the sacrament of his Body and Blood, which is food for resurrection: “whoever eats this bread will live forever” (John 6:51). The Lord is risen indeed, and it is the Risen One who truly presides at this and every Eucharist.

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*I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.*

— Psalm 118:17



*Regular  
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#### Daily Mass:

**Monday – Saturday**

8:00 AM

#### Vigil Mass Times

4:00 PM Vietnamese/English

6:00 PM English

#### Sunday Mass Times

8:00 AM English

10:00 AM English

12:00 PM Spanish/English

5:00 PM English

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

**Adoration:** Every Friday 9:00am to 10:00am

**Saturday “Drive-Up” Confessions:**

12:00pm to 2:00pm

***We will continue to livestream all Masses***

***For spiritual advisement, please contact the priest to schedule an appointment.***



**EASTER PEOPLE**  
*We are Easter people  
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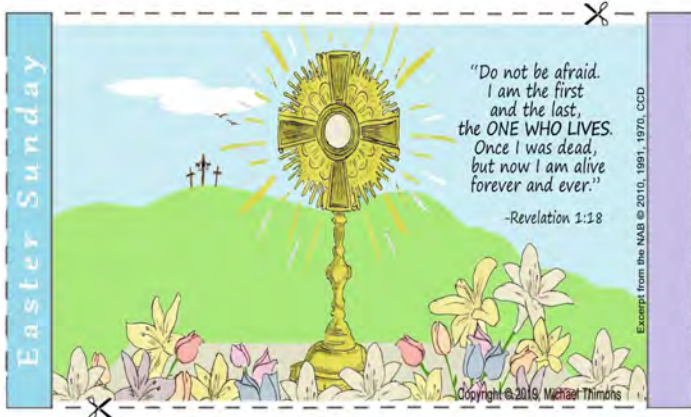
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- Sunday:** Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord; Julian Calendar Palm Sunday
- Monday:** Monday within the Octave of Easter
- Tuesday:** Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
- Wednesday:** Wednesday within the Octave of Easter Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)
- Thursday:** Thursday within the Octave of Easter
- Friday:** Friday in the Octave of Easter; Julian Calendar Good Friday
- Saturday:** Saturday within the Octave of Easter



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# Easter SUNDAY

APRIL 4, 2021

Do not be amazed!  
You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified.  
He has been raised; he is not here.

Mark 16:6

## TRANSFORMED BY THE RESURRECTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Imagine the flood of emotions that Mary of Magdala must have experienced on that first Easter morning. Grieving and yet determined to visit the place where Jesus' body had been laid, Mary would have been stunned to find the tomb empty. Imagine Simon Peter and the other disciple who, upon hearing Mary's announcement, ran to see for themselves. On Easter, we hear the story of Jesus' resurrection as though for the first time, through the account of Mary's discovery and the testimony of Peter who powerfully shared Christ's Paschal Mystery. We, too, have come to believe through their faithful witness. We are called to seek what is above, turn away from sin, and live as people who are forever transformed by the Good News of Jesus' resurrection.

## STEP OUT IN FAITH

Mary ran to tell Simon Peter and the other disciple that the tomb was empty. No doubt confused and concerned, Peter and the other disciple set aside whatever fear might have occurred to them and ran to see the tomb for themselves. We do not always understand God's ways. We too are confused at times; our lives are marked by moments of uncertainty, and at times we are afraid. We can learn from Mary, Simon Peter, and the other disciple and step out in faith, trusting that we will find the Lord in the midst of the circumstances of our lives. When life gets complicated, as it often does, the best thing to do is step out, perhaps even run to the Lord!

## BEAR WITNESS

We may not have opportunities to address crowds of people and share the gospel with them. Still, we are called to bear witness to our faith in the ways that we are able, in word and in deed. We cannot share what we have not fully embraced ourselves, however. The Easter season is the perfect time to reflect on Christ's Paschal Mystery, the unfathomable love of Jesus who shows and shares God's love perfectly. Our Lord gave his life so that we might have life, and have it to the full. Christ's victory over sin and death is our victory, our promise of eternal life with God in the fullness of time. See in Christ's life, passion, death, and resurrection the sign of God's mercy. Let this Easter day be a moment in which you allow yourself to be touched by Christ's incredible, undying love. Then, renewed in faith, look for ways to bear witness to the mercy, forgiveness, compassion, and love of the Lord with others.

## TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 10:34a, 37-43  
Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23  
Colossians 3:1-4 or  
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8  
John 20:1-9

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