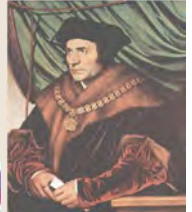




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**Welcoming all**, we, the Spirit-filled parish of St. Thomas More, value our Roman Catholic faith by celebrating the sacraments, breaking open the Scriptures, and joyfully offering ourselves in service to others. Under the inspiration of our patron 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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**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**



SECOND SUNDAY OF

*Easter*

(OR OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 11, 2021

Jesus said to Thomas,  
“Have you come to believe  
because you have seen me?  
Blessed are those who  
have not seen  
and have believed.”

John 20:29

**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.*

*Second Sunday of Easter  
 (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)  
 April 11, 2021*



**WHO INDEED IS THE VICTOR OVER THE WORLD  
 BUT THE ONE WHO BELIEVES  
 THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD?**  
 — 1 John 5:5



**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

Sunday 4/11	8:00am	†Frank and Agnes Gilmore
	10:00am	†Jim O'Donnell
	12:00pm	†Angelita Almazan
	5:00pm	†Tom Douville
Monday 4/12	8:00am	†Donald Robert Chew
Tuesday 4/13	8:00am	Jose & Ysabel Gonzalez
Wednesday 4/14	8:00am	†Enrique Lugo
Thursday 4/15	8:00am	†Fina Peral
Friday 4/16	8:00am	†Ester Quintero
Saturday 4/17	8:00am	†Rose Lynette Bolanos
	8:00am	Baby Johanna Harris
	8:00am	†Vincente Aseron
	8:00am	†Annamma Antony
	8:00am	†Lilia Gungab
	8:00am	†Gregoria Gonzalez
	8:00am	Earl Prescott
	8:00am	†Dorothy Carr
	8:00am	†Pablo Torres Berrios
8:00am	†Patrick Chua	
	6:00pm	Pro Populo
Sunday 4/18	8:00am	Barbara Catiller
	10:00am	Robert Arnold Rull
	12:00pm	Carmen Deleon
	5:00pm	Jose & Vanessa Calderon



**Wedding Banns**

Alexander Pan and Diana Nguyen

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus (Acts 4:32-35).

**Psalm** — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — The victory that conquers the world is our faith (1 John 5:1-6).

**Gospel** — Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed (John 20:19-31).

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My Dear People,

**Today's theme on the Readings: DOUBT**

The desire to be able to prove the existence of a divinity has troubled humanity since human consciousness first became aware of the divine. To this very day we are fond of saying that any number of things—from sunsets to hot fudge sundaes—are “proof that there is a God.” We get so caught up in the story of “doubting Thomas” that we fail to notice that today’s Gospel gives us John’s account of Pentecost, the bestowing of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples following the Resurrection. Thomas, evidently, missed out not only on seeing the Risen Christ, but receiving the Holy Spirit as well. This is not to be taken lightly and, perhaps, makes Thomas’ disbelief a bit easier to comprehend. It also makes his professing that Jesus is his Lord and God—the only time the New Testament explicitly refers to Jesus Christ as “God”—more remarkable.

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In Christ,  
Father John

***Collections and Expenses***

3-22-2021 to 4-4-21 (2 weeks)

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$23,671	\$17,280	\$40,951
Believe & Grow	\$651	\$2,661	\$3,313
BGT- Phase 2	\$1,730	\$3,421	\$5,151
Building Fund	\$498	\$6,116	\$6,614
Other income	\$390	\$2,362	\$2,752

Regular Expenses \$31,711

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!**

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

Cecilia Gallegos

Memorial Mass for Libby Ringo

April 15, 2021

10:00 AM

***READINGS FOR THE WEEK***

- Monday:** Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-9; Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
- Friday:** Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
- Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48



***Welcome to the Church***

Please join us in congratulating and welcoming the following who were brought into full communion with us last weekend at the Easter Vigil:

**Sean Berlin, Sarah Devine, Jason Forsyth, David Griggs, Alan Lopez, Susie Shadley, Hannah Tran, Canh Tran, Brock Booth, Lorna Joy Echipare, Kyle Penoncello, Sandy Robles, Ryan Shetty**



***PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING***



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| Mike Anderson            | Robert Henry       | Nam Van Nguyen            |
| Renee Andrade            | Annette Hills      | Thuy-Lieu Nguyen          |
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| Zicky Baniqued           | Linda Hughes       | Norma Jeanne Parrish      |
| Jesus Barragan           | Angela Jack        | Mary Jane Parsons         |
| Blanca Bermudez          | Elsa Jatwani       | Gabby Paz                 |
| Maria Botello            | Theresa Johnston   | Charlie Perrea            |
| Michele Bradley          | Sharon Jones       | Ngocle Phung              |
| Bill Burk                | Doris Jordan       | Zachary Quick             |
| Lisa Busch               | Quinn Kelly        | Norma Quyang              |
| Mary & Joe Bush          | Jim Kendall        | Fr. Jim Reis              |
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| Hui-Mei Chen             | Deborah Kurilchyk  | Terry Rute                |
| Clara Connor             | Larry Lathrum      | Anita Ruwaldt             |
| Alexandra Conti          | Damian Ledesma     | Jackson & Gerri Scharff   |
| Petra Cordova            | Todd Leeds         | Michelle Suh              |
| Ellie Daingo             | Hal Leinbach       | Tara Summers              |
| Jim Danaher              | Jack Light         | Liz Thomas                |
| Rick Denham              | Minerva Lopez      | Baby Catherine Tseng      |
| Diana & Liberato DeVeyra | Aida Lopez-Tan     | Gail Tierney              |
| Larry Doan               | Gloria MacCormack  | Maria To                  |
| Chela Echenique          | Betty Mackintosh   | Xuan Tran                 |
| Meynard Encarnacion      | Kristin Mann       | Denise Trujillo           |
| Jacob Espinoza           | Mercedes Mantilla  | Jack Troung               |
| Howard Frankel, MD       | Cherry Marinas     | Kimberly Truong           |
| John Frisch              | Cavan McGaffney    | Baby Catherine Tseng      |
| Cynthia Fox              | Kathleen McKinley  | David Valentine           |
| Claudia Fuentes          | Anne McNally       | Daniel Villareal          |
| Mike Garibay             | Connie Mellott     | Jim Vessey                |
| Lillian Gibson           | Durvalina Menezes  | Hanh Vu                   |
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| Alice Green              | Marie Moya         | Mike Winchester           |
| Emma Hager               | Susan Navarrete    | Jim Wood                  |
| Tina Halberg             | Ramon Navarro, Jr. | Linda Yipp                |
| Baby Johanna Harris      |                    |                           |

***Please call the office when it is time to remove a name.***



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**Life Teen Bible Studies** meet on Mondays at 7pm. Please go to [www.stmirvineym.org/live](http://www.stmirvineym.org/live) to join in.

**Live Nights** are on Sundays at 7 pm. Please go to [www.stmirvineym.org/live](http://www.stmirvineym.org/live) to join in.

**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



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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  
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 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



## CONGRATULATIONS!!



We would like to congratulate & welcome the following young

people who were fully initiated into our Church during this Easter season:  
**Abigail Chang, Isys Costa, Sayuri Costa, Camryn Mai & Edward Tseng.**

May God continue to bless all of our newly initiated as they continue their faith journey!



## WELCOME BACK!

We hope that all of our students had a restful and fun Easter Break. Students in grades K-8<sup>th</sup> return to REP classes THIS week (April 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>).



For any questions, call the REP Office at (949) 551-8029.

## The Library Corner

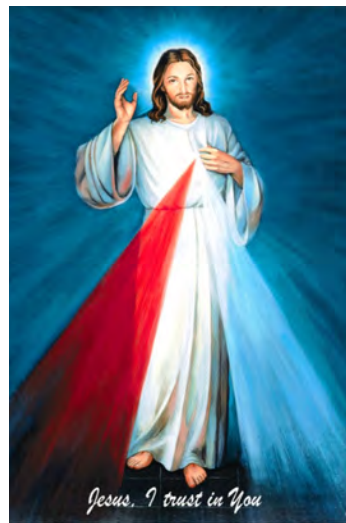
Second Sunday of Easter  
 Feast of Divine Mercy

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

The gospel tells us how Thomas at last recognized Jesus as 'my Lord and my God'. As Catholics, we accept how Christ gave us this scene in scripture to show us how blessed we are who have not seen but have believed in Him.

This Sunday we also celebrate the Feast of the Divine Mercy of Christ. Jesus appeared to Sister Faustina and requested that a special novena be said, a picture be painted according to His vision and a chaplet be recited at the Hour of Great Mercy.

'I shall sing forever for the Lord's Mercy'.



### What is Divine Mercy?

Sister Faustina was a young, uneducated nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland during the 1930s. She received extraordinary revelations — or messages — from our Lord Jesus. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to record these experiences, which she compiled into notebooks. These notebooks are known today as the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, and the words contained within are God's loving message of Divine Mercy.

Though the Divine Mercy message is not new to the teachings of the Church, Sr. Faustina's *Diary* sparked a great movement, and a strong and significant focus on the mercy of Christ. Saint John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina in 2000 making her the "first saint of the new millennium." Speaking of Sr. Faustina and the importance of the message contained in her *Diary*, the Pope call her "the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time."

Today, we continue to rely of St. Faustina as a constant reminder of the message to trust in Jesus' endless mercy, and to live life mercifully toward others.

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 Christ departed from our sight  
 that we might return to our heart, and there find him.  
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## FEAST OF FAITH The Psalms in the Liturgy

The book of Psalms is a prayer book, hymnal, and anthology of verse all rolled into one. It contains one hundred fifty ancient songs—poem-prayers that express the joys and sorrows of the Hebrew people and their longing for God. The psalms are incredibly varied in tone. Some are solemn anthems of praise that once accompanied processions of great multitudes to the temple; others record the lonely cries of a faithful soul who feels abandoned by God.

This ancient prayer book of the Hebrew people is our principal prayer book as well. The psalms are everywhere in the liturgy—in the antiphons and acclamations of the Mass, and most particularly in the responsorial psalm that follows the first reading. The psalm that is sung at Mass usually echoes the themes of the first reading, and sometimes even comments on it. On this Third Sunday of Lent, we listen to the Exodus account of the stubbornness of God's people in the desert, and then the psalm comes to remind us: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts" (Psalm 95:8). In their wonderful variety, the psalms teach us how to pray.

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There are 5 YLI Institutes in our District, and together we raised enough funds to be able to present a check of \$5,600 to the Bishop for the education of the seminarians at St. John's Seminary. Holy Angels #247 was able to contribute \$1,500 to this gift. The presentation will occur following a Mass at Christ Cathedral in May.

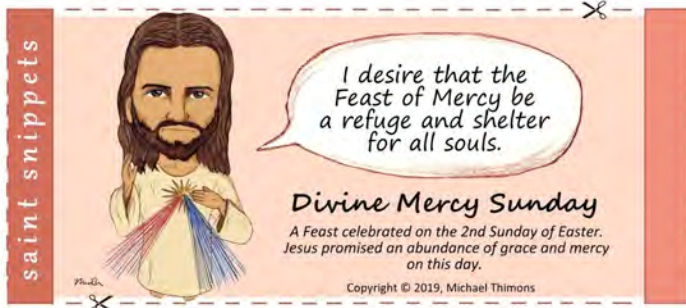
We want to thank everyone who contributed to making both fundraisers so successful. We are very grateful and appreciative of your generosity. May God always bless you!

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy); Julian Calendar Easter  
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Jesus came and stood in their  
midst and said to them,  
"Peace be with you."

John 20:19

## FAITH

What a difference faith makes! The faith of the early community of believers led them to rise beyond the selfishness that so many of us struggle with as they grew in communion with Christ and one another. Their selflessness was a living sign of the impact of their faith in Jesus Christ. They did not find the commandments burdensome, but rather centered their lives on the love of God and neighbor that Jesus taught through his life, death, and resurrection. It is good for us to remember that faith is a gift. The journey of faith is not always straightforward and is often marked by doubt and moments of weakness. The apostles' faith grew as they experienced the risen Jesus. Jesus surely knew they needed the peace he offered and the presence of the Holy Spirit, as do we who have not seen the Lord and yet have come to believe in him.

## FROM DOUBT TO BELIEF

The apostle Thomas will forever be remembered as the one who doubted. It is good that his experience is recorded in the Gospel of John. We all doubt sometimes, and "Doubting Thomas" shows us how to move from doubt to belief, knowing that the risen Jesus will be with us through it all. Thomas did not keep his doubts to himself, but instead voiced them aloud to his trusted companions. We can only imagine the conversations that took place between Thomas and the other disciples as they described the peace that they felt following Jesus' time with them. Thomas' doubts were put to rest once and for all when Jesus offered him physical proof of the Resurrection. We do not have the sort of physical evidence that was shown to Thomas, but we can perceive Christ's presence in the Eucharist, in the words of sacred scripture, and in the presence and actions of others.

## LIVING FAITH

The journey of faith often ebbs and flows, with times when our relationship with the Lord is the guiding force in our lives, and times when we are tempted to turn away from all we know to be true, good, and beautiful. In those moments when we find ourselves struggling with doubt or temptation, we can follow Thomas' lead and turn to trusted companions, faithful and faith-filled family and friends, who will support us and show us the way from doubt to living faith. Like the disciples who were in the room when Jesus came among them, we too have received the Holy Spirit. Today, let us consider where we are on the journey of faith, turn to trusted companions and the Holy Spirit to strengthen us on the way, and know that the Lord is with us as we live and grow in relationship with Christ.

## TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

1 John 5:1-6

John 20:19-31

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