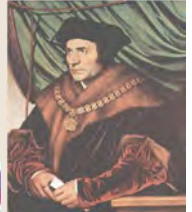




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Monday-Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm

THIRD SUNDAY OF Easter

APRIL 18, 2021



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When the two disciples returned from Emmaus,
they recounted what had taken place on the way.

Luke 24:35

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

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 12:00pm to 2:00pm

We will continue to livestream all Masses

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Please call the front desk to request a Mass Intention

Monday 4/19	8:00am	†Maria Ferrucci
Tuesday 4/20	8:00am	Ed Baldyga
Wednesday 4/21	8:00am	†Orfilia Arroyo
Thursday 4/22	8:00am	†Teresita Rono Agoncillo
Friday 4/23	8:00am	†Romeo Benjamin Orallo
Saturday 4/24	8:00am	Baby Johanna Harris
	8:00am	†Anita Ferrer
	8:00am	†Rebecca Marie Chanco Castaneda
	8:00am	†Brian Lopker
	8:00am	†Rudy Cortinas
	8:00am	†Teri Kreyche
	8:00am	Richard & Elizabeth Kulas
	8:00am	Val & Neil Curtis & Family
Sunday 4/25	8:00am	†Cecelia Gallegos
	8:00am	Lory Nazareno
	4:00pm	Andres Fernando Morales
	6:00pm	†Linda Budy
	8:00am	Pro Populo
	10:00am	†Romina Ajelika Rull
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First Reading — The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).

Psalm — Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).

Second Reading — We have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one (1 John 2:1-5a).

Gospel — Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day (Luke 24:35-48).

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My Dear People,

Today's theme on the Readings: FULFILLMENT

It is interesting that during the Easter season, when we do not hear a reading from the Old Testament, it becomes so important. This is particularly true today. Peter's speech begins with a prayer formula familiar to Jews: "The God of Abraham . . ." (Acts 3:13). It likewise contains the potent phrases "Holy and Righteous One" and "mouth of all the prophets" (3:14, 18). Peter was stating in no uncertain terms that the law, psalms, and prophets had been fulfilled in Christ. This is reinforced by Jesus himself in the Gospel passage, when he states that everything in the scriptures (to the early Christians "the scriptures" were what we call the Old Testament) had to be fulfilled. Above all, Jesus and Peter both emphasize that we are witnesses to all of this, and are sent forth to bear witness to it in the world. The Latin Missa, from which our word "Mass" comes, means "sent" (as in "mission"). As we leave Mass today, let us remember to be witnesses to all that has been fulfilled in the risen Christ.

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In Christ,
Father John

Collections and Expenses

4-5-2021 to 4-11-21

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$6,399	\$10,038	\$16,437
Believe & Grow	\$2,013	\$1,748	\$3,761
BGT- Phase 2	\$1,770	\$7,491	\$9,261
Building Fund	\$329	\$258	\$587
Other income	\$6,211	\$575	\$6,786
Easter Collection	\$26,257	\$3,729	\$29,986

Regular Expenses \$29,554

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

Rosemary Beck
Hal Leinbach



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

You alone,
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— Psalm 4:9



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 Wednesday, April 14 at 7pm
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FIRST COMMUNION NEWS



We are so excited that we have been able to schedule our First Communion celebrations for the beginning of May.

We hope that all of our First Communion students are working on their banners. Banners are due no later than Thursday, April 23rd. If you do not yet have your banner background fabric and instructions, please contact the REP Office right away.



SAVE THE DATE!!! ROCKY RAILWAY—

Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through is coming to STM the week of July 26th-30th. Hope to see you all at this fun-filled, action-packed week!



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

The Library Corner

Third Sunday of Easter

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

The gospel tells us what happened, after the resurrection, on the road and how He was known to them in the breaking of the bread. As they were saying this, Jesus himself stood among the ten disciples. As Catholics, this is the time to rejoice, for praising and thanking God for Christ has risen from the dead. Our happiness has been fulfilled, if only we hold fast to the true faith of Christ. As our Lord Jesus said to his followers, 'why are you troubled'.

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Earth Day is **April 22**. In 2019 the bishops of California released a pastoral statement, titled "God Calls Us All to Care for Our Common Home." It has a two-fold vision: to animate and energize the implementation of what we are called to do as we face the current environmental crises in the world, and to offer a teaching tool that energizes our Catholic faith community and beyond to respond.

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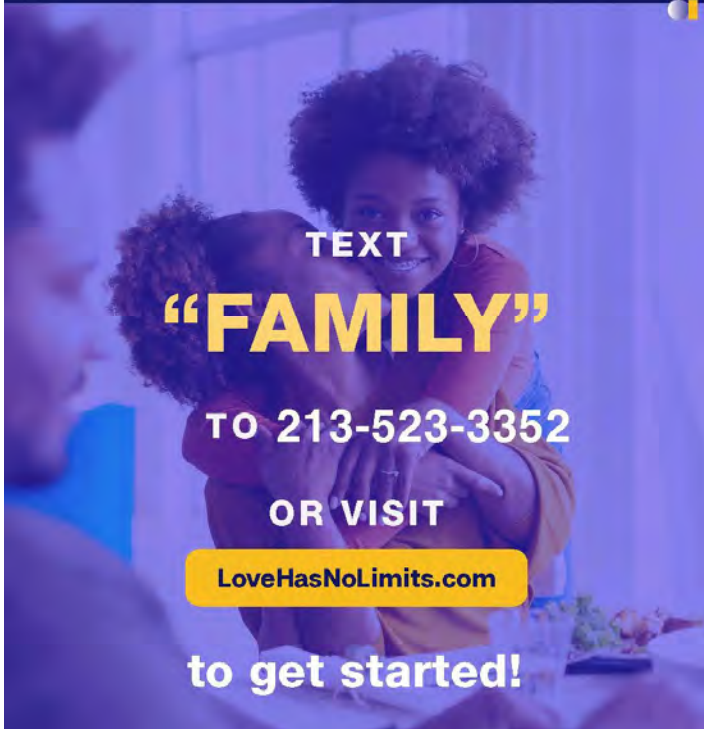
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There are 5 YLI Institutes in our District, and together we raised enough funds to be able to present a check of \$5,600 to the Bishop for the education of the seminarians at St. John's Seminary. Holy Angels #247 was able to contribute \$1,500 to this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

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FEAST OF FAITH The Second Reading

The Liturgy of the Word generally follows a consistent pattern of three readings and a

psalm. The second reading is always taken from one of the New Testament epistles or the book of Revelation, and generally is not intentionally aligned with either the Gospel or the first reading.

Where would we be without these letters in which great saints and apostles like Paul, Peter, James, and John share their wisdom and pastoral good sense with the early Christian communities? It is in these letters, even more than in the Gospel narratives, that we learn what it means to be church: to live with each other, in the world yet not of the world, in these days after the Lord's resurrection. Each New Testament letter was written by a particular leader for a particular community at a particular time. We are reminded of this at the beginning of the proclamation—"A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians," or the Corinthians, or the Thessalonians. These texts were shaped by their particular historical and cultural context, but at the same time, through the liturgy, these letters are written to us, here, today. They speak to the realities of Christian living no matter where—or when—we live. They are truly "the word of the Lord" for us.

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April 16

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The Gospel today tells about one of the times Jesus appeared to the disciples after the Resurrection. Sharpen your pencil and draw the pictures into the sentences so you can tell the story, too!



When the disciples saw Jesus they thought He was a .

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Jesus wanted them to touch him so they could see he was made of flesh and .

Then the disciples were very happy and gave Jesus a to eat!

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Third Sunday of Easter

We search for lots of answers in our lives, especially to questions like "Who loves me even when I do wrong?" "Who forgives me?" "Who brings my concerns to God?"

Use the letters in the question mark to fill in the blanks so they will spell out something you should always remember.



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they recounted what had
taken place on the way.

Luke 24:35

NEW LIFE

Peter saw Jesus after the Resurrection. He listened as Jesus told the disciples all that had been written about him in the scriptures, all that he had said and done when he was ministering among them. Peter heard how Jesus had fulfilled all in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms. Jesus, the Messiah, had come to be among them to bring them peace, to offer forgiveness of their sins. Peter shared this Good News with the crowds who gathered to hear him tell the sacred story, the story of God's love, poured out in Jesus the Christ and offered to the whole world. All who hear and believe are offered new life, life in which God's love is perfected in them. Are you listening? Are you ready to share in this abundant new life?

NOT WHAT WAS EXPECTED

Have you ever waited for something for so long you began to think it might never happen? Your graduation day, or the day of your marriage, or the birth of a child, perhaps. The Israelites had waited for centuries for the coming of the Messiah. Yet when Jesus, the long-awaited Anointed One came, many failed to believe in him. He wasn't what they expected. The Messiah was supposed to be a strong, powerful commander of armies, not humble, compassionate, and suffering. After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples and explained all that he had said in his time with them, opening their minds to what had been written in the scriptures so that they could accept his suffering and death and rejoice in his resurrection.

GOD'S LOVE IN FLESH AND BONE

While the disciples had come to believe that Jesus was the Messiah, his crucifixion and death had left them fearful and confounded. The news of the empty tomb and his appearance to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus added to their confusion. It seems that at first, Jesus' presence with them did not alleviate their uncertainty. In fact, they were "startled and terrified and thought they were seeing a ghost" (Luke 24:37). Jesus saw that they needed physical proof that it was he who stood among them. They needed to see the nail marks in his hands and feet, to see God's love in flesh and bone, in one who ate among them. Only when their fear and confusion had been quelled could they hear the story, the sacred story of how the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead. Only when they were filled with the peace of Christ would they be ready to witness, to share the sacred story with others. We, too, are invited to hear the sacred story and to perceive God's love for us in Jesus Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

1 John 2:1-5a

Luke 24:35-48

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