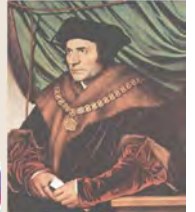




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**Welcoming all**, we, the Spirit-filled parish of St. Thomas More, value our Roman Catholic faith by celebrating the sacraments, breaking open the Scriptures, and joyfully offering ourselves in service to others. Under the inspiration of our patron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

#### **Office Information:**

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Fax: 949-551-5879  
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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**



FOURTH SUNDAY OF

*Easter*

APRIL 25, 2021

I am the good shepherd,  
and I know mine  
and mine know me,  
just as the Father knows me  
and I know the Father;  
and I will lay down  
my life for the sheep.

John 10:14-15

**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 Confessions:** 1:00pm to 3:00pm

*We will continue to livestream all Masses with the exception of 8:00am*

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

Next weekend there will be a second collection called, Parishes in Collaboration. This collection will assist parishes in need within the Diocese of Orange.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

Monday 4/26	8:00am	†Corazon Siblio
Tuesday 4/27	8:00am	†Mrs. Josephine Collins
Wednesday 4/28	8:00am	James Mooney
Thursday 4/29	8:00am	†Rudy Lozano
Friday 4/30	8:00am	†Brian Lopker
Saturday 5/1	8:00am	Fr. Chris Mann
	8:00am	Verst Family
	8:00am	The Nault Family
	8:00am	Baby Johanna Harris
	8:00am	†Gerry Palabyab
	8:00am	Joseph Gonzalez
	8:00am	†Armando Lacdan, Sr.
Saturday 5/1	8:00am	†Hal Leinbach
	8:00am	J.P. Suarez
	8:00am	†Bill Parsons
Saturday 5/1	4:00pm	Maddie Vucich
	6:00pm	†Eugene O'Toole
Sunday 5/2	10:00am	†Rosemary Beck

*Welcome! We are glad you are here!*

As restrictions start to lift, please keep the following in mind:

- Masks and 3 feet of social distancing required—keep at least one chair open between family groups
- Please do not sit directly in front or behind someone—try to stagger your seating
- Patio available for overflow—bring your own chair
- For those who aren't ready to come back in person, most Masses will continue to be livestreamed



*Welcome to God's Family*  
 Everly La



*Rest in the Love of Christ*  
 Pacita Balita  
 Thomas Roderick Jamieson  
 Aurelio San Diego



**TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading — There is no salvation through anyone else (Acts 4:8-12).  
 Psalm — The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone (Psalm 118).  
 Second Reading — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2).  
 Gospel — The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11-18).  
 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.

My Dear People,

**Today's theme on the Readings: RESPONDING TO THE CALL**

Do we truly know the voice of Christ? Do we truly respond to the voice of our shepherd with our own distinctive voice? How often we attempt to imitate those around us, appropriating the response of another member of the flock to Christ. Perhaps we need to balance the image of being sheep of one flock with the image from the second reading, which tells us that we are all children of God. What child has precisely the same interaction with parents as his or her siblings? Instead, they frequently do and say things to distinguish themselves in the eyes of their parents.

Whether we use the image of children or of sheep to understand our relationship with Christ, we believe that we are all known and called by name. With this great gift comes a responsibility: to respond to the call with our own distinctive voice, to take time to discern exactly what our call is, to determine precisely what the will of the Father is for each of us. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

In Christ,  
Father John

**Collections and Expenses**

4-12-2021 to 4-18-21

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$13,125	\$12,276	\$25,401
Believe & Grow	\$125	\$1,179	\$1,304
BGT- Phase 2	\$5,543	\$1,948	\$7,491
Building Fund	\$447	\$159	\$606
Other income	\$5,275	\$1,273	\$6,548

Regular Expenses \$37,484

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!**

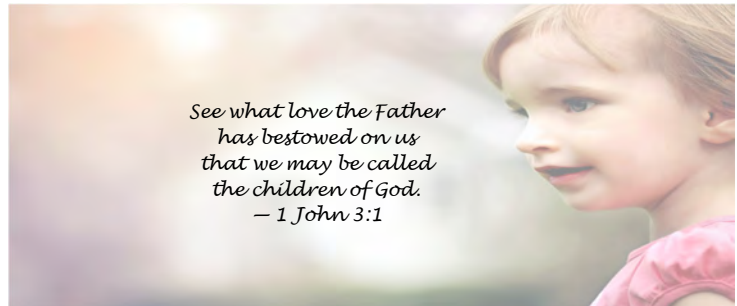


**Wedding Banns**

Alexander Pan and Diana Nguyen

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10  
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30  
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50  
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20  
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6  
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14 or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58  
 Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8



*See what love the Father  
has bestowed on us  
that we may be called  
the children of God.  
— 1 John 3:1*



**PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING**

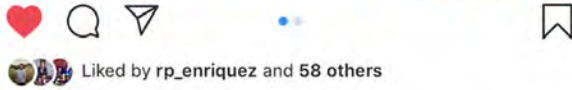


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| Stacey Allen             | Mike Harvey         | Benjamin Nicanor          |
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| Mike Anderson            | John Heffernan      | Nam Van Nguyen            |
| Renee Andrade            | Robert Henry        | Thuy-Lieu Nguyen          |
| Judy Anselmo             | Annette Hills       | Kyle Osbourne             |
| Alicia Arrellano         | Margaret Hills      | Agnes Pamintuan           |
| Ed Baldyga               | Clara Honea         | Den Tony & Mary Patronite |
| Sam Baniqued             | Dominador Hontucan  | Regina Park               |
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| Ellie Dainko             | Todd Leeds          | Tara Summers              |
| Jim Danaher              | Jack Light          | Liz Thomas                |
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| John Frisch              | Cavan McGaffney     | Baby Catherine Tseng      |
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| Claudia Fuentez          | Anne McNally        | Daniel Villareal          |
| Mike Garibay             | Connie Mellott      | Jim Vessey                |
| Lillian Gibson           | Durvalina Menezes   | Hanh Vu                   |
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| Marisela Gonzalez        | Linda Moore         | John Weber                |
| Lois Gorman              | Agnes Motley        | Bill Westlund             |
| Alice Green              | Marie Moya          | Mike Winchester           |
| Emma Hager               | Susan Navarrete     | Jim Wood                  |
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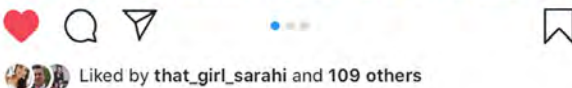
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**Life Teen Bible Studies** meet on Mondays at 7pm. Please go to [www.stmirvineym.org/live](http://www.stmirvineym.org/live) to join in.

**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  
 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



**First Communions are coming!!!**  
 We are so very excited that our parish will once again have a large group of young people (105+) receiving their First Communion during Masses on **May 1<sup>st</sup> & May 8<sup>th</sup>**. Please keep all of our First Communicants in your prayers during this exciting time.



**First Communion families:** Some of the First Communion rehearsals are coming up this week. Make sure to confirm your day and time for rehearsal with your REP teacher.



## SUMMER VBS NEWS— SAVE THE DATE!!! ROCKY RAILWAY—



**Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through** is coming to STM the week of **July 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>**. 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

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
 Good Shepherd Sunday

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

The gospel of John today tells us how the good shepherd will lay down his life for his sheep. This is the image of Christ as our Good Shepherd; the manifestation of love which Jesus has shown for his flock. As Catholics, we know the Good Shepherd understands His people and His patience and His love is infinite. Jesus is calling His flock to do all they can to help other children of God who are outside the fold to help them back to the safety of His fold.

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To register, contact Deacon Tony at [tpat7747@gmail.com](mailto:tpat7747@gmail.com)


## Starting in May New Confession Schedule

**Saturdays**  
**1:00pm—3:00pm**  
**Fireside Room**

**Line up near the fireplace  
on the patio**

**Confessions are also  
available by appointment  
by calling the priest directly**

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Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire.

**St. Catherine of Siena**  
*Dominican theologian who had great influence in the Church in the 14th century; patroness of fire prevention and of those ridiculed for their faith*

April 29

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The glory of God is humanity fully alive  
—St. Irenaeus

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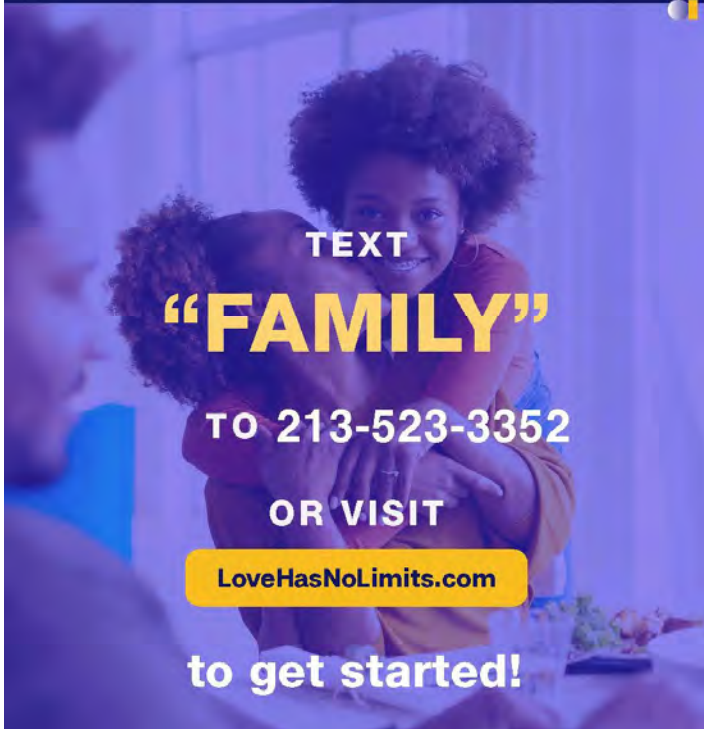


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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter;  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations  
Wednesday: St. Peter Chanel;  
St. Louis Grignion de Montfort  
Thursday: St. Catherine of Siena  
Friday: St. Pius V; National Arbor Day  
Saturday: St. Joseph the Worker; First Saturday

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**All excess funds are returned to STM!**



### The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



I am the good shepherd, and I know my own and my own know me, even as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. Jn 10:14-15

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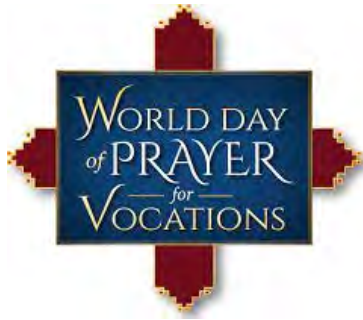


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## World Day of Prayer for Vocations

World Day of Prayer will be observed on Sunday, April 25, 2021 also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to

publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life.

2021 marks the 58th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.



### FEAST OF FAITH

#### The Gospel Reading

The climax of the Liturgy of the Word comes with

the proclamation of the Gospel.

Everything tells us that something important is happening. We stand. We sing special acclamations. Servers with candles and sometimes incense lead the deacon or priest to the ambo, where the reading is proclaimed from a special book.

All of the readings are important, but the liturgy directs special attention to the Gospel for a reason. "[A]mong all the inspired writings, even among those of the New Testament, the Gospels have a special place, and rightly so, because they are our principal source for the life and teaching of the Incarnate Word, our Saviour" (Dei Verbum, the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation of the Second Vatican Council, 18). In the Gospels, the narrative of Christ's saving life, death, and resurrection continues to be proclaimed in our midst.

Our Sunday Lectionary is structured so as to allow us to hear as much of the Gospels as possible. The readings are arranged in a three-year cycle. In Year A, the Gospel readings are taken mainly from Matthew; in Year B, from Mark and John; and in Year C, from Luke. In this way, over the course of three years, we hear a substantial portion of all four Gospels. —Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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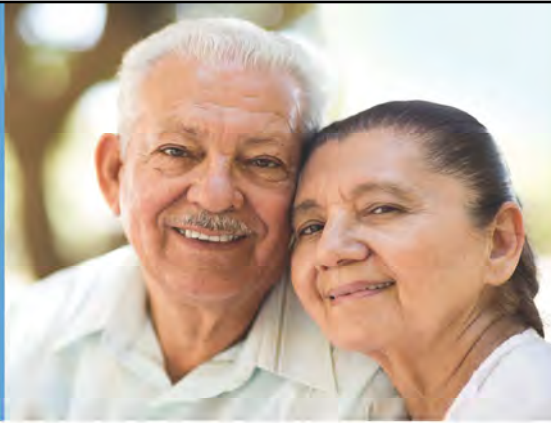
## TO PROTECT

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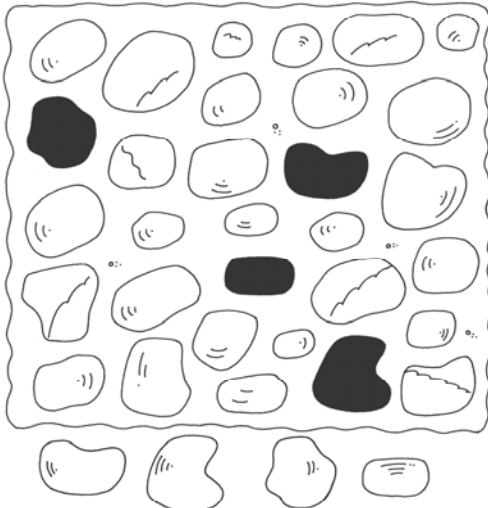
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I am  
the  
Good  
Shepherd

While Jesus was alive people didn't realize that he would be the one to save them. Peter told them that Jesus was like a stone rejected by builders. But in the end, Jesus became the cornerstone! Look at this stone wall.

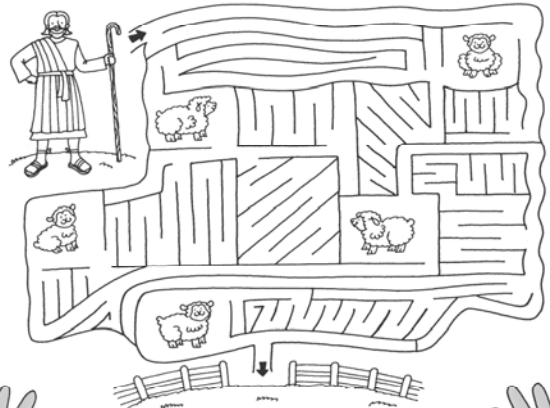
Draw a line from each black hole to the stone that will fit in that space.



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### Fourth Sunday of Easter

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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF Easter

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I am the good shepherd.  
A good shepherd lays down  
his life for the sheep.

John 10:11

## BELONGING

There is nothing like belonging. Many of our deepest experiences in life are of the belonging we feel among family or close friends. We may experience belonging within our parish, even saying we are “at home” in our faith community. Sometimes, we say we belong to a school alumni association or social club. Our deepest belonging, however, is in the heart of God. We are God’s children, precious in God’s sight. We are so treasured that Jesus laid down his life for us. Knowing that we belong to God in Jesus Christ gives us a new, eternal perspective on life. Peter understood this when he explained that his healing of the man who had been disabled from birth had been accomplished through Christ. Jesus describes the relationship between him and those who believe in him in intimate terms—we who are in relationship with Christ know that our very lives depend upon him.

## THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The difference between the good shepherd and the hired hand is the difference between life and death. Unlike a hired hand who only works for pay and would run away at the first sign of difficulty, Jesus is a good shepherd who willingly lays down his life for his sheep. The good shepherd draws the sheep near to him. They belong to him—not as a possession that can be discarded, but as precious ones who are assured that they can rely on his care and protection. The sheep owe their very lives to the shepherd. Without him, they will be scattered and left on their own in what is often a dangerous world.

## BECOMING GOOD SHEEP

No sheep with any sense would wander off and leave the fold. The shepherd provides food and safety. Away from the fold, the sheep risks death in the jaws of wolves or starvation in the desert. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and invites us to be good sheep. Jesus has experienced the best and the worst of all that life has in store. He has known the simple joys and the deep disappointments of life; he has known temptation, anxiety, and fatigue. Jesus walks ahead of us, leading the way. We may be tempted to wander away, lured by temporary pleasures and tempted by the illusion of something better over the horizon. In the noise of daily life, surrounded by messages that compete with God and God’s ways, it is easy to become distracted from what is important and lasting. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, invites us to be good sheep who are so close to him that we hear and recognize his voice. As good sheep, we are called to follow the voice of the Shepherd, trusting that he will guide us to the best pasture, where we can thrive.

## TODAY’S READINGS

Acts 4:8–12  
Psalm 118:1, 8–9, 21–23, 26, 28, 29  
1 John 3:1–2  
John 10:11–18