



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH

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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.

### Pastor

Parochial Vicar  
Parochial Vicar Emeritus  
Weekend Assistants

### Deacons

### Rev. John E. Janze

Rev. Kiet Ta  
Rev. William Krekelberg  
Rev. Joseph Horn, O Praem  
Rev. Joseph Justice  
Deacon Tony & Mrs. Mary Patronite  
Deacon Stan & Mrs. Fran Necikowski  
Deacon Tin & Mrs. UyenLan Nguyen  
Deacon Leonard & Mrs. Nancy Sun  
Deacon John & Mrs. Michelle Selig

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Youth Ministry: 949-551-8602



### Office Hours by Phone:

The parish office is closed to the public.  
Phones are answered during the following times:  
Monday-Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm

SIXTH SUNDAY OF

# Easter

MAY 9, 2021



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**This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.**

John 15:12




Welcome  
back!

We are happy you are here!

- Masks and 3 feet of physical 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
- Most Masses will continue to be livestreamed



**Rest in the Love of Christ**  
 Martha Campbell  
 Dervida Dequiroz  
 Maureen Leon Guerrero  
 Shea Schwab



<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>		
<i>Please call the front desk to request a Mass Intention</i>		
Monday 5/10	8:00am	Mother's Day Novena
Tuesday 5/11	8:00am	Mother's Day Novena
Wednesday 5/12	8:00am	Mother's Day Novena
Thursday 5/13	8:00am	Mother's Day Novena
Friday 5/14	8:00am	Mother's Day Novena
Saturday 5/15	8:00am	Mother's Day Novena
	8:00am	Baby Johanna Harris
	8:00am	†Dinh Thomas
	8:00am	†Vicente Young
	8:00am	†Glen Cope
	8:00am	†Purificacion Leoncio
	8:00am	†David Gonzalez
	8:00am	†Hermina Lewis
	8:00am	†Maria Villanueva
Sunday 5/16	8:00am	†Shahryar Ostowari
	4:00pm	†Ramon Rapatalo
	6:00pm	Dan and Julie Hoying
Sunday 5/16	8:00am	Rosie Munoz
	10:00am	Pro Populo
	12:00pm	†Elvira Miranda
	5:00pm	Mother's Day Novena



**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 Sunday 8:00am**

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

**HAPPY**  
*Mother's Day*

From  
*St. Thomas More*

WE HONOR AND LOVE YOU



**Wedding Banns**  
 James Dinh & Victoria Vu  
 Kim Than & Serena Dinh

**TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading — The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48).  
 Psalm — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 98).  
 Second Reading — God is love (1 John 4:7-10) or 1 John 4:11-16.  
 Gospel — No one has greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends (John 15:9-17) or John 17:11b-19.

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My Dear People,

**Today's theme on the Readings:** THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We have a unique episode in the Acts of the Apostles today. A whole roomful of people are baptized with the Holy Spirit before they are baptized with water! The verb used—"the Holy Spirit 'fell' on them" (Acts 10:44)—is characteristic of the way the Spirit works throughout the book of Acts: powerful and surprising. Though this "baptism" is not the normative way the New Testament describes baptism, it is still a good reminder today that the Holy Spirit is not controlled by whether or not we pour water, but rather that our sacramental signs reveal the presence of the Spirit at work among us. And we have a double reinforcement of how this work is accomplished from a Letter and a Gospel bearing John's name. It is love, self-sacrificing and self-giving love, that manifests the Spirit of Jesus in our midst. It is love that is the greatest of commandments. The Spirit is manifested equally through those who live in that love. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

In Christ,  
Father John

**Collections and Expenses**

4-26-2021 to 5-2-21

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$16,004	\$7,581	\$23,586
Believe & Grow	\$1,300	\$1,173	\$3,073
BGT- Phase 2	\$278	\$2,037	\$2,315
Building Fund	\$337	\$537	\$874
Other income	\$650	\$695	\$1,345

Regular Expenses	\$2,903
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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, 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!**

***READINGS FOR THE WEEK***

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;  
Jn 15:26 — 16:4a  
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11  
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14;  
Jn 16:12-15  
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or  
Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20 (for  
Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8;  
Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20  
Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17  
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10;  
Jn 16:23b-28  
Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103:1-  
2,  
11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19; or,  
for Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9;  
Eph 1:17- 23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13];  
Mk 16:15-20



**New Pastor Announced!**

Effective July 1, 2021, Rev. John Janze will retire as Pastor and his title will be, Pastor Emeritus. Our new Pastor will be Rev. Eugene Lee. He is the current Director at Korean Martyrs Catholic Center in Westminster and previously served as Parochial Vicar at Our Lady Queen of Angels in Newport Beach. More details will be forthcoming in the following weeks. We look forward to meeting him soon!

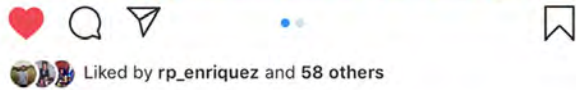


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| Mike Anderson            | Shirley Hecker      | Nam Van Nguyen            |
| Renee Andrade            | John Heffernan      | Thuy-Lieu Nguyen          |
| Judy Anselmo             | Robert Henry        | Kyle Osbourne             |
| Alicia Arrellano         | Annette Hills       | Agnes Pamintuan           |
| Ed Baldyga               | Margaret Hills      | Den Tony & Mary Patronite |
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| Mary & Joe Bush          | Doris Jordan        | Paula Reno                |
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| Thomas Erhard            | Kristin Mann        | Kimberly Truong           |
| Richard Erhard           | Mercedes Mantilla   | Baby Catherine Tseng      |
| Jacob Espinoza           | Cherry Marinas      | David Valentine           |
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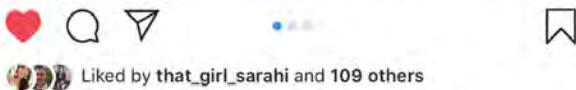
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**Life Teen Bible Studies** will continue to meet on Mondays at 7pm. If you would like to attend the bible studies, please go to [www.stmirvine.org/live](http://www.stmirvine.org/live) and click on bible study to join.

**Live Nights** meet virtually on Sunday Nights at 7pm. To join in please go to [www.stmirvine.org/live](http://www.stmirvine.org/live) and click on Live Nights.

**Virtual Live Nights** will be on break for two weeks. The next live nights are May 16th and May 23rd.



**Confirmation Classes** continues to take place online.

**Confirmation 1 Classes Dates Are**

Wednesday, May 5th at 7pm  
 Wednesday, May 19th 24 at 6pm (in person retreat)

**Confirmation 2 Classes Dates Are**

Wednesday, April 28th at 7pm  
 Wednesday, May 12th at 7pm  
 Saturday, May 22nd from 9am-2pm (in person retreat)  
 Wednesday, May 26th at 7pm

# R.E.P. CORNER



## CONGRATULATIONS!!

We had another 50 young people receive the Eucharist for the first time this weekend!



Please keep all of our First Communicants in your prayers during this exciting time that they will continue to join us weekly at the table of our Lord.



Religious Education classes will conclude this week. This year has been an amazingly spiritual, fun, challenging and fast-paced year.

We wish all of our families a fun, adventurous, and faith-filled Summer!



## SUMMER VBS NEWS!!! ROCKY RAILWAY—

Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through  
 July 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>  
 9AM—NOON



Stay tuned for sign up details!



## The Library Corner

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
 Happy Mother's Day

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

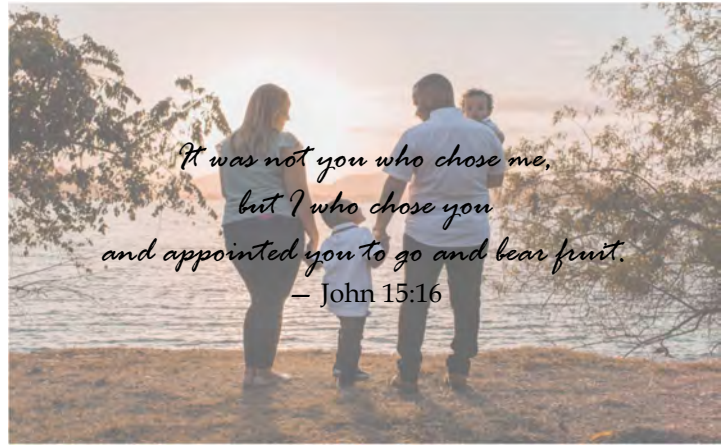
The gospel of John tells us how Jesus loved us so much that He laid down His life for us and that there is no greater love. Christ wants His family to love one another and keep His commandments and you will remain in His love. As Catholics we know to be grateful to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and to love the blessed Trinity, proving our love by loving our brothers and sisters. As Jesus said.  
*'love one another as I love you'.*

**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 to schedule  
an in-person meeting



*It was not you who chose me,  
but I who chose you  
and appointed you to go and bear fruit.*  
— John 15:16

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Having our Lord  
at my side, I continue  
always to be happy  
and content.

**St. Damien of Molokai**  
19th-century priest from Belgium who  
ministered to the lepers in Hawaii

May 10

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*DEEP DEBT*  
*My mother was the most  
beautiful woman I ever saw.  
All I am I owe to my mother.  
I attribute all my success in  
life to the moral, intellectual,  
and physical education I  
received from her.*  
—George Washington

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day
- Monday: St. Damien de Veuster; St. John De Avila
- Wednesday: Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras;  
Eid al Fitr (Islamic observance) begins at sunset
- Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord  
(unless transferred to Sunday);  
otherwise Our Lady of Fatima
- Friday: St. Matthias
- Saturday: St. Isidore; Armed Forces Day



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## .FEAST OF FAITH The Creed

Following the readings and the homily, we stand together and say or sing the Creed, our profession of faith. The Creed is a solemn statement of belief, a "rule of faith" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 67). It states the core of what we believe about God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The language of the Creed is knotty and difficult at times, precisely because its purpose is to express with precision what we believe about God. The Creed that we pray most often, the Nicene Creed, came out of the earliest ecumenical councils: Nicea in 325 and Constantinople in 381. It originated in a time of great controversy about the divinity of Christ, and thus the longest section of the Creed relates to Christ, truly human and truly God.

The Creed is both communal and personal: it is "we," but it is also "I." In the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, it is only after listening to the teaching of the Church and professing faith in the Holy Trinity that the candidate is admitted to the sacraments. So it is every Sunday. We listen to the word, we profess our faith, and then we come to the altar.

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Congratulations on receiving the President's Volunteer Service Award.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, I thank you for your service to your fellow Americans and those most in need. Through your dedicated service, you have ensured the continuation of America's unparalleled commitment to improving the lives of others.

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As we reflect on your many acts of kindness and charity over this past year, our Nation draws inspiration from those who answer the call to help their communities and our Nation. With your continued efforts to build on our Nation's culture of service, America will proudly remain a land of freedom and opportunity for all.

Thank you for your enduring commitment to serving your community and our Nation. I trust that you will continue to work for the betterment of others and an even stronger future for the American people.



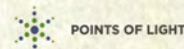
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## The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

IT'S A THREE WORD ESSAY ON LOVE. I QUOTED GOD AS MY SOURCE. DO I GET AN 'A'?



Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 1 Jn 4:7-8

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## BEGINNING AGAIN

*Accompanying Those Who Have Marriage Loss with Mercy*

**WEBINAR** | May 12, 2021 @ 2pm ET

Presented by



Melanie Trimarco



Fr. Dan Krettek



Deacon Sean Dooley



Maria Rojas



Michelle Barrentine



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Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus said to his apostles, "This I command you: ..."



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# SIXTH SUNDAY OF Easter

MAY 9, 2021

This is my commandment:  
love one another as I love you.

John 15:12

## LOVE IS REAL

In today's Gospel, Jesus likens our relationship with him to a plant with many Love. Songs and books, plays and artistic masterpieces have been created to convey the truth that love is real. As Christians, we know that love is of God. In laying down his life, Jesus pours out God's selfless, sacrificial, undying love. Jesus opens the door to a new relationship between God and humanity, that of friendship, of intimate closeness. Jesus calls us to show this same love for others, knowing that in doing so, we fulfill God's will. As the account of Peter, Cornelius, and all in his household attests, this great love of God cannot be contained by our preconceived notions of the way things are in the world.

## THE CALL AND CAUSE OF LOVE

Love calls and causes us to do great things, more than we might believe we are capable of. While some are called to give their lives as martyrs, most of us find ourselves called to lay down our lives in smaller ways in the midst of everyday life. Parents lose sleep in the early moments of their baby's life, and again as their teens mature and gain independence. Adult children change their plans to care for aging parents. We hear the call of love as we become attentive and respond to the needs of the poor, lonely, sick, and vulnerable. Love causes us to turn our lives around, to strive to become more Christ-like in our words and actions. Peter followed this call of love when he entered the house of Cornelius, a Gentile. He was likely as astounded at the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as were the believers who accompanied him, yet love caused Peter to see beyond the accepted boundaries of religion and race, seeing instead evidence of the Lord's great love at work.

## THE JOY-FILLED WAY OF LOVE

Following the Lord calls us to sacrifice for the sake of others, giving our attention, time, and resources in order to share Christ's care and compassion. Jesus shows us that giving of self, pouring ourselves out in love for another, is a joy-filled way of life. Joy is more than a feeling and is deeper than happiness. Joy comes with the assurance that Christ is with us when our lives mirror the life and way of our Master. Joy is a sense of fulfillment in knowing and sharing Christ's love. When we reach out in love, Christ's joy fills our hearts. Strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit, we find the grace to follow Jesus' command to love one another.

## TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

1 John 4:7-10

John 15:9-17

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