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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.

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Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm



I am the
bread
of *life*;

whoever comes to me
will never hunger,
and whoever believes
in me will never thirst.

John 6:35



August 1, 2021

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The people of Israel receive bread from heaven in response to their grumbling (Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15).

Psalm — The Lord gave them bread from heaven (Psalm 78).

Second Reading — Put on the new self that has been created in God's way (Ephesians 4:17, 20-24).

Gospel — I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger (John 6:24-35).

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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 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Saturday Confessions: 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Mass will be available online for the sick and homebound on Sundays at 10:00am and Monday-Saturday at 8:00am

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Please call the front desk to request a Mass Intention

Monday 8/2	8:00am	†Carmine Ferri
Tuesday 8/3	8:00am	†Caden Wenner
Wednesday 8/4	8:00am	†Juliet Flores
Thursday 8/5	8:00am	†Chad Eadie
Friday 8/6	8:00am	†Erlinda Arcangel
Saturday 8/7	8:00am	†Anthony Luciano
	8:00am	†Jose Sanchez
	8:00am	Charlie and Georgie Torres
	8:00am	†Margarita Miramontes
	8:00am	Gina & Patrick Pluta
	8:00am	Baby Johanna Harris
	8:00am	Nicholas Jordan
	8:00am	†Patrick Kane
	8:00am	†Kathleen Bell
	8:00am	†Ines Wuerich
Sunday 8/8	4:00pm	Nga Phan
	6:00pm	†Ruby Young
	8:00am	Pro Populo
	10:00am	†Abel Alberto
	12:00pm	†Claudio Bedoya
	5:00pm	Taylor Cabral



St. Thomas More Catholic Parish
Knights of Columbus
Msgr. Timothy J Doyle
Council # 13111



“MASS ON THE GRASS”

Potluck Picnic

Following the

Feast of the Assumption Mass

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a *Potluck Picnic*

Sunday, August 15th after the 5:00 pm Mass

The Knights will be serving free hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks. Parishioners requested to bring side dishes or desserts to share. All are welcome.

Join us for good food and fellowship.

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Thomas More Parish,

Today's theme on the readings: THE BREAD OF LIFE

Today's Gospel has the crowd asking Jesus three questions. First, "When did you get here," to which Jesus responds by rebuking them for their failure to grasp his miracle as a "sign," an occasion to put faith in him. Their second question about accomplishing the "works of God" has Jesus respond that faith is the "work" that God wishes. Many scholars believe this is John's answer to the faith-works dichotomy emerging in the early Christian community. Faith is the work of God in the believer, John would have us understand. The third question asked by the crowd is a request for a "sign" that would allow them to put faith in Jesus, as the manna in the desert allowed the Israelites to put faith in the Lord God. Jesus answers by revealing himself as the "bread of life" that "comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

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Sincerely In Christ,
Father Eugene

Collections and Expenses

7-19-2021 to 7-25-21

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$13,213	\$11,342	\$24,555
Believe & Grow	\$347	\$1,511	\$1,858
BGT- Phase 2	\$10,650	\$792	\$11,442
Building Fund	\$182	\$420	\$602
Other income	\$750	\$1,026	\$1,776

Regular Expenses	\$1,707
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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!**

Rest in the Love of Christ

Alfredo Aguinaldo
Mary Nguyen
Carmelita Weiner



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21
 Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13;
 Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
 Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35;
 Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28
 Thursday: Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23
 Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;
 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10
 Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20
 Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30 — 5:2;
 Jn 6:41-51



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| Cyrus Charna | Jim Kendall | Fr. Jim Reis |
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| Meynard Encarnacion | Kristin Mann | Denise Trujillo |
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Please call the office when it is time to remove a name.

LIFE TEEN

Now

Bible Studies

Want to grow deeper in the study of scripture? We meet on Mondays at 7pm in room 3 and study the following Sunday's Mass readings. Hope to see you there!

LIFE TEEN

Thu 7:00 PM

STM's Got Talent

Can you sing? Pick up things with your feet? We'd love to see it! The Core Team will be performing and we want you to see what you can do too! Join us Thursday, Aug 4th @ 7PM for a night of FUN!

CONFIRMATION

WED 6:00 PM

Registration For Confirmation Is Now Open!

If you would like to register your teenager for the 2021-2022 Confirmation year, Please visit STMIRVINEYM.ORG to register.

R.E.P. CORNER



THANK YOU!

Ramsey, Ava, Sierra, Finn & Lawrence Elk all wanted to say a big THANK YOU to all of those who



participated in ROCKY RAILWAY VBS this past week. They wanted to especially thank Conductor Busch, Father Eugene, Father Kiet and the awesome band! To our AMAZING volunteers & those that made donations: It could never have happened without all of you! See you all next year for Bible Camp!



REP Registration News

We are so excited that REP is returning to in person classes this Fall, and registration is NOW OPEN!!



Please visit: rep.stmirvine.org to register your students in Grades K-8.

Please contact the REP Office with any questions.

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



The Library Corner

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The St Thomas More Parish Library staff would like to wish all our parishioners a Happy 18th Sunday in Ordinary time. The Parish Library will be open today from 9:00am-12:00pm.

Check out this inspiring book by Father Mitch Pacwa. The book, 'Father, Forgive Me, for I Am Frustrated', reveals how many Catholics are rediscovering the richness of our faith, despite the spiritual challenges we face. With all the controversy today, Father Pacwa offers his realistic, practical advice to help us find the sources of support we need to keep growing in our Catholic faith. As St. Pope John Paul II stated, 'Learning to think rigorously, so as to act rightly, so as to serve humanity better'.





Considering whether to join the Catholic Community?
 Just want to know what it is about from an adult perspective?
 Baptized Catholic but not yet Confirmed even though you are an adult?

The parish will offer a series of gatherings to explore our Catholic faith in an adult perspective.

These gatherings focus on the needs of the following groups of people:

- Those wishing to prepare themselves to make an adult choice whether to become a Catholic Christian via Baptism.
- Those who have been baptized as a Catholic or baptized as a member of another denomination and wish to prepare themselves for complete initiation into the Catholic Church through Confirmation and/or First Communion.
- Those Baptized and/or Confirmed as a child but not educated as an adult in Catholic Christianity.
- Those wishing to just find out more about Catholicism from an adult perspective, whether one is already a Catholic or not.

**Our first gathering will be on
 Sunday, September 12th at 7:30 PM
 In the Parish Hall**

The first meeting will be focused on organization determining our future meeting days and times.

For more information, please call **Mike Michalek at 949-551-2304.**

If you cannot make the organization meeting, please call or email Mike at **michalekm@sprintmail.com** to let him know when you are available to attend the sessions.

Correction:

Effective August 1st, Deacon Stan Necikowski will be assigned to Blessed Sacrament Parish. We apologize for the error printed in the previous bulletins that reported he was being assigned to Holy Spirit.



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August 8

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The founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) and fervent preacher of the power of the Rosary

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Eusebius of Vercelli; St. Peter Julian Eymard
- Wednesday:** St. John Vianney
- Thursday:** Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
- Friday:** The Transfiguration of the Lord; Hiroshima Memorial Day; First Friday
- Saturday:** St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan; First Saturday



IT'S THE ETERNAL LIFE BENEFIT PACKAGE I'M WORKING FOR, NOT THE HOURLY WAGE

Jesus answered them and said, "Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you." Jn 6:27



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The Young Ladies Institute

School Supply Drive



the weekend of

August 21st and 22nd



It's time to shop for school supplies to benefit schools in need.

Monetary donations will also be accepted

Saturday Receptionist Needed

Would you like to work at the parish for a few hours each week? The parish office is in need of a Saturday receptionist. The Saturday office hours are 9:00am to 2:00pm. We are looking for someone who is reliable, has a positive attitude, and has a welcoming and compassionate nature. Duties would include, but are not limited to: answering phones and assisting parishioners with various requests.

If you would like to learn more, please contact Lisa Bergler, Office Manager. Lisa can be reached at 949-551-8601 or submit your resume by email at

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St. Thomas More will begin a brand new Saturday Bible Study on **June 5th at 9:00 AM**

Participants will view a video during the week and meet via Zoom every Saturday for a lively group discussion and fellowship.

To register, contact **Deacon Tony** at tpat7747@gmail.com



FEAST OF FAITH

The Preface: Thanksgiving

The preface of the Mass has been called "a poem, the cry of joy and recognition, the song of the world discovering its salvation . . . the certitude of faith making hope spring forth" (Philippe Béguerie, quoted in *The Mass*, Lucien Deiss, The Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN, 1992, p. 70). The preface takes up the last words of the dialogue, and expresses briefly and simply why we are grateful, why it is right and just to give thanks and praise to God. On feast days, the preface sings of the specific mystery or saint we celebrate; in Ordinary Time, the Sunday and weekday prefaces express our gratitude for God's gift of the Son, Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption and newness of life. The prefaces offer a succinct account of what God has done for us in Christ; they express the mystery of faith, always relating it to us, to our lives. "By his birth we are reborn," we hear in Preface IV for Sundays in Ordinary Time. "By his suffering we are freed from sin. By his rising from the dead we rise to everlasting life." Yes, we have cause to give God thanks and praise.

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Catholic Charities' Cantlay Food Bank is in need of volunteers

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- Wednesday 7am-12noon
- Thursday 7am-12noon



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Once you sign up, you will get an email with the volunteer forms and all other needed info.

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Eucharist to the Homebound	Dn. Stan & Fran Necikowski	(7) 505-4816
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Jerry Donaldson	(9) 552-5485
Lectors	Tara Reynaud	(7) 925-9992
Music Director, Including Wedding Music	Keith Rattay	(9) 551-8601
Ushers	Steve Luchetta	(9) 733-1192

Sacraments

Baptism Coordinator	Windy Lozano	(9) 551-8601
Confirmation	Abraham Villela	(9) 551-8602
First Communion	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
First Reconciliation	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)	Michael Michalek	(9) 551-2304
Marriage Case Support	Michael Michalek	(9) 551-2304
	Mary Patronite	(9) 551-8601
Marriage Encounter	Jim & Cheryl Skudlarski	(9) 551-9156
Marriage In The Lord	Meredith & Keith Rattay	(9) 559-6464
Wedding Coordinator	Michelle Selig	(9) 551-8601

Service

Bereavement	Rosie Muñoz	(9) 551-8601
Children's Homeless Lunch Ministry	Kim Le	(9) 551-8601
Chinese Community	Deacon Leonard Sun	(7) 932-1689
Corazon	Norma Jean Womack	(9) 559-5639
Filipino Community	Charlie Torres	(9) 551-8601
Hispanic Ministry	Frank Ornelas (9) 857-9044	Patty Trujillo (7) 270-5073
Homeless Lunch Ministry	Margaret Cunningham	(7) 552-8711
Knights of Columbus Council #13111	Ed Francis	(858) 229-2490
Respect Life	Chris Gonzales	(9) 551-8601
STM Veterans	Sgt. Bob Kohler	(9) 552-1895
St. Vincent de Paul	Bill Chacon	(9) 331-1020
Vietnamese Ministry	Huan Le	(7) 261-9893
Young Ladies Institute	Mary O'Leary	(9) 305-6810

Parish

Believe and Grow Together Campaign	Lisa VanDorpe	(7) 357-3080
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Parish Business Manager	Stephanie Miller	(9) 551-8601
Parish Office Manager	Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Welcoming Committee	Vince Salico	(7) 389-7726

Spiritual Development

Adult Faith Formation / Bible Study	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Life Teen – High School & Young Adults	Abraham Villela	(9) 551-8602
Religious Education	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Christ Renews His Parish	Tony Patronite	(9) 307-6215
Cursillo and When Women Pray	Susan Navarrete	(9) 551-8601
Legion of Mary	Linda Hughes	(9) 559-1124
Library	Sam & Diana Adams	(7) 321-2405
Spanish Bible Study	Teresa LeMire	(7) 832-1770

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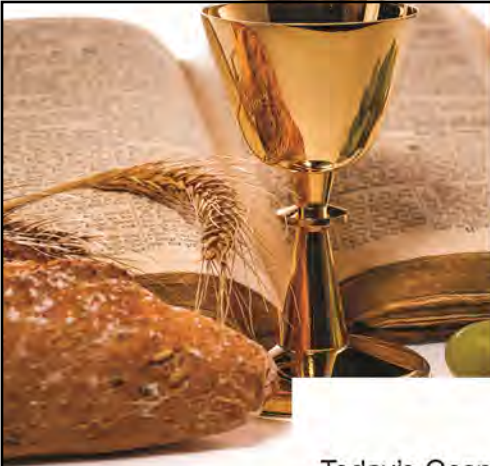
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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GOD PROVIDES

Today's Gospel is a sequel to last week's account of Jesus feeding a large crowd with five barley loaves and a few fish. Here, Jesus is challenging the crowd to see in the bread they have eaten a sign of God's generosity in providing for all the blessings in their lives, as well as the blessing of life itself. The first reading, from Exodus, recounts how the escaped Hebrew slaves were fed in the wilderness, first with quail, then with manna. The psalm is a later reflection on the manna as the bread from heaven and a blessing from God. The selection from the letter to the Ephesians sketches the image of putting away the "old self" and putting on the new, emphasizing that a person's life in Christ needs to differ from their previous life, just as the life of a free person differs from that of a slave.

SIGNS AND WONDERS?

Today's Gospel continues into a second day the narrative that had begun the day before when, after crossing the lake to look for Jesus, a large crowd are fed with five barley loaves and two fish. The following day (today's reading), after more lake crossings, the people who had been miraculously fed are again searching for Jesus. However, they do so (as Jesus puts it) "not because you saw signs, but because you ate the loaves and were filled" (John 6:6).

In John's Gospel, the word "sign" has a distinct meaning. At the wedding at Cana, after telling how Jesus turned water into wine, the Evangelist notes "Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs" that "revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him" (John 2:11). For John, signs are not just wonders to behold; they are about the revelation of God and a response of faith in Jesus.

OR MAYBE THE SIGN IS THE WONDER

When the crowd first arrives, Jesus notes that they had not appreciated the sign that he had already given; they are still focused on their physical hunger. When they ask for a sign, "that we may see and believe in you" (John 6:30), they refer to their ancestors who ate manna in the wilderness. Can Jesus top that? Can he give them more bread that will relieve them of their daily worries about going hungry?

Jesus reminds the crowd that it was not Moses who gave the "bread from heaven," but his Father. Further, the Father can give them the true bread from heaven that comes down and gives life to the world. There is a parallel in the Greek between working for food that perishes and doing the works of God, which is believing in Jesus as the one God has sent. This is the sign that the people missed the day before, the sign that Jesus is pointing out to them.

Like the Evangelist, the Church uses the word "sign" for its sacraments. Like the crowd, we are called to see similar "signs" of God's generosity in all the blessings of our lives.

TODAY'S READINGS

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
Psalm 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54
Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
John 6: 24-35

*The bread of God
is that which comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world. John 6:33*