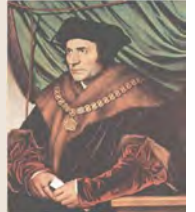




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James 1:21b



Daily Mass:
Monday – Saturday: 8:00 AM

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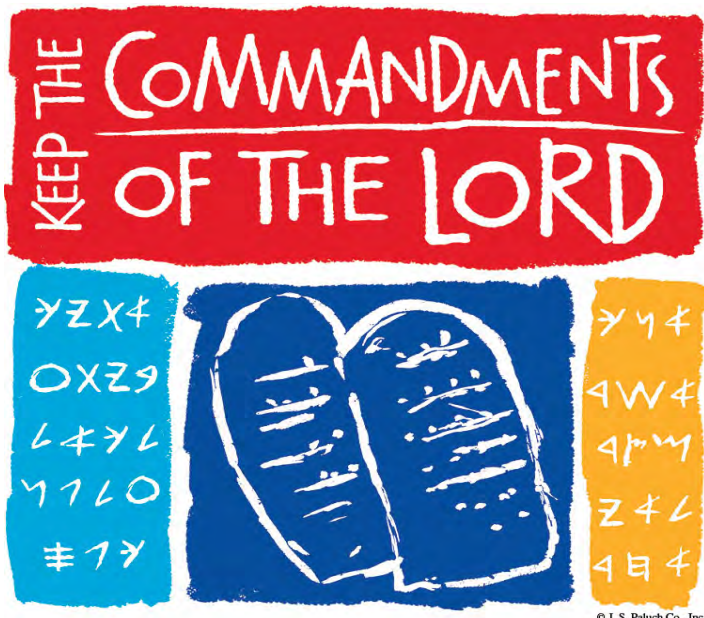
For spiritual advisement, please contact the priest to schedule an appointment.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Moses directs the people to observe the commandments of the Lord (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8).
Psalm — The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).
Second Reading — Welcome the word that you have received and become doers of the word, not hearers only (James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27).
Gospel — You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23).
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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8/30	8:00am	Diego Huerta-Gutierrez
Tuesday 8/31	8:00am	†Rustica Paranal
Wednesday 9/1	8:00am	†Remelie Perly
Thursday 9/2	8:00am	Alex San Juan
Friday 9/3	8:00am	Quin Fitzpatrick
Saturday 9/4	8:00am	†Vern Hesseltine
	8:00am	Baby Johanna Harris
	8:00am	†Ada Cuilao
	8:00am	†Jaime P. Nazareno
	8:00am	†Souls in Purgatory
	8:00am	†Angelito Ner
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	8:00am	Emma Pioli
	8:00am	†Gomercindo Jimenez
	8:00am	Susan Bertoglio
	8:00am	Elizabeth Kulas
	8:00am	The Nault Family
	8:00am	†Fr. Sullivan
	8:00am	Hank Evers
8:00am	†Ralph Perez	
4:00pm	†Dominico Vu Hiu Dinh	
6:00pm	Michelle and Peter Lu	
Sunday 9/5	8:00am	Pro Populo
	10:00am	†Jaime Ferrer
	12:00pm	†Carlos Suarez
	5:00pm	†Dora Marchese



Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Thomas More Parish,

Today's theme on the readings: DOERS OF THE WORD

The second reading for today begins a five-week series of selections from James, a letter that is classified among the so-called "catholic" (or universal) epistles because they are addressed to a general audience rather than to one particular community. Today's text offers important advice for Christians of every generation. God is first cited as the author of all gifts, and in particular, reference is made to the gift of baptism by which we have been made the "first fruits" of the new creation.

What follows is advice based on a very Jewish understanding of the "word" as an active force, operative in the world. We are reminded that unless we, too, become "doers" of the word, our claim to faith is empty. Today and in subsequent weeks the author reminds us that it is equally important to do the "works" of love, for example, by caring for the "orphans and widows in their affliction." Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Sincerely In Christ,
Father Eugene

Collections and Expenses

8-16-2021 to 8-22-21

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$14,426	\$13,685	\$28,111
Believe & Grow	\$3,616	\$2,733	\$6,350
BGT- Phase 2	\$1,050	\$10,417	\$11,467
Building Fund	\$144	\$454	\$598
Other income	\$570	\$1,105	\$1,675

Regular Expenses	\$6,464
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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!**



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Welcome to God's Family

Arya Hancock
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

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 the Youth Ministry Office and study the following Sunday's Mass readings. Hope to see you there!

LIFE TEEN

Thu 7:00 PM

Welcome Freshman Life Night

Calling all high school freshman! Come meet your Life Teen core team, get to know some other Catholic freshman, and hear a message on how to navigate faith & high school. August 29th after the 5pm Mass.

CONFIRMATION

WED 6:00 PM

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Please contact the REP Office with any questions.



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The Library Corner

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



The St Thomas More Parish Library staff would like to wish all our parishioners a Happy 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Parish Library will not be open today.

Today I would like to review a classic masterpiece of religious satire. The book is titled, 'The Screwtape Letters', and the author is C.S. Lewis. While this book is wildly comic, but deadly serious, and strikingly original, it is the most engaging account of temptation and triumph over it. Lewis tells us the story of letters between the devils, Screwtape and Wormwood, his apprentice. They try to persuade people to reason falsely and permit emotions to take the place of reason. In the end, trust in Christ is always the true solution.



Considering whether to join the Catholic Community?
Just want to know what it is about from an adult perspective?
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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.



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President, Spirit Filled Hearts Ministry

FEAST OF FAITH
What Jesus Did, What Jesus Said

The oldest account of what happened at the Last Supper comes to us not from the Gospels but from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians: "I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me'" (11:23-24). In our celebrations of the Eucharist, we are obedient to Christ's command to "do this." The priest, acting in the person of Christ, does what Jesus did and says what Jesus said. He takes bread, gives thanks, breaks it, and gives it to the Lord's disciples. He takes wine, gives thanks, shares it with us. We believe that the entire Eucharistic Prayer is consecratory, but we continue to hold these words of Jesus in special reverence. They are called the words of consecration, and the elevations of the host and chalice, the genuflections of the priest, and the optional ringing of a bell and use of incense remind us that we are in the presence of the Lord.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
Friday: St. Gregory the Great ; First Friday
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

saint snippets

When caring for the poor say to yourself: This is for my Jesus—what a great grace!

St. Jeanne Jugan
 Foundress of 'The Little Sisters of the Poor', a religious congregation dedicated to caring for the elderly poor

August 30

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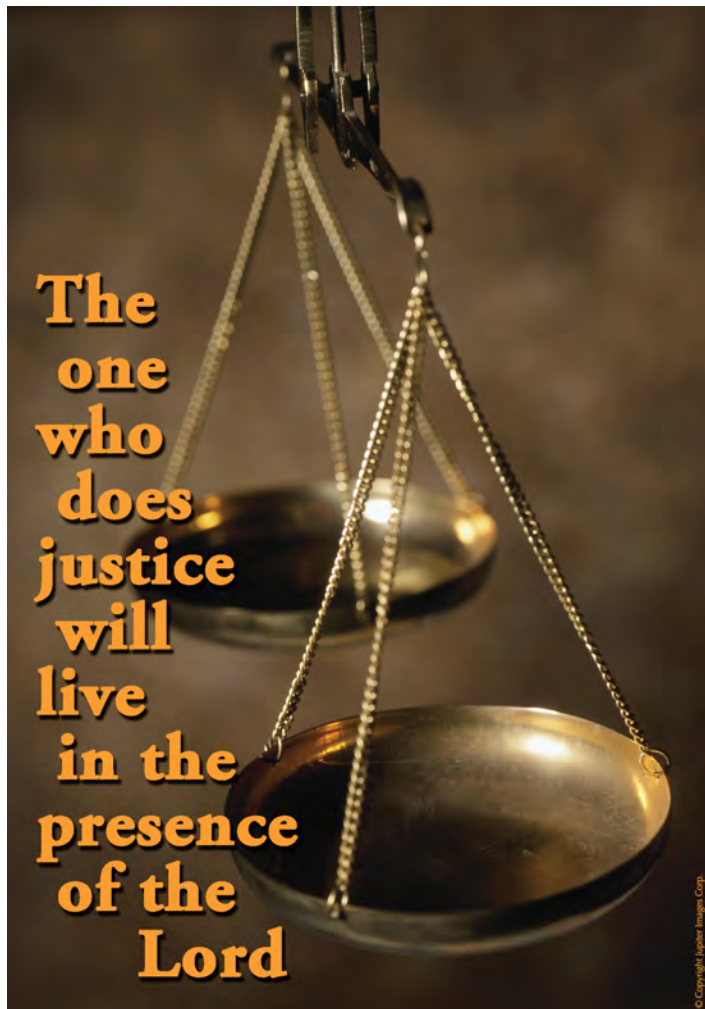
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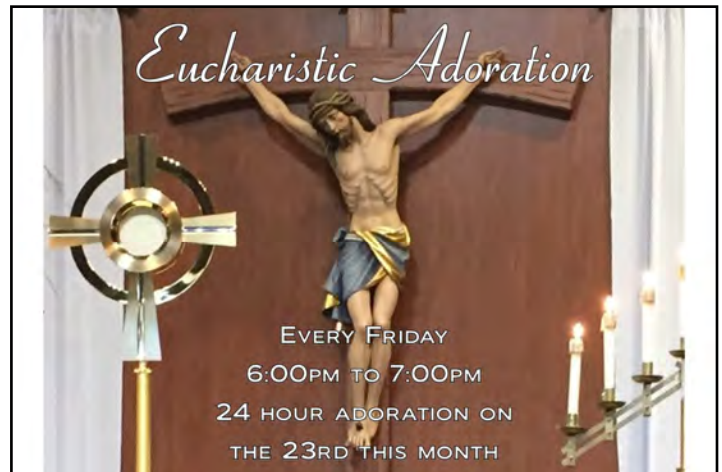
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Humbly welcome the word that
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James 1:21b

GOD'S LAWS

Today's readings provide some interesting parallels and contrasts. The first reading is an account of Moses who, having delivered the Law to the Israelites, admonishes them to "observe them [its statutes] carefully." The author of the Letter of James likewise instructs fellow Christians to "welcome the word" they have received, that they may become "doers of the words and not hearers only." The psalmist praises "whoever walks blamelessly and does justice" by listing a few examples of what is required for that—descriptions that apply equally to both Jewish and Christian traditions. On the other hand, when the scribes and Pharisees point out that the disciples have not properly washed their hands before eating (which is, as Mark explains, the usual Jewish practice) Jesus scolds them sharply for being too focused on human rules—even ritual ones—instead of God's laws.

MOSAIC LAW: WHAT GOD WANTS OF THE PEOPLE

Moses gives the Israelites their Law, which provided the structure for daily life. As recorded in the Bible, over half of the Law is about rituals for worship and sacrifice. A related concept is the concept of a person's ritual purity (or cleanliness), which is required for participation in both social and religious activities, since persons become unclean by physical contact with other unclean persons, animals, or objects. Other ways a person becomes unclean include the presence of skin lesions, bleeding, or a bodily discharge. Unclean persons are required to purify themselves to be again considered clean. Despite the Law's complexity, observant Jews considered it a privilege, not a burden, to observe its precepts, and they continue to do so today.

ON THE OTHER HAND . . .

The scribes and Pharisees are focusing on the disciples' failure to properly wash their hands prior to eating. But nowhere in the biblical texts of the Law are there regulations regarding the washing of hands before or after meals. These regulations, as described by Mark, are merely practices like those that arise in all societies; if they continue long enough, they can seem like sacred duties, sanctified as "the traditions of their elders."

This distinction is the source of the tension in these three readings. Moses and James both tell their people that they are recipients of a divine gift that requires special care, while Jesus is practically livid when the scribes and Pharisees react harshly to the disciples' failure to wash their hands according to Jewish practices.

Such a distinction between divine law and human practices is valuable for our own lives. When we hear of another's misdeeds, we should evaluate the seriousness of the offense before forming our own impression. Is this truly a serious moral matter? Or something less weighty? Carefully discerning the seriousness of such matters might reveal that things are not as grave as they first appear. Such care is an exercise in Christian charity, one way of acting on the word we have received as members of the Body of Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–8
Psalm 15:2–3, 3–4, 4–5
James 1:17–18; 21b–22, 27
Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23