



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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**

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#### **Office Hours:**

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



Jesus asked them,

## “BUT WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?”

Peter said to him in reply,

## “YOU ARE THE CHRIST.”

Mark 8:29

TWENTY-FOURTH  
**SUNDAY**  
IN ORDINARY TIME

September 12, 2021




  
**RCIA**
  
 Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

**Want to explore the Catholic Faith from an adult perspective?**  
**Interested in Baptism as an adult?**  
**Are you a Baptized adult who wants to be Confirmed?**

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

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isaiah 50:5-9a).  
**Psalm** — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).  
**Second Reading** — Faith, if it does not have works, is dead (James 2:14-18).  
**Gospel** — Jesus asked his disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” (Mark 8:27-35).  
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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**

Monday 9/13	8:00am	The Nguyen - Majkoski Family
Tuesday 9/14	8:00am	†Encarnacion Jimenez
Wednesday 9/15	8:00am	†Bill Parsons
Thursday 9/16	8:00am	†Glen Cope
Friday 9/17	8:00am	Justin Gonzalez
Saturday 9/18	8:00am	Teresa and Dominic Walsh Victoria Murray Joanne and Patrick Frowein Deacon Tony Patronite Baby Johanna Harris Fr. Angelus Echeverry †Luis Serrano Rodarte †Seth Leeker Reece †Mazie Bonfiglio †Joseph Bonfiglio
		Gia Villanueva Martin †Rosita Pancho Elvinia †Maria Leonor Cervantez †Joel Avecilla †Joseph Fitzgidons †Reuben Ignacio †Tereso Ramos †Stephen Stegich †Mrs Chung Dukjae Fr Charbel Grbavac, O. Praem
Saturday 9/19	4:00pm 6:00pm	†Edith Hingco Kathy Forrester
Sunday 9/20	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm 5:00pm	†Chad Eadie Pro Populo Elizabeth Kulas †Michael Willoughby

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Thomas More Parish,

**Today's theme on the readings: IT'S ALL ABOUT CONTROL**

From toddlerhood to old age, we grow in mastery of our own lives, our bodies, and our destiny. This mastery is hard won, and we don't let go of autonomy easily. Much of this self-mastery involves the avoidance of pain or discomfort, so when we hear things like "take up your cross" and "lose your life," we tend to resist the message.

James says that faith without works is dead. Ouch! That is really a direct message! One way to look at this, as well as the part about losing our life to find it, is that faith is a process of more and more openness to God's direction of our lives. It is very hard for us to give up control, but perhaps what we are being asked to do is not to become passive and babyish, but to allow God to direct where our self-mastery will lead and what it will accomplish. We are asked to relinquish the need to control the results of our efforts; to risk, as Jesus did, the loss of everything we are working to achieve. We are asked to let God take the lead and to control the results, even though we may never see those results.

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Sincerely In Christ,  
Father Eugene

### Collections and Expenses

8-23-2021 to 8-29-21

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$15,188	\$12,620	\$27,808
Believe & Grow	\$1,048	\$981	\$2,029
BGT- Phase 2	\$300	\$2,285	\$2,585
Building Fund	\$290	\$618	\$908
Other income	\$145	\$696	\$841

Regular Expenses	\$29,627
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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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### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38;

Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

**Wednesday:** 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

**Thursday:** 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50

**Friday:** 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday:** 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15

**Sunday:** Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37



*Rest in the Love of Christ*  
Ed Baldyga



**PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING**



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Stacey Allen	Alice Green	Benjamin Nicanor
Richy Altuna	Tina Halberg	Karen Norton
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Renee Andrade	Mike Harvey	Thuy-Lieu Nguyen
Judy Anselmo	Shirley Hecker	Quy Nguyen
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Jesus Barragan	Margaret Hills	Regina Park
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Gary Belz	Dominador Hontucan	Den Tony & Mary Patronie
Blanca Bermudez	Sue House	Gabby Paz
Maria Botello	Linda Hughes	Charlie Perrea
Michele Bradley	Angela Jack	K. Nga Phan
Bill Burk	Elsa Jatwani	Ngocle Phung
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Baby Zane Cabazon	Sharon Jones	Zachary Quick
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Ellen Chang	Quinn Kelly	Fr. Jim Reis
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Petra Cordova	Deborah Kurilchyk	Anita Ruwaldt
Francisco Cortez	Larry Lathrum	Debashish Sarkar
Jim Danahr	Glenn Leckie	Jackson & Gerri Scharff
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Rick Denham	Todd Leeds	Michelle Suh
Diana & Liberato DeVeyra	Jack Light	Tara Summers
Larry Doan	Minerva Lopez	Liz Thomas
Chela Echenique	Aida Lopez-Tan	Gail Tierney
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Meynard Encarnacion	Myrna Malazarte	Denise Trujillo
Thomas Erhard	Kristin Mann	Jack Troung
Richard Erhard	Mercedes Mantilla	Kimberly Truong
Jacob Espinoza	Cherry Marinas	Baby Catherine Tseng
Lena Fisher	Cavan McGaffney	David Valentine
Cynthia Fox	Kathleen McKinley	Daniel Villareal
Howard Frankel, MD	Connie Mellott	Jim Vessey
Ken Freund	Durvalina Menezes	Hanh Vu
John Frisch	Stephanie Mispagel	Alicia Walters
Claudia Fuentez	Elena Monico	John Weber
Mike Garibay	Linda Moore	Michele Will
Lillian Gibson	Agnes Motley	Marcie Willson
Jose Gonzales, Jr.	Marie Moya	Mike Winchester
Marisela Gonzalez	Susan Navarrete	Jim Wood
Lois Gorman	Ramon Navarro, Jr.	Linda Yipp

**Please call the office when it is time to remove a name.**

LIFE TEEN

Now

### The Summit

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

### Thank You!

We had over 40 freshmen from all the neighboring high schools join us for a Life Teen preview night. We are happy announce that our LT Fall Kick Off will be Sunday, Sept 26.

CONFIRMATION

WED 6:00 PM

### Confirmation Classes Begin This Week!

1st Year Confirmation Classes begins Wednesday, Sept 15th.  
2nd Year Confirmation Classes begins Wednesday, Sept 22nd.  
Parents and students are required to attend the first class.



# R.E.P. CORNER



## 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](http://rep.stmirvine.org) to

register your students in Grades K-8.

Please contact the REP Office with any questions.



## Volunteers Needed for 2021/2022

We are recruiting teachers, substitute teachers and parent volunteers for the upcoming school year.

For more info on sharing the love of our faith with the young people of our parish, please contact the REP office at (949) 551-8029.



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



## The Library Corner

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The St Thomas More Parish Library staff would like to wish all our parishioners a Happy 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Parish Library will not be open today.

The book today that I would like to introduce to you is titled, 'The Virtue Driven Life', by author Father Benedict J. Groeschel. In this book he explores the Four Cardinal Virtues of Prudence, Justice, Temperance, Fortitude and the Three Theological Virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity (Love).

Fr. Groeschel explains that these virtues are not an old-fashioned notion, but are relevant and meaningful ways to live a Catholic life in this chaotic world today.

The virtuous life is not practiced, but it is lived each day of our lives.



Thinking of becoming an altar server?



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Sat, Sept 18th: 11:00am-12:30pm

for all children 4th grade and up

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WHEN WOMEN PRAY

11TH ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

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SARA VUOSO  
Featured Speaker



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Join us for an inspiring morning of prayer, food, and fellowship!

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TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME



YOU ARE THE CHRIST

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The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Jesus said to them: "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it." Mk 8:34-35

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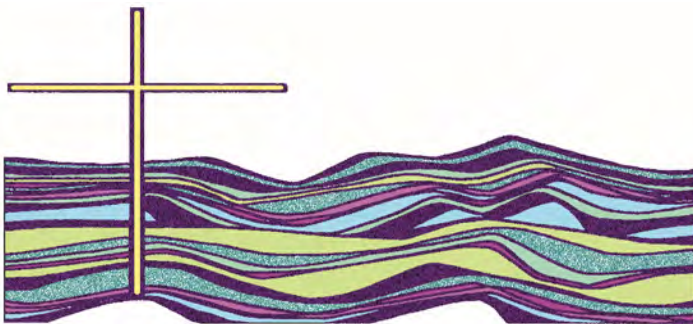
# OUR LADY OF SORROWS



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## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day  
 Monday: St. John Chrysostom  
 Tuesday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
 Wednesday: Our Lady of Sorrows; Yom Kippur (Jewish day of atonement) begins at sunset  
 Thursday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian  
 Friday: St. Robert Bellarmine; St. Hildegard of Bingen  
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



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September 13

*The love of husband and wife is the force that welds society together.*

**St. John Chrysostom**  
 4th-century Church Father known for his eloquent preaching, recognized as a Doctor of the Church by both Orthodox and Catholics

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- Deacon Steve Greco  
 President, Spirit Filled Hearts Ministry



## FEAST OF FAITH Offering and Intercessions

In this holy moment—with the consecrated bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Christ, upon the altar—we pray for a share in the fruits of Christ's sacrifice. We offer to God what God has given to us, and we intercede for the Church and the world. We pray for the pope and for all the bishops, and we mention the bishop of our local church by name. We pray for the clergy and for all the people of God. We pray in a special way for those who have died. And we pray for ourselves, that one day, with Mary and all the saints, we may come to that place where Jesus already reigns. These prayers of intercession, like the General Intercessions earlier in the Mass, broaden our focus and remind us that the Eucharist is offered not just for those gathered, but for the salvation of the entire world. The Eucharistic Prayer leads us from an intense focus on Christ, present in the consecrated host in the hands of the priest, to a loving sweep of prayer that embraces the world.

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## The Imitation of Mary

**KEYS TO GROWTH IN VIRTUE AND GRACE**

Faith Sharing Book Study  
with Father Quan Tran

**At Saint Hedwig Parish Hall in Los Alamitos**

**Date & Time:**

**Wednesday,**  
**September 29, 2021**  
Potluck 6:30 PM  
Talk 7:15-8:30 PM

**Topic:**

**JOY IN THE LORD**  
Chapter 6

**Location:**

**Saint Hedwig**  
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THE  
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OF  
MARY



KEYS TO GROWTH IN  
VIRTUE AND GRACE

FR. QUAN TRAN

To join on **Zoom** call Vivian @ 714-319-8313  
or e-mail [legionofmary@stbonaventure.org](mailto:legionofmary@stbonaventure.org)



*You are invited to come soar with WINGS*

WINGS (Women In God's Spirit), one of the longest-running women's group in the diocese returns on Wednesday, October 13. Meetings are from 9am to 11am at St. Martin De Porres Church in Yorba Linda. A ministry of faith and fellowship that began 34 years ago to encourage spiritual growth through a balance of prayer, scripture study, life sharing, guest speakers and community. We welcome women of all ages and stages of life, from all parishes. Free child care and light refreshments are provided.

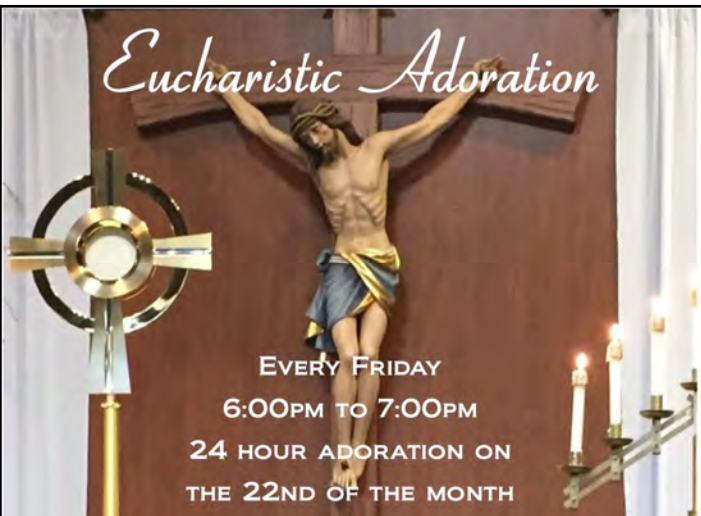
You can register when you come or get the registration form in our parish office.

For further information please contact  
**[WINGS@smdpyl.org](mailto:WINGS@smdpyl.org)** or WINGS Moderator,  
Tracey Rocha @ 714-225-3675

## Our Refuge in our Time of Need

*Lord my God,  
in you I take refuge;  
rescue me.  
-Psalm 7:2*

## Eucharistic Adoration



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24 HOUR ADORATION ON  
THE 22ND OF THE MONTH

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*Monday-Friday*  
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*Saturday & Sunday*  
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## Liturgy Support

Altar Servers	Tina Le	(7) 356-7607
Eucharist to the Homebound	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		

## 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
Grief Share Ministry	K.C. Riley	(7) 875-8126
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
Bulletin Editor	Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Building Committee	Keith Rattay	(9) 551-8601
Deacons	Tony Patronite, Tin Nguyen & Leonard Sun	(9) 551-8601
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

**If you are feeling called to serve in one or more of our ministries, please send an email with your contact information to: [serve@stmirvine.org](mailto:serve@stmirvine.org)**

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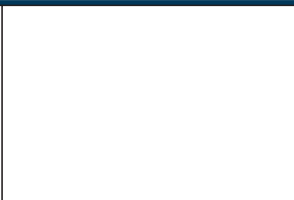
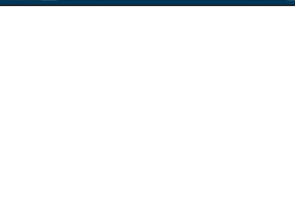
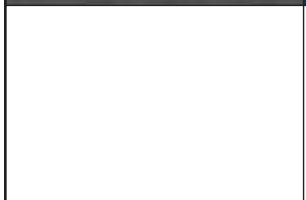
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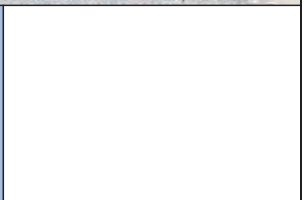
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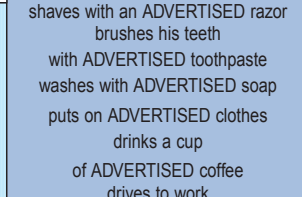
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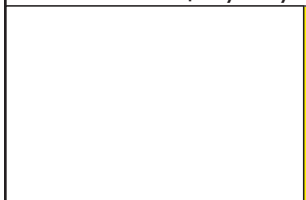
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**If you wish to come after me  
you must deny yourself,  
take up your cross,  
and follow me.**

Mark 8:34

### SUFFERING, HOPE, AND LOVE

Our readings from Isaiah and from the Gospel of Mark confront us with the fact that the invitation to faith leads us into suffering. In Isaiah, the prophet accepts pain and shaming from others, as he trusts in God. In Mark, Jesus is blunt about this: “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” When we embrace faith, we are confronted with our own fears about suffering and about losing comfort, status, and control over our lives. Life has plenty of suffering already, so why choose to add to it? Jesus points to a response: avoiding our fears and clinging to illusion and superficial comforts will not give us what we really want from life. Jesus offers a better, deeper life, a life grounded in God’s love. It is lived in hope of resurrection and the final triumph of this love.

### A DIFFERENT LIFE

The Gospel of Mark reaches a turning point in today’s passage. About halfway through Mark, Jesus’ disciples begin to understand Jesus as the Messiah (or Christ). And Jesus begins to spell out just what is expected of those who follow him. The story then shifts to learning just what being Christ, and following Christ, actually means. Jesus shatters the expectation of a political or military power defeating Israel’s oppressors, and reveals a different kind of Messiah. The disciples later come to see that this different Messiah offers a different understanding of power, and of life itself.

We inhabit a world that honors power over others, through wealth or achievement or violence. Jesus invites us into a community and a way of life that honors the power of love and service to others. Lived fully, it is truly a different way of life. It is marked by great suffering and great joy, because it embraces the fundamental pattern of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

### A “LARGE” FAITH

The letter of James is designed to enlarge your faith. James knew that his community faced trials that could lead them to abandon the faith, or perhaps to reduce faith to a comfortable, manageable size. In today’s passage, James calls the reader to resist reducing faith to safe, intellectual assent to teachings, and instead to expand one’s faith to actively engage in good works, especially in service to the poor.

To have a “large” faith is to move from apathy toward others’ sufferings to empathy and to action. A large faith leads to a large heart, where we can take in the enormity of suffering in the world around us, not become overwhelmed by it, and do what we can to relieve it. With a large heart, we can even squarely face our own sufferings, accepting our own tragedies with forgiveness and hope, and walking in empathy with all who share in suffering.

### TODAY’S READINGS

Isaiah 50:4c–9a  
Psalm 116:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 8–9  
James 2:14–18  
Mark 8:27–35

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**Twenty-fourth**  
Sunday in Ordinary Time

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