



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.

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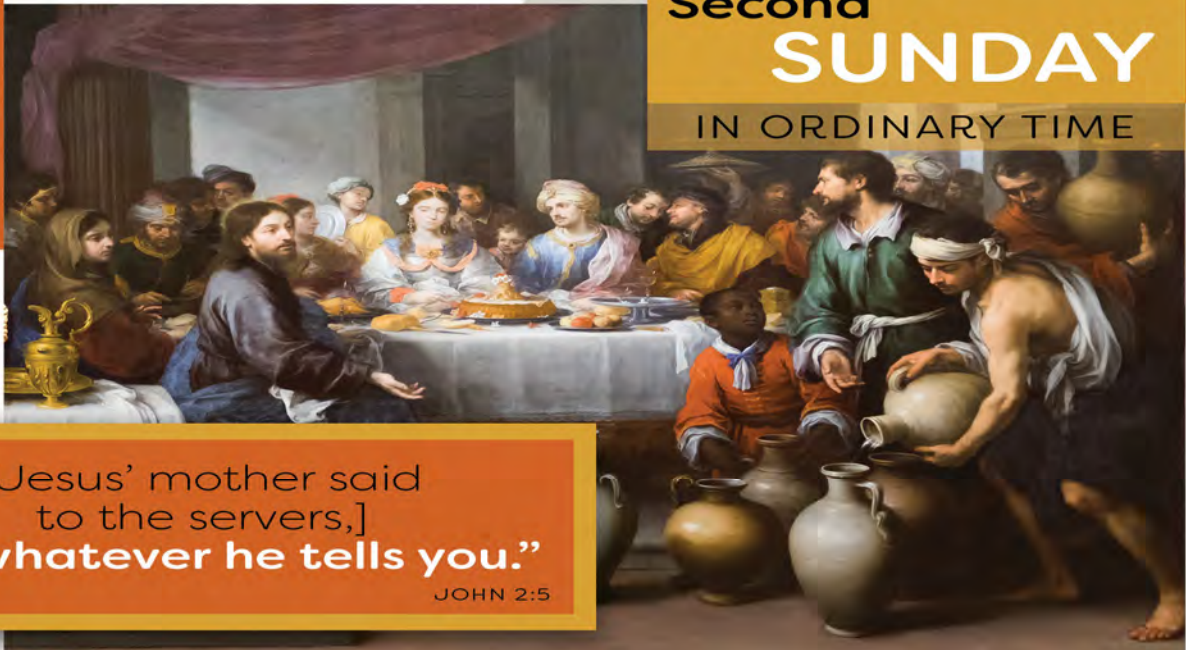
Office Hours:

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



January 16, 2022

Second SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



[Jesus' mother said
to the servers,]
"Do whatever he tells you."

JOHN 2:5



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH
IRVINE, CA

New Mass Schedule

Starting January 16, 2022
Revised Mass times

DAILY -- Monday to Saturday: 8am

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm Vietnamese/Eng
6:00 pm English

SUNDAY MASS

8:00 am English 1:00 pm Spanish/Eng
9:30 am English 3:00 pm Chinese/Eng
11:30 am English 5:00 pm English



Welcome!

Morning Prayer: Wed & Fri 7:30am to 7:50am

Adoration: Every Friday 6:00pm to 7:00pm

24 Hour Adoration: on the 22nd of every month

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

Mass will be available online for the sick and homebound on Sundays at 9:30am & Monday-Saturday at 8:00am. For spiritual advisement, please contact the priest to schedule an appointment.

Baptisms and Marriages: contact the office for details

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen Zion and Jerusalem (Isaiah 62:1-5).

Psalm — Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96).

Second Reading — All the varied gifts and talents found in the Christian community are products of the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

Gospel — At a wedding festival in Cana, Jesus changes water into wine at his mother's request (John 2:1-11).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21, or any of a number of readings

for the Day of Prayer

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 1/17	8:00am	†Rainfredo Bugarin
Tuesday 1/18	8:00am	Lindsay Prosinski
Wednesday 1/19	8:00am	Christopher Cabral
Thursday 1/20	8:00am	†Rosario Izquierdo
Friday 1/21	8:00am	Priscilla & Ashley Vu
Saturday 1/22	8:00am 6:00pm	Agnes Hiuni †Yong Je Won
Sunday 1/23	8:00am 9:30am 11:30am 11:30am 11:30am 11:30am 11:30am 1:00pm 5:00pm	Janisse Family Meredith Rattay Alicia & Pedro Oscar Yambao †Jose Paz Sicat †Liem Poo Sian Andrew Handayana †Bessie Marinos Fr Angelus Echeverry Pro Populo



IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT MASS INTENTIONS

The suggested donation to be given for the celebration and application of an intention at a Mass in the Diocese of Orange is \$10. (Can. 952) More information on how to request a Mass intention can be found on our website on the "How-To" tab.

Today's theme on the readings: REVELATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Today's first reading from Isaiah arises out of the ordeal of the people of Jerusalem and Judea as they anticipate the end of seventy years of exile in Babylon. Their sufferings and their oppression will end, and they are promised joy like that of a great wedding upon returning to their homeland. Although this passage is probably set in the early sixth century B.C., it is free of historical particulars. Accordingly, the Church has understood its imagery universally, as it proclaims God's promise of healing, hope, and happiness for all peoples, in this world and in the next. When read against this background, the story of Jesus' turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana becomes a revelation of God's presence in the person of Jesus, making these promises real for us in the here and now, in the transformation of our own lives. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Collections and Expenses

1-3-22 to 1-9-22

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$16,471	\$23,709	\$40,181
Maintenance Fund	\$2,597	\$2,783	\$5,320
Other income	\$3,225	\$7,847	\$11,072
Total income	\$22,293	\$34,340	\$56,633

Regular Expenses \$46,256

Believe & Grow Capital Campaign \$14,640 \$11,715 \$26,355

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, Maintenance 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!



Martin Luther King, Jr.

*In honor of the holiday, the parish offices will be closed on **Monday, January 17th**. In case of emergency, call the after hours emergency number at 949-228-2127.*



Rest in the Love of Christ

Ben Broughton
Rosalie Moreno



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Tuesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
Wednesday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)
Thursday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian
Friday: St. Agnes
Saturday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Due to space restrictions, effective **January 23rd**, the list below will be revised. Please email bulletin@stmirvine.org to add a name. Names will be included for one month, if requested.



PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING

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| Stacey Allen | Alice Green | Mary Nelson |
| Richy Altuna | Tina Halberg | Exy Ner |
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| Renee Andrade | Mike Harvey | Karen Norton |
| Judy Anselmo | Shirley Hecker | Nam Van Nguyen |
| Alicia Arrellano | John Heffernan | Thuy-Lieu Nguyen |
| Sam Baniqued | Robert Henry | Quy Nguyen |
| Zicky Baniqued | Annette Hills | Kyle Osbourne |
| Jesus Barragan | Margaret Hills | Agnes Pamintuan |
| Gary Belz | Clara Honea | Regina Park |
| Blanca Bermudez | Dominador Hontucan | Norma Jeanne Parrish |
| Susan Bertoglio | Sue House | Avelino Paz |
| Maria Botello | Ken Hughes | Charlie Perrea |
| Michele Bradley | Angela Jack | Ngocle Phung |
| Bill Burk | Elsa Jatwani | Jerry and Evie Pilkington |
| Mary & Joe Bush | Theresa Johnston | Zachary Quick |
| Baby Zane Cabazon | Sharon Jones | Norma Quyang |
| Ron Carr | Doris Jordan | Paula Reno |
| Linda Carter | Quinn Kelly | Lorraine Reyes |
| Sandy Catiller | Jim Kendall | Ponciano Reyes |
| Ellen Chang | Houman Khaghani | Eileen Rossi |
| Cyrus Charna | Jett Knight | Robert Arnold Rull |
| Marietta Charbonneau | Ty Vivian Knisely | Sheila Russo |
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| Clara Connor | Richard Kulas | Anita Ruwaldt |
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| Rick Denham | Patrick Lee | Tara Summers |
| Diana & Liberato DeVeyra | Todd Leeds | Charlotte Tagge |
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| Beata Durdovic | Jean Yi Jinn Liu | Gail Tierney |
| Chela Echenique | Minerva Lopez | Xuan Tran |
| Kathy Ellis | Aida Lopez-Tan | Denise Trujillo |
| Linda Emanuel | Alicia Lowe | Jack Troung |
| Thomas Erhard | Gloria MacCormack | Kimberly Truong |
| Richard Erhard | Humberto Mackay | Baby Catherine Tseng |
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| Jacob Espinoza | Kristin Mann | Daniel Villareal |
| Guadalupe Figueroa | Mercedes Mantilla | Jim Vessey |
| Lena Fisher | Cherry Marinas | Hanh Vu |
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| Ken Freund | Connie Mellott | John Weber |
| Pearla Frilles | Dr. Vivian Mendoza | Donna Westlund |
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| Mike Garibay | Stephanie Mispagel | Mike Winchester |
| Lillian Gibson | Elena Monico | Jim Wood |
| Jose Gonzales, Jr. | Linda Moore | Linda Yipp |
| Marisela Gonzalez | Agnes Motley | Emily Young |
| Lois Gorman | Marie Moya | Andy Zelinko |
| | Susan Navarrete | |

Please email bulletin@stmirvine.org to add or to remove a name.

LIFE TEEN

Now

The Summit Bible Study.

Our high school bible study is back! Come join us as we study the following Sunday's Mass readings. The Summit meets on Mondays at 7pm in room 3.

LIFE TEEN

Thu 7:00 PM

LIFE NIGHT Sunday, 01/23

Our high school life night that was scheduled for Sunday 1/9 has been cancelled. Please join us on 1/23 at 6:30pm. We apologize for the inconvenience.

CONFIRMATION

WED 6:00 PM

WALK FOR LIFE OC

Join STM as we participate in the 2022 Orange Walk For Life. This will take place Saturday 1/22 from 8am-12pm. We will meet at 8am at St. Norbert's Catholic Church. For more information, please email Abraham@stmirvine.org



R.E.P. CORNER



REP ZOOM NEWS!!

We want to send out a big thank you to all of our families and catechists for their flexibility and understanding during this past week as we ventured back into Zoom classes temporarily. Due to the current COVID surge, we will keep our REP classes on Zoom for one more week! Please keep all of our families in prayer during this challenging time.



ATTENTION 6th, 7th & 8th Graders!!!

Want to spend the day at Knott's Berry Farm with hundreds of other students for fun, faith & fellowship? Come join us Saturday, February 19th from 8:30AM-7PM! The cost is \$80 for the entire day! Contact Lisa Busch at lisa@stmirvine.org or call the REP Office to register.



For any questions, call the REP office at (949) 551-8029 or email rep@stmirvine.org.



The Library Corner

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



The St Thomas More Parish Library staff would like to wish all our parishioners a Happy Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Parish Library will be open today.

Today, I would like to talk to you about our spiritual warfare. This is not a concept that we hear much about, but spiritual warfare or spiritual combat, is our struggle against the enemy for our soul. The devil attacks and with the grace of God we defend. We currently have a modernist madness that is trying to influence and disarm the Catholic Church militant and make her an easy victim from her mortal foe, the devil. The Parish Library has an excellent book on this topic titled, 'Onward Catholic Soldier', authored by John LaBriola. This book, as written, is confident and informative, bursting with quotes from scripture and the saints, and provides us with instruction and specific prayers. Whatever struggles we may be having, such as depression, temptations, unforgiveness, there is hope in this book for us.



First Corinthians

The Church and the Christian Community



TIM GRAY

NEW BIBLE STUDY!

First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community

The conflicts of the early Christians in Corinth are in many ways similar to our struggles today as Christians. They, too, witnessed division, scandal, immorality, persecution and other trials. In *First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community*, an eleven-part Bible study, learn how St. Paul addressed these struggles by introducing the Corinthians to God's greatest gift—the Eucharist.

Join us for *First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community*, our brand new Saturday Bible Study starting on **January 15th**. Participants will view a video during the week and meet via Zoom every Saturday morning at 9AM for a lively group discussion and fellowship.

To register, contact: **Deacon Tony** at deacontony@stmirvine.org



Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Statue to visit STM : Mon, Jan 24th and Tues, Jan 25th

The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima is visiting Orange County for a very short time. This statue was carved under the direction of Sr. Lucia, one of the three seers, and in 1972 cried real human tears. There were two original statues created. One is in Portugal for those who would like to visit Our Lady on the original apparition site. The other, which is this precious statue, travels the world through the Blue Army, visiting those who are not able to come to Portugal to visit our Mother. This is the most traveled statue in the whole world. She has not stopped traveling since 1947. Our Lady chose this statue to express her sorrow. It is up to us to console the heart of our heavenly mother by visiting her and offering acts of love and reparation. For more about the miraculous statue, visit: <https://www.bluearmy.com/pilgrim-virgin-statue-tours/>

Blessed Candles
February 5th and 6th
 Sponsored by:
Young Ladies Institute
 Suggested donation: \$5.00

You have kept the good wine until now



MEN'S RETREAT

Perhaps there has never been a more appropriate time for a retreat. Most of us are ready to break from the challenges we have faced in the past many months. Men from our parish are invited to make their annual retreat at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center in Sierra Madre. The Center provides a private room and bath, delicious meals, beautifully landscaped grounds and the guidance of the Passionist Retreat Team. Theme for the upcoming weekend: **"Embracing God's Gift of Hope"** will take place on **February 18-20, 2022.**

The atmosphere of this silent, preached retreat will help you Relax, Reflect, Rejuvenate spiritually.

Reservations can be made by contacting our Parish Captain: Mark Kreyche at mkgreyche@gmail.com or at 714-914-2689.

Or you may register directly at:
www.stmirvine.org/mensretreat

Christ Renews His Parish *A Special Opportunity at STM*

- Who:** Any parishioner over the age of 18.
- What:** These are faith-filled weekends where you develop a closer relationship with Jesus, spend time in prayer and in the scriptures, and get to know more of your fellow parishioners of various backgrounds and faith levels. Your level of participation in activities is up to you.
- When:** **Men's Weekend: March 26-27, 2022**
– Call Steve with Questions (714) 319-9947
Women's Weekend: April 9-10, 2022
– Call Patty with Questions (714) 390-9626
- Why:** Most people who have participated in the weekend experience say, **"you can't explain what happens; you have to experience it."** This is your invitation to that "experience."
- RSVP:** Register online or to learn more go to www.ChristRenewsOC.com





SUGGESTED PLENARY INDULGENCE OF THE MONTH

JANUARY 2022

READING OF SACRED SCRIPTURE

A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful, who with the veneration due the divine word make a spiritual reading from Sacred Scripture.

A plenary indulgence is granted, if this reading is continued for at least one half an hour.

SUGGESTION

This year, Sunday, January 23 is the Sunday of the Word of God. Pope Francis in 2020 decreed that the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time will henceforth be considered as the Sunday of the Word of God. Although this indulgence can be obtained at anytime throughout the year, this is a good day for you to dedicate 30 minutes to reading of the Sacred Scriptures. You can read any part of the Bible. Fr. Eugene Lee suggests that all parishioners of St. Thomas More read the Book of Acts from the beginning for a minimum of 30 minutes. The beginning of Acts describes the beginning of the Church after the Ascension of Jesus. It speaks about the HOLY SPIRIT'S action at the beginning. We too here at STM pray for the fire of the HOLY SPIRIT to continue raging in our hearts.

CONDITIONS FOR RECEIVING A PLENARY INDULGENCE

1. Do the prescribed work.
2. Receive Holy Communion within several days (before or after) of the indulgenced act.
3. Go to confession within several days (before or after) the indulgenced act
4. Pray for the Pope. An Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be can suffice.
5. Be free from attachment to all sin, even venial sin.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace on our times.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.



Reverence at Mass

Mass is deeply sacred. Let us deepen our devotion to the Eucharist.

DRESS to meet the King of Kings

EARLY to Mass

ENGAGE in Mass with your heart

PARTICIPATE actively

END. Stay to the end of the FINAL HYMN

NEIGHBOR-MINDED. Help make Mass a sacred time for you and your brothers and sisters.

"Therefore, we who are receiving the unshakable kingdom should have gratitude, with which we should offer worship pleasing to God in reverence and awe." ~ Hebrews 12:28



Events Around the Diocese

**FROM: ST. NORBERT CATHOLIC CHURCH
TO: HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH**



2022 O.C. WALK FOR LIFE



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Archbishop William Lori
Supreme Chaplain

JANUARY 22, 2022

Meet at St. Norbert Catholic Church
300 E Taft Ave. Orange, CA 92865

8:30 AM Mass
9:30 AM Opening Prayer & Walk
11:00 AM Life Update & Closing Prayer

Walk ends at Holy Family Catholic Church
566 S Glassell St. Orange, CA 92866

Walk ends at Holy Family. Plan your return back from Holy Family to St. Norbert with other walkers as no shuttle will be available.



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World Day of the Sick Mass

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Principal Celebrant

**Saturday, February 12, 2022
10 a.m.**



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Happy New Year from the **Orange Diocesan Council of Catholic Women** (ODCCW). We invite you to our January 2022 general gathering. Our keynote speaker is Marjory Arnold, Mental Health Ministry at RCBO, she will be speaking on **"The need for Mental Health Ministry in the Catholic Church"**. Please join us at

Christ Cathedral, Tower of Hope, 4th floor on **Tuesday, January 18th, 2022**. The suggested donation is \$25.00 which includes continental breakfast and lunch. Registration opens at 8:45AM. Program to be begin by 9:15AM. Adjournment by 12:30PM. For reservations or questions go to the ODCCW website at www.odccw.org or contact Susan Navarrete, President of ODCCW at info@odccw.org. We look forward to seeing you there.

St. Thomas More Ministries



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
Sacristans	Pam Ocampo	(9) 468.6704
Ushers	Frank Ornelas (9) 857-9044	Joe Martin (9) 385-3741

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 Lee	(7) 293-8987
Chinese Community	Deacon Leonard Sun	(7) 932-1689
Corazon	Norma Jean Womack	(9) 903-1472
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	Jessica Silva	(9) 294-2875
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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Building Committee	Keith Rattay	(9) 551-8601
Deacons	Tony Patronite, Tin Nguyen, Leonard Sun & Bernie Ocampo	(9) 551-8601
Hospitality/Donut Ministry	Deacon Tony Patronite	(9) 307-6215
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) 345-9130
Legion of Mary	Trisha Smith	(7) 473-3714
Library	Sam & Diana Adams	(7) 321-2405
Spanish Bible Study	Teresa LeMire	(7) 832-1770

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[Jesus' mother said to the servers,]
"Do whatever he tells you."

JOHN 2:5

BROKEN SILENCE

"For Pete's sake will you kids be quiet?" This question, no doubt, has passed the lips of numerous parents through the years. It's tempting to speculate as to who, exactly, was instructing Isaiah to be quiet. Neighbors? Fellow prophets? Family? No matter. Isaiah says firmly that for the sake of Jerusalem and Zion he will not be silent. Conversely, in the familiar passage in today's Gospel reading, Mary chides her son to break his silence, to save the wedding soon to run out of wine. Jesus responds with a prophetic action, one that signals the miraculous, bountiful joy flowing at the heavenly wedding feast. Prophetic words, prophetic deeds—both flow from a broken silence.

PROBLEM CHILDREN

The Corinthians seem to have been Paul's problem children. His two letters to them are much longer than any of his other letters—two, three, or four times as long as some. It seems that if the early Christians at Corinth could misunderstand or do something wrong, they would. Fortunately for us, the two letters to the Corinthians, though they contain much didactic or instructional material, also provide some of Paul's most well-crafted and grace-filled writing. This is certainly true today, with Paul's litany of gifts that the Spirit bestows on the faithful, even to this day. Paul seeks to calm the squabbling that seems to have been going on, as the Corinthians tried to claim one gift or another as more important. All gifts come from the same Spirit, Paul reminds them; and the various gifts are given for the benefit of the community. When jealousy arises in our midst today, we can still turn to Paul's insights so we might stop being prideful, problem children.

WONDROUS CHILD

In the Gospel scene at Cana, we see Mary turning to her own child, Jesus. Perhaps she recalled the power of the Spirit that had flowed in her womb at his Incarnation, leading her to discern that surely he must have Spirit-given gifts that could help with the impending crisis at the wedding. As at her Annunciation, she may not have been completely certain, at first, exactly how this would come about, but in faith at Cana she turned to Jesus. In faith, her words, "do whatever he tells you," echoed her reply to Gabriel: "Let it be done to me as you say." In faith, she knows whatever words the Word will speak are bound to bring another inbreaking of the Spirit, another manifestation of God's reign. And she is right. Her wondrous child, John the Evangelist tells us, performed his first wonder there, and signaled the presence of the divine in the everyday.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 62:1–5

Psalms 96:1–2, 2–3, 7–8, 9–10

1 Corinthians 12:4–11

John 2:1–11

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