

St. Thomas More Church

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Sunday of Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8, 2018

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS WEEKLY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil
5:00PM

Sunday
7:30AM, 9:00AM, 12:30PM
10:45AM *Spanish*

Holy Day Masses
8:30AM, 7:00PM

Reconciliation
Saturday: 4:00-4:45PM

English
Daily: Mon-Sat
8:30AM

Please contact the Parish Office for arrangements regarding
Baptisms, Funerals, and Quinceañeras



For Sacraments of Matrimony, please contact the
Parish Office six months prior to the date of the wedding

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday	9:00AM - 7:30PM	<i>Closed 1:00 - 2:00PM</i>
Friday	9:00AM - 7:00PM	<i>Closed 1:00 - 2:00PM</i>
Saturday	9:00AM - 1:00PM	

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The community of believers was of one heart and mind (Acts 4:32-35).

Psalms — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God (1 John 5:1-6).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. (John 20:19-31).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday:	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — La comunidad de los creyentes compartía todo con el mismo amor (Hechos 4:32-35).

Salmo — Den gracias al Señor porque es bueno, porque es eterna su misericordia (Salmo 118 [117]).

Segunda lectura — Si alguien cree que Jesús es el Enviado, ése ha nacido de Dios (1 Juan 5:1-6).

Evangelio — Felices los que creen sin haber visto (Juan 20:19-31).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Sal 40 (41):7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lc 1:26-38
Martes:	Hch 4:32-37; Sal 93 (92):1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Miércoles:	Hch 5:17-26; Sal 34 (33):2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Jueves:	Hch 5:27-33; Sal 34 (33):2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Viernes:	Hch 5:34-42; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Sábado:	Hch 6:1-7; Sal 33 (32):1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Domingo:	Hch 3:13-15, 17-19; Sal 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lc 24:35-48

Collections For

3/25/2018		4/1/18 Easter Sunday	
5:00 PM	\$925.00	7:00 PM Vigil	\$1,352.00
7:30 AM	\$1,351.00	7:30 AM	\$2,046.00
9:00 AM	\$1,520.00	9:00 AM	\$2,607.00
10:45 AM	\$692.00	10:45 AM	\$1,199.00
12:30 PM	\$1,224.00	12:30 PM	\$2,517.00
By mail/online	\$540.00	By mail/online	\$805.00
Bldg Fund	\$1,976.00	Bldg Fund	\$901.00
Special Projects	\$56.00	Holy Thursday	\$687.00
Total	\$8,284.00	Total	\$12,114.00

Good Friday: Holy Land Collection \$1,412.00

STM CHILD CARE CENTER



Come and enjoy Bingo Night!
Food, prizes, 50/50 and tons of fun!
Friday, April 20th, 2018
from 6-9PM

In the STM Parish Hall

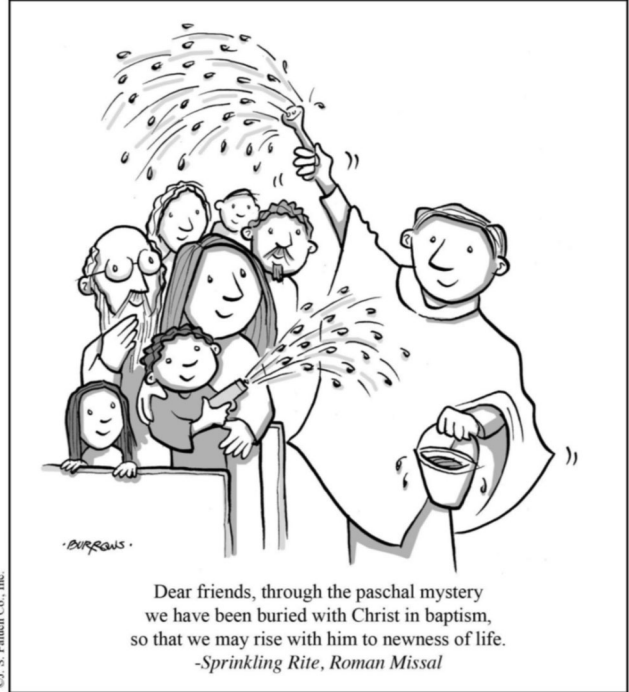
Doors open at 6:00pm. First BINGO game begins at 6:30pm sharp!

\$1 per game. Bingo daubers will be sold for \$1.

Drinks, food, snacks and dessert will be available for purchase.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to newness of life.
-Sprinkling Rite, Roman Missal

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St. Stephen Martyrs Church's Food Bank

Please Help Stock the Food Bank

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| Tuna | Chicken |
| Roast Beef | Beef Stew |
| Ham | Rice, Beans |
| Mayonnaise, Mustard | Spaghetti |
| Mashed Potatoes | Pasta Sauce |
| Cheese | Macaroni & Cheese |
| Canned Soups | Salt, Pepper |
| Instant Coffee | Tea, Sugar, Flour |
| Canned Tomatoes | Top Ramen |
| Canned Vegetables | Bread, Crackers |
| Canned Fruit | Peanut Butter |
| Cereal | Jam or Jelly |
| Oatmeal | Ham & Cracker Packs |
| Cooking Oil | Shampoo / Conditioner |
| Toothbrushes / Toothpaste | Dish Soap / Hand Soap |
| Large Paper Bags | Plastic Bags |



Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed

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Sunday Breakfast

Join us for Breakfast in the Hall
8:30 to Noon



Donuts & Coffee

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Divine Mercy Group



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CURRENT EVENTS

Saturday, April 07, 2018		
6:00PM	Confirmation Class	Church
4:00PM	Divine Mercy Novena	Hall
Sunday, April 08, 2018		
8:30AM-Noon	Coffee & Donuts	Hall
10:30AM	Religious Education Class	School
Noon	Divine Mercy Lunch	Hall
Monday, April 09, 2018		
9:30AM	Legion of Mary	Ministry Center
7:00PM	Youth Band Practice	Church
Tuesday, April 10, 2018		
9AM - 9:30AM	Our Lady of Wisdom Prayer Group	Church
7:00PM	Grief Support	Ministry Center
7:45PM	English Choir Practice	Church
Wednesday, April 11, 2018		
9AM - 9:30AM	Mother of Perpetual Help Novena	Church
7:00PM	Bible Study	Ministry Center
Thursday, April 12, 2018		
1:00PM	Mission Circle	Ministry Center
6:30PM	Youth Nights	Ministry Center
8:00PM	Spanish Choir	Church
Friday, April 13, 2018		
9AM - 1PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
Saturday, April 14, 2018		
10:00AM	1st Reconciliation	Church
2:00PM	1st Reconciliation	Church
6:00PM	Confirmation Class	Church
Sunday, April 15, 2018		
8:30AM -2PM	Coffee & Donuts	Hall
10:30AM	Religious Education Class	School

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 07, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Frank Luchetta†
4:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Francine Mandy Ramirez† Patrick Yiu†
Sunday, April 08, 2018		
7:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Jean Cooper: Healing
9:00 AM	Fr. Peter	Eduvigis Gonzalez† Rudy Osorio: Special Intentions
10:45 AM	Fr. Thai	Rafael Garcia Jr.†
12:30 PM	Fr. Dan	Carol Jenik: Healing
Monday, April 09, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Mrs. Bailey: Birthday
Tuesday, April 10, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Alex Ornelas†
Wednesday, April 11, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Jennifer Santana Pedraza: Healing
Thursday, April 12, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Parishioners of STM
Friday, April 13, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Leonor Orozco†
Saturday, April 14, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Francine Amanda Ramirez† Gilbert Saucillo†
4:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Patrick Yiu† Severa Cagungun†
Sunday, April 15, 2018		
7:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
9:00 AM	Fr. Andrew	Jeff Shaw †
10:45 AM	Fr. Ruiz	Rafael Garcia, Sr.†
12:30 PM	Fr. Andrew	Parishioners of STM

Please Pray for the Sick

Fr. Jeremiah O'Neill

A	Mariano Aoanan George Astacio Rosa Astacio Brianna Ayestas	G	Edelle Gonzales Gavin Gutierrez Ricardo Gutierrez Carolina Guzman	P	Laura Pagano Tony Pagliotti Sharon Palmiter Fernando Parra Jennifer Santana Pedraza
B	Roy Barrientos Douglas Barquero Patricia Bernal Steven Brown Tod & Rose Marie Brown Brent Burley Ida Bustos	H	Memo Herrera Sally Herrera I Selvia Inado J Darwin Jenkins Dennis James Johnson Gary Jones K Kimbra Fossen	R	Victoria Petas Arpie Pezeshkian Dolores Ramirez Rosalia Rodriguez Ramon Ramos Julieta Reta Jean Reyes Wil- liams
C	Jessica Cabrera Rita Campanella Gloria Cancio S. Cano Burt Carranza Evelin Carranza Celia Carmona Erik M. Casillas Blanca & Procoro Castañeda Jessica Cerda Joan Cervantes Mary Louise Cruz	L	Theresa Kryszek Bill Lamb Bertha La Barreda Anfrea Leija William Lievens James Lindgren Eleanor Lopez Brother Martin Lorenzini Francine Lozano Bonnie Luna Elvira Luna Rafael & Gerardo Luna	S	Mason Saldaña Francisco Sanchez Virginia Rosales Alissa Roybal Dylan Silva Sisi Shum Uldarica Sison Eddie Souza
D	Roger Davila Julio Diaz Luz Santos Dicioco Jesus M. Dulay	M	Gilbert Madrid Cely Magpantay Anna Maraldo Salvador Maldona- do	T	Jennies Tiu
E	Malia Estrada		Edgardo Marin	U	Leticia Ureno
F	Ruth Fabela Pat Fernandez Tony Filosa Louis Finochio		Santos Mendiola Francis Meyer Jean Miceli Tony Micelli	V	Richard Valdes Michael Velasco Maria Wong Vasquez
G	Mariano G. Lupe Galvan Juan Garcia Ramona Garcia Daniela Garcia de la Rosa Alyce Gold Adela Gonzalez		James Montague Cheryl Morten Marjorie Motto N Gloria Natividad Mario Nieto Victor Ng Huy Nguyen	W	Norma Villar Ricardo & Felicidad Villegas Therese Huyen- Duong Thi Vu Theresa Mai Vu
				Z	Martha Willox Janny Wong Jennifer Wong Christine Zampese

Pray for the Dead

Lupe Dominguez	Andrea Lozano
Vera Dueñas	Santos Mendiola
George Kametani	Finbarr O'Neill
Yee See Lipsun	Jeff Shaw



Hello!

Those of you who are parents know that each child is different. Even children born, educated, and raised by the same parents will have different personalities. They will have different ways they perceive the world. Some of them can be very close to you through constant presence and communication while others may only visit or want to talk when something goes wrong.

These differences can be seen from a spiritual perspective. Some children are devout and committed to faith through regular participation in the life of the church and sacraments. Other children might stop attending Mass when they become adults. Thus, the ways we grow and develop faith is different from person to person.

We can see these different approaches in today's Gospel. A week after Easter Sunday, the Gospel reading tells us that while the disciples were gathering to pray, Thomas was not there with them. Where was he and why did not he come? Thomas thought that by following Jesus his life would be better that Jesus would become the king of the nations. Thomas thought that he might get promoted to a position under Jesus and life would be better. When Thomas witnessed Jesus captured, tortured, and crucified on the cross, he felt dismayed. Thomas lost his faith in Jesus. He no longer wanted to be with the other disciples as they gathered together. Thomas was afraid that he could be captured and crucified like his master.

Thomas also perceived the Resurrection through human reasoning; how could Jesus rise from the dead after such suffering? No one could possibly endure such cruelty and rise from the grave. Thomas did not believe because he did not witness Jesus' resurrection. Such an approach led Thomas to distance himself from the Resurrection stories that were told to him by the other disciples. However, Thomas's faith was tested as he humbled himself and returned to the group where he encountered the Risen Christ. Despite faced with despair and confusion, Thomas rediscovered hope and peace in the Resurrection as he returned to his own community of faith.

Most things in nature develop through stages. Our faith and relationship with the Risen Christ can go through stages as well. When we encounter sufferings and trails; we can no longer see the light of hope. It looks like God has abandoned us. We only need to remember that there is another perspective; that is, God is always there to guide us to a solution – away from what troubles us. For example, when we suffer a serious illness, God can guide us to a physician who is committed and eager to cure us. Despite traumatic or negative experiences that we may encounter along our life's journey, God's voice brings us together to pray for, and support one another. If we revisit our past, we can see how God guided our lives through dark moments of suffering to new prospects. Therefore, in time of trials and tribulations, we should never be discouraged. Instead, we must join the faint community in prayer and believe in His power to guide us.

This Sunday is also called Divine Mercy Sunday. The message of Divine Mercy was given by Jesus to Sister Faustina Kowalska of Poland on February 22, 1931. Through this message, Our Lord Jesus Christ wants us to know that God's love and mercy comes to us through Jesus' sacrifices. Therefore, whatever personalities, beliefs, or lifestyles each of us holds within our heart, we always need to remind ourselves that God wants us to come to Him. We remember that His Son Jesus Christ suffered, was crucified, died, and eventually rose from dead. Thomas rediscovered peace and hope in the Resurrection of Our Lord when he returned and prayed with the disciples. Similarly, when we are faced with misery, we must seek help from others in the faith community. We must have faith and pray for God's help. We must believe in Him to lighten our burdens and suffering; to strengthen our lives with His love and mercy.

God bless!

P. Thai

¡Hola!

Aquellos de ustedes que son padres saben que cada niño es diferente. Incluso los niños nacidos, educados y criados por los mismos padres tendrán diferentes personalidades. Tendrán diferentes formas en que perciben el mundo. Algunos de ellos pueden estar muy cerca de usted a través de la presencia y comunicación constantes, mientras que otros solo pueden visitar o querer hablar cuando algo sale mal.

Estas diferencias se pueden ver desde una perspectiva espiritual. Algunos niños son devotos y están comprometidos con la fe a través de la participación regular en la vida de la iglesia y los sacramentos. Otros niños pueden dejar de asistir a misa cuando se vuelven adultos. Por lo tanto, las formas en que crecemos y desarrollamos la fe son diferentes de persona a persona.

Podemos ver estos diferentes enfoques en el Evangelio de hoy. Una semana después del Domingo de Pascua, la lectura del Evangelio nos dice que mientras los discípulos se reunían para orar, Tomás no estaba allí con ellos. ¿Dónde estaba él y por qué no vino? Tomás pensó que al seguir a Jesús su vida sería mejor que Jesús se convirtiera en el rey de las naciones. Thomas pensó que podría ser promovido a un puesto bajo Jesús y la vida sería mejor. Cuando Thomas vio a Jesús capturado, torturado y crucificado en la cruz, se sintió consternado. Thomas perdió su fe en Jesús. Ya no quería estar con los otros discípulos mientras se juntaban. Thomas tenía miedo de que pudiera ser capturado y crucificado como su maestro.

Thomas también percibió la Resurrección a través del razonamiento humano; ¿Cómo pudo Jesús resucitar de entre los muertos después de tanto sufrimiento? Nadie podría soportar tal crueldad y levantarse de la tumba. Tomás no creyó porque no fue testigo de la resurrección de Jesús. Tal enfoque llevó a Tomás a distanciarse de las historias de Resurrección que le contaron los otros discípulos. Sin embargo, la fe de Tomás fue puesta a prueba cuando se humilló a sí mismo y regresó al grupo donde se encontró con el Cristo Resucitado. A pesar de enfrentar la desesperación y la confusión, Thomas redescubrió la esperanza y la paz en la Resurrección cuando regresó a su propia comunidad de fe.

La mayoría de las cosas en la naturaleza se desarrollan a través de etapas. Nuestra fe y nuestra relación con Cristo resucitado también pueden pasar por etapas. Cuando nos encontramos con sufrimientos y senderos; ya no podemos ver la luz de la esperanza. Parece que Dios nos ha abandonado. Solo necesitamos recordar que hay otra perspectiva; es decir, Dios siempre está ahí para guiarnos a una solución, lejos de lo que nos preocupa. Por ejemplo, cuando sufrimos una enfermedad grave, Dios puede guiarnos a un médico comprometido y ansioso por curarnos. A pesar de las experiencias traumáticas o negativas que podemos encontrar a lo largo de nuestro viaje de vida, la voz de Dios nos reúne para orar y apoyarnos unos a otros. Si revisamos nuestro pasado, podemos ver cómo Dios guió nuestras vidas a través de oscuros momentos de sufrimiento a nuevas perspectivas. Por lo tanto, en tiempos de pruebas y tribulaciones nunca debemos desanimarnos. En cambio, debemos unirnos a la débil comunidad en oración y creer en su poder para guiarnos.

Este domingo también se llama Domingo de la Divina Misericordia. El mensaje de la Divina Misericordia fue dado por Jesús a sor Faustina Kowalska de Polonia el 22 de febrero de 1931. A través de este mensaje, Nuestro Señor Jesucristo quiere que sepamos que el amor y la misericordia de Dios nos llegan a través de los sacrificios de Jesús. Por lo tanto, independientemente de las personalidades, creencias o estilos de vida que cada uno de nosotros tenga en nuestro corazón, siempre debemos recordarnos a nosotros mismos que Dios quiere que vayamos a Él. Recordamos que Su Hijo Jesucristo sufrió, fue crucificado, murió y finalmente resucitó. Thomas redescubrió la paz y la esperanza en la Resurrección de Nuestro Señor cuando regresó y oró con los discípulos. De manera similar, cuando nos enfrentamos a la miseria, debemos buscar la ayuda de otros en la comunidad de fe. Debemos tener fe y orar por la ayuda de Dios. Debemos creer en Él para aliviar las cargas y el sufrimiento; para fortalecer nuestras vidas con su amor y misericordia.

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai