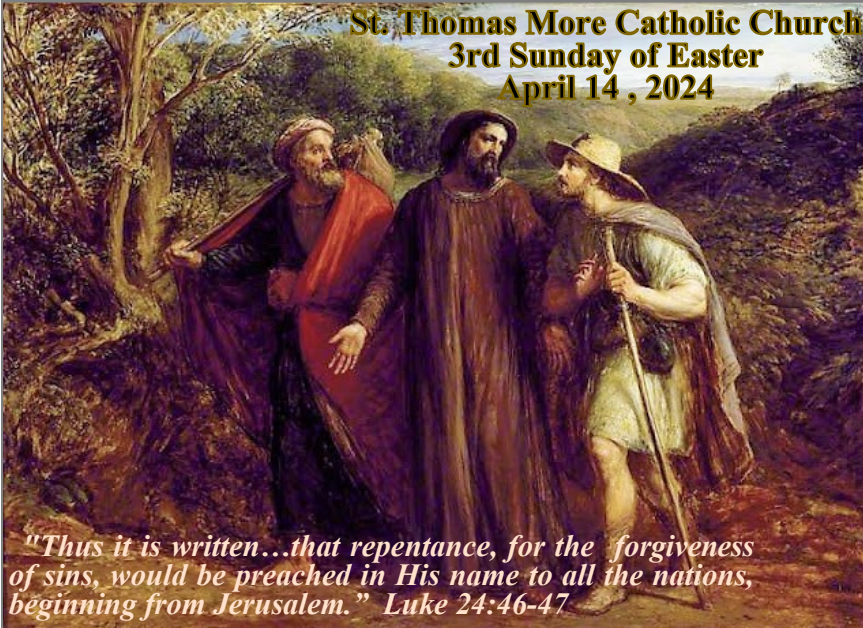


**St. Thomas More Catholic Church
3rd Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024**



"Thus it is written...that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem." Luke 24:46-47

**Welcome to
St. Thomas More
Catholic Church**

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We warmly welcome you to our humble place of worship. Our Lord Jesus comes to us in word and sacrament as we celebrate His life, death and resurrection at Holy Mass. If this is your first time visiting, we hope you find a new spiritual home away from home.

Founded in 1964, our parish has a long tradition of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Sustainable only by your contributions, your generosity is sincerely appreciated.

We welcome you, again, and thank you for celebrating with us.

Mass Schedule

Monday thru Thursday	8:00 a.m.
Friday (S.T.M. School Mass)	8:00 a.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 a.m. (Español)

Holy Days of Obligation

Day Before Holy Day
Vigil Mass 6:30 p.m.

Actual Holy Day

8:00 a.m.
6:30 p.m.
(Español)

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Holy Sacraments
Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.
or by Appointment

Baptism

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Celebrated on:

The 4th Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. (Spanish)
The 4th Saturday of the month at 5:00 p.m. (Vigil Mass)

Marriage & Quinceañera's

Contact the Pastor at least 6 months prior to date of celebration.

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May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.

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

Amen

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Gospel Meditation:

When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, *"If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!"* As a lifelong late-arriver, it's something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the "it counts" is justifiable on a pathetically minimal scale of liturgical legalism, then the Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrong-headed it is, and how helpful it is to re-think the Mass in its light.

The famous "Road to Emmaus" story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: Word, followed by Eucharist. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus' presence in the "breaking of the bread."

With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that's precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word so that we know him in the Eucharist. That Word-induced fire counts, too!

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

Cuando era niño, un amigo de mi parroquia me dijo: "Si llegas a misa leyendo el Evangelio, ¡cuenta!" Como persona de toda la vida, es algo que me he dicho a mí mismo muchas veces, especialmente en mis primeros años como católico. Si el "cuenta" es justificable en una escala patéticamente mínima de legalismo litúrgico, entonces la lectura del Evangelio de hoy muestra cuán locamente equivocado es, y cuán útil es repensar la Misa a su luz.

El famoso relato "Camino de Emaús" narra, en aquel primer domingo de Resurrección, la doble estructura básica de la Misa: la Palabra, seguida de la Eucaristía. Jesús pasa un período significativo de tiempo con dos discípulos consternados, mientras conecta una amplia franja de las escrituras hebreas con su propio sufrimiento, muerte y resurrección. Más tarde informarían que esta Liturgia de la Palabra tocó sus corazones con un fuego inexplicable. Sólo esta llama inducida por la Palabra es lo que lleva a los dos discípulos a descubrir la presencia de Jesús en la "fracción del pan".

Teniendo esto en cuenta, ¿cómo podemos pensar que la Liturgia de la Palabra es innecesaria o incidental? Los dos discípulos necesitaban que se les explicaran las Escrituras para poder experimentar a Jesús vivo en la fracción eucarística del pan. Claro, decimos, pero tenían a Jesús Resucitado. Pero ese es precisamente el punto: Jesús ha resucitado y nos acompaña en ambas partes de la Misa. Imagínese cuánto se profundizaría nuestra experiencia de Jesús en la Eucaristía si nosotros (predicadores y oyentes) tomáramos aún más en serio que Jesús mismo enciende nuestros corazones con su Palabra para que lo conociéramos en la Eucaristía. ¡Ese fuego inducido por la Palabra también cuenta!

— Father John Muir



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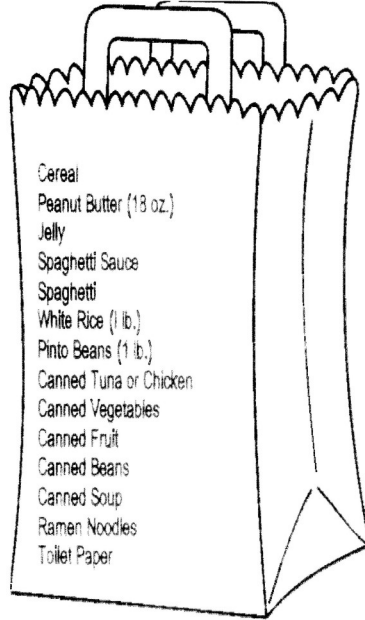
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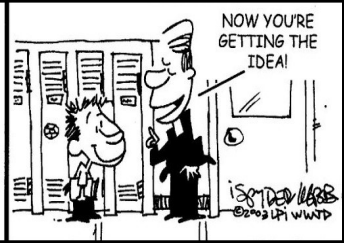
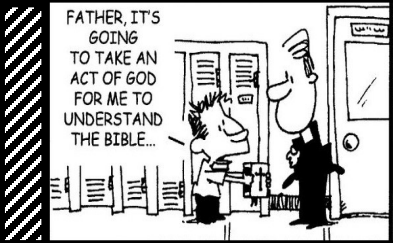
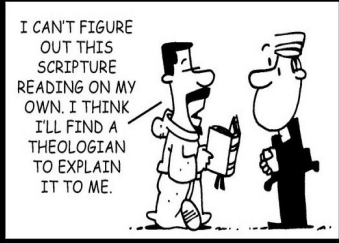
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Sunday, April 14, 2024
9:00 am KC 3 Degree Breakfast - *Carolán Hall*

Monday, April 15 2024

Tuesday, April 16, 2024
5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Rectory Mtg Room*
6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room*
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - *Church*
CDA General Mtg - *Carolán Hall*

Wednesday, April 17, 2024
6:00 pm KC 3 Degree Council Chapter Mtg - *Carolán Hall*
7:00 pm Guadalupanos Choir Practice - *Church*

Thursday, April 18, 2024
6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Grp - *Church*
7:00 pm RCIA - *Rectory Mtg Room*

Friday, April 19, 2024
9:00 am Friday Adoration - *Cancelled - due to Construction*
6:30 pm Coro Alegria Guitar Paracice - *Rectory Mtg Room*
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - *Church*

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Saturday, April 20, 2024
10:00 am VBS Planning Mtg - *Carolán Hall*
3:30 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - *Rectory Mtg Rm*

Sunday, April 21, 2024
8:00 am Guadalupanos Mass / Gen Mtg - *Church / Carolán Hall*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 13, 2024
5:00 pm †Bruce A. St.Laurent by Wife
†Alfredo Sanchez by 4th Degree Assembly 2748

Sunday, April 14, 2024
8:00 am †Elvira Munoz by Mother & Brother Andrew
Henk Family - Living and †Deceased by Ramona Yglesias
10:00 am †Salome H Briseno & Carolina Briseno
by Morales / Briseno Families
STM Parishioners - Living and †Deceased
12:00 pm †Kathryn Marie Sweet by Maria T. Sweet
Fast Recovery - Aydee Cardova by Carmen Martinez

Monday, April 15, 2024
8:00 am †Sacramento Garcia by Reyes Family

Tuesday, April 16, 2024
8:00 am †Viola de la Rosa

Wednesday, April 17, 2024
8:00 am †Theresa Hoi by Kim Nguyen

Thursday, April 18, 2024
8:00 am †Steven Lee Waldron by Mom
†Manuel Garcia Olmedo by Covarubias-Garcia Family
All Ordained Clergy and Religious

Friday, April 19, 2024
8:00 am †Angie Zavala by Ramirez Family

Saturday, April 20, 2024
8:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and †Deceased**
5:00 pm †Angela Jimenez by Norberto & Jeanette Pansza
†Alfredo Sanchez by 4th Degree Assembly 2748

Sunday, April 21, 2024
8:00 am †Ralph W. Garcia by Elda T. Garcia
10:00 am †Steven Lee Waldron by Mom
†Michael McDonald by the Trimms
†Jorge Ortega by Laura Armijo
12:00 pm †Jeremias Reyes by Familia Reyes



Lecturas de la Semana del 15 - 21 apr

Lunes: Hch 6:8-15; Sal 118:23-24,26-27,29-30;
Jn 6:22-29

Martes: Hch 7:51-8:1; Sal 30:3-4,6-8,17,21;
Jn 6:30-35

Miércoles: Hch 8:1-8; Sal 65:1-7; Jn 6:35-40

Jueves: Hch 8:26-40; Sal 65:8-9,16-17,20;
Jn 6:44-51

Viernes: Hch 9:1-20; Sal 116:1,2; Jn 6:52-59

Sábado: Hch 9:31-42; Sal 115:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Domingo: Hch 4:8-12; Sal 117:1,8-9,21-23,26,28,29;
Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Readings for the week of Apr 15 - 21

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24,26-27,29-30;
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3,4,6-8,17,21ab;
Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-7; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9,16-17,20;
Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc,2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118: 1,8-9,21-23,26,28,29;
Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-1



**Sanctuary Light Intention:
*Steven Lee Waldron***

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, April 20, 2023
8:00 pm **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, S.Chapa, M.Fisher,
T.Garza, T.Sweet
Lector - R.Alvarado

Sunday, April 21, 2023
8 am **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, M.Nguyen, Y.Cione,
R.Saldiva, E.Garcia
Lector - O.Weich
10 am **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, J+And.Perez, Ali.Perez,
Sr.Eucharía, P+R.Mendoza
Lector - Abi.Perez
12 pm **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, C.Hernandez,
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