



Our readings on this Third Sunday of Easter continue with lessons of hope for abundant new life in the Risen Lord. In fact, when we look at the Gospel Reading from John and compare it to the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we get a glimpse of the “before Easter Disciples” and the “after Easter Disciples” that offer inspiration for positive change in all of us.

In the Gospel, we find the Apostles dejected and discouraged following the death of our Lord. Poor Peter decides to throw in the towel on the whole disciple thing and go back to his old way of life, declaring, “I’m going fishing.” Upon hearing this, the other disciples follow him.

How easy it is for all of us to backslide on changes we have made in our lives, especially when it comes to our spiritual lives. We make a positive resolution — for instance to develop more patience or more discipline in our prayer lives — only to find our temper flaring in traffic or our hand hitting the snooze button instead of getting out of bed to pray. It makes us just want to forget it, to stop trying and go back to our old ways.

Those very feelings of discouragement and lost hope make it even harder to try yet again.

But look how Jesus treats the disciples during their “backslide.” He is right there with them in the midst of it, already waiting for them on the shore when they come back from their unsuccessful return to the fishing business (after abandoning their mission as disciples). Our Lord greets them with such tenderness, gently asking, “Children, have you caught anything to eat?” Then he gives them some fishing pointers which lead to such a miraculous catch of fish that they finally recognize Him as the risen Lord. Wanting them to be at ease with Him, Jesus then feeds them breakfast. How gracious He is to them!

He is just as gracious today. When we find ourselves “out at sea” — discouraged by our failures or for squandering the gifts God has given us, or simply by a lack of progress in our faith life, Jesus is with us!

He is calling to us from the shore to come back to Him without shame or embarrassment, but with hope-filled trust in His steadfast love. He never tires of offering “do-overs” if we just keep returning to Him.

This constant process of turning back to the Lord is the essence of a stewardship way of life. Good stewards are not necessarily those who have mastered some perfect formula for the giving of time, talent, and treasure.

They are those who continue to get back up after each fall, who are willing to continually reevaluate their goals and priorities as they aim for Heaven. Good stewards simply have more confidence in the goodness of the Lord than fear of their own failure.

And little by little, good stewards find themselves becoming like the “after Easter Disciples”, we find in today’s first reading, who were proud to be called before the Sandhedrin for “filling Jerusalem” with the Good News of Jesus.

Let’s allow ourselves to be renewed with Easter hope on our stewardship journey, secure in the knowledge that Jesus is walking alongside us each step of the way.

**YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**April 24, 2022**

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| Sunday Collection .....            | \$ 5,342.55 |
| Vigil Candles.....                 | \$ 159.85   |
| Helping Hands Fund.....            | \$ 70.00    |
| Easter Offering.....               | \$ 35.00    |
| Good Friday - Holy Land Shrines... | \$ 45.00    |
| Mass Intentions.....               | \$ 27.00    |
| Catholic Home Missions.....        | \$ 460.85   |
| Mother’s Day Novena.....           | \$ 245.00   |
| Misc. Donations.....               | \$ 1,100.00 |

*Second Collection - May 7 - 8:  
Assumption Seminary*



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

The *World Day of Prayer for Vocations* will be observed on Sunday, May 8, 2022, also known as "*Good Shepherd Sunday.*"

The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "*Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest*" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).

**\*\*\* PRAY FOR VOCATIONS \*\*\***

**CATHOLIC RADIO**

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The other day, a parishioner mentioned that she had a hard time following the Mass... She didn't understand all that was going on. Another time, a guy came up and pretty much said the same thing. So... I thought it might be time to 'talk' about the Mass and **Really Confuse People!!** Instead of just jumping in to the parts of the Mass, I thought I'd begin by saying **What the Mass IS NOT!** Then... **What it IS!** And finally go through the parts of the Mass.

**What the Mass Is Not:** Mass is **not** the place to catch up with family and friends.

- That's cool... but, if that's what you want to do... go visit them at their house or invite them to your home.
- Call them on the phone. That's what people/family/friends used to do... visit... have a cup of coffee, a soda or tea... and talk. You would never go to a friend's house and, finding another / mutual friend there, talk and visit with them to the exclusion of the person you were visiting in the first place, would you? This is God's house... don't exclude Him. Invite your friend(s) for coffee in the Parish Hall... visit there; not in church. Many people come early so they have time to quietly *visit with our Lord*; spiritually preparing themselves for our celebration. That can be difficult if there are on-going conversations around them.
- Mass is **not** a restaurant! Food and candies (*to include chewing gum*) do not belong in church.
- You wouldn't believe how many candy and snack wrappers we find in the pews and on the floor on Monday morning! If you want to experience something gross... feel under the pew bench and count how many wads of gum you come up with (*feel free to take as many as you would like home with you*). Our Lord gives us His body as eternal food.
- Other than that... baby bottles are about the only type food that should be brought to Mass.
- Mass is **not** a fashion showcase. Please, remember where you are and dress appropriately. Casual is good... modestly is best.
- And finally, Mass is **not** an arena, a theater, or concert hall where we go to be entertained. We come to worship our God and give thanks for the blessings He has given us!

*Well... that's all the room for today. Next Time... **What the Mass Is!***

*'till then... God Bless- DT.*

### Holy Hour

Our English Holy Hour is scheduled for this THURSDAY at 6 pm.

Come... Spend some quiet 'one-on-one' time with Our Lord... ever present in the **Most Blessed Sacrament.**  
*Hope to see you there.*



### la Hora Santa

Nuestra Hora Santa (español) será ESTE VIERNES a las 7 pm.

Ven... Pasa un rato tranquilo 'uno-a-uno' tiempo con Nuestro Señor... siempre presente en **el Santísimo**  
*Espero verte allí.*



#### MAY HE REST IN PEACE:

May God comfort the family and friends of

**John Francis Sublousky**

who died recently

Our sincere sympathy and assurances of prayers are extended to:

Debbie, Diana, Patti, John, Jim, Joe and the Sublousky Family

*May He Rest in Peace*

## *A Woman's Haven™*

### Pregnancy Crisis Center

*"Are you passionately Pro-Life?"*

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*"Be the change you wish to see in the world and light up the darkness!"*



*Grupo de Oración*  
*Familias compartiendo la palabra*



El grupo de oración se reúne los viernes a las 7 pm.  
Contacte a: Maria Isabel Hernandez (210) 843-9756



*St. Thomas More English*  
*Prayer Group*



Contacts: Olga Guerrero (210) 657-1610 or  
Stella Lopez: (210) 618-6977

**Question:** Are Catholics allowed to donate their organs?

**Answer:** Yes, Catholics are allowed to donate their organs. In fact, the Catechism of the Catholic Church praises this practice when it notes that, "Organ donation after death is a noble and meritorious act and is to be encouraged as an expression of generous solidarity" (no. 2296).

The Church has a series of guidelines for health care providers called The Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Services. This document helps us see organ donation as an act of charity, but it also reminds us that we have to be sure that donations of organs by living donors do not "sacrifice or seriously impair any essential bodily function and the anticipated benefit to the recipient is proportionate to the harm to the donor" (no. 30); trained medical professionals can help to make this assessment. In the case of organ donation at the end of life, we must be sure of the intentions of the donor or of their proxy are always respected, and that the dignity of the human body is always respected.

In the end, we can look to Pope Saint John Paul II and his encyclical Evangelium Vitae, where he noted that organ donation is a beautiful act of expressing the culture of life, when "performed in an ethically acceptable manner, with a view to offering a chance of health or even of life itself to the sick who sometimes have no other hope" (no. 86).

**PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE**  
**AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA**  
**The power of the Rosary is BEYOND DESCRIPTION!**

*ArchBishop Fulton Scheen*

**Join us as we pray for:**

**An End to Abortion,  
 The return of 'fallen-away' Catholics,  
 Traditional Marriage (1 Man + 1 Woman),  
 Peace in Ukraine and the World,  
 Our Country... that it may return to God....  
 and so much more!**

**We meet on the Saturday closest to Our Lady's appearances. She first appeared on May 13, 1917.**

**Our next meeting will take place  
 Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> @ Noon  
 at the grotto in front of the Parish Office...**

**Everyone is invited to participate!  
 Let's make this the biggest Crusade Event  
 that STM has ever seen!!**

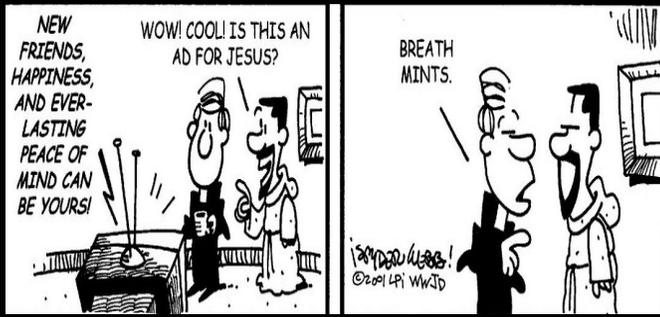
For More Information contact:  
 David Barrera @ (210) 793-0794

*"Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering."*

*St. Louis Marie de Montfort*

**Nation-wide, here will be over 27,000 Rosaries  
 prayed that day!!**

Please join us...  
 God Bless-



**NOTICIAS de la ESCUELA**

**¡AHORA NOS ESTAMOS INSCRIBIENDO para el año escolar 2022-2023!**  
 durante 18 meses - 8º grado

Aquí hay maneras de obtener más información sobre cómo inscribir a su hijo:

1. ¡Llámanos! (210) 655-2882
2. Visite nuestro sitio web en: [www.st-thomas-more-school.org](http://www.st-thomas-more-school.org)
3. Venga a la escuela durante el horario escolar normal 7:30 am - 4 pm

**¡Una excelente educación católica es asequible!**

La ayuda financiera está disponible en: <https://archsa.org/hope/apply-now>

**¡Solicite lo antes posible! ¡El tiempo se acaba!**



**SCHOOL NEWS**

**We are NOW ENROLLING for the 2022-2023 school Year!**  
 for 18 months - 8th Grade

Here are ways to get more info about enrolling your child:

1. Call us! (210) 655-2882
2. Visit our website at: [www.st-thomas-more-school.org](http://www.st-thomas-more-school.org)
3. Come by the school during normal school hours 7:30 am - 4 pm

**An excellent Catholic Education is affordable!**

Financial aid is available at: <https://archsa.org/hope/apply-now>

**Apply As Soon As Possible! Time is running out!**



**This Week at Our Parish**

**Sunday, May 1, 2022**  
8:00 am CDA Plant Sale - *Cancelled - New Date TBD*

**Monday, May 2, 2022**  
12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*  
5:00 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - *RMR*  
7:00 pm Guadalupanos Board Mtg - *RMR*

**Tuesday, May 3, 2022**  
12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*  
5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Rectory Mtg Rm*  
6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Rm*  
7:00 pm Grupo Choir Practice - *Church*

**Wednesday, May 4, 2022**  
10:30 pm English Prayer Gr Core Mtg - *RMR*  
12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*  
6:00 pm KC 3rd Degree Mtg - *Carolyn Hall*  
7:00 pm Guadalupanos Choir Practice - *Church*

**Thursday, May 5, 2022**  
12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*  
6:00 pm Holy Hour - *Church*  
7:00 pm RCIA - *Rectory Mtg Room*

**Friday, May 6, 2022**  
12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*  
6:30 pm Guitar and Choir Practice - *RMR*  
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - *Church*

**Saturday, May 7, 2022**  
4:00 pm Reconciliation - *Church*

**Sunday, May 8, 2022**  
10:00 am CDA May Crowning - *Church*

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, April 30, 2022**  
8:00 am †Theodore Willingham by Margie Murray  
†All Souls by Kim Nguyen  
5:00 pm †Al Weinheimer by Richard & Dorothy Perez  
†Michael Boudreaux, Sr by Family

**Sunday, May 1, 2022**  
8:00 am †Thuy Duong by Bill & Linda Volpenhein  
**Prayers for Orphans** by Kim Nguyen  
10:00 am †Mary Piarowski by Phyllis Byington  
†Ruben Ramirez by Joe & Annabelle Garza  
12:00 pm †Kathryn Sweet by Maria T. Sweet  
**STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**

**Monday, May 2, 2022**  
8:00 am †Al Weinheimer by Mr & Mrs Garza  
†Deceased Priests by Kim Nguyen

**Tuesday, May 3, 2022**  
8:00 am †Homer Byington by Phyllis Byington  
†John TV Duong by Thuy Nguyen

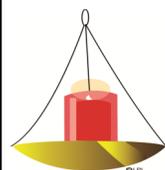
**Wednesday, May 4, 2022**  
8:00 am †Joseph Nguyen by Thuy Nguyen  
†Roger Ramirea by Edward Ramirez

**Thursday, May 5, 2022 (Communion Svc)**  
8:00 am **All Ordained Clergy and Religious**  
†John Sublousky  
†Jose Alcantar

**Friday, May 6, 2022**  
8:00 am †Teresa Tran by Thuy Nguyen  
†Charles & Genevieve Oswald by Oswald Family

**Saturday, May 7, 2022**  
8:00 am †Ruben Villa by Edward & Betty Presas  
†Ann & Blaise "Blassy" Pantuso  
5:00 pm †Margarita Garcia & Lilie Espinoza by Espinoza Family  
†Michael Boudreaux, Sr by Family

**Sunday, May 8, 2022**  
8:00 am †Carmen & Frank Olivares  
†Geri & Ray Wiater  
10:00 am †Medardo E. Morales & Evangelina G. Morales  
by Morales / Briseno Families  
†Barbara Piarowski by Phyllis Byington  
†Alice T. Ramirez by Her Children  
12:00 pm †Sebastian Albino by Family Orvizu  
**Prayer for Orphans** by Kim Nguyen



**Sanctuary Light Intention:**  
†Baby Dawn, Misty Dawn, & Jeremy Moses Espinoza

**Lecturas de la Semana del 2 - 8 mayo**

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

**Martes:** 1Co 15:1-8; Sal 18:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

**Miércoles:** Hch 8:1-8; Sal 65:1-3,4-7; 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 13:14,43-52; Sal 99:1-3,5;  
Ap 7:9,14-17; Jn 10:27-30

**Readings for the week of May 2 - 8**

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

**Tuesday:** 1Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

**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 117:1,2; Jn 6:52-59

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

**Sunday:** Acts 13:14,43-52; Ps 100:1-3,5;  
Rv 7:9,14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

**Liturgical Roles**

**Saturday, May 7, 2022**

5:00 pm **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, (+2 Vol - IN)  
**Lector** - R.Alvarado

**Sunday, May 8, 2022**

8 am **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, (+2 Vol-if needed)  
**Lector** - O.Weich

10 am **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, DC John, Y.Aguilar  
**Lector** - Aly.Perez

12 pm **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, M.Larios, T.Sweet  
**Lector** - E.Marshall / S.Garcia