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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2020



Schedule of Masses

Vigil: 5:00 p.m. - English, 7:00 p.m. - Spanish
Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. - English
Weekday: 8:00 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. Communion Service: Thursday and Friday - English
Devotion: Novena to St. Anthony, Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass
Adoration: 3rd Friday of each month in the church 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Anointing of the Sick: 2nd Saturday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in Church.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confession

English on 1st, 3rd, and 4th Saturday of the month, arrive at 9:00 a.m. in Church.

Update as of March 18, 2020

According to Civil and Church Authorities, these are the Guidelines we must follow.

- *Effective immediately: All public Masses have been cancelled until further notice.
(this includes Daily Mass, Sunday Mass, Confessions, Anointings, Baptisms, etc.)
- *All Sacraments and Church Events have been placed on hold until further notice.
- *The Church is to remain Closed; No Visitors Allowed.
- *Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass will continue to be live streamed on St. Thomas FaceBook page.
- *Please visit our website and Face Book page for information, updates and changes.
- *The Parish Office will remain open for phone calls, emails, text messages, and deliveries. However, No Visitors will be allowed in the Parish Office.
- *Please know that Staff is working hard behind the scenes to keep everyone informed and provide Unity within our Community.
- *County is allowing gatherings of only 10 people for Funerals and Weddings.
For Funerals: will be performed at Gravesite Only; with Priest and 9 other persons.
For Weddings: Priest, Bride, Groom and Witnesses; not to exceed 10 persons.
- *Join us in praying the Rosary (Live Stream) on Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. via Face Book.

You remain in our Prayers,

Maria Cordeiro
St. Thomas the Apostle

Resources:

Facebook: @StThomasRiversideCA

Website: stthomasriverside.com

Diocesan Website: sbdiocese.org/

9:00 a.m. Mass will be live streamed on our Facebook page and added later to our website at stthomasriverside/livestream

Mass Intentions**Saturday/Sabado, March 21st**

Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

5:00 p.m. † Vicente Mendiola

7:00 p.m. † Alex Mejia

Sunday/Domingo, March 22nd

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

7:00 a.m. † Edith Ayala

9:00 a.m. † Monica Glynn

11:00 a.m. † Gloria Lopez

5:00 p.m. † Fr. Ed Cardoza

Monday/Lunes, March 23rd

Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

8:00 a.m. † Deceased of Englatera-Labra Family

Tuesday/Martes, March 24th

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

8:00 a.m. † Virginia Landoll

Wednesday/Miercoles, March 25th

Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

8:00 a.m. † Ruth Gonzalez

Thursday/Jueves, March 26th

Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

8:00 a.m. †

Friday/Viernes, March 27th

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

8:00 a.m. †

Saturday/Sabado, March 28th

Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

5:00 p.m. † Frank, † Maria, & † Bina Cruz

7:00 p.m. † Juan Marquez

Sunday/Domingo, March 29th

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

7:00 a.m. † Lillian Miller

9:00 a.m. † Sally Kirby

11:00 a.m. † Virginia Zuniga

5:00 p.m. † Roy Lopez



Sanctuary † Deceased members of the Gonzalez Family

Blessed Virgin *Ints.* Debbie & Luther Friend

Blessed Virgin † Vicente Mendiola

St. Joseph † Vicente Mendiola

St. Joseph *Ints.* Mary Jones

Sunday Responsorial Psalm:

“Be merciful, O Lord
for we have sinned.”

**Prayers for the Deceased**

We pray for all the faithful departed, especially

***Fred Roybal, Virginia Zuniga, Laurie Buswell,
Claudio DiGiamberardino, Robert Drachslin,
Ernest Buckley, Kaitlin St. Croix, Tony DeMarco,
Barbara Reul, Mariano Hernandez, Robert Kilman,
Mary Merriam, James Littler, Bob Eid, Phillip Ongkiko,
Bobby Ongkiko, Edward Schmidt, Rosario DeGuzman,
Linda Hernandez Chavez, Robert Livingston,
Beatrice Bracamonte, Rosario Arias,
and Herman Jackson.***

May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Prayers for the sick

We pray for:

***Debbie & Luther Friend, Jim Reed, Herminio Nieves,
Jon Jackson, Miriam Maldonado - Borjon, Mary Jones,
Jax Johnson, Frank Haynes, Luke Swierczek,
Alvaro Avalos, Tony Flores, Mary Garcia,
Lucille Christianson, Joseph Galante Sr., Lupita Muñoz,
Orest Stetkevich, Brian Flannagan, Teresa Chamiec,
and Michelle Landrove.***

May they feel the healing power of prayer. Amen.

Let us look at this time at home as an opportunity to spend more time in prayer with our Lord. We ask that you continue to pray for the intentions listed here.

While we are not gathering for daily Mass, we are sending the Mass intentions to those priest who would have celebrated Mass to hold a private Mass in their homes for that intention.

This will help our supply priests continue earning the income they rely on while ensuring that everyone who has already requested a Mass intention will have the Mass on the day they requested.

There is a great amount of work to be done in the parish to prepare for the time when we are able to join together as a community once more. We are also working very hard to keep you informed and up to date with everything that is going on. We greatly appreciate those who continue to support us with prayers and donations to keep us going strong. You may donate online, by mail, or drop your envelope in our mail slot. We understand that many families are struggling, but anything will help.

With God's grace and support from each other, we can come out of this situation stronger than when it began.

St. Thomas the Apostle School News



Bring this flyer to:

Olivia's Mexican Restaurant

9447 Magnolia Ave. (951)689-2131

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

St. Thomas the Apostle School will receive 20% of the proceeds. This is a great and delicious way to help support our students! **Open for take out or drive through only.**

The Children of St. Thomas the Apostle thank you!

St. Thomas School Office will have the following hours from now through March 26th

Monday - Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m., 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Closed on Fridays

Please call ahead: (951) 689-1981

Thank you for your continued prayers and support during this difficult time. We are all adjusting but we will be together in spirit.

Parish News

Parish Office Hours for Holy Week

Our Parish Office will be open on Holy Thursday, April 9th from 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

We will be closed from Good Friday, April 10th - Easter Monday, April 13th. (For Phone calls).



Would you prefer to make your donations with a credit or debit card? **Donate online!** No more stops to the ATM before Mass or carrying around your check book. You can even set it to autopay weekly or monthly for peace of mind. Just go to stthomasriverside.com, and sign up for WeShare.

Join us as we pray the rosary on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. on Facebook Live. We are not able to gather together at this time, but we can all be joined together in prayer safely from our homes.

If you prefer a paper bulletin, please look for the container outside of the Parish Office. Please share this information with your friends (via phone) that do not follow our digital updates.

"I give you a new commandment," says the Lord. "Love one another as I have loved you." John 13.

Stephen Ministry is available by telephone for those who are feeling vulnerable during these uncertain times.

Stephen Ministers can provide emotional support and spiritual care, over the phone. You can still have the same encouragement, prayer and listening, without a face-to-face meeting during this Pandemic.

Stephen Ministry has been at St. Thomas the Apostle for twenty years. Our loving outreach, whether face-to-face, or over the phone, is free, one-on-one and above all, confidential. If you, or anyone you know, could benefit from our Ministry please call the Parish Office at (951) 689-1131.

Save the date! Knights of Columbus # 12213 present



Cinco de Mayo Celebration!

Saturday, May 2nd

Parish Hall 4:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Join the fiesta!



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***Subject to change**

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St. Thomas the Apostle **Annual Men's retreat** will be held at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center in Sierra Madre on the weekend of **April 24th - April 26th**. Join your fellow parishioners for this weekend of spiritual enrichment and growth. The Retreat begins Friday evening with a buffet supper and concludes early Sunday afternoon after Mass. The Passionist retreat team offers inspirational talks as well as personal time for prayer and reflection, Stations of the Cross, and daily Mass. The center provides a private room and bath, delicious meals, and beautifully landscaped grounds. Please leave a message for Michael McVeigh at (951) 689-1131 to make your reservation or you may reserve your spot on line at: <https://materdolorosa.org/weekend-retreat-sign-up>. ***Schedule subject to change.**

Youth Ministry - 7th - 12th grade

33 VERSES ABOUT FEAR AND ANXIETY

Isaiah 41:10
 Psalm 56:3
 Philippians 4:6-7
John 14:27
 2 Timothy 1:7
 1 John 4:18
 PSALM 94:19
 Isaiah 43:1
 Proverbs 12:25
 Psalm 23:4
Joshua 1:9
 Matthew 6:34
1 PETER 5:6-7
 Isaiah 35:4
 Luke 12:22-26
 Psalm 27:1
 Psalm 55:22
 Mark 6:50
 Deuteronomy 31:6
 ISAIAH 41:13-14
PSALM 46:1
 Psalm 118:6-7
 Proverbs 29:25
 Mark 4:39-40
 Psalm 34:7
 1 Peter 3:14
 Psalm 34:4
DEUTERONOMY 3:22
 Revelation 1:17
Mark 5:36
 Romans 8:38-39
 Zephaniah 3:17
 Psalm 91:1-16
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Lord, we trust in You...No Doubt!

Passion Experience will not be meeting, however keep checking our Instagram - stt.youthminriv - as a way to stay connected!

For more information, contact Lisa Upattiya: lupattiya@sbdiocese.org

Faith Formation News



God Is Good...All The Time!

It can be a difficult thing to find God's goodness in times of stress and adversity, however be assured **He Is With Us**.

Prayer is a great gift, a wonderful way to bring calm and peace into what might be a chaotic situation, use this time to revitalize prayer in your Domestic Church – your home! The website “catholicicing.com” has some great resources to help with prayer in your household.

Visit our webpage to get updates on Faith Formation classes
www.stthomasriverside.com/Faith-Formation



Confirmation News



English - Dana Robles, Coordinator of Catechesis at (951) 689-1131, ext. 240 drobles@sbdiocese.org
 Español - Bertha Muñoz (951) 689-1131 ext. 235 bamunozmarquez@sbdiocese.org

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Confirmation 2020

Check our webpage for updates regarding Confirmation Mass
www.stthomasriverside.com/Confirmation

Click on “Confirmation Update”, please read both pages.

Confirmation 2021

Confirmation Journey meetings will be held throughout the summer months. We will begin scheduling these meetings in May.

Contact Dana Robles via email with any questions drobles@sbdiocese.org

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During this difficult time, we need to work together to protect ourselves and our community.

- Deep clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces including tables, chairs, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- Frequently wash your hands for 20 seconds with soap and water. Pray a Hail Mary and Glory Be while you wash them! Only if soap and water are not available, hands should be cleaned with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoiding touching the eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Practicing social distancing- abstaining from holding hands or hugging. Instead, greet one another through eye contact, nodding, or smiling.
- Refraining from attending gatherings if ill.
- Use proper posture when coughing or sneezing. Covering the mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing or using the inside of the elbow.



For updates and live streams, follow us on Facebook
@StThomasRiversideCA

Parish Lenten Mission

We are cancelling ALL ministry meetings.

The beauty of Formed is that you can grow in your faith **from home!** It works like Netflix, just download the app or go to Formed.org from any smart tv, computer, or smart phone. We still have Forgiveness study guides available in the Parish Office.

Now more than ever do we need to remain close to the Lord. Formed has a number of programs with downloadable guides to lead your own small study.



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- 1 Go to signup.formed.org
- 2 Enter "92503" and select St. Thomas the Apostle
- 3 Press "Next" and enter your full name and email address, all personal information is secure!
- 4 Check your email to verify your account, click on the link to "Sign in Now"

Stations of the Cross have been cancelled.

Unfortunately, we have also been asked to close the sanctuary at this time. Please continue to pray at home.



Fish Fry Cancelled



At this time, the Knights of Columbus headquarters has asked all councils to cancel large events and food hospitality until the danger of the Corona Virus has passed. **The following events are cancelled:**

Fish Fry Morning Hospitality
Soup Supper Pancake Breakfast
Cinco de Mayo pending clearance prior to the date

We thank you for your continued support and are looking forward to resuming our community events once the danger has passed. Please pray for all effected by this.



Holy Thursday (4-9-20)

8:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer
7:00 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper (bilingual)

Good Friday (4-10-20)

8:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer
12:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross
5:00 p.m. - Spanish Stations of the Cross
5:00 p.m. - Soup Supper (Hall)
7:00 p.m. - Solemn Liturgy



Holy Saturday (4-11-20)

8:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer
7:30 p.m. - Easter Vigil (Bilingual)

Easter Sunday (4-12-20)

7:00 a.m. - Mass
9:00 a.m. - Mass
11:00 a.m. - Mass
1:00 p.m. - Spanish Mass
(There will be no Mass at 5:00 p.m.)