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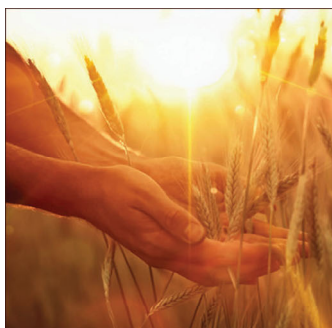
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*We the Parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle
strive to live like*

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Joyful Evangelizing Stewards United In the Spirit



Jesus said,
“The kingdom of heaven
may be likened to a
man who sowed good
seed in his field.”

Matthew 13:24

July 19, 2020

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**



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Summer Parish Office hours

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday

Our office building is closed to the public, but we are still here
(safely in our offices) to answer phones, emails, and questions
on social media. ~ We will be here for you as long as we're able.
Thank you for your continued support.

DIOCESE OF SAN BERNARDINO



Diocese suspends indoor Masses in response to state order

Bishop Gerald Barnes announced July 13 the immediate suspension of public indoor Masses in the Diocese of San Bernardino, along with a series of other directives, in response to California Governor Gavin Newsom's order further restricting indoor public gatherings including church services.

Governor Newsom's order applies to 29 California counties that are experiencing a spike in COVID-19 cases, including San Bernardino and Riverside counties. The new directives are to be in place until further notice.

"The data is clear that community spread of infection is of increasing concern across the state, and continues to grow in those counties on the County Monitoring List," reads the order from the California Department of Public Health, which states that the number of hospitalized patients with COVID has increased between 50-100% in all regions in California, with a state average increase of 77% since June 12.

Monday's announcement marks the second time Bishop Barnes has suspended public Masses since the COVID-19 outbreak. Masses had resumed in parishes June 14 with a maximum number of 100 participants. The Sacraments of Confession, Baptism, First Communion and Matrimony, along with Catholic burial rites, had also resumed. Under Bishop Barnes new directive, none of these will be permitted indoors. Parish offices are to be closed to the public and the Diocesan Pastoral Center will again operate with a small crew of essential workers only while remaining closed to the public.

"I know this feels very discouraging for many of the faithful and I share in that pain," said Bishop Barnes of again having to close churches in the Diocese. "Please be assured of my prayers and my solidarity with the people at this moment.

"Let us continue to turn to God to console us in this time of uncertainty and testing. He is always with us and our faith in Him will guide us through this pandemic."

Further details are expected on Diocesan guidelines for offering Mass and other Sacraments outdoors during this time, as allowed under the latest State order.

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Hello, St. Thomas family!

It is difficult to share the news about our office and church reclosure orders. We received an official communication from the diocese informing us about the DIOCESAN RESPONSE in reaction to the statewide mandate of Governor Newsom to reinstitute the 'shelter-in-place' that we had in March 2020.

However, there is good news. Even if our church is closed for indoor masses, the diocese has just approved the celebration of outdoor masses. Please ignore the previous announcements about our parish masses. I trust that you will understand these changes since sudden updates and shifts have become a persistent reality in the 'new normal'. Having said this, I would like to relay to you, our dear St. Thomas family, the latest information about our masses. All of our masses will be done in PUBLIC and they will be held OUTDOORS. The 8 am masses on Mondays and Wednesdays will be celebrated in the patio of the Katherine Drexel Center which has the capacity to sit 40 persons. Our Sundays masses (8 am, 10:30 am, 1 pm Hispanic, and 5 pm) will be held in our school's breezeway where at least 70 persons can be seated. The 10:30 am and 1 pm Sunday masses are the only ones to be live streamed. As we have done before, it will be 'first come, first seated' basis. We will let this plan work out this weekend and then adjust accordingly as needed for future celebrations. This weekend will be hot, so we are encouraging you all to bring along water and other items to prevent you from overheating. Also, we remind you to bring your personal hand sanitizer so you can sanitize your hands before, even after, receiving communion. The Sacrament of Confession (3 pm to 5 pm every Saturday) will be available outdoors as well. It will be held at the parish patio. The dates for First Communion and Adult Confirmations are put on hold for the time being. Our parish office is closed to the public, but we will be glad to serve you and know your concerns through the phone, email and even through snail mail.

As this closure mandate will surely bring pain and frustration to many of us, may I ask for your continued patience and sheer perseverance as we deal with these current challenges in the practice of our faith? We thank God that we can still celebrate public masses outdoors and virtually. Let us implore the intercession of our patron saint St. Thomas the Apostle in praying for the grace that we need so we can continue to hope in God who will make things beautiful for each one of us and for His church in His time. Blessings!

Fr. Resti

Parochial Administrator

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Fr. Resti".

Mass Intentions

INTENCIONES DE MISAS

Sunday - Domingo, July 19

8:00 a.m.	†	Isabelle Gonzales
10:30 a.m.	†	Jerry Dundanec
1:00 p.m.	†	Felipa Martinez
5:00 p.m.	†	Mary Francis Lynch

Monday - Lunes, July 20

8:00 a.m.	†	Anthony Palacio
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Wednesday - Miercoles, July 22

8:00 a.m.	†	Rose Fournier
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Sunday - Domingo, July 26

8:00 a.m.	†	Robert Stockton
10:30 a.m.	†	Frank Budicin
1:00 p.m.	†	Dolores Gutierrez
5:00 p.m.	†	Roy Mendoza



Readings for the Week



Monday	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 6bc-17, 21,23; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17
Friday	Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Mt 13:18-23



**Sunday ~ 10:30 a.m. English &
1:00 p.m. Spanish**

Psalm Response

“Lord You are good and forgiving.”

Candle Intentions

Blessed Virgin Ints. Isabelle Gonzales

St. Joseph Ints. Hugh Patty
Knights of Columbus

Sanctuary Ints. St. Thomas the Apostle
Parish

✠ Prayers for the Deceased ✠

*Herman Jackson, Elvira Black, Mary Hart, Felix Azusada Jr.,
Frank Budicin, Stephen LaBounty, Susan Maloney,
Jeanne Culbertson-Fentress, Susie Sanchez, Herminio Asperas,
Hugh Patty, Joe Jackson, Daniel Williams, Mia Hernandez,
Stella Roa, Anthony Palacio, Frank Escalera, Josephine Dunderman
Toni Mesa, Gail Wiest, Kathleen Cryder and
Those who have died from the Covid Virus*

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



Prayers for the sick

We pray for:

**Jim Reed, Miriam Borjon, Mary Jones,
Mary Garcia, Joseph Galante Sr., Lupita Muñoz,
Brian Flannagan, Cruz Ballesteros,
Jenny Espinoza, Gary Owens, Luann VanHulle,
Paul Lopez, Elise Renner and Mike Garibay
May they feel the healing power of prayer. Amen.**

Effective July 13, 2020



SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. - English

1:00 p.m. - Spanish

**WEEKDAY - Live Streamed MASS
will be Monday & Wednesday**

****** 8:00 a.m. ******

All Live-Streams can be revisited at anytime

**CONFESSIONS will be Suspended
until further notice**

Parish News



Find us on:
facebook®

<https://www.facebook.com/StThomasRiversideCA>

Follow us to catch our other livestream updates, P.O.P.. Masses and prayers:

- English Mass: Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Spanish Mass: Sunday, 1:00 p.m.
- Monday & Wednesday Mass, 8:00 a.m.
- Rosary: Wednesday 12:30 p.m. in English, 2:00 p.m. in Spanish
- Adoration: Thursday 6:00 p.m.
- Friday Prayer: Friday 5:00 p.m.

**All posted on our website 1 hour after live stream*

Spiritual Communion

Spiritual Communion is a Christian practice of desiring union with Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

Practicing this constant desire for Jesus in the Eucharist is rooted in the ultimate perfection of Eucharistic communion, which is the ultimate goal of every human desire.

It is not an alternative to attending Mass and Receiving when in normal times

**My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

Our Giving Parish

Listed here are a couple ways for us all to help

~ Stater Bros Script continues to be sold in the school office for your convenience and in support of the school. Please drop by during their office hours, Mon - Thurs 8:00 a.m.- Noon

~ Our Parish Family Aide is also in need of replenishment, so please consider extra help at this time

~ We are in need of non-perishable food items for the needy in our community. Please drop off during office hours or at office door.

*The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. **2 Corinthians 9:6-8***



"Give me back the joy of your salvation and a willing spirit sustain in me." Psalm 51

Stephen Ministry is Christ caring for people through people.

Our logo symbolizes that we *all* are broken people and that it is only through the cross of Christ that we are made whole.

The Stephen Ministry at St. Thomas trains and assigns lay people to provide confidential, one-on-one Christian care to individuals in the community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. Now Stephen Ministers are available by telephone.

To request a Stephen Minister, or for information about becoming one, please call the St. Thomas Parish Office at (951) 689-1131.



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 "catholicliving.com" has some great resources to help with prayer in your household.

REGISTRATION available via our Website beginning August 1st

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

P.O.P.S. are back. Watch for them on our Facebook page

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

Confirmation News

Confirmation 2020

Check our webpage for updates regarding Confirmation Mass www.stthomasriverside.com/Confirmation
 Click on "Confirmation Update", please read both pages.

Confirmation 2021

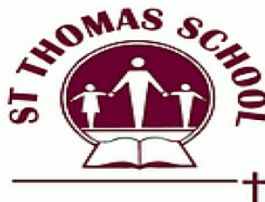
Confirmation Journey Thursdays meetings via "Zoom" will be held throughout the summer months.
 We will keep you updated as we have our planning confirmed.

St. Thomas the Apostle School Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday:
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Closed Fridays

Please call ahead: (951) 689-1981



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Attention St. Thomas the Apostle School Parents

Registration Packets are available for pick-up and are **Due**.
 Please pick up in School Office during office hours.



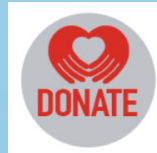
WeShare Online Giving

**Don't Forget...
St. Thomas the Apostle
has Online Giving
available.**

**PLEASE consider signing up
NOW more than ever!**

Sign up by following these easy steps:

- 1- Go to St Thomas' Website at <https://www.stthomasriverside.com/>
- 2- On the Front page press on the red hands "Donate" Icon
- 3- Now see and press on the yellow rectangle "Make a Donation"
- 4- This goes to 2 choices, Recurring or One-time Donation buttons. Make your selection
- 5- Select /Insert your amount, Scroll down for type of payment and Billing Info. (This info is Mandatory). At end, BEFORE you push Submit don't forget to mark the "I Agree" box.



Congratulations to the 2020-2021

Newly Appointed Officers



Grand Knight - Saul Perches
Deputy Grand Knight - Jim Gallagher
Chancellor - Richard De La Hoya
Advocate - Juan Contreras
Financial Secretary - Tom Geblin
Recorder - Alfredo Martinez
Treasurer - Ray Cabrera
Warden - Issac Perches
Inside Guard - Cliff Serrate
Outside Guard - Ray Ojeda
Lecturer - Marco Palacio
3rd Year Trustee - Jack Zink
2nd Year Trustee - Orest Stekovich
1st Year Trustee - Art Upattiya

FORMED

How have you been feeding yourself and your family spiritually? Have you caught up on all of your series on Netflix and not sure what to watch? Do you wish there was more wholesome content for your kids to watch with the extra screen time right now?

Check out **FORMED**- this program is similar to Netflix but is all Catholic content with something for the whole family. From exciting films about Saints to bible study for small groups or families, this is a great opportunity to learn more about our beautiful faith and traditions.

Create your Formed account in 4 easy steps:

- 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

Some Office favorites on Formed

"The Search" Series

The series will expire so be sure to catch it before it is over
<https://watch.formed.org/the-search-may-2020>

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

<https://www.spiritans.org/prayer-to-the-holy-spirit>

Visit above website to download a free printable copy of the Holy Spirit Novena

Daily Reflections

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/daily-reflections-june-16-2020>



***St. Thomas the Apostle,
Pray for us!***

VIRTUAL VBS 2020



A BIG Thank you to the Railway Rascals and the entire "Rocky Railway" Crew for all their dedication and hard work for such a successful and First time Virtual VBS. If you missed it the first time around, you still have a chance to view the series on our website. There are VBS tote bag bundles still available through July 31

www.stthomasriverside.com/vbs or
watch the video on our Facebook page.

