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As we near the end of the season of Easter it is time for us to look ahead to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church. Our community depends of the power and wisdom of the Holy Spirit to respond to the needs of the Church at this time. Without God's direction and guidance we would be lost in this time of crisis. Trusting in the Holy Spirit as Jesus did is very important for the Church leaders and those who are members of the Body of Christ. Each of us needs the direction that the Spirit will give us so we will remain faithful to the Lord of Life.

It is easy to lose our way because there are so many ways that are calling out to us to follow it. We have politics, science, other faiths just to name a few. Yet we need to know the way of the Lord so that we don't think those are the ways of the Lord. The Holy Spirit will guide us in our prayer and fill us with the love of God so that we will be faithful to the Lord who is faithful to us.

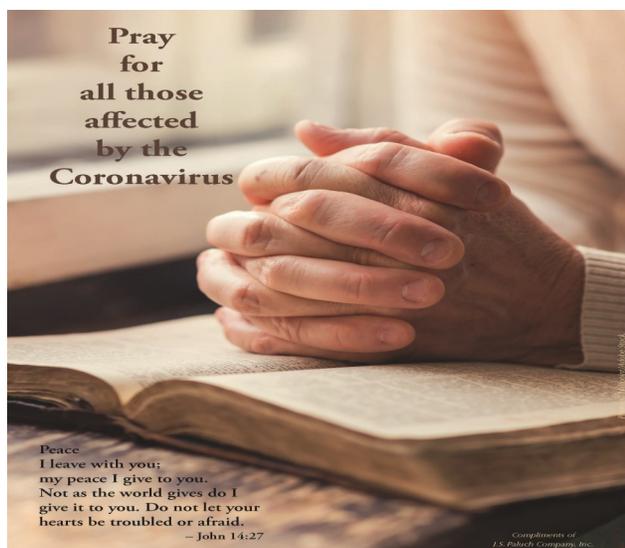
We need to remain attached to the will of God and follow THE WAY. Jesus showed us the way by living that way. God's way is one of service, compassion, justice, relationship with the Father, love for the poor and the homeless, and dependence and trust in God's love. For sure during this time of sickness and death we need to rely on God's way. Our peace of mind and heart will come when we turn to God and trust in his love for us.

We have scientists and medical doctors and nurses who are doing everything they can do to help keep us healthy and safe. But there are gaps in what they can do and provide that we can trust in God to fill. The blessings of the Lord will enable us to go beyond what we mortals cannot provide.

Pray to the Holy Spirit that he will send his mighty wind to blow His Wisdom and power into the hearts and minds of all God's people. May the Spirit guide all of us, the Church, in the way of God at this time. May we receive the help we need to trust in God's way and truth so we can have life to its full now and in the future. Knock on heaven's door and ask the Lord to send the Holy Spirit to all of us. May we hear the voice of the Lord and follow his way to life.



Fr. Frank T. Dicristina
Pastor



Mass Intentions

Saturday/Sabado, May 16th

- † Frank, Bina, Maria Cruz
- † Fr. Ed Cardoza

Sunday/Domingo, May 17th

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 , Psalm 66 , 1 Peter 3:15-18 , John 14:15-21

- † Mike Cardoza
- † Stella Shreves
- † George Griffith
- † Ramona Alcalá

Monday/Lunes, May 18th

Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

- † Rosario Arias

Tuesday/Martes, May 19th

Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

- † Mary Cordeiro

Wednesday/Miercoles, May 20th

Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

- † James McBride

Thursday/Jueves, May 21st

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise

- † Raymond Leon Guerrero

Friday/Viernes, May 22nd

Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

- † Rita Sambrano

Saturday/Sabado, May 23rd

- † Maria de la Luz Maldonado
- † Baudelio Gamez

Sunday/Domingo, May 24th

- † John Burns
- † Dcn Michael Cruz
- † Patricia Hora
- † Rosario Gaudia

Sanctuary Candle

Judkins Family

Mary Side

*Frank & Kathy Varga

*Ints. Joan VanDaele

Joseph Side

*Steve López
Happy Birthday

*†Raymond Guerrero

Prayers for the Deceased

We pray for all the faithful departed, especially

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, Herman Jackson, Elvira Black and Mary Hart.

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

Prayers for the sick

We pray for:

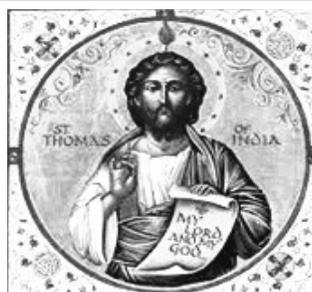
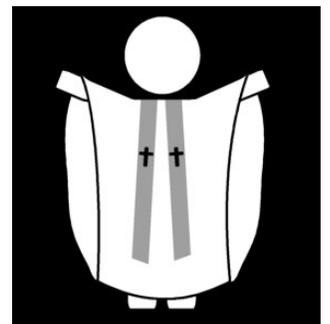
Debbie & Luther Friend, Jim Reed, Herminio Nieves, Miriam Maldonado - Borjon, Mary Jones, Jax Johnson, Frank Haynes, Luke Swierczek, Alvaro Avalos, Tony Flores, Mary Garcia, Lucille Christianson, Joseph Galante Sr., Lupita Muñoz, Orest Stetkevich, Brian Flannagan, Teresa Chamiec, Cruz Ballesteros and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



**St. Thomas
the Apostle,**

Pray for us!

Parish News

Spiritual Communion

What is it? Spiritual Communion is a way for us to unite our hearts and souls with the Sacrifice of Christ even when we are not able to attend Mass physically because of extraordinary circumstances. *It is not an alternative to attending Mass* if you are able to go. Unfortunately at this time of Pandemic, our Diocese has ordered the close of the buildings. During normal times, the act can be used in addition to receiving the Holy Eucharist and many saints incorporated this prayer into their daily lives to always remain close to our Lord.

We will be using the following prayer of spiritual communion for the live streamed Mass:

*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.*



Find us on:
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Follow us to catch our livestream updates, Masses and prayers:

- English Mass: Sunday 9:00 a.m.
- Spanish Mass: Sunday, 11:00 a.m.
- Rosary: Wednesday 12:30 p.m. in English, 2:00 p.m. in Spanish
- Adoration: Thursday 6:00p.m.
- Friday Prayer: Friday 5:00 p.m.

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

"STEPHEN MINISTRY" a long-time treasured ministry, is available by telephone for those who are feeling vulnerable during these uncertain times.

Stephen Minsters 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. And as always is free and confidential. If you, or anyone you know, could benefit from our Ministry please call the Parish Office at 689-1131.

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

Congratulations to all Graduates on your success, May your road be blessed with the perseverance in your hard work and always keep God in your planning . Your parish would like to recognize all our 2020 Graduates so please send in your name and school



St. Thomas the Apostle School News

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

Teachers are working very hard to keep up a rigorous learning schedule at home. Due to many families struggling right now, we are in desperate need of financial assistance.

Please consider donating to Fr. Joe's fund.

Call the School office with any questions you



Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying,
 "Lo, I am with you always,
 even to the end of the age." Mt 28:20

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

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

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.

"Come Sit By Me"

When I am tired God says, "Come and sit by me".

I speak about the little things that Have happened to me during the day and I am heard.

I share my fears, angers, doubts, and sorrows and I am held.

I smile with what energy I have left and I am gently teased.

Then when all the conversation is over and the day has been opened up and emptied out,

I am ready for rest.

Nothing is solved.

Nothing is under control.

But also nothing pressing remains.

But as I go to sleep a fleeting thought breaks the smooth surface of my peace.

What would O do each night if God didn't say "Come Sit By Me".





WeShare Online Giving

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

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

You can Set up by following these three
easy steps:

**1. Click on the Online Giving link while on
the St Thomas website .**

<https://st-thomas->

[Riverside.weshareonline.org](https://st-thomas-Riverside.weshareonline.org)

Or scan the following QR code



**2. Select the collection you wish to
donate to and click to make a donation.**

3. Enter your payment information.

*For it is in giving
That we receive.*

-Francis of Assisi



PLEASE REMEMBER

If you are not enrolled in
Online Giving.....

Your offering can be mailed
to the church

Or you may drop it in the mail slot at
the Parish Office.

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



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 on the link to "Sign in Now"

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 support of the school. Please drop by during their office hours, Mon - Thurs 8:00a.m. - Noon*
~ *Our Parish Family Aide is also in need of replenishment, so please consider extra help at this time*
~ *We need cans of food for the needy in our community. We will have a designated bin in the back of church by the Mary Statue. Please fill it up.*

