

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE
FEBRUARY 18, 2007
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ©

Theme/Call To Worship

Jesus teaches: "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." Jesus knew well from Israel's history the transformative power of forgiving your enemy and doing them good. Jesus challenged his disciples to do the same.

Introduction To The Word

I. 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23. Saul wanted to harm David and went into the desert to locate him. David and his companion Abishai visited Saul and his troops while they slept. Abishai wanted to kill Saul, but David would not allow it, as he refused to kill the Lord's anointed.

II. 1 Cor 15:45-49. Paul portrays Adam as the first physical man and Jesus as the first man to give us our spirituality. One man was formed from dust, the other sent down from heaven. Just as we resemble the first being physically, we should model ourselves after Jesus spiritually.

III. Lk 6:27-39. Jesus explains that loving only people who love us is no great achievement. He also reminds us that doing a favor for someone while expecting something in return is not what he asks of us.

At St. Thomas More This Week:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
02/18	Group Baptisms	1:30 p.m.
02/19	<i>Presidents' Day - Parish Office Open</i>	
02/20	Madison Avenue Bible Group	8:30 a.m.
	Parish Council Meeting	6:00 p.m.
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
02/21	STD Mass	9:00 a.m.
	Lenten Service of the Word	4:00 p.m.
	Christian Meditation	5:45 p.m.
02/22	Carnegie Hill Neighbors	6:30 p.m.
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
02/23	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
02/24	<i>1st Sunday of Lent Vigil Mass</i>	5:45 p.m.

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

02/19	Sir 1:1-10, Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5, Mk 9:14-29
02/20	Sir 2:1-11, Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40, Mk 9:30-37
02/21	Jl 2:12-18, Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17, 2 Cor 5:20-6:2, Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
02/22	1 Pt 5:1-4, Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6, Mt 16:13-19
02/23	Is 58:1-9a, Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19, Mt 9:14-15
02/24	Is 58:9b-14, Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, Lk 5:27-32

Worldwide Marriage Encounter:

"He redeems your life from destruction." There is so much modern life to erode the love in marriage/holy orders. Come away and renew your sacrament. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter is April 27-29. For more information contact: Family Life Office at 212-371-1000, ext. 3190.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter's mission of renewal in the Church and change in the world is to assist couples and priests to live fully intimate and responsible relationships by providing them with a Catholic "experience" and ongoing community support for such a lifestyle.

"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit...of love."

The Parish Council of the Church of St. Thomas More will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the Rochester Room. All members of the parish are cordially invited.

A Hymn Festival for Shrove Tuesday will be held at the Church of the Holy Family, The United Nations Parish, 315 East 47th Street in Manhattan on Tuesday, February 20 at 7:00 p.m. Paul J. Murray, Director of Music and Organist at Holy Family, will lead the festival, which will include many favorite treasures of Christian hymnody. Participants will also have the opportunity to request their favorite hymn. All are welcome. For more information, please call 212-753-3401.

Office of the Vicar General - Archdiocese of New York... Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Monsignor Desmond O'Connor at 212-371-1000, ext. 2931 or Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000, ext. 2949. Both may also be reached via email at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, <http://ny-archdiocese.org>. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

Prayer...Anima Christi by St. Ignatius Loyola... "Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within Thy wounds hide me. Suffer me not to be separated from Thee. From the malignant enemy, defend me. In the hour of my death, call me. And bid me come to Thee. That with Thy saints I may praise Thee, Forever and ever. Amen."

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18TH

Monday, February 19th

- 7:00 Bridie Sullivan (l)
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- 12:15 Luigi and Marcella
- 5:45 Gian Maria Barzagi (d)

Tuesday, February 20th

- 7:00 Francis Guss (l)
- 8:00 Kay Sullivan (d)
- 12:15 Corporal Clarence Martin (l)
- 5:45 Richard DiFrummolo (d)

Wednesday, February 21st

- 7:00 Kay Sullivan (d)
- 8:00 Mary Gillespie (d)
- 12:15 The Pace Family
- 5:45 Michael Gillespie (d)

Thursday, February 22nd

- 7:00 Celia McManus (d)
- 8:00 James McManus (d)
- 12:15 The Clark, Fernandes & Baez Families (l)
- 5:45 Norah McManus (d)

Friday, February 23rd

- 7:00 Denis McManus (d)
- 8:00 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
- 12:15 Hugh McGuire (d)
- 5:45 Epifania Sarte (d)

Saturday, February 24th

- 8:00 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
- 12:15 Helen Risi (d)
- 5:45 -

Celebrant Sunday Schedule

Mass	Feb. 18th	Feb. 25th
Sat. 5:45 PM	Fr. Asebias	Fr. Boehning
Sun. 8:30 AM	Fr. Boehning	Fr. Francis
Sun. 10:00 AM	Fr. Francis	Msgr. Shelley
Sun. 11:15 AM	Msgr. Shelley	Fr. O'Grady
Sun. 12:30 PM	Fr. Tentativa	Fr. Diaz
Sun. 5:45 PM	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Asebias

Archdiocese of New York Office of Vocations

Thinking of the priesthood? Try praying every day, twice a day, for 20 minutes each (possibly before the Blessed Sacrament). If you are a young man interested in the priesthood, please contact Father Luke Sweeney or Father Luis Saldaña at the Vocation Office in the Archdiocese of New York at (914) 968-1340, vocations@archny.org or www.archnyvocations.org; Sr. Deanna Sabetta at (212) 371-1000 ext. 2803 (Religious), and Deacon Anthony Cassaneto at (914) 968-6200 ext. 8269 (Diaconate).

CARDINAL'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2007

By now everyone should have received a letter from Cardinal Egan regarding this year's Annual Cardinal's Appeal. Please remember that last year the Cardinal's Appeal was suspended in our parish so that we could conduct our Parish Bicentennial Campaign.

The Cardinal's Appeal is an essential source of funding for the charitable, educational and spiritual works of the Archdiocese of New York which benefit all the parishes of the Archdiocese. These works include liturgical resources, seminaries, Catholic schools and religious education programs, support for retired priests and religious, pastoral and social services, and hospital chaplaincies. Without your support these important works would not be possible.

Our assigned and mandatory goal this year is \$137,500. I ask all of you to please consider participating. Your gift will help us meet this goal and ensure the continuation of these vital programs that make a difference in the lives of so many people each year.

Sister Sara Butler, M.S.B.T., professor of dogmatic theology at St. Joseph's Seminary, will offer a presentation based on her new book "The Catholic Priesthood and Women: A Guide to the Teaching of the Church," on Wednesday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m. Her talk will be offered under the auspices of Dunwoodie's Terrance Cardinal Cooke Chair in Theology. Sister is a member of the Vatican's International Theological Commission, which studies doctrinal issues. Before joining the faculty at the seminary, Sister Sara taught for 12 years at the University of St. Mary of the Lake – Mundelein Seminary in Illinois. Sister earned a doctorate in systematic theology at Fordham University and a licentiate in theology. The lecture is a part of the ongoing Dunwoodie Lecture Series, offered at St. Joseph's Seminary. The lectures attempt to contribute to the theological and religious education of the seminarians as well as the laity of the Archdiocese of New York.

St. Joseph's Seminary is located at 201 Seminary Avenue, Yonkers. The lecture will take place in the Prayer Hall. For more information on the lecture series, please contact the Seminary's development office at 914-968-6200, ext. 8292.

STOP: Seek The Other Possibility: an on-line Discernment Retreat for men and women who would like to explore a vocation to Religious Life. In the privacy of your own home and at a time convenient for you, you will be able to receive retreat reflections via the Archdiocesan WEB and after your time of prayer, you will be invited to contact a retreat director where you will share your thoughts and reflections. At the end of the five days, you will be invited to continue the process each Sunday for the remainder of Lent. The retreat begins on Ash Wednesday, February 21 to the first Sunday in Lent with the possibility of continuing. For more information contact: Sister Deanna Sabetta at 212-371-1000, ext. 2803 or sr.deanna.sabetta@archny.org.

"We live by faith, not by sight."

- 2 Cor 5:7 -