

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE
MAY 13, 2007
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ©

Theme/Call To Worship

Jesus told his disciples, "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I told you." Peter bore witness to the truth of Jesus' words and to the presence of the Holy Spirit among the Gentiles.

Introduction To The Word

I. Acts 15:1-2, 22-29. Some men informed the Gentiles that they must be circumcised if they wished to be saved, because of the Old Laws. Disciples went forth to tell the Gentiles to honor only those rules which were strictly necessary, such as abstaining from eating meat sacrificed to idols and illicit sexual union.

II. Rev 21:10-14, 22-23. John depicts Jerusalem coming out of heaven, sparkling with the radiance of precious jewels.

III. Jn 14:23-29. Jesus tells his disciples, "Anyone who loves me will be true to my word." For those who do honor his word, both Jesus and God will love them and stay with them always. He also told them that God will send the Holy Spirit in his place to give them the instructions they will need. Jesus then tells them that peace is his farewell gift to them.

At St. Thomas More This Week:

| <u>Date:</u> | <u>Event:</u> | <u>Time:</u> |
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| 05/13 | <i>Spring Semi-Annual Appeal</i> | All Masses |
| | <i>Crowning of Mary</i> | 10:00 a.m. |
| | Group Baptisms | 1:30 p.m. |
| 05/14 | <i>Easter Weekday</i> | |
| 05/15 | Marymount Rehearsal | 8:45 a.m. |
| | A.A. Meeting | 6:30 p.m. |
| 05/16 | Marymount Rehearsal | 8:45 a.m. |
| | Christian Meditation | 5:45 p.m. |
| | Narnia Confirmation Reh. | 6:00 p.m. |
| | Douglas Elliman Bd. Meeting | 6:00 p.m. |
| 05/17 | <i>Ascension of the Lord</i> | |
| | St. David's Ascension Mass | 9:00 a.m. |
| | Narnia Confirmation Reh. | 6:00 p.m. |
| | A.A. Meeting | 6:30 p.m. |
| 05/18 | Marymount Rehearsal | 8:45 a.m. |
| | A.A. Meeting | 6:30 p.m. |
| | Narnia Clubs Confirmation | 6:45 p.m. |
| 05/19 | Marymount Holy Communion | 10:00 a.m. |

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

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| 05/14 | Acts 1:15-17, 20-26, Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, Jn 15:9-17 |
| 05/15 | Acts 16:22-34, Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8, Jn 16:5-11 |
| 05/16 | Acts 17:15, 22-18:1, Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14, Jn 16:12-15 |
| 05/17 | Acts 1:1-11, Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9, Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23, Lk 24:46-53 |
| 05/18 | Acts 18:9-18, Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, Jn 16:20-23 |
| 05/19 | Acts 18:23-28, Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10, Jn 16:23b-28 |

Divine Protection Prayer for Those in Service... "O God, I beseech you, watch over those exposed to the horror of war, and the spiritual dangers of a soldier or sailor's life. Give them such a strong faith that no human respect may ever lead them to deny it, nor fear ever to practice it. By your grace, O God, fortify them against the contagion of bad example, that being preserved from vice, and serving you faithfully, they may be ready to meet you face to face when they are so called, through Christ our Lord. Amen."

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

FOR

AMERICAN BISHOPS' OVERSEAS APPEAL

Next weekend, our parish is invited to participate in the American Bishops' Overseas Appeal (ABOA). ABOA helps fund the work of Catholic Relief Services, the Holy Father's Relief Fund, and the U.S. Bishops' Migration and Refugee Services and the international peace and justice initiatives.

Please join in this powerful way of building global solidarity through your generous gift.

MORE LECTURE SERIES 2007

Eye On Ethiopia! An Educational Journey through a Photographer's Lens. A Photo Exhibit by Jonathan Alpeyrie.

Jonathan Alpeyrie is a well-known photojournalist who has covered social unrest in Panama, Central America, the Caucasus (with work in Armenia, Georgia – South Ossentia, Azerbaijan and Karabakh), Lebanon and Africa including the Congo, the Ivory Coast and most recently Ethiopia.

Please join the Parish Council on Sunday, May 20, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in the Rochester Room of St. Thomas More, 65 East 89th Street (between Park and Madison Avenue). RSVP: www.events4JC.com or Tel: (212) 876-7719. Visit with the Speaker and share light refreshments following the presentation. Sponsored by: The Education & Communications Committee of the Parish Council.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter... "Whoever loves me will keep my word....and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him..." Can people tell God is alive in your marriage? Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help you be a more powerful domestic church. The next Marriage Encounter weekend is June 15 - 17. Please call the Family Life Office at 212-371-1000, ext. 3190.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF MAY 13TH

Monday, May 14th

- 7:00 Carmeron McIntosh (l)
- 8:00 Allan Hamac (d)
- 12:15 Rosalie Gittler (l)
- 5:45 Stella Faicco (d)

Tuesday, May 15th

- 7:00 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
- 8:00 Aziz S. Gorra (d)
- 12:15 Catherine Gilroy (d)
- 5:45 Mary O'Connor (l)

Wednesday, May 16th

- 7:00 Tina Durham (d)
- 8:00 Anne Flanagan (d)
- 12:15 Alejandrina Rodriquez (d)
- 5:45 *Ascension of the Lord*

Thursday, May 17th

- 7:00 *Ascension of the Lord*
- 8:00 *Ascension of the Lord*
- 12:15 *Ascension of the Lord*
- 5:45 *Ascension of the Lord*

Friday, May 18th

- 7:00 Mary & Michael Egan (d)
- 8:00 John Fernandes (d)
- 12:15 Marshall Cheatham (d)
- 5:45 Nicholas DiCorato (d)

Saturday, May 19th

- 8:00 Marcella & Luigi (d)
- 12:15 Joseph Villamaria (d)
- 5:45 -

Celebrant Sunday Schedule

| <i>Mass</i> | <i>May 13th</i> | <i>May 20th</i> |
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| Sat. 5:45 PM | Fr. Asebias | Fr. Boehning |
| Sun. 8:30 AM | Msgr. Shelley | Fr. Tentativa |
| Sun. 10:00 AM | Fr. Asebias | Fr. Boehning |
| Sun. 11:15 AM | Fr. Boehning | Msgr. Shelley |
| Sun. 12:30 PM | Fr. Tentativa | Fr. Asebias |
| Sun. 5:45 PM | Fr. Tentativa | Fr. Diaz |

Archdiocese of New York Office of Vocations

God's greatest attribute is Mercy, but we live in a world that despairs of His Love and Mercy. In the Sacrament of Confession, this Divine Mercy of God comes to us from the absolution of the priest. If you are 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).

Ascension of the Lord

The Holy Day Mass Schedule includes the following Masses:

- 5:45 p.m. Vigil Mass Wednesday, May 16
- 7:00 a.m. Mass, Thursday, May 17
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 12:15 p.m. Mass
- 5:45 p.m. Mass

Expanded Offering of the Precious Blood

The Church of St. Thomas More will offer parishioners additional opportunities to receive Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in the form of the Precious Blood.

The schedule is as follows:

First Sunday of a Month:

- 5:45 P.M. Mass (Saturday)
- 11:15 A.M. Mass
- 5:45 P.M. Mass (Sunday)

Second Sunday of a Month:

- 8:30 A.M. Mass
- 11:15 A.M. Mass

Third Sunday of a Month:

- 10:00 A.M. Mass
- 11:15 A.M. Mass

Fourth Sunday of a Month:

- 11:15 A.M. Mass
- 12:30 P.M. Mass

The Center for Spiritual Development

Archdiocese of New York

Archbishop Stepinac High School
950 Mamaroneck Avenue
White Plains, NY 10605

914-946-5729, email: spiritcsd@aol.com

Invites you to attend a conference by **Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, ofm.cap, D.D., Ph.D.** Pope John Paul II appointed Fr. Cantalamessa Preacher to the Papal Household in 1979. He continues to serve in this capacity under Pope Benedict XVI. Conferences: "They were all filled with the Holy Spirit." Acts 2:4

- Monday, May 21, 2007, The Center for Spiritual Development, Auditorium, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 22, 2007, St. Joseph's Seminary, Conference for Priests, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.; St. Paul the Apostle Church, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 23, 2007, Gathering for Capuchin Friars and Friars of Renewal