

**CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE**  
**MAY 6, 2007**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ©**

**Theme/Call To Worship**

John tells us in one of his final visions: "the One who sat on the throne said....'Behold, I make all things new.'"

**Introduction To The Word**

**I. Acts 14:21-27.** Paul and Barnabas traveled to many towns and found many disciples willing to help them preach. They warned their disciples of the trials they would face. Paul and Barnabas then returned to Antioch, where their journey had begun, and told the congregation there of the progress they had made.

**II. Rev 21:1-5a.** John had a vision of a new earth, and a new Jerusalem coming down from heaven. Then a voice described Jerusalem as a place where God would live among his people and comfort them. The former world had vanished, and pain, death and suffering had left the world as well.

**III. Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35.** After Judas left the last supper, Jesus warned the other disciples that he would not be with them much longer. Jesus gave them a new commandment to love one another as he loved them. He stated that their love for each other would distinguish them as disciples.

**At St. Thomas More This Week:**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Event:</b>	<b>Time:</b>
05/06	Group Baptisms	1:30 p.m.
	L.A.O.H.	2:00 p.m.
05/07	STM Playgroup Reh.	9:00 a.m.
	CHADD Meeting	6:00 p.m.
05/08	Madison Bible Group	8:30 a.m.
	STM Playgroup Reh.	9:00 a.m.
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
05/09	Narnia 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Reh.	3:30 p.m.
	Christian Meditation	5:45 p.m.
05/10	STM Playgroup Reh.	9:00 a.m.
	St. David's Confirmation Reh.	3:00 p.m.
	Narnia 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Reh.	3:30 p.m.
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
05/11	St. David's Confirmation Reh.	9:00 a.m.
	St. David's Confirmation	10:00 a.m.
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
05/12	Narnia 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion	10:00 a.m.

**WEEKDAY BIBLE READING**

05/07	Acts 14:5-18, Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16, Jn 14:21-26
05/08	Acts 14:19-28, Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21, Jn 14:27-31a
05/09	Acts 15:1-6, Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5, Jn 15:1-8
05/10	Acts 15:7-21, Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10, Jn 15:9-11
05/11	Acts 15:22-31, Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12, Jn 15:12-17
05/12	Acts 16:1-10, Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5, Jn 15:18-21

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter - Archdiocese of New York**

"Behold, I make all things new.." Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help you renew your marriage/Holy orders to love as Jesus loves. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is June 15 - 17, 2007. For more information and registration, call The Family Life Office @ (212) 371-1000, ext. 3190.

"My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations." - Is 56:7 -

**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 Caucus (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 89<sup>th</sup> Street (between Park and Madison Avenue). RSVP: [www.events4JC.com](http://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.

**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

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF MAY 6TH**

Monday, May 7th

- 7:00 Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 8:00 Rita Monterio (d)
- 12:15 Catherine Gilroy (d)
- 5:45 Rita Monterio (d)

Tuesday, May 8th

- 7:00 Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 8:00 Estella Alvarez (l)
- 12:15 Catherine Gilroy (d)
- 5:45 Charles H.G. Rees (d)

Wednesday, May 9th

- 7:00 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
- 8:00 Carlo & Lia (d)
- 12:15 Catherine Gilroy (d)
- 5:45 Maria & Joseph Muccino (d)

Thursday, May 10th

- 7:00 Helen Hurley
- 8:00 Margaret Wallace
- 12:15 Maureen & Declan McMullen
- 5:45 Charles H.G. Rees (d)

Friday, May 11th

- 7:00 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
- 8:00 John Megley (d)
- 12:15 Catherine Hughes (d)
- 5:45 Concesa Sarte (d)

Saturday, May 12th

- 8:00 Frank Vitale (d)
- 12:15 Mattie Ruffin (d)
- 5:45 -

*Celebrant Sunday Schedule*

<i>Mass</i>	<i>May 6th</i>	<i>May 13th</i>
Sat. 5:45 PM	Fr. Tentativa	Fr. Asebias
Sun. 8:30 AM	Fr. Asebias	Msgr. Shelley
Sun. 10:00 AM	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Asebias
Sun. 11:15 AM	Msgr. Shelley	Fr. Boehning
Sun. 12:30 PM	Fr. Tentativa	Fr. Tentativa
Sun. 5:45 PM	Fr. Boehning	Fr. Tentativa

*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).

**SPRING SEMI-ANNUAL APPEAL  
NEXT WEEKEND - MAY 12 & 13**

All parishioners will receive a mailing this week on our **Spring Semi-Annual Appeal**. Our focus is to go beyond simply making up for much lower Sunday collections during the warm months and look to building up reserves for major projects. Please read the letter carefully and respond as generously as you can. Below is a description of giving for our last Spring Semi-Annual Appeal.

**2006 SPRING SEMI-ANNUAL APPEAL COLLECTION**

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>DONOR</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
16,000	1	16,000
7,351	1	7,351
5,000	2	10,000
2,500	2	5,000
1,500	3	4,500
1,000	8	8,000
936	1	936
800	1	800
500	20	10,000
400	1	400
350	2	700
310	1	310
300	6	1,800
250	18	4,500
225	1	225
200	11	2,200
150	13	1,950
125	2	250
120	3	360
110	1	110
100	36	3,600
Below 100	167	4,834
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>84,910</b>
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*The Annual St. Thomas More for Less Fair 2007* is scheduled for October 13<sup>th</sup> 2007 — a successful 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Fair Committee hopes the parishioners who own or run firms providing goods/services, would consider making donations of these items to the Fair in our effort to raise money for the poor and disabled of this parish. Please contact Margaret Peet at the rectory on 212-876-7718 for more information.

*Prayer for World Peace.* "Lord, we pray for the power to be gentle; the strength to be forgiving; the patience to be understanding; and the endurance to accept the consequences of holding to what we believe to be right. May we put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil and the power of love to overcome hatred. We pray for the vision to see and the faith to believe in a world emancipated from violence, a new world where fear shall no longer lead men to commit injustice, nor selfishness make them bring suffering to others. Help us to devote our whole life and thought and energy to the task of making peace, praying always for the inspiration and the power to fulfill the destiny for which we and all men were created. Amen."