

Church of St. Thomas More
FEBRUARY 22, 2009
The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme/Call To Worship

As Jesus chose to both cure the paralyzed man's body and forgive his sinfulness; today we are given the opportunity to ask Jesus to help us look beyond our physical needs and to seek the deeper spiritual healing that we all need.

Introduction To The Word

Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25: In this reading the Prophet Isaiah tells us that the Lord directs us to "remember not the events of the past" because the Lord is "doing something new." Despite their inability to perceive the change, the Lord has chosen, for his sake, to wipe out the offenses of the people.

2 Cor 1:18-22: St. Paul reminds the Church that all of the promises of God are in Jesus.

Mk 2:1-12: When Jesus returned home in Capernaum he was again surrounded by a large group of people who were anxious to hear his words. While preaching, four men broke through the roof to permit Jesus to heal a paralyzed man. Upon seeing this act of faith, Jesus tells the paralyzed man "Child, your sins are forgiven." Jesus then dispels the doubts of the Scribes by demonstrating that "the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth," by telling the man to "rise, pick up your mat and go home."


At St. Thomas More This Week

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
02/22	Group Baptism	1:30 pm
02/23	Parish Council Meeting	6:30 pm
02/24	Leisure Club Luncheon	after 12:30 pm Mass
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
02/25	Ash Wednesday	See Schedule Insert
	Christian Meditation	5:45 pm
02/26	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
02/27	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm

Celebrant Schedule

<i>Mass</i>	<i>February 22</i>	<i>March 01</i>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Boehning	Fr. Diaz
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Van Dyke, SJ	Fr. Diaz
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Van Dyke, SJ	Fr. Anthony
Sun 11:15 am	Msgr. Shelley	Fr. Joy
Sun 12:30 pm	Fr. Joy	Msgr. Shelley
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Joy	Fr. Boehning

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Save the Date – 2009 Lenten Retreat

Sat. Feb 28 (5:45pm Anticipatory Mass) and Sun. March 1
 Fr. Andreassi will deliver each of the Homilies highlighting the themes of the Lenten Meditations.

Mon. March 2 5:45pm Mass
 6:15pm Lenten Meditation led by Fr. Andreassi on Fasting & Almsgiving.

Tues. March 3 5:45pm Mass
 6:15pm Lenten Meditation led by Fr. Andreassi on Forgiveness.
 7:00pm Penitential Service & Confessions

Wed. March 4 5:45pm Mass
 6:15pm Lenten Meditation led by Fr. Andreassi on Prayer.
 7:00pm Wine & Cheese Reception

MORE Hot Topics
by the STM Education Committee

March 29 2009: Islam & Catholicism: An Historical Overview. Presented by Mr. Andrew Bieszard.

June 2009: St. Thomas More: Patron of our Parish.

To Be Determined: *Maurice and Thérèse: The Story of a Love* – A play based on Bishop Ahern's book of the same name.

