# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
## CATHOLIC CHURCH

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 7th of February, 2021

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# FROM MSGR.'S MEMO

## A SPECIAL REMINDER FROM MSGR.

UPDATE ON FATHER YOUNG: Last Sunday, Father Young came home from the rehab hospital and is now staying with us other priests at the Rectory. He has made amazing improvement but is still very weak and will need to continue with physical therapy and other types of medical treatment.I don't think it's wise to have unannounced visitors come to the rectory to see him: I suggest you call him first. Even before Fr. Young's arrival, we have tried to limit the number of people coming to the house. Fr. Young thanks everyone for their prayers and expressions of love.

JUST A REMINDER: The normal schedule of Masses are being celebrated in the church. 250 people can attend each of these Masses. Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of each Mass. Please wear your mask, socially distance, receive Communion on the hand, etc. For those who do not feel comfortable going inside the church yet, every Mass is being broadcast on our low-wattage FM transmitter at 106.5 FM for Parking Lot Mass. Communion can be received at the door afterwards. The 9am Mass will continue to be live-streamed daily, and can be seen on our parish app and website (stanm.org). Please call the parish office to arrange funerals, marriages and baptisms.

NIFTY HOLY WATER FOUNTS/DISPENSERS THAT ARE COVID SAFE! We have found a company that makes contact-free Holy Water founts for the doors of the church. They are just like the "touch-free" hand sanitizer stations that you see in the stores, but with a pretty wood cover that says "Holy Water". This way we can start having Holy Water at the doors of the church again.The only trick is that they cost $200 a piece. To cover all five doors we need ten of them. I'm sure we can use them in the new church. So - if you would like to donate one of them, please call the parish office. Thank you!

# WORSHIP

*We are now holding in person Mass up to 250 persons. You can still listen in the parking lot via 106.5FM Radio!*

Sunday Obligation
Saturday Vigil Mass- 5pm
Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm & 6:00 pm

Daily Mass
Monday - Saturday 9:00 am in person and online
Monday - Friday 6:00 pm

Confessions- in the Adoration Chapel
Monday - Friday at 9:45 am & 5:00 pm
Saturdays at 2:30pm

Church is open for prayer everyday
9:30 am - 6:00 pm

## Readings for the week of February 7th, 2021

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10

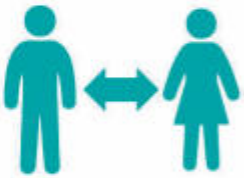
Next Sunday:Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

# COVID-19 REGULATIONS

## Prevent the Spread in
# 3 Easy Steps

**Wash Your Hands**

**Don't Touch Your Face**



**Keep Your Distance**

Please continue to wear a face covering and be prepared to receive communion in the hand, especially while COVID-19 is on a rise in our state.

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# A FEW THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

## ALPHA IS HERE!

Why
and how should I read the Bible?
The word of God who is God. This week we discuss one of the greatest selling books of all time. It is a personal letter to each of us from God our Father. It guides us in life and makes known the faith that God gave us through His Son Jesus.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### The Audacity of Holiness:

Do you know a holy person? I'm not talking about piety — that's important, too, in its own way. But right now, I'm speaking of holiness. St. Therese of Lisieux called holiness "a disposition of the heart that makes us humble and little in the arms of God, aware of our weakness, and confident — in the most audacious way — in His Fatherly goodness." The holy person sees a storm on the horizon of life, and rather than give themselves over to fear and despair (natural and understandable reactions), regards the gathering winds as an opportunity to rely more fully on God. The holy person takes a bad situation and sanctifies it with charity and understanding that defies our fallen human nature. Peter's mother-in-law was still in the throes of a fever when Jesus grasped her hand. It wasn't until she took his hand and allowed him to help her up that "the fever left her and she waited on them." Before the fever could leave her, she had to commit to holiness — to put her trust in him in a most audacious way. She had to find it within herself to lift her weakened hand to grasp his — and as soon as she did, she was rewarded. Her bodily health restored, she gave thanks, and attended to his needs.God's hand is always outstretched to us. Will we take it, even if the fever of sin and pride and worldly concerns rages in our souls? Will we muster the strength? Will we be audacious enough to have confidence in His Fatherly goodness?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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