



# ST. THOMAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

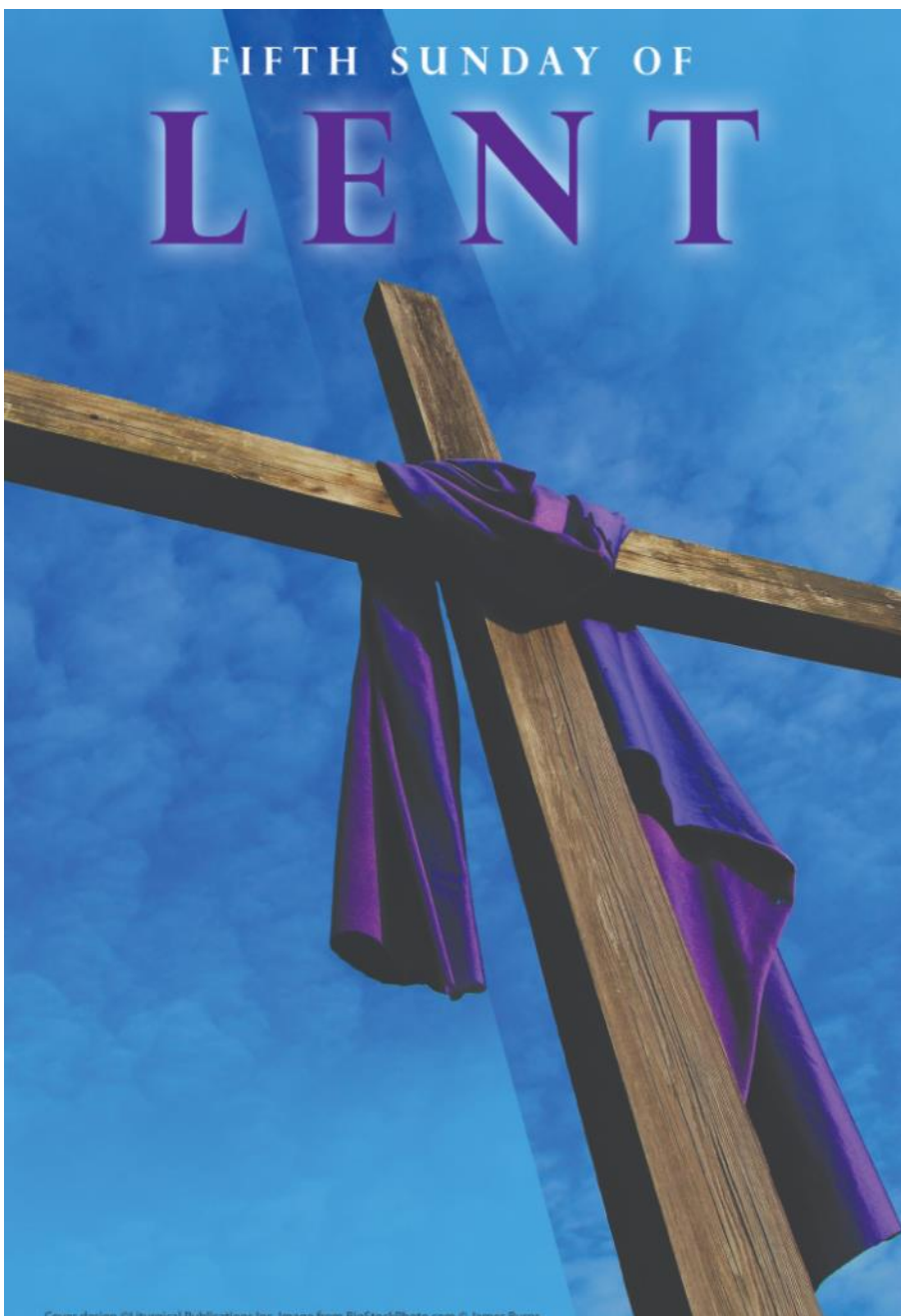
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*Under St. Thomas' patronage, our parish aspires to evangelize our world through the beauty of our Liturgical worship; the goodness of our lives empowered by the Holy Spirit and ordered towards holiness in community; and conforming our minds to the Truths of Scriptures and Tradition.*

Fifth Sunday of Lent, April 3, 2022  
Quinto Domingo del Cuaresma, 3 de Abril de 2022



## Liturgy Schedule

### Public Weekend Masses—In Church

Saturday: 5 PM English—Livestreamed

Sunday: 8:30 AM Spanish —Livestreamed

10:30 AM English—Livestreamed

### Public Weekday Masses—In Church

Tuesday: 7 PM Spanish

Wednesday: 9 AM English

Thursday: 9 AM English

Friday: 9 AM English

1st Friday & Adoration: 8 AM-Adoration

8:30 AM-Rosary

9 AM-Mass

Adoration ends at 11 AM

All weekday Masses are also livestreamed

### Adoration

Tuesday: 5 PM—6:45 PM

Friday: 9:30 AM—11 AM

### Anointing of the Sick

First Friday of the month, or by appointment.

### Confessions

Tuesday: 6 PM—6:45 PM

Friday: 9:30 AM—10:15 AM

Saturday: 4 PM—4:50 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM—8:20 AM

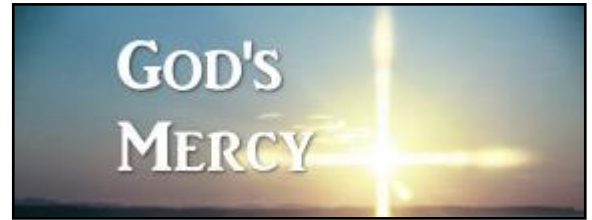
### Parish Office Hours

Monday—Thursday: 9 AM—2 PM

Friday: 9 AM—Noon

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

All major holidays: Closed



## The Power of God's Mercy

This weekend our Gospel from St. John tells us of the story of the woman caught in adultery. The scribes and the Pharisees were trying to test Jesus. How did he disarm their desire to judge and execute this woman? He made them get in touch with their own sinfulness.

When we detach from our responsibility to open our hearts to the grace of conversion, we can become very harsh and judgmental and fail to lead people to encounter the mercy of God. Only the soul that is humble and knows that it is saved by grace (and not one's self-righteousness) can help another soul out of sin to experience the joy of God's mercy.

*St. Faustina says in her diary.*

*All grace flows from mercy, and the last hour abounds with mercy for us. Let no one doubt concerning the goodness of God; even if a person's sins were as dark as night, God's mercy is stronger than our misery. (Diary 1507)*

Unfortunately, we live in a world where some people think allowing people to persist in sin is an act of mercy. Jesus makes it very clear with his instructions at the end of our Gospel that mercy doesn't mean rationalizing sin by telling the woman to go and sin no more. True love is always aimed at the good of the human person and certain actions are by their very nature, selfish, disordered and harmful to us and to others. Our world has really lost its moral bearings due to moral relativism and so much misery and confusion are leading people to a place of despair because we don't believe in sin and the need for God's mercy.

We need to hear about the mercy of God and that we can always change our actions by ordering them to the Truth that sets us free and glorifying God who does not desire the death of the sinner but rejoices when they turn from wrongdoing (c.f. Ezekiel 18:23). This is the basic message of the Gospel.

Our Second Reading from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians shows a man whose entire life has been changed by the mercy of God. Everything he thought was of such great importance faded into the background and the only thing he was concerned about was the pursuit of his goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus (c.f. Philippians 3:14). What a beautiful goal!

May we strive to encounter the mercy of God and share the hope that lies in turning away from sin and living life more abundantly. Let us never give up on people by false compassion (saying and doing nothing) or by judging them and writing them off.

*Let me end this reflection with some powerful words from St. James:*

*My brothers, if anyone among you should stray from the truth and someone bring him back, he should know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. (James 5:19-20)*

In Christ,  
Fr. Jim Northrop  
Pastor

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**Suicide Crisis Hotline:** 206-461-3222

**Mental Health Hotline:** 1-866-789-1511

**Teen Link:** 1-866-833-6546 / 206-461-4922

**Crisis Connection:** 1-866-427-4747

**Child Abuse:** 1-866-363-4276

**Domestic Abuse:** 1-800-562-6025

**National Domestic Violence:** 1-800-799-7233

**WA State Domestic Violence:** 1-844-762-8483

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