



St. Thomas More Mission

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday: NO MASS

Tuesday - Friday: 12:00 p.m.

First Friday Devotion

12:00 p.m. Mass, followed by Adoration, Prayers, Confessions and the Rosary

First Saturday Devotion

8:30 a.m. Mass, 9:00 a.m. Confessions, followed by Marian Prayers and the Rosary

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday: 12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

(or by appointment)

Weekly Adoration

Thursdays: 10:00 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.

Includes Simple Exposition, Adoration and Solemn Benediction

(There will be NO Solemn Benediction the Thursday before First Friday)

Sunday, April 7, 2024



**"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN
AND HAVE BELIEVED." —JN 20:29**

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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CHURCH DOORS OPEN

Monday: CLOSED

Tues - Wed: 11:00 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Thurs: 10:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Friday: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

WEEKEND HYMNS

St. Augustine Hymnal

Processional: #217

Offertory: #221

Recessional: #218

SECOND COLLECTION

April 6th & 7th

Building Fund

May 4th & 5th

Building Fund

Church Information

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Rectory Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Friday – Sunday Closed

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Visit our Facebook page at:
St. Thomas More Mission
Website Address:
<https://stthomasmorecatholicchurch.org>

Registration for Church Membership

New parishioners should register at the Rectory Office.

Religious Goods Store

Open on the third weekend of the month.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Contact the rectory office to schedule a baptism.

Funeral

Contact the rectory office for funeral arrangements.

Marriage

Contact St. Bede-St. Denis for marriage preparation
Tel: 773-884-2000.

Sacramental Records Requests

Contact the rectory office for copies. Cost: \$10 each (cash/check)

Mass Intentions

Visit the rectory office or mail us your intentions (mark living/deceased) along with a check. Minimum Donation of \$10 each.
(3 intentions per mass, cash/check)

Bulletin Announcements

Must be emailed to jfitzgibbons@archchicago.org before 12:00 p.m. on Thursdays in order to be approved and printed in the following weeks bulletin. (type "Bulletin Announcement" in the subject line)



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, April 7th

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

10:00 a.m. † Joseph McManus (Phifer Family)
Thanksgiving for God's Blessings the
Ekechukwu, Ugochukwu and Madu
Families (Andrew Ugochukwu)

Monday, April 8th

The Annunciation of the Lord

*** NO MASS ***

TUESDAY, April 9th

12:00 p.m. † Mike, Ann & Marty Dwyer (Peggy Dwyer)
† Alice Stack (Joe McGovern)
† Don Tadda and the Repose of the
Holy Souls in Purgatory (Mary Tadda)

WEDNESDAY, April 10th

12:00 p.m. † Walter McWilliams (Mary Sue McWilliams)
Special Intentions of Peggy Dwyer
(Peggy Dwyer)
Paul Macey - Birthday Blessings & the
Repose of the Holy Souls in Purgatory
(Mary Tadda)

THURSDAY, April 11th

St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

12:00 p.m. All Family and Friends of Peggy Dwyer
(Peggy Dwyer)
Our Lady's Intentions (Sister Maria
Paulina)
† Don Tadda and the Repose of the
Holy Souls in Purgatory (Mary Tadda)

FRIDAY, April 12th

12:00 p.m. † Richard, Patricia & Dick Roberts (Jack
Roberts)
† Reynaldo Apan (Gina Cruz)

SATURDAY, April 13th

St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr (Vigil Mass)

5:30 p.m. The Souls in Purgatory (Gina Cruz)
† Thor A. Emanuelson (Jim Farrell)
Rosario P. Pagulayan Jr. - Birthday
Blessings (Rosario Avellana)

Readings for the week of April 7, 2024

Sunday:

Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/
1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

Monday:

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/
Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday:

Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/
Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday:

Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Jn 3:16-21

Thursday:

Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/
Jn 3:31-36

Friday:

Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday:

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Worship & Meditation

No Request
is too
Audacious
for God.

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A protestant pastor friend of mine was invited to meet Pope Francis with a group of other pastors. He noticed the Pope's chair was especially ornate and set at the head of the group. He somewhat playfully said, "Holy Father, why do you get that special chair?" The group chuckled nervously at my friend's audacious chide.

The following year, the group was invited to return. They entered the room to find only simple chairs placed in a circle. Pope Francis entered, sat down in one of the humble chairs and, looking directly at my friend, with a twinkle in his eye, asked, "What do you think of my chair now?" My friend was stunned that the Pope remembered his concerns — and took the time to answer them.

Thomas the apostle was certainly stunned by the Risen Jesus displaying his wounds in person. But he also must have been equally shocked that Jesus knew and answered his particular questions, worries, and even demands related to his faith. How humbled — and perhaps a bit terrified — he must have been to realize God remembers his concerns and cares enough to answer them.

What questions or demands about Jesus do you find in your heart? Like Thomas, will you be bold enough to voice them this week? How wonderful to know that if we do so, God will remember and respond even to our most audacious desires.

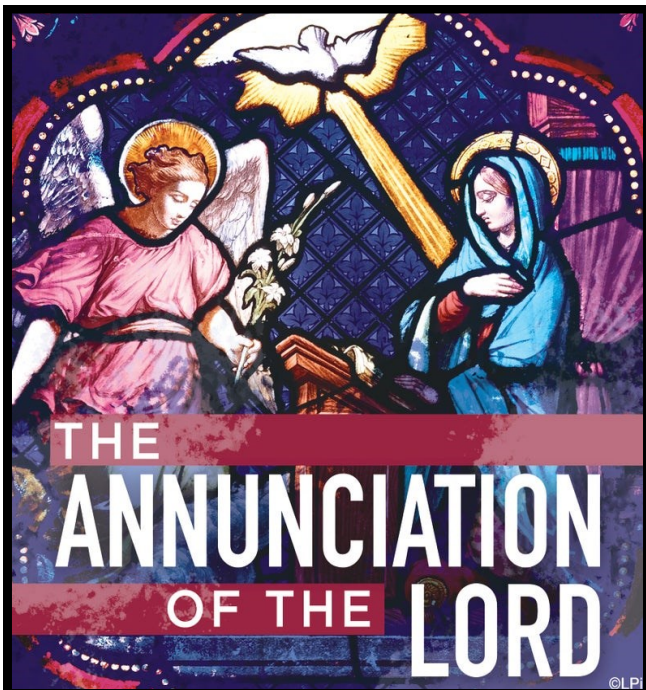
— *Father John Muir*

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7th:

10:00 a.m. Mass



3:00 p.m. Holy Hour for Divine Mercy and
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



This is My Body



Communion Retreat

Save the Date -
Let us run the retreat
for you!!

St. Rita Shrine Chapel
at St. Rita of Cascia High School

Saturday, April 13, 2024
or
Saturday, April 20, 2024

(Each retreat will be from 9 a.m. - Noon)

St. Rita Shrine Chapel is pleased to present our 2nd annual First Communion Retreat, *"This is My Body"*. Father Tom McCarthy, O.S.A. (renowned teacher, retreat director and preacher) and Mrs. Jenkins (retired Chicago Archdiocesan school teacher) will highlight the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

- Parents (or grandparents) and First Communicants will gain a deeper knowledge of the sacrifice of the Eucharist and develop a deeper relationship with Christ.
- Participation will foster a connection with our Catholic community. Everyone will enjoy hands-on activities and a snack.
- Visit the saints at the beautiful Shrine Chapel at St. Rita of Cascia High School.

Participants: Children preparing for the sacrament of First Holy Communion along with their parent(s)

Registration information to follow in January, 2024. Please direct questions to shrine@stritahs.com.

Location: St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel
7740 S. Western Ave.
Chicago, IL 60620

For more information, call Mary Jo Jenkins at 773-925-6600 (X6667).

Save the Date...

Southside Parish Renewal (SPR)* Inclusion Committee invites you to a **virtual** event with Dr. Amy Kenny, to discuss her book, *"My Body is Not a Prayer Request,"* on **Monday, April 22, 2024, 7 P.M via ZOOM**. (*SPR-Christ the King St. Barnabas, St. John Fisher, St. Cajetan.) "In the book Kenny shows that it is time for the Church to start treating disabled people as full members of the body of Christ who have much more to offer than a miraculous cure narrative and to begin learning from their embodied experiences."

For more information and to register, contact Maureen Howard at maureenhoward@comcast.net

PLEASE NOTE: This one-time coupon or promo code can be used to buy copies of "My Body is Not a Prayer Request" and any other items purchased at the same time.



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STTMM - APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 10:00am Mass 3:00pm Holy Hour for Divine Mercy & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 2nd Collection for Bldg. Fund <i>(Fr. Combs)</i>	8	9 12:45pm Legion of Mary Mtg. <i>(Mission Center)</i> <i>(Fr. Combs)</i>	10 4:30pm Youth Faith Formation <i>(Mission Center)</i> <i>(Fr. Combs)</i>	11 <i>(Fr. Combs)</i>	12 <i>(Substitute-TBD)</i>	13 <i>(Fr. Cronin)</i>
14 <i>(Fr. Cronin)</i>	15	16 12:45pm Legion of Mary Mtg. <i>(Mission Center)</i> <i>(Fr. Stobba)</i>	17 4:30pm Youth Faith Formation <i>(Mission Center)</i> <i>(Fr. Combs)</i>	18 <i>(Fr. Stobba)</i>	19 <i>(Substitute-TBD)</i>	20 <i>(Fr. Stobba)</i>
21 <i>(Substitute-TBD)</i>	22	23 12:45pm Legion of Mary Mtg. <i>(Mission Center)</i> 5:30pm Mission Advisory Council Meeting <i>(Rectory)</i> <i>(Fr. Combs)</i>	24 4:30pm Youth Faith Formation <i>(Mission Center)</i> <i>(Fr. Stobba)</i>	25 <i>(Fr. Combs)</i>	26 <i>(Fr. Combs)</i>	27 <i>(Fr. Combs)</i>
28 11:45am Young Adults General Body Meeting <i>(Mission Center)</i> <i>(Fr. Combs)</i>	29	30 12:45pm Legion of Mary Mtg. <i>(Mission Center)</i> <i>(Fr. Combs)</i>				

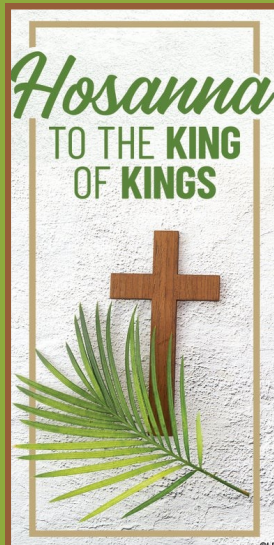
THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to all of the parishioners and friends of St. Thomas More Mission who aided with the Holy Week and Easter church decorations. Special thanks to **Phil Smith, Jackie O'Neill, Michaeleen O'Neill, Hannah O'Neill, Bridget O'Neill, Jim Farrell, Mary O'Neill Schmit, Bill McDonald, Jim Hedderman, Theresa Torres** and others who worked tirelessly to create a lovely worship space for our liturgical celebrations. Their continuous dedication and availability demonstrates their explicit love and genuine care for St. Thomas More Mission. Throughout these holy days, our religious experiences were heightened because of their creation of a prayerful environment for worship. God bless you all!
(photos of Holy Week celebrations will appear in the 4/14/24 bulletin)

Fr. Derran

Palm Sunday

March 24th, 2024



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL FOR THE SICK



Johanna Adas
 Martha Anderson
 Rose & Kevin Cahill
 Dave Carlson
 Sarah Dalton
 Peggy Dwyer
 Rosina Grieshaber
 Sandra Halper
 William & Theresa Jenzio

Lori King
 Janice Mangan
 Sharon & Dave Martiniak
 James McCarthy
 Richard Moreno Sr.
 Chris Oleksyn
 Robert Oleksyn
 Walter W. Quasthoff
 Chuck & Barbara Richards

Carol Rossi
 Brian Small
 Phyllis Spizzirri
 Joe Stachovic
 Sister Maria-Paulina Sterling

*Omnipotent and eternal God, the everlasting Salvation of those who believe,
 hear us on behalf of Thy sick and their caregivers.*

To add a name to the prayer list please contact the Rectory Office at (773) 436-4444.
 (Names will stay on list for only three months unless an extension is requested)

FOR ALL WHO SERVE IN THE MILITARY INCLUDING



PFC Michael Chesna, Marines
 MSG Kevin Daley
 Cpl. Brian Husum
 PO2. Marcellus J. Lane, Navy
 Cpl. Noah Mackiewicz, Marines
 PFC. Luis Rosales
 LCPL. Xavier Rosales



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Suicide Prevention

If you or someone you know is having thoughts of suicide or experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis, 988 provides 24/7 connection to confidential support. There is hope. You are not alone. **Just call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org**, 988 will connect you with a trained crisis counselor who can help.



SUNDAY COLLECTION

BUDGET & FINANCE

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Weekly Collection:

Envelopes:	\$1,897.00
Loose Change:	\$828.62
Holy Thursday:	\$50.00
Easter:	\$100.00
Building Fund:	\$0.00
Total:	\$2,875.62

Special Collections to Date:

Poor Box to Date:	\$155.48
Building Fund to Date:	\$6,952.31

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