



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)

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

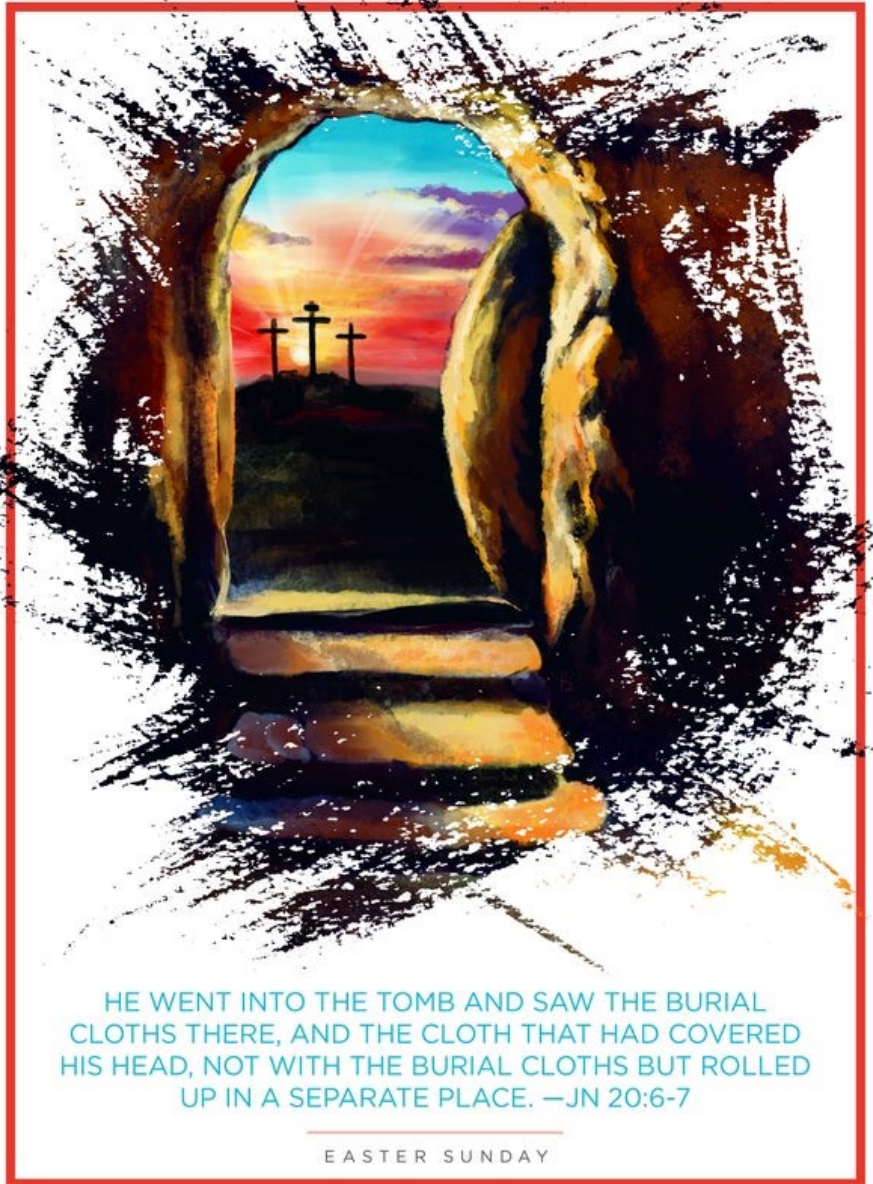
St. Augustine Hymnal

Processional: #229

Offertory: #228

Recessional: #224

Sunday, March 31, 2024



HE WENT INTO THE TOMB AND SAW THE BURIAL CLOTHS THERE, AND THE CLOTH THAT HAD COVERED HIS HEAD, NOT WITH THE BURIAL CLOTHS BUT ROLLED UP IN A SEPARATE PLACE. —JN 20:6-7

EASTER SUNDAY

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SECOND COLLECTION

March 31st
Easter Offering

April 6th & 7th
Building Fund

The Rectory Office
will be CLOSED

Monday, April 1st
Holy Monday

Church Information

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Rectory Office

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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, March 31st

Easter Sunday

10:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Thomas
More Mission

Monday, April 1st

Monday within the Octave of Easter

*** NO MASS ***

TUESDAY, April 2nd

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

12:00 p.m. † Richard, Patricia & Dick Roberts (Jack Roberts)
Mark Czyzewski (Legion of Mary)
Diane Oberts (Legion of Mary)

WEDNESDAY, April 3rd

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

12:00 p.m. † Jerome Kurth (Mary Sue McWilliams)
For the Souls in Purgatory (Gina Cruz)

THURSDAY, April 4th

Thursday within the Octave of Easter

12:00 p.m. Our Lady's Intentions (Sister Maria Paulina)
Alan P. Avellana - Birthday Blessings
(Rosario Avellana)

FRIDAY, April 5th (First Friday)

Friday within the Octave of Easter

12:00 p.m. † Reynaldo Apan (Gina Cruz)

SATURDAY, April 6th (First Saturday)

Saturday within the Octave of Easter

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Thomas
More Mission

(Vigil Mass)

5:30 p.m. † Richard, Patricia & Dick Roberts (Jack Roberts)



Readings for the week of March 31, 2024

Sunday:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
(24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9
or Mk 16:1-7

Monday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8,
9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday:

Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/
Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday:

Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/
Lk 24:13-35

Thursday:

Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/
Lk 24:35-48

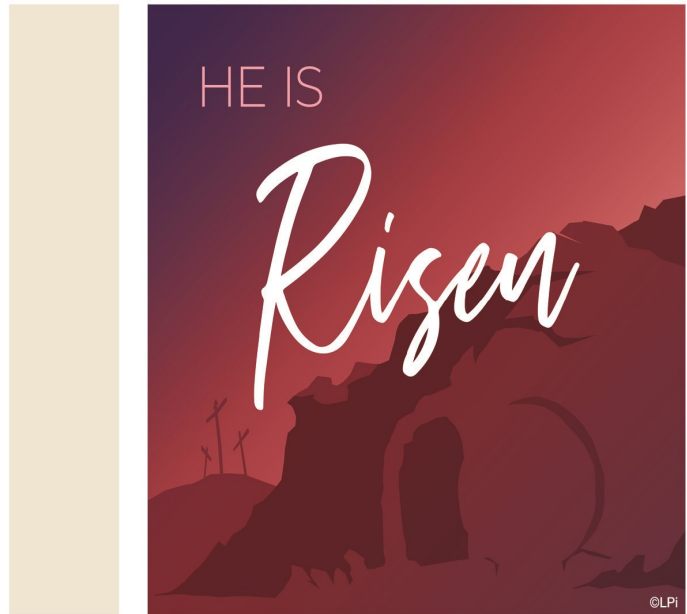
Friday:

Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24,
25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday:

Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18,
19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Worship & Meditation



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Outside Chicago, there is a small cemetery in the woods behind Mundelein Seminary, where I was a student. One night I was exploring it. I looked up and was shocked to see an imposing seventeen-foot angel towering over me and preparing to blow a trumpet. Adrenaline rushed through me. I gasped and uttered, "Oh my God!" Quickly I realized it was in fact a massive bronze statue. I tried to calm myself down. But it still freaked me out.

As we begin to celebrate Easter today, this image might seem a bit unnerving. But please recall that for the first disciples on the morning of the resurrection, it was precisely that. It wasn't joyful at first, it was terrifying. It wasn't peaceful, it was unsettling. In that Jerusalem cemetery, something otherworldly had happened. Angels announced that he was no longer dead, but alive. They had blown their trumpets, so to speak, and Jesus had risen. Soon the disciples' shock in that dark cemetery would turn into joy.

We all have our own places of the dead, too, don't we? Deceased loved ones. Our tired patterns of blame. Relationships stuck in resentment. Indifference to the poor. Lost dreams. Despair about our future. Fear of sickness and death. These are our "cemeteries" where we don't expect much to happen. Today we enter — if we dare — those places with the disciples. See the mighty angel standing there, trumpet ready to blare!

— *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 Jenkens 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
	1 Easter Monday Rectory Office is Closed	2 12:45pm Legion of Mary Mtg. <i>(Mission Center)</i> <i>(Fr. Combs)</i>	3 4:30pm Youth Faith Formation <i>(Mission Center)</i> <i>(Fr. Combs)</i>	4 <i>(Fr. Combs)</i>	5 <i>(Fr. Combs)</i>	6 2nd Collection for Building Fund <i>(Fr. Combs)</i>
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	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	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>				

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

What Would Mary Do?

This Easter morning, I am thinking of Mary Magdalene.

I want to know her state of mind as she approached the tomb in the darkness. Was she afraid? Was she thinking clearly? Was she tired? Had grief and trauma robbed her of her sleep the last two nights? What did she intend to do? Anoint Christ's body, yes — but what else? Kiss his hands, trace the markings where the lash had fallen upon his skin? Say goodbye? Weep? Despair?

What were the words she planned to whisper into the cold, empty darkness that morning, as she wept over God's body?

I don't know anything about her state of mind that Easter morning, except that I know she wanted to be with Christ. Perhaps that was all she knew, too. Perhaps she had no other thought, no other desire, than nearness to him. She didn't need to understand everything, and she didn't expect answers — she didn't dare hope for that.

But everything and everyone had fallen apart around her, and in Jesus' presence she knew her heart would be able to rest.

If you have ever been in the midst of a crisis in your life and found yourself pacing the floors of your house when no one else is awake, muttering the words to a prayer you know by heart, you know what Mary Magdalene felt. In those moments, we do not always feel God's presence. Sometimes, when we look for Him, we only see an empty tomb.

When these dark moments come, I pray you will remember the faithfulness of this great saint. Be like Mary Magdalene. Look for Jesus, always. You may not always find him, but he will always find you.

"She ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, 'They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him.'" — John 20:2

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What is spiritual communion, and do you need to be in a state of grace to receive it?

Answer:

The practice of making a "spiritual communion" dates back several centuries and St. Thomas Aquinas described it as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him."

Traditionally, a prayer of spiritual communion has been used by those who are unable to receive sacramental communion because of health, inability to attend Mass, or who cannot receive communion because of grave sin. This practice has been encouraged by many saints and spiritual writers and most recently Pope Francis encouraged the practice when the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic prevented so many Catholics from taking part in the Mass or receiving sacramental communion.

Although the graces offered in spiritual communion are not the same as those offered in the sacramental communion of the Mass, this practice is still a powerful opportunity to express our desire for union with the Lord and to be united with Christ and the Church, even in an imperfect way.

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



THANK YOU FOR OUR FREEDOM!

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.



Catholic Resources

Please view the following websites for daily Mass, prayers and spiritual support:

- www.archchicago.org
- www.DomesticViolenceOutreach.org
- www.usccb.org
- www.vatican.va
- www.ewtn.com
- www.relevantradio.com

SUNDAY COLLECTION

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BUDGET & FINANCE

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Sunday, March 10, 2024

Weekly Collection:

Envelopes:	\$1,739.00
Loose Change:	\$684.00
Building Fund:	\$160.00
Total:	\$2,583.00

Special Collections to Date:

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

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