



SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mt 4:19

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ST. THOMAS MORE MISSION

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil, 4:30 pm
Sunday, 10:00 am

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday, 12:00 pm
Saturday, 8:30 am

First Friday Devotion

12:00 pm Mass, followed by Adoration,
Prayers, Confessions and the Rosary

First Saturday Devotion

8:30 am Mass, followed by Adoration,
Prayers, Confessions and the Rosary

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 3:30-4:20 pm
Sunday, 9:30-9:50 am
or by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays, 12:30-1:30 pm, includes Exposition,
Confessions, Chaplet of Divine Mercy
and Benediction

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Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
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St. Thomas More Chicago
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New parishioners should register at the church office.

Religious Goods Store

Open on the third weekend of the month.

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Baptism

Please contact the church office to schedule a baptism.

Funeral

Contact the church office for funeral arrangements.

Marriage

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

Sacramental Records Requests

Contact the church office for copies of Baptism, Communion, Confirmation and Marriage Records.

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Bulletin Announcements

Please submit all announcements for the weekly bulletin to Fr. Derran before 10:00 a.m. on Fridays to be entered into the following weeks bulletin.



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, January 22

Third Sunday In Ordinary Times

10:00 am Chuka Aguanunu - Birthday Blessings (*Kate Aguanunu*)

MONDAY, January 23

St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin; Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

12:00 pm † Dick Roberts (*Jack Roberts*)
† Bill Maguire (*Family*)

TUESDAY, January 24

St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

12:00 pm † Margaret & William MacDonald (*Bill MacDonald*)
† Dick Roberts (*Jack Roberts*)

WEDNESDAY, January 25

The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ends

12:00 pm † Dick Roberts (*Jack Roberts*)
Fr. Walter Ciesla (*Friend*)

THURSDAY, January 26

St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops

12:00 pm † Jack Donahue (*Sandy Badke*)
† Dick Roberts (*Jack Roberts*)

FRIDAY, January 27

St. Angela Merici, Virgin

12:00 pm † Dick Roberts (*Jack Roberts*)
† Lynette Hardaway (*Friend*)

SATURDAY, January 28

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:30 am *For the Parishioners of St. Thomas More Mission*

(Vigil Mass)

4:30 pm † Mary Wiedel (*Blanca Nodal*)
† Michael Hudson (*Blanca Nodal*)





FROM THE MISSION DIRECTOR

CATHOLIC VOLUNTEERISM: PART 1 OF 2

January 22, 2023

In recent months at St. Thomas More, several requests have been made publicly of the need for volunteers: volunteers for the expansion of liturgical ministers, youth group leaders, cleaning the church, setting up and taking down Christmas decorations, etc. Although some have responded to this need, there is still plenty of good room for more volunteers. I found an online article that will help us think about “Catholic Volunteerism” in the context of Christian service and lay ministry. Segments of this article are included below and in next week’s issue.

-Fr. Derran

Volunteering: Why You Don’t; Why We Need You

Reflections by Dom Cingoranelli
Catholic Stand, 2016

As part of the Mystical Body of Christ, we’ve each received gifts unique to our position in the Body, with graces that equip us for our work within the Church. If that’s the case, why do so few Catholics volunteer to use their gifts for the benefit of the Church?

At your church, who makes up the team of dedicated volunteers that keep it running smoothly? Research conducted some time ago by the Dynamic Catholic Institute revealed some startling findings: In a typical Catholic parish, 7% or less of registered parishioners generally contribute 80% or more of the financial support and 80% or more of the volunteer hours worked.

The research also identified four things that the roughly 7% of more involved Catholics do which the other 93% generally don’t do as much of: prayer, study of the faith, generosity and evangelization. Those more involved Catholics have cultivated habits of daily prayer such as praying the Rosary, attending daily Mass and praying through Lectio Divina. They study the faith, continually learning more about it (and as a result seem to be less likely to complain about the positions of the Magisterium and about the Church in general). They also give more time and financial support, and are enthusiastic about sharing their faith with others.

On the other hand, research shows that this group of the most active laity actually may discourage others from participating at their parish by, among other things, being territorial or cliquish, and using religious terminology that others don’t understand. They also may not relate well to others who are not as far along in their spiritual journey as they are.

There are any number of additional reasons that some don’t participate at their parish. A pastor of mine from long ago believed that many people don’t volunteer and serve because that’s not the way they were raised in their home, the “domestic church.” Without the modeling from parents or a subsequent conversion of heart and mind, we are less likely to consider getting very involved in our parish.

TO BE CONTINUED...

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light; (Is 9:1)

PSALM:

The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Ps 27)

SECOND READING:

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ,
that all of you agree in what you say,
and that you be united in the same mind and in the same
purpose. (1 Cor 1:10)

GOSPEL:

He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea,
in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali,
that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet
might be fulfilled. (Mt 4:13-14)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 22, 2023

- Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Tuesday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Thursday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
Friday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin
Saturday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic Schools Week



Saint of the Week

St. Marianne Cope immigrated to the USA from Germany when she was a child. A gifted leader, she oversaw schools, hospitals, and missions during her long life. Most notably, she volunteered to provide care to those outcast with leprosy in Hawaii.

Prayer

Prayer for St. Marianne Cope's intercession

Lord Jesus, you who gave us your commandment of love of God and neighbor, and identified yourself in a special way with the most needy of your people, hear our prayer. Faithful to your teaching, St. Marianne Cope loved and served her neighbor, especially the most desolate outcast, giving herself generously and heroically for those afflicted by leprosy. She alleviated their physical and spiritual sufferings, thus helping them to accept their afflictions with patience.

Her care and concern for others manifested the great love you have for us. Through her merits and intercession, grant us the favor which we confidently ask of you so that the people of God, following the inspiration of her life and apostolate, may practice charity towards all according to your word and example.
Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.saintmarianne.org/prayer---novena2.html>)

“As the family goes,
so goes the nation,
and so goes the
whole world
in which
we live.”
ST. JOHN PAUL II



Day of Prayer
for the Legal
Protection of
Unborn Children

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 22, 2023

- Sunday:** Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 (1a)/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
- Monday:** Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday:** Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 708a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
- Thursday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/12/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
- Friday:** Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41
- Next Sunday:** Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Art of Retreat

Social media has made it far too easy for me to share my opinion.

These virtual spaces tend to strip our words of all empathy. Someone will post something that I think is nonsense, and I just have to tell them why — and quickly! Hurry! Before they delete it!

Nine times out of ten, when the dust is settled, I find that I've said too much and listened too little.

As I've gotten older, the motto I try (not always successfully) to live by is this: You do not have to be on the attack all of the time, even if it's for what you think is the truth.

I can't help but notice that the first thing Jesus does when he hears of the arrest of John the Baptist is to retreat. He doesn't punch a hole in a wall or take to the streets in protest. He withdraws.

And what does he do after withdrawing? A lot of praying, I would imagine. A lot of thinking, a lot of reflecting. A lot of listening to the voice of his Father.

Sometimes we mistake stillness with vulnerability. But Christ shows us that to withdraw, to contemplate, can actually be a tremendous show of strength. Even the fiercest dogs wait for the command of their master before they act.

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with the wisdom of human eloquence. — 1 Corinthians 1:17

3rd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

As [Jesus] was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mt 4:18-19

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a young seminarian, I asked a wise old priest how to pray better. He said simply, “Don’t lie when you pray.” He helped me to see how much energy I waste in trying to appear acceptable to God when I pray. For me, prayer was showing off for God and hiding what was ugly.

It’s stunning that the Gospel of Matthew tells us of Jesus, **“He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulon and Naphtali...”** This isn’t just the Lord’s relocation up north. It’s his moving into places of shame and defeat. This region was where the enemy invasion of Israel began centuries before. Jesus left the comfortable confines of Nazareth and sought out

a place of darkness, not to bring shame, but to announce the dawning of his light.

When we pray, we usually prefer Jesus to stay put in our little Nazareths — where we feel comfortable, successful, and in control. But he moves. He re-locates into the Zebulons and Naphtalis of our shame, embarrassment, fear, and sense of being defeated. The question for us is: will we allow him to take up residence in those places in our prayer time? Will we talk to him honestly about our places of darkness? If we do, we’re no longer lying when we pray.

— *Father John Muir*

*On those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death
light has arisen.*

*From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say,
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”*

- Mt 4:16b-17

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

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*The Lord
is my light
& salvation.*

PSALM 27



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