



# 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)

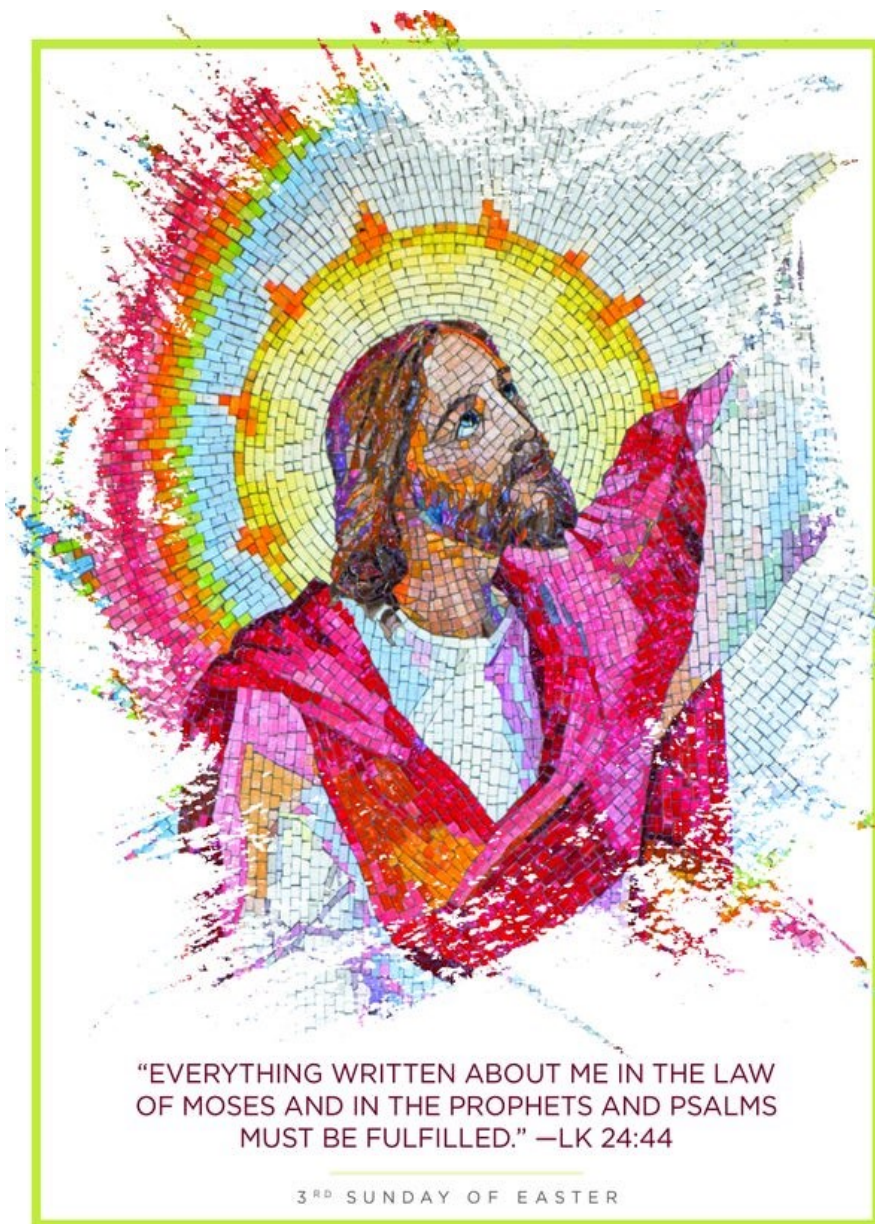
### Weekly Adoration

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 14, 2024



"EVERYTHING WRITTEN ABOUT ME IN THE LAW OF MOSES AND IN THE PROPHETS AND PSALMS MUST BE FULFILLED." —LK 24:44

3<sup>RD</sup> 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: #214

Offertory: #213

Recessional: #231

## SECOND COLLECTION

May 4th & 5th

Building Fund

May 12th

Catholic Charities

# Church Information

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## Rectory Office

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Phone: 773-436-4444 – Fax: 773-778-9087

## Rectory Office Hours

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

## Mission Director

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## Social Media

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](mailto: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 14th

#### 3rd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

10:00 a.m. † Madelyn Genovaldi (Mary Hernandez)  
† Theresa Hernandez (Mary Hernandez)  
† Richard, Patricia & Dick Roberts (Jack Roberts)

### Monday, April 15th (Tax Day)



\*\*\* NO MASS \*\*\*

### TUESDAY, April 16th

12:00 p.m. Therese Finn (Joe McGovern)  
† Reynald Apan (Gina Cruz)  
Sherrie Lee Avellana - Birthday  
Blessings (Rosario Avellana)

### WEDNESDAY, April 17th

12:00 p.m. † Zachary Beier (Gloria Contino)  
For the Souls in Purgatory (Gina Cruz)

### THURSDAY, April 18th

12:00 p.m. Patrick Perner & Family (Patrick Perner)  
Our Lady's Intentions (Sister Maria Paulina)

### FRIDAY, April 19th

12:00 p.m. † Don Tadda & the Repose of the Holy Souls in Purgatory (Mary Tadda)

### SATURDAY, April 20th (Vigil Mass)

5:30 p.m. Eric and Sue Zempich & Family and  
the Repose of the Holy Souls in  
Purgatory (Mary Tadda)  
Barbara Keen (Jim Farrell)



## Readings for the week of April 14, 2024

### Sunday:

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/  
1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

### Monday:

Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/  
Jn 6:22-29

### Tuesday:

Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and  
8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

### Wednesday:

Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/  
Jn 6:35-40

### Thursday:

Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/  
Jn 6:44-51

### Friday:

Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

### Saturday:

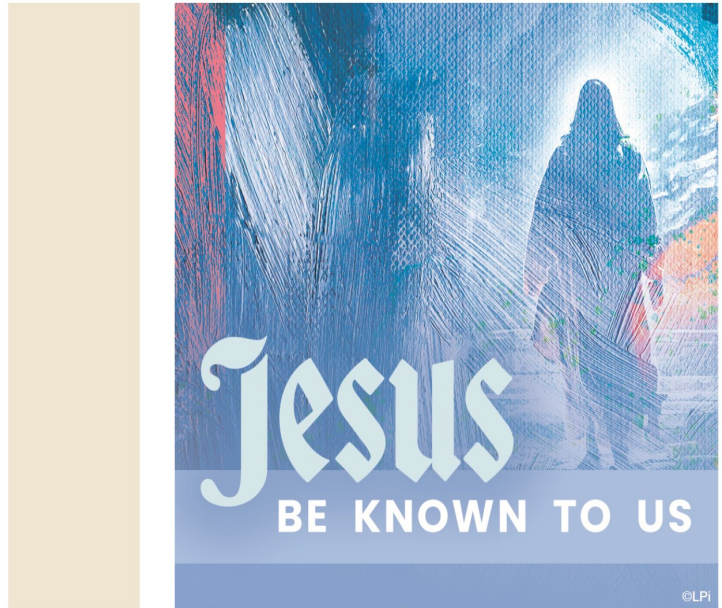
Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/  
Jn 6:60-69



St. Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, was the most prolific Christian missionary of all time. Due to a miraculous experience that he had on the road to Damascus, he went from persecuting early Christians to traveling all over the region preaching the Gospel of Jesus.



## Worship & Meditation



### Gospel Meditation

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, “If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!” As a lifelong late-arriver, it’s something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the “it counts” is justifiable on a pathetically minimal scale of liturgical legalism, then the Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrong-headed it is, and how helpful it is to re-think the Mass in its light.

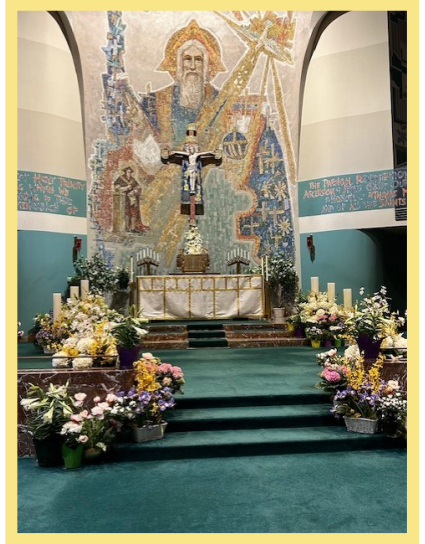
The famous “Road to Emmaus” story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: *Word*, followed by *Eucharist*. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus’ presence in the “breaking of the bread.”

With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that’s precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word so that we know him in the Eucharist. That Word-induced fire counts, too!

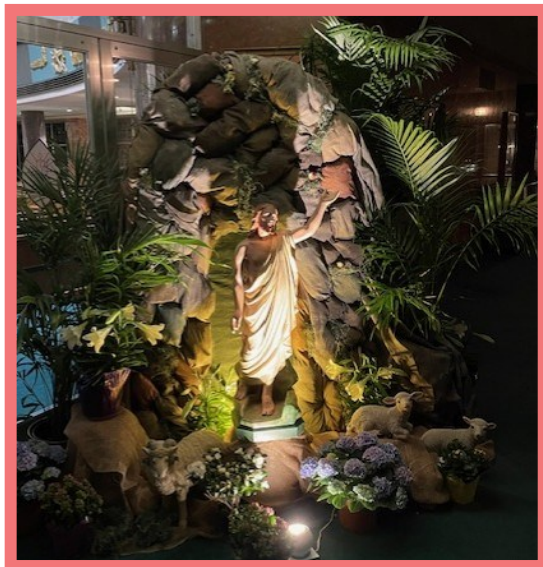
— Father John Muir

# Holy Thursday, Blessing of Baskets and Easter Vigil 2024





HAPPY  
EASTER



# STTMM - APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14	15	16 12:45pm Legion of Mary Mtg. <i>(Mission Center)</i>	17 4:30pm Youth Faith Formation <i>(Mission Center)</i>	18	19	20
<i>(Fr. Cronin)</i>		<i>(Fr. Stobba)</i>	<i>(Fr. Combs)</i>	<i>(Fr. Stobba)</i>	<i>(Substitute-TBD)</i>	<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>	24 4:30pm Youth Faith Formation <i>(Mission Center)</i>	25	26	27
<i>(Substitute-TBD)</i>		<i>(Fr. Combs)</i>	<i>(Fr. Stobba)</i>	<i>(Fr. Combs)</i>	<i>(Fr. Combs)</i>	<i>(Fr. Combs)</i>
28 11:45am Young Adults General Body Meeting <i>(Mission Center)</i>	29	30 12:45pm Legion of Mary Mtg. <i>(Mission Center)</i>				
<i>(Fr. Combs)</i>		<i>(Fr. Combs)</i>				

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### How to Fail Your Way to Heaven

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little “Easter eggs” of Jesus’ humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, “So, have you got anything to eat?”

It’s right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn’t he? And he wasn’t shy about calling Peter “a Satan” when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.

It’s the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God’s call to be better. Being perfect isn’t the domain of the Christian — that’s the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That’s the domain of the Christian.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

# 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  
 James McCarthy  
 Richard Moreno Sr.  
 Chris Oleksyn  
 Robert Oleksyn  
 Walter W. Quasthoff  
 Chuck & Barbara Richards  
 Carol Rossi

Brian Small  
 Phyllis Spizziri  
 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](https://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](http://www.archchicago.org)
- [www.DomesticViolenceOutreach.org](http://www.DomesticViolenceOutreach.org)
- [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)
- [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)
- [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com)
- [www.relevantradio.com](http://www.relevantradio.com)

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

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## BUDGET & FINANCE

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**Sunday, March 24, 2024**

### Weekly Collection:

Envelopes:	\$1,891.00
Loose Change:	\$1,179.22
Holy Thursday:	\$72.00
Good Friday:	\$50.75
Easter Flowers:	\$140.00
Easter:	\$10.00
Building Fund:	\$75.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,417.97</b>

### Special Collections to Date:

Poor Box to Date:	\$155.48
Building Fund to Date:	\$7,027.31

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