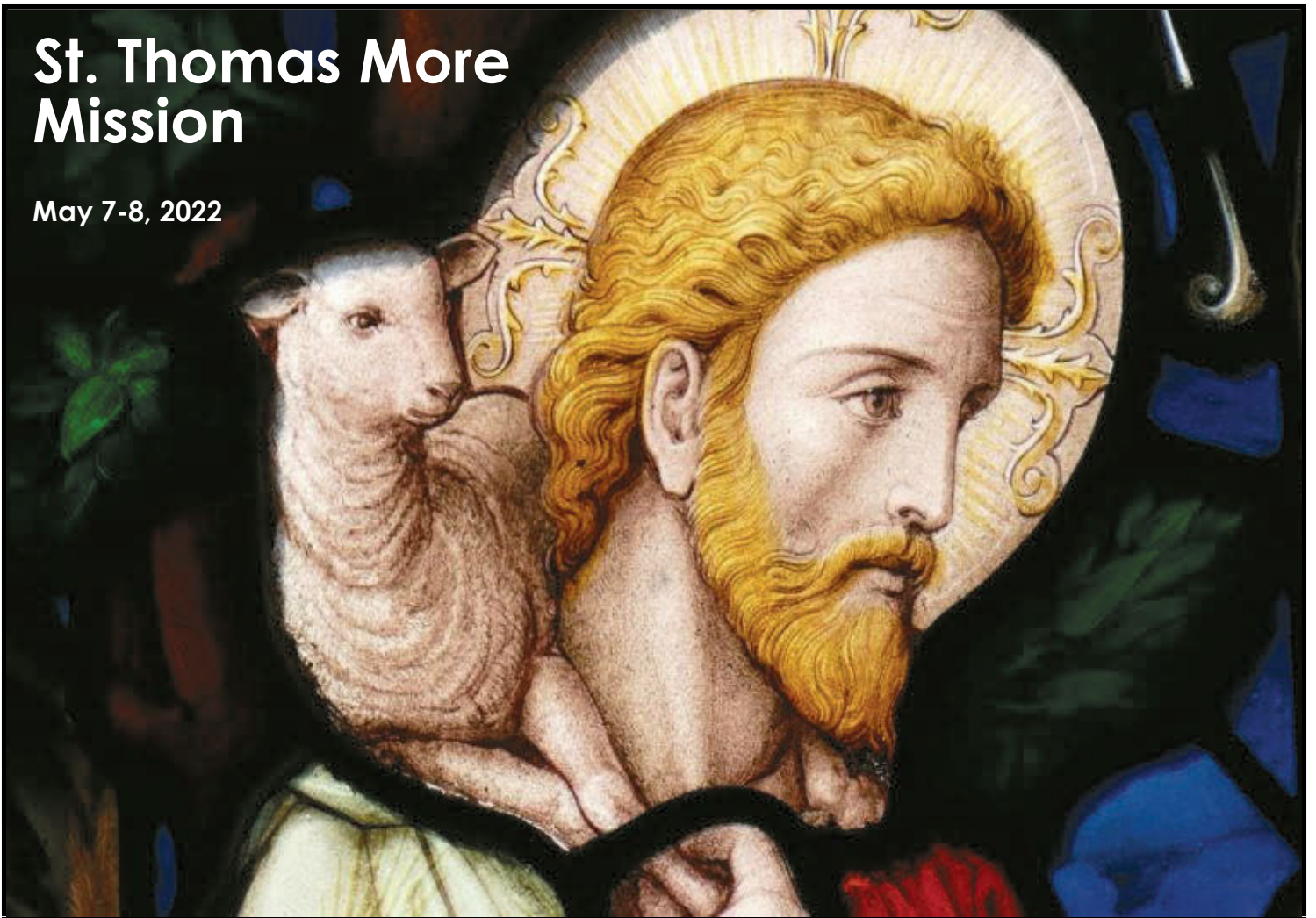


# St. Thomas More Mission

May 7-8, 2022



**4th Sunday of Easter, May 7-8**  
**5th Sunday of Easter, May 14-15**

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### **Weekend Masses**

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

### **Weekday Masses**

Monday-Friday, 12:00 pm & Saturday, 3:00 pm

### **Devotions**

First Friday, 12:00 pm Mass, followed by Adoration, First Friday Prayers and the Rosary.

First Saturday, 3:00 pm Mass, followed by Adoration, Marian Devotions and the Rosary

### **Sacrament of Confession**

Saturday, 3:30-4:20 pm

Sunday, 9:30-9:50 am

Thursdays, 12:45-2:00 pm

*Also, you may request an appointment for confession.*

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Thursdays, 12:30-2:00 pm

## GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

St. Vincent Ferrer tells us that Christ, the Good Shepherd, has watchdogs in His Church in order to hunt down the wolves of hell. St. Vincent says that these watchdogs are priests, because priests have been entrusted with the responsibility of preaching. He says that demons are more terrified by the clamor and barking of the preaching of faithful priests than wolves are of the barking of fierce dogs. And so it is a tremendous responsibility to preach and to be a watchdog over souls – to remind the faithful to be faithful to Christ, and to remember what Jesus taught: “If ye love Me, keep My commandments!”

In Aesop’s fables there is a parable that is informative for us. It is about dogs, wolves and sheep. In the parable, the dogs and the wolves are waging war against each other. One of the old experienced wolves went to speak with the dogs before the battle. He said to the dogs, ‘It would be a terrible thing for you to fight with us, because, on one hand, you might lose and be killed, or, on the other hand, if you destroy us, who will you have to fight against? If we wolves are dead the sheep will not need you watchdogs anymore.’ Hearing this rather sly and clever speech, these dumb dogs changed their minds and made peace with the wolves – they compromised!

St. Vincent Ferrer gives an interpretation of this parable of Aesop. St. Vincent says the wolves symbolize the demons; the dogs represent the priests who are supposed to preach, hear confessions, offer Mass, anoint

the dying, and celebrate the sacraments, who ought to fight against evil, but who instead make a compromise with the wolves. Consequently, the priests stop preaching about Christ and the Cross. They stop preaching about the evil of immorality. They compromise with the enemy. They make peace with the devil.

Thus we see that Isaiah prophesied about these priests, these watchdogs who gave in to evil and compromised: “His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain” (Isa 56:9-11). St. Vincent Ferrer teaches that we need to pray for our priests and bishops. Pray for us to be courageous shepherds and not dumb dogs who compromise with evil. Rather pray for the clergy to be faithful shepherds—priests whose hearts are formed by Our Lady to be completely conformed to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

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### Parish Office

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Visit our official Facebook page at:  
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<http://stthomasmorecatholicchurch.org/>

### Office Hours

Monday-Thursday - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Friday-Sunday - Closed

### Rectory

Rev. Scott Haynes, Associate Pastor

### Business Manager

Pat Lave

### Coordinator of Religious Ed

Debbie Ksycki

### Registration

New parishioners should register at the parish office.

### Religious Goods Store

Open on the third weekend of the month.

## SACRAMENTS

### Visitations

Hospital or Homebound; Please contact the Parish Office at 773-436-4444 as soon as possible for Communion, Confession or Anointing of the Sick.

### Marriage

Registered and supporting members should call the parish office. A date should not be set until consulting with the Pastor.

### Baptism

Registered parishioners should contact the parish office.

### Funeral

Registered parishioners should contact the parish office.

### Bulletin

Please submit all requests for bulletin announcement on Mondays by 10:00 am.

## SUNDAY, May 8

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am For the Parishioners

## MONDAY, May 9

12:00 pm Deceased Members of James Dwyer & Martin Igoe Families (Peggy Dwyer)  
Dolores Pogor (Janice & David Scott)  
Blessings for HS Graduation of Dominic Cannonito (Lucille Jaskolski)

## TUESDAY, May 10

### St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

12:00 pm Birthday Blessings for Paul Fiermosca & The Poor Souls in Purgatory (Don & Mary Tadda)  
Dorothy Marcheschi (Chuck Marcheschi)  
For Sacred & Latin Music at Novus Ordo Liturgies (Ron & Luann Bloom)

## WEDNESDAY, May 11

12:00 pm Mary O'Neill (Family)  
Patricia & Kathleen Sheehy  
Stace Mikelevicius (Cathy Hayes)

## THURSDAY, May 12

### Sts. Nereus & Achileus, Martyrs; St. Pancas, Martyr

12:00 pm Margaret Kalter (Viramontes Family)  
Living & Deceased of Lahart & Lustig Families  
Dolores Pogor

## FRIDAY, May 13

### Our Lady of Fatima

12:00 pm Birthday Blessings for Lloyd Zempich & The Poor Souls in Purgatory (Don & Mary Tadda)  
Richard & Patricia Roberts (Jack Roberts)

## SATURDAY, May 14

### St. Matthias, Apostle

3:00 pm Special Intentions of Peggy Dwyer, her family & friends  
Michael & Winifred Burke (Burke Family)  
Stace Mikelevicius

### (Vigil Mass)

4:30 pm Mary O'Neill (Family)  
Carmen & Rafael Alejandre (Daughter)  
Special Intention of Quasthoff Family

- DePaul Center for Marriage/Family Counseling  
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Maria Jiminez  
Rebecca Jiminez  
John Kniecik  
Cathy Lahart  
Mike Lave  
Kenneth Novickis  
Celeste Phifer

Louis & Jeanine  
Tricia Quasthoff  
Walter Quasthoff  
Len Reilly  
Sr. Maria-Paulina  
Phyllis Spizzirri  
Mary Tadda  
Ken Watterson

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

## Congratulations

### ST. THOMAS MORE CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2022

April 21st at 7:00 p.m. at St. Bede Church.



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**AMEERA ANDON**

**SYDNEY BROWN**

**VIVIAN GARZA**

**KAYLAN GONZALEZ**

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## MOTHER'S DAY

Is there any exemplary model we could look to today to show us how to honor our mother? Perhaps we could look to the story of Guiseppe Sarto (1835 – 1914). Sarto was a Cardinal Archbishop, the Patriarch of Venice, Italy, from 1893-1903. But, in the hot Roman summer of 1903, Pope Leo XIII passed away. It was July 20, 1903. And Sarto was called to Rome for the conclave of Cardinals. The Cardinals met in the Sistine Chapel to elect a new Pope. The day of the election would be August 4, 1903, and, lo and behold, the Cardinals elected Cardinal Sarto to be the next Pope. After Sarto began to walk out of the Sistine Chapel his next duty was to go to the Papal Balcony to greet the people in St. Peter's Square and give his first Papal Blessing. As he was about to go onto the balcony, he saw his mother standing there. She had been spotted in the crowd standing in St. Peter's Square and brought into the Apostolic Palace so that she could be present with her son—the new Pope.

He went over to her. She was so pleased to see him. Her son had just been elected Pope! It was an incredible moment and a highlight of her life. He extended his hand with his papal ring for her to kiss. She then said, "Son it would be my greatest honor, as your mother, to be the first to kiss your ring as Pope, but perhaps, you should first kneel down and kiss my wedding ring, for without it, you would not be here." Thus, Pope St. Pius X began his Pontificate on his knees before his mother, kissing her wedding ring, honoring his mother and father, who by their generosity, fidelity and love gave him the gift of life, who taught him right from wrong and nurtured him in prayer. "Honor thy father and mother, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee, that thou mayst live a long time, and it may be well with thee in the land, which the Lord thy God will give thee" (Deut. 5:16).

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## THE NINE WAYS BY WHICH WE SIN

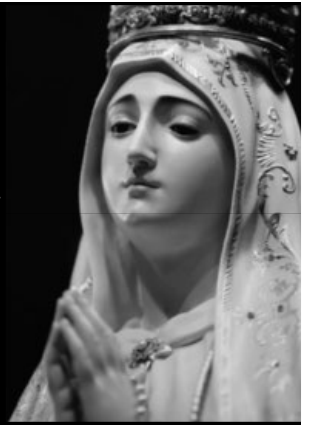
*The ways in which we can also share in the guilt of another person's sin are as follows.*

1. **By counsel** (to give advice, one's opinion or instructions.)
2. **By command** (to demand, to order, such as in the military.)
3. **By consent** (to give permission, to approve, to agree to.)
4. **By provocation** (to dare.)
5. **By praise or flattery** (to cheer, to applaud, to commend.)
6. **By concealment** (to hide the action, to cover-up.)
7. **By partaking** (to take part, to participate.)
8. **By silence** (by playing dumb, by remaining quiet.)
9. **By defense of the ill done** (to justify, to argue in favor.)

Sin is an offense against God. When King David committed sin, he wrote: "*Against You, You alone, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in Your sight*" (Psalm 51:4). Sin sets itself against God's love for us and turns our hearts away from it. The Prophet Isaiah said: "*Let the wicked man forsake his way and the unjust man his thoughts, and let him return to the Lord; and he will have mercy on him*" (Isaiah 55:7).

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA—MAY 13

As Saint Thomas Aquinas teaches us (*Summa Theologicae*, II-II, Q. 174, Art. 6.), in each age of the Church's history God has sent a prophet to warn of danger to His people and to tell them what they must do to avoid that danger and save their souls. "Despise not prophecy," St. Paul teaches us infallibly in Holy Scripture. Divine Revelation was completed with the death of the last Apostle, St. John, but God continues to give warnings and corrections through His prophets in the Catholic Church. God's prophet for our age is no one other than the Virgin Mother of God, who has appeared again and again to give us warning, correction and spiritual assistance. At Fatima, Our Lady made it clear that the Rosary is to be our principal spiritual weapon in this age of apostasy, confusion and spreading evil. Saint Pio states that "The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times." "Why the rosary?" The simple answer is because it's powerful. Because it requires discipline. Because it fosters a love for the Immaculata and asks for her powerful intercession. The secular culture is also powerful and requires no discipline whatsoever. Rather, it promotes instant selfish pleasure. It is built on lies and the twisting of good and evil.



If we are ever going to shake the very foundation of falsehood that the secularism is built on, we must arm ourselves with the truth. Praying the rosary is such a powerful way in which we will begin to take down the secret walls of hidden shame in our homes; praying the rosary for those nailed down by addictions of this world is the silent prescription for this disease. St. Josemaria Escriva declares "If you say the Holy Rosary every day, with a spirit of faith and love, our Lady will make sure she leads you very far along her Son's path." We have a Goliath to take down—it is the culture of death. And just as David had five stones in his sling, we have the five decades of the Rosary in ours each day to sling not at Goliath but at the forces of Satan. During an exorcism the demon said to the priest: "Every Hail Mary is like a blow on my head. If Christians knew how powerful the Rosary was, it would be my end." Blessed Pope Pius IX said, "Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world." Let us renew our resolve to pray the Rosary fervently and faithfully each day so that with Our Lady of Fatima we can crush the serpent's head and be brave warriors in every battle. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.

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**"Offer your temptations for  
the conversion of sinners.  
When the devil sees you doing this, he is  
beside himself with  
rage and makes off, because  
then the temptation is turned against  
himself."**

**St. John Vianney**

## VIGIL LIGHTS

Vigil lights are available in the North (St. Joseph) and South (Blessed Mother) lobbies for \$25 for 6 months. Your prayer intentions are calling out to God for you after you have lit your candles, left the church, and gone home. You have the choice of lighting a candle for the living and deceased, family and friends or for your own intentions. Call the Parish Office (Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 2:00 pm for more information.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**  
*Congratulations to the Class of 2022*



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Laihla De Leon  
Luis De Leon  
Damian Garcia  
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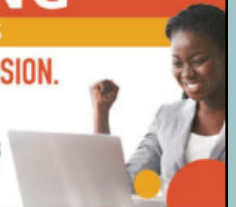
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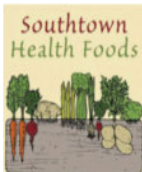
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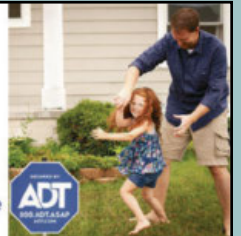
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