

# St. Thomas More Mission

June 18-19, 2022



**Solemnity of Corpus Christi, June 19**  
**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 26**

## 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

## THE CENTRALITY OF THE EUCHARIST

Fr. Scott A. Haynes

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Shortly after the death of her husband, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton sought a moment of comfort in her local church. Not yet a Catholic, she took a seat in St. Paul's Episcopal Church in New York City and she began to pray. She later wrote to a friend, "I got in a side pew in which I was positioned in such a way that I was facing St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church in the next street. And I found myself speaking to the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Catholic Church, instead of looking at the naked altar where I was." Long before she became a saint, or even a Catholic, she already had spiritual insight into the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. She understood the undeniable truth that without the true priesthood of Christ, kept in the Catholic Church through apostolic succession, there cannot be the reality of the Eucharist. No priest. No Eucharist.

Friends once scolded St. Thomas More for wasting time going to daily Mass. "Your reasons for wanting me to stay away from holy Communion are exactly the ones which cause me to go so often," he replied. "I have very much important business to handle; I need light and wisdom. It is for these very reasons that I go to Holy Communion every day to consult Jesus about them."

In Dublin, Venerable Matt Talbot, the "saint in overalls," visited the Blessed Sacrament for hours every morning, though he had not always been so pious. He used to get drunk every day. To support his drinking he would steal and fight. But when he gave his heart to God, he resolved to come to daily Mass. On Sunday, he would spend the entire day in church. As the priests heard confessions he prayed for sinners. Every Sunday for forty years, he would sit in Church for seven hours. He was transfixed, his body from the knees up as rigid and straight as the altar candles. As a great inspiration to the laity, Catholics like More, Talbot and Seton have given splendid examples of Eucharistic fervor.

The newspapers, the internet, the TV daily tell us what is important, how things are getting done in the world, and who has the power to make a real change. Every politician always promises to make a difference. But if you want to meet someone who can really make a difference, meet a priest. He is not important because of himself but of Whom he represents. Priests have the greatest power on the earth, for St. John of Avila teaches that priests "have power over God himself." [1] This awesome privilege imposes a grave obligation upon priests to avoid sin. No priest who has a mustard seed of humility feels worthy to celebrate the Sacred Mysteries, yet the power he has received to transubstantiate bread and wine into the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ exceeds Moses' power that turned the sea into dry land [2] and Joshua's voice that commanded the sun and moon.[3]

When Mary said, "Be it done unto me according to thy word," [4] Christ became present in her womb by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, which gave him a physical body. At Mass, when the priest takes the host and says, "This is my Body," Jesus becomes sacramentally present on the Altar through the overshadowing of the same Holy Spirit, which gives him a Eucharistic body. [5] The Holy Spirit of God that made Mary the "Theotokos" ("Mother of God") at the Annunciation is the same "Ruah Hakodesh" ("Spirit of God") that moved over the waters at the Genesis of creation and that descends upon a man in the Rite of Ordination to transform him into a priest of the Most High God, according to the order of Melchizedek. From these spiritual realities flows a profound intimacy between the priest, the Holy Spirit, and Mary.

Priests, therefore, should heed the voice of the Spirit in meditation. By following the promptings of the Spirit, priests can become more vivid ikons of Christ the High Priest who has entrusted all His spiritual offspring to Mary. Priests, imitating Jesus, should place their spiritual children under the mantle of the Immaculata, realizing that every grace flows from Jesus through Mary to each and every member of the mystical body of Christ. [6] In the presence of the Holy Spirit every priest becomes more conscious of the struggle between good and evil within himself. [7] Meditating upon this inner conflict is not neurotic, but rather an important step along the path of sanctification. Just as the Holy Spirit places His seal on the heart of every priest through the imposition of the Bishop's hands, and thereby conforms the priest's heart with the Sacred Heart, so also the Holy Spirit prompts priests to live saintly lives. Let us pray for our priests to be fully conformed to Christ who the Eternal High Priest.

Notes: [1] Tratado sobre el sacerdocio in Obras completas. St. John of Avila. Chap. I, 2. [2] Ex. 14:21. [3] Josh. 10:12-14. [4] Lk. 1:38. [5] Tratado sobre el sacerdocio in Obras completas. St. John of Avila. Chap. I, 2. [6] Eph. 5:30. [7] Rom. 7:14-24.

## PARISH INFORMATION

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### 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.

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## 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.

### Contact information for Fr. Derran Combs:

[frderran.STMM22@gmail.com](mailto:frderran.STMM22@gmail.com)

312-372-5111 ext. 1377

### SUNDAY, June 19

#### THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi)

10:00 am For the Parishioners

### MONDAY, June 20

12:00 pm Adam Koman (Joe McGovern)  
Stase Mikelevicius (Laura Mikalunas)  
Health & Blessings for Marion Therriault (John)

### TUESDAY, June 21

#### St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

12:00 pm Birthday Blessings for Celeste Fiermosca &  
The Poor Souls in Purgatory (Don & Mary Tadda)  
Jose Parungao  
Phyllis McNeill (Pat & Bill Collins)

### WEDNESDAY, June 22

#### St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher & St. Thomas More, Martyrs

12:00 pm Stase Mikelevicius  
Mariano Apan  
Mary Jane & Michael Burke (Burke Family)

### THURSDAY, June 23

#### THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

12:00 pm Birthday Blessings for Sandy Macey &  
For the Holy Souls in Purgatory (Don & Mary Tadda)  
Erlinda Apan

### FRIDAY, June 24

#### THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

12:00 pm Dolores Pogor  
Amelia Apan  
Frank Lucafo (Alan & Kelly Smith & Family)  
Luis A. Nodal (Wife)

### SATURDAY, June 25

#### The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

3:00 pm Stase Mikelevicius  
Uldarico Apan  
Health & Blessings for Randy Schultz

#### (Vigil Mass)

4:30 pm In Loving Memory of Jennie Riley (Family)  
Carmen & Rafael Alejandre (Daughter)  
Dolores Pogor (Walter Quasthoff, Jr.)

- DePaul Center for Marriage/Family Counseling  
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- Catholictherapists.com
- <http://www.purityispossible.com/>
- Project Rachel (post-abortion healing): 888-456-4673
- Suicide Prevention: 800-273-8255

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL FOR THE SICK



Janet Abramic  
Sandy Badke  
Crispin Bofinger  
Sarah Dalton  
Elaine Eberhardt  
Diane & Jim Flaherty  
Sandra Halper  
William & Theresa Jendzio

Daniel Jiminez  
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.*



## EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSIONS

Msgr. William J. King

Processions have long been a form of liturgical prayer. Processions to and within sacred sites, especially the Temple in Jerusalem, marked numerous festivals in Jewish prayer, and many of the psalms were composed to accompany such processions.

As an example, the "Talmud" describes processions on the seven days of the feast of Tabernacles, during which the people would process around the altar with willow branches, singing a litany that included Psalm 118:25 as the refrain.

St. Basil (d. A.D. 379) in the East and St. Ambrose (d. 397) in the West provide some of the earliest references to liturgical processions in the Catholic Church.

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## FOR ALL WHO SERVE IN THE MILITARY INCLUDING:



PFC Michael Chesna, Marines  
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Cpl. Brian Husum  
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Both state that these processions had been practiced for many years, accompanied with sung litanies. Public processions with the Blessed Sacrament became popular only when Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist was questioned. For many centuries this sacramental reality was taken for granted, but in the 11th century an archdeacon named Berengar of Tours — who taught in the cathedral school of Chartres, France — was said to question the Eucharist's real presence. Overt denial of the Real Presence in the Eucharistic species came with the Protestant Reformers.

In response to Protestant notions that the Eucharist was merely a symbol, the Church affirmed clearly the ancient understanding of the Real Presence — and processions through the streets of cities and villages became popular as a means of openly demonstrating support and reverence for this reality. The Council of Trent taught, in 1551, that the Most Blessed Sacrament “is to be honored with extraordinary festive celebrations (and) solemnly carried from place to place in processions according to the praiseworthy universal rite and custom of the Holy Church.”

Theologically, processions remind us that we are pilgrims journeying through this earthly existence following Jesus on “the Way” (an early title for the Church). In the Eucharistic processions of Holy Thursday and the solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) we publicly proclaim this truth, following the Lord physically even as we pledge anew to do so spiritually. We also give public witness to our acceptance of the Lord's words: “The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world” (Jn 6:51). As such, public processions serve as tools of evangelization within our neighborhoods.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR ✕ JUNE 24**



*As we offer the Feast of the Sacred Heart on June 24th,  
we conclude our 54 Day Rosary Novena.*

### **5:00 pm Confessions ✕ 6:30 pm Mass**

This Mass celebrates the blessings obtained for us by Mary's intercession. You will be invited to submit your prayer requests to remembered before the Altar of God.

We ask the Lord's tender mercies upon us and our loved ones, as we offer reparation for our sins, and make intercessions for the conversion of sinner.



# HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

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Wednesday, June 22nd at 12:00 pm



*Join us for a Special Mass in honor of our Heavenly Patron*  
**FEAST OF SAINT THOMAS MORE**

After the 12:00 pm Mass on Wednesday, June 22nd, join us in the Garden for  
A Light Reception hosted by our own Altar Guild Members.

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## FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

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**FRIDAY, JUNE 24**

12:00 pm Mass – Fr Joseph Stobba, OSA

5:00 pm Confessions – Fr Scott Haynes

6:30 pm Mass – Fr Scott Haynes

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*As we conclude our 54 Day Rosary Novena, all your  
Prayer Requests are included in the 6:30 pm Mass.*

# EFFICACIOUS NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

*We will pray this at Mass each day from Wednesday, June 15 through Thursday, June 23, as we prepare for the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 24.*

I. O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, ask and it will be given you, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you." Behold I knock, I seek and ask for the grace of *[insert your intention.]*

Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory be to the Father...

V. O Sacred Heart of Jesus. R. I place all my trust in you.

II. O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, if you ask any thing of the Father in my name, He will give it to you." Behold, in your name, I ask the Father for the grace of *[insert your intention.]*

Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory be to the Father...

V. O Sacred Heart of Jesus. R. I place all my trust in you.

III. O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away." Encouraged by your infallible words I now ask for the grace of *[insert your intention.]*

Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory be to the Father...

V. O Sacred Heart of Jesus. R. I place all my trust in you.

Let us pray. O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace which we ask of you, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, your tender mother and ours. Amen.

Hail, Holy Queen...

V. St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus. R. Pray for us.



*On June 11th, we celebrated the 28th anniversary of the ordination of Fr. Derran Combs, OFM, when he became a priest forever according to the Order of Melchizedek.*

## THOU ART A PRIEST FOREVER

*by Jean-Baptiste Henri Lacordaire, OP (1802-1861)*

To live in the midst of the world with no desire for its pleasures; to be a member of every family, yet belonging to none; to share all sufferings; to penetrate all secrets, to heal all wounds; to daily go from men to God to offer Him their homage and petitions; to return from God to men to bring them His pardon and hope; to have a heart of fire for charity and a heart of bronze for chastity; to bless and to be blest forever. O God, what a life, and it is yours, O Priest of Jesus Christ! Amen.



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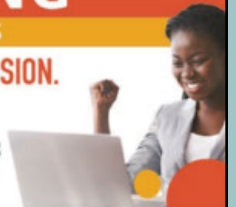
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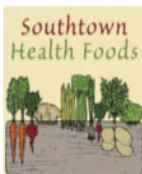
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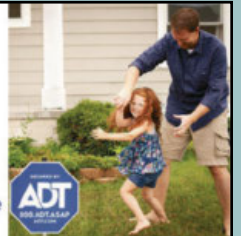
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