

Saint Thomas More Parish

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ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Bible Study Group – 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month. (Sept.-June)

Men's Fellowship Group—2nd Saturday of each month at 9 a.m.

Parish Council — 2nd Tuesday of January, March, May, September, and November, at 7:00 p.m. All Parishioners are welcome!

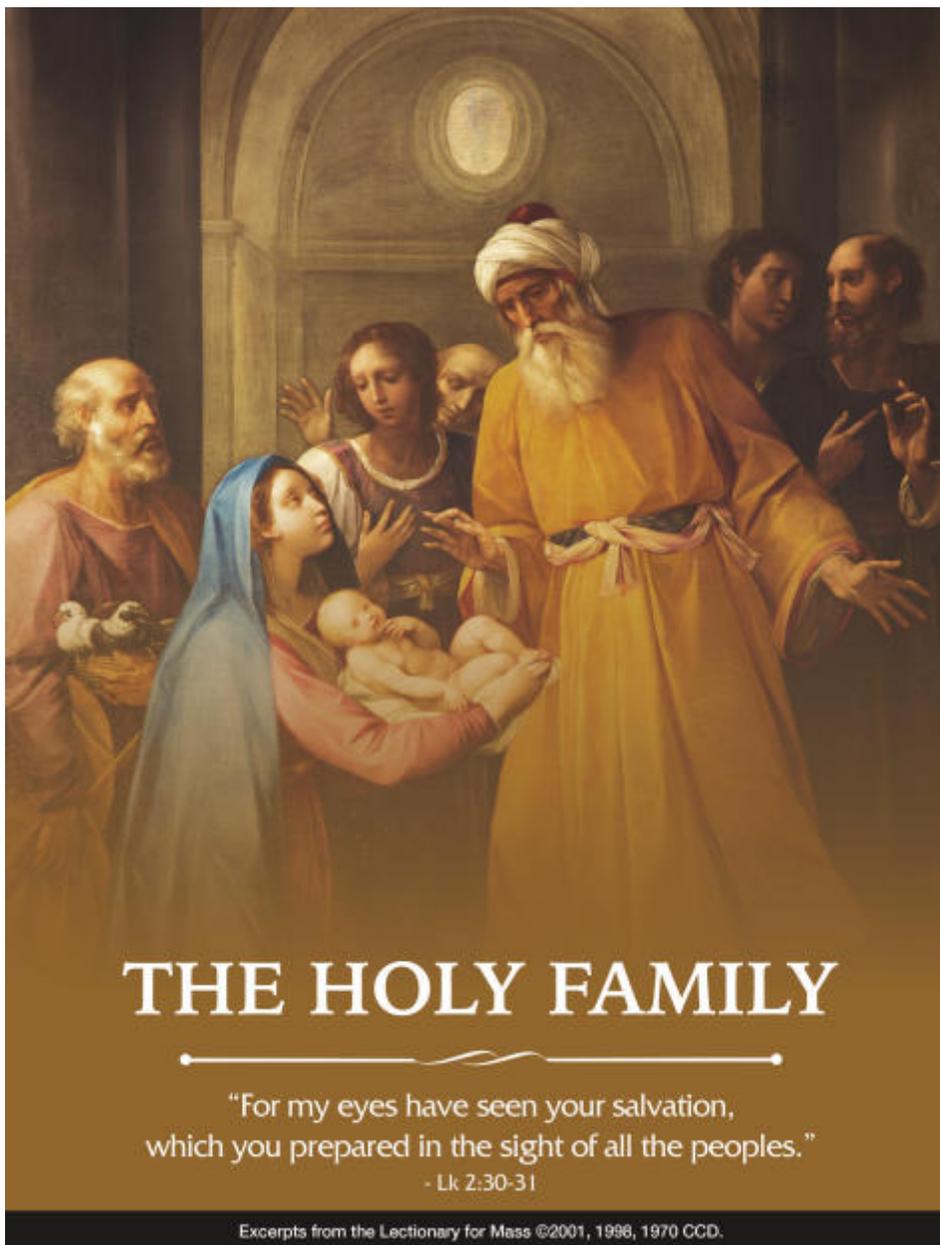
Religious Education

— **Grades K-12** classes are held on Saturdays from Sept-May 3:00 to 4:15 p.m.

— **Why Catholics (for Adults)** Sundays from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m.

Rosary Group—after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

PLEASE JOIN US!



THE HOLY FAMILY

“For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.”

- Lk 2:30-31

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“NEW” Mass Schedule



**WE ARE OPEN FOR
INDOOR MASS**

FACE MASK IS REQUIRED

**Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and
Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**

Please join us!

Rev. Msgr. James P. Farmer, Pastor

Rev. Mr. Michael P. McCoy, Deacon

Rev. Mr. Michael Baxter, Deacon

Mrs. Jane G. Brown, Music Minister

Mrs. Ana R. Trujillo, Coordinator of Religious Education

Ms. Maria A. Boling, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Mrs. Carole Small-Charles, Receptionist

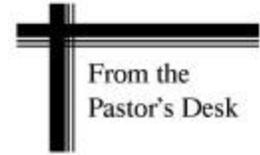
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Dear Parishioners,

The Peace of the Lord be with you!



On January 1st, we celebrate The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. At the Annunciation Mary became the Mother of Jesus our Saviour. The Annunciation and the Incarnation occur on March 25th. This is nine months before the birth of Jesus on December 25th, Christmas.

Mary, The Blessed Mother, gave birth to Jesus. Jesus gives us the gift of salvation.

We begin a new year on January 1st. This is a new opportunity for all of us. We make New Year resolutions.

Let us try to be like Mary. Mary said yes to God's invitation. Do we say yes to God?

God is asking each of us to do something special for Him. Doing God's will brings joy. When we do not do God's will we suffer turmoil and stress.

As we begin this new year, let us resolve to be like Mary in saying yes to God.

In Christ



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JANUARY JANUARY 8, 2020

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Due to the Feast Day of Mary,
Mother of God and
New Year's Day.



Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Space!
In February 2021 and forward,
we will return to the
1st Friday of the month!

Readings for December 27, 2020

Is 60:1-6
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12



We Pray in Faith that all who have
died may be welcome
into the peace of God's Kingdom.

Please pray for our Parishioners and Friends, especially: Jim Gay, Clare Doyle, Charlie Bailey, Rita Petrucci, Gloria Gonzalez, Leslie Vitrano (Barbara Peach's daughter), Blessings Lewis, Gertrude Eromosele, Maureen Maguire, Bill Kahler, and Dolores Kelly.



Welcome to St. Thomas More Parish
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m Registered Parishioner m Visitor
 m New Parishioner

Change of address or Phone Want Envelopes
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	12/28	
8:30 a.m. Mass		Lionel Shiyghan-Ntani
Tuesday	12/29	
8:30 a.m. Mass		Olive Larson
Wednesday	12/30	
8:30 a.m. Mass		Donald Cambell, Sr.
Thursday	12/31	
8:30 a.m. Mass		Joseph DeStefano
5:00 p.m. Mass		For the Parishioners
Friday	01/01	Mary, Mother of God
10:00 a.m. Mass		Ricardo Lagazon
Saturday	01 / 02	
4:30 p.m. Mass		For the Parishioners
Sunday	01/03	
10:00 a.m. Mass		Susie Boch

Wellness Screening and communications to those attending Mass.....if you do not feel well, live with a family member that is experiencing COVID like symptoms, have been in close contact with a person who either has COVID or is suspected of having COVID within the past 14 days, is awaiting the results of a COVID test yourself or has otherwise been ordered to quarantine or isolate, you should not to attend Mass until such time as you and family members are feeling better or it has been more than 14 days since they were last in contact with a person presumed to have COVID. Thank you!

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

While families come in all shapes and sizes and no two are the same, they all need a common focus and grounding. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with a proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. In additional to all of these things, the axis of every family has to be centered on faith. It is here that we can learn about the virtues and discover the windows to God Himself in His gifts of faith, hope, and love. We can learn, modeling our experience after the Holy Family, how to use these as anchors in our lives so that we can live out the other virtues with greater integrity. Because our human families struggle with weakness and sin, we have to come back to the Holy Family often for inspiration and guidance. In the bond of love that they shared, they clung to the anchor of God Himself and endured challenges far greater than many we will ever face.

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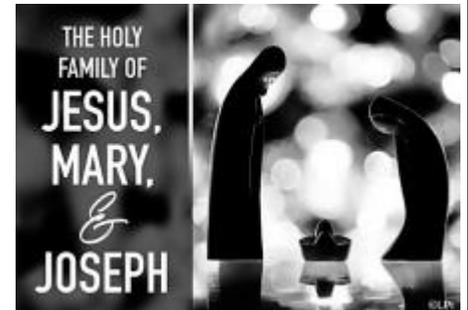
December 27, 2020

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this? There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death. Where do we learn all of the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families. This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us.

Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately

crave. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God!



Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

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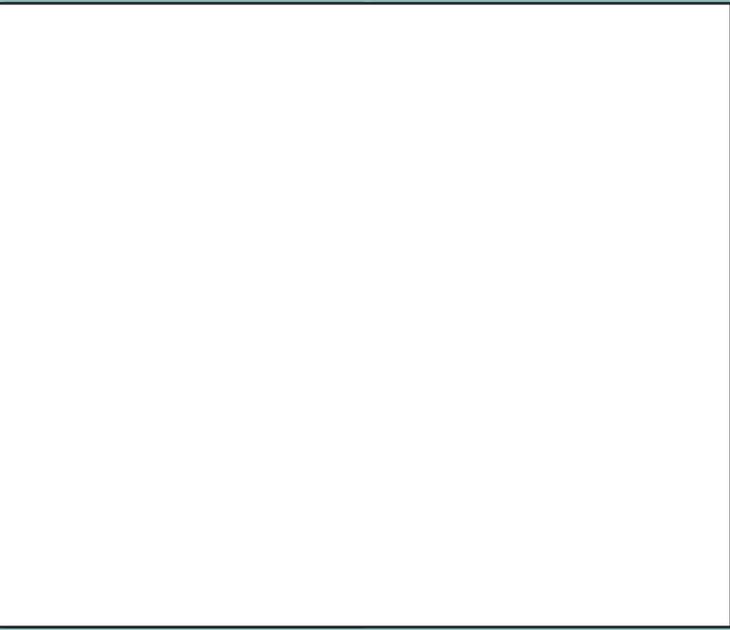
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