

# Saint Thomas More Parish

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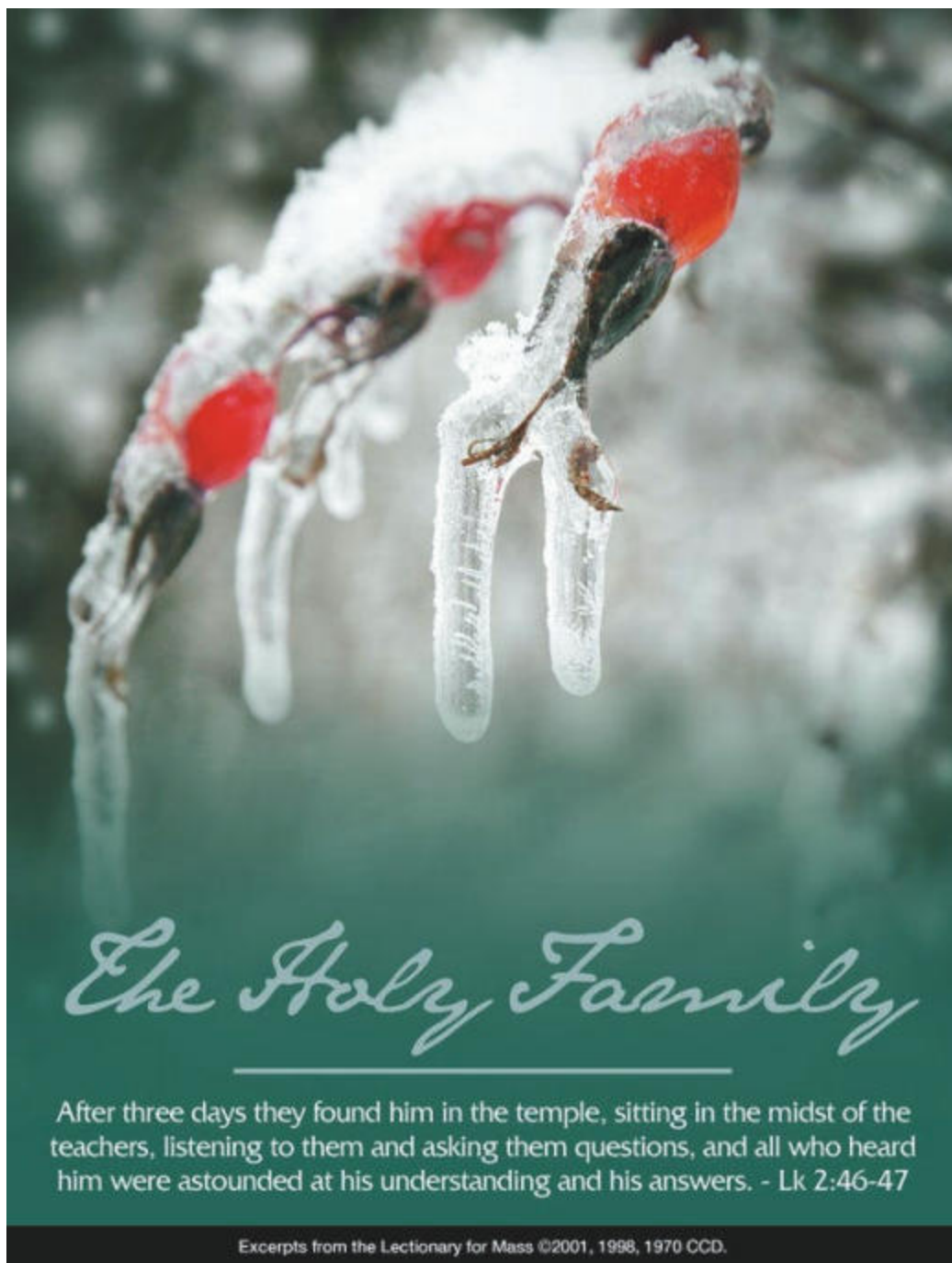
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## Weekend Mass Schedule



**FACE MASK IS  
REQUIRED**

**Saturday at 4:30 p.m.**

**and**

**Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**

Weekday schedule is listed  
inside the bulletin.

**Please join us!**



## 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 Tues-  
day 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 Sundays from Sept-May  
from at 11:00 a.m.—12:00  
p.m. == **Why Catholic (for  
Adults)** Sundays from 8:30  
to 9:45 a.m.

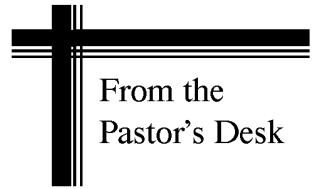
**Rosary Group**—after the  
10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

Dear Parishioners,

The Peace of the Lord be with you!

“Brothers and sisters: rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice. Your kindness shall be known to all. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.”  
Philippians 4:4-6



This beautiful scripture passage gives us great hope. Why? Because the Lord is near.

Each of us have difficulties in life. They can be health problems, financial problems, family problems, loss of job, death of loved ones and others.

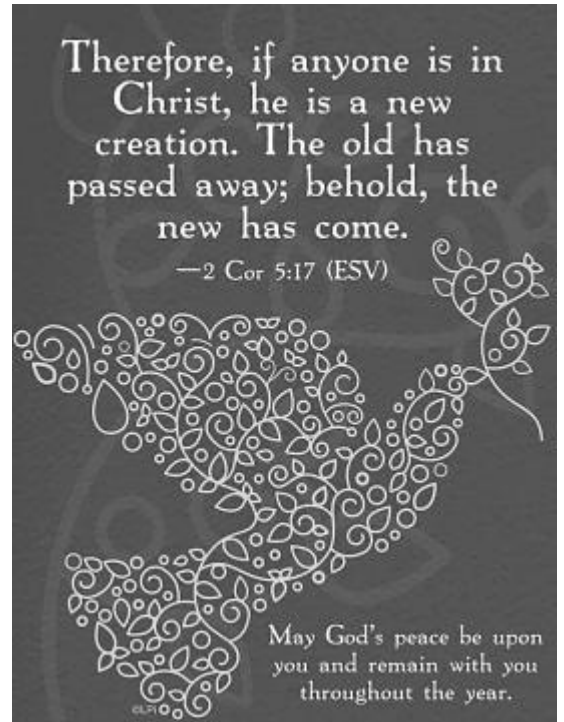
Problems are temporary, but Jesus is the one constant pillar in each of our lives. No person or no problem can take Him away from us.

Jesus is the solution to every problem we encounter. Jesus is the answer to every question we have.

Life is full of changing circumstances. Jesus does not change. He is always with us. He is our Divine Friend.

Let us turn to Him for all our need.

In Christ,



**December 12, 2021**

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We Pray in Faith that all who have died, especially **Catherine Edenfield** (Charlie's mother), may be welcomed into the peace of God's Kingdom.

**FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Space!

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray for our Parishioners and Friends, especially: Bill Kahler, Dolores Kelly, Wayne Riesner (Suzanne LaVoie's brother), Karen Miller (Mike & Joyce McCoy's niece), Cathy Dreyer (Steve Appel's cousin), Jean Previs and Sr. Kathleen Haughey.

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**Monday 12/27**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass** Patty Chambers  
**Tuesday 12/28**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass** Mary Catherine McLaughlin  
**Wednesday 12/29**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass** Eugene Fink  
**Thursday 12/30**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass** Emilia Mbinker  
**Friday 12/31**  
**5:00 p.m. Mass** For the Parishioners  
**Saturday 01/01** Mary, Mother of God  
**10:00 a.m. Mass** Timothy Zevola  
**Sunday 01 /02** Epiphany  
**10:00 a.m. Mass** For the Parishioners

**Please note:**

**We will NOT have a 4:30 p.m. Mass on January 1.**

**St. Vincent DePaul—  
 Non-perishable food donations**

Please bring the following requested items or your choice of non-perishable items, Soups, Pasta, Pasta Sauce (not glass) canned fruit, tuna, cereal, snacks, cookies, also paper products and toiletries. If you can spare any bags that are the ones that cost \$1.00 that would be helpful too.

**LIVE THE LITURGY -  
 INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love. ©LPi

**THANKFUL CONVERSATIONS**

Rain Drops on Roses and Whiskers on Kittens----

And so the song goes. I assume many of your favorite things are things you are grateful for.... answered prayers, an unexpected gift from the Lord, protection in crisis, healings, etc.... Big things and little things that have happened in your life that you are thankful for. ALL of us have had events that have awakened us to God's love and goodness to us.

I remember the birth of my first great-grandchild born late the night before. The first full day of her life I felt excited, happy, and was turning some pages looking for a particular paper. I realized hours-old great grandchild was already marked by the Lord as being HIS. Being unique, loved by Him, there is no one like her in the whole world. He has done this so she can always be identified by you, me, and the rest of the world through fingerprints. Even that day she had the power to identify herself as a child of God, unique, loved by HIM and precious. Her fingertips could already turn pages thru the lines of her fingers and no one else could be like her, as He has called her by name.

Isn't that amazing—He has sealed her as His creation, unique and loved to life. (Even Jesus could be identified in the manger.) No twin, nor triplet is like their sibling-- unique, loved and called by name to love their Creator.

Merry Christmas and enjoy your first gift from THE GOD WHO LOVES YOU.

**Readings for December 26, 2021**

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14  
 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]  
 Col 3:12-21 — Lk 2:41-52

**Next weekend January 2, 2022**

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

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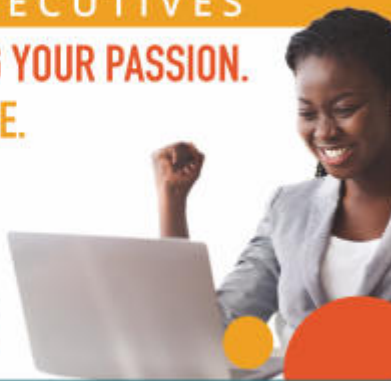
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