



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH

## HOMOSASSA, FLORIDA

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**A warm welcome** to everyone, parishioners and guests, whether coming from near or far. I am so happy you could join us today, as we reflect on the Word of God and partake of the Eucharist. My hope is that you feel at home at St. Thomas. ~ **Fr. Glenn**

### MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: 8:00 am (Monday Friday);  
Saturday 8:00 am: Communion  
Service Only  
First Saturday Mass: 8:00 am

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: Vigil Mass: 4:30 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am  
(Parish Choir)

### HOLY DAYS & HOLIDAYS

Consult our bulletin or parish website:  
[www.MyStThomas.org](http://www.MyStThomas.org)  
First Friday Adoration: 8:30 am to Noon  
Saturday: Reconciliation (Confession)  
3:15 - 4:00 pm or by appt.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

***It is our pleasure to serve you!***

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 1:30 pm  
Friday - Sunday: Closed

### PASTORAL STAFF MEMBERS

**Rev. J. Glenn Diaz, Pastor**

Assisting Clergy:

Rev. Msgr. Joseph Sobiesiak  
Deacon Mark Manko: Business Manager

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Joseph McEvoy: Pastoral Assistant

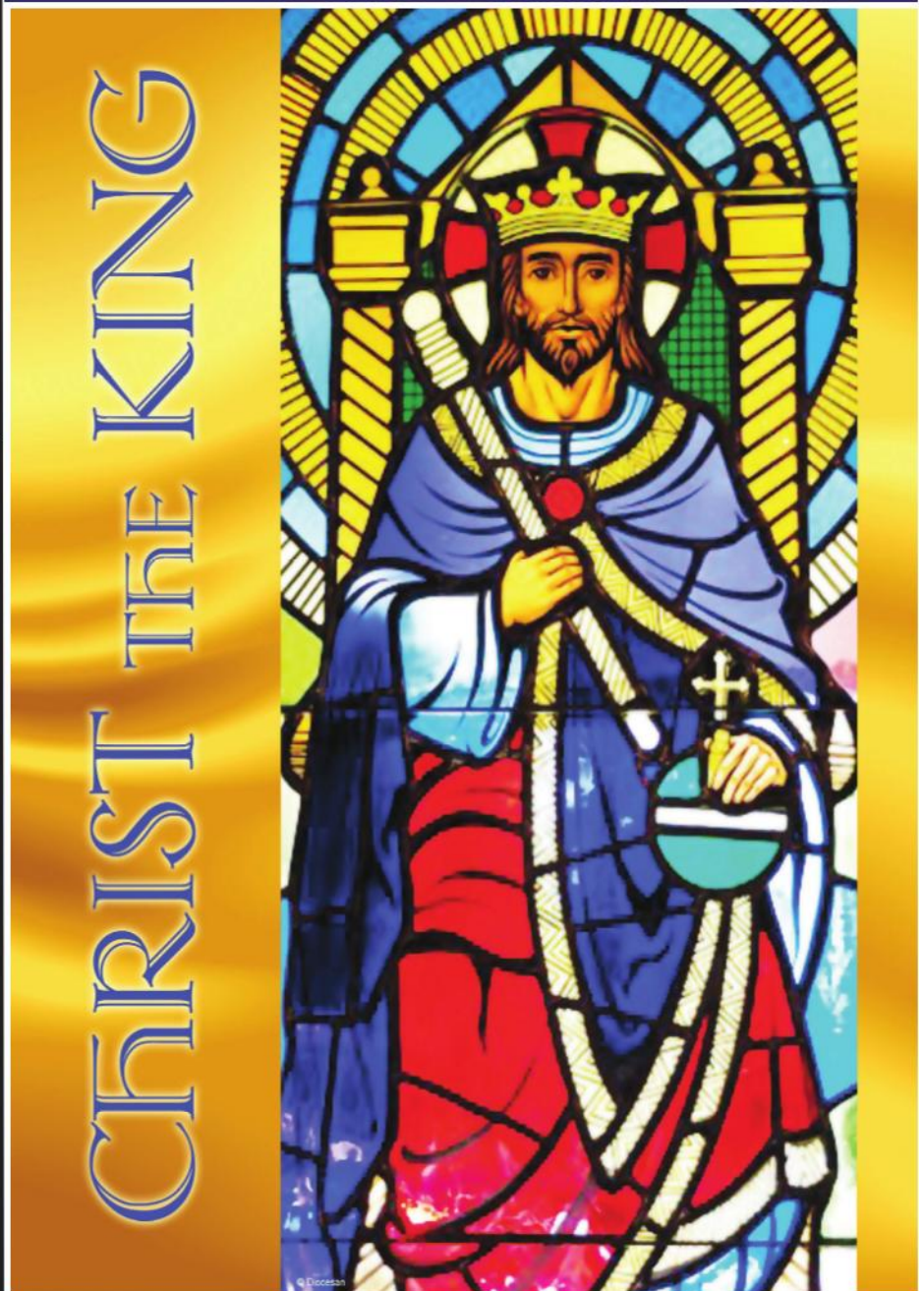
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Alfred Papino: Bookkeeper; Cantor,  
& Lead Accompanist

Pauline Papino: Sacristan

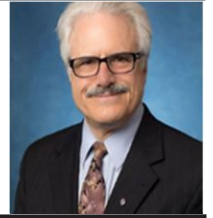
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Communications Manager

**November 26, 2023**





# TENDING GOD'S FLOCK



26 November 2023 | *Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A*

In the year 1925, Pope Pius XI, in his Encyclical *Quas Primas* added the Solemnity of Our LORD Jesus Christ, King of the Universe to the calendar, to be celebrated on the last Sunday of Ordinary time. Pope Pius's Encyclical gave Catholics hope and assured us that Christ the King shall reign forever. Jesus Christ *"is the very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind."* (*Quas Primas*, 7) This Solemnity is intended to proclaim in an effective manner Christ's royalty over individuals, families, society, governments, and nations.

In November 2020, Pope Francis in his remarks at the conclusion of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, spoke thus; *"I have decided, beginning next year, to transfer the diocesan celebration of World Youth Day (WYD) from Palm Sunday to Christ the King Sunday. The center of the celebration remains the Mystery of Jesus Christ the Redeemer of Man, as Saint John Paul II, the initiator and patron of WYD, always emphasized."* In the United States we refer to this day as the "Global Celebration of Young People." Young people refers to youth and young adults, from the age of 12 up to 39. On this day we look to include young people in the liturgy and in the ministries. As Pope Francis said in his November 2020 remarks *"Dear young people, cry out with your life that Christ lives, that Christ reigns, that Christ is the LORD! If you keep silent, I tell you the very stones will cry out!"* (cf. Lk 19:40).

Our **Gospel** today echoes the first reading from Ezekiel as it talks about the shepherd who separates the sheep from the goats. Saint Matthew names the Son of Man, Jesus, as the Lord of Israel. As shepherd, the LORD cares for and watches over his people. The shepherd and the sheep know one another. Both the sheep and the goats call Jesus "LORD," but Matthew makes it clear that not everyone who calls Jesus LORD will enter the kingdom of heaven. Our actions are more important than our words and God wants our actions to be mercy for the weak and vulnerable. When we appear before the King, we will not be asked about our accomplishments or our achievements, but we will be judged by what we did for the least of our brothers. As St. John of the Cross said, "In the evening of life we will be judged on love alone."

~ Joseph McEvoy | November 12, 2023

## ADVENT BEGINS DECEMBER 3 ... BELOW ARE TWO OFFERINGS TO HELP YOU DIVE DEEP INTO ADVENT

**Dive deep into the Advent season by joining Rejoice!** An Advent Pilgrimage, brought to you for **FREE** by our friends at Flocknote and Ascension Press. When you join Rejoice!, you'll receive weekly emails featuring videos with Fr. Mark Toups, Fr. Josh Johnson, and Sr. Josephine Garrett to help you enter more deeply into the Advent season, find peace, and hear God's voice in this busy time. These reflections will help you grow in your understanding and appreciation for the incredible gift of Christ's Incarnation. By contemplating the coming of the Prince of Peace at Christmas, you'll find your own heart filled by his peace and joy. Just scan the QR code to join.



## A New Way to Pray this Advent

### Daily Scripture Reflections via Email or Text

Local writers share their personal reflections  
to help you grow closer to Christ.

SIGN UP at: [www.dosp.org/reflections](http://www.dosp.org/reflections)  
or text REFLECTION to 84576





## What is the New Testament evidence proving the doctrine of the Real Presence? (Part 1)

Prefigured by the signs, events, and prophecies of the Old Testament, the New Testament gives clear evidence for the doctrine of the Real Presence in three different areas: the promises of Jesus in John Chapter 6, his promises fulfilled at the Last Supper, and the belief and practices of the early Apostolic Church. Together, they form an overwhelming argument of proof for this doctrine.

John Chapter 6. This chapter begins with the miracle of the feeding of the 5000. In verses 22-47 that follow, Jesus stresses to his disciples the necessity of faith in order to accept his teaching about the Eucharist. He directs them to pursue food that doesn't perish but endures eternally and to believe in him, who the Father has sent, the true bread of God, which gives life to the world.

The Bread of Life Discourse. Beginning with verse 48, Jesus teaches that we must consume his flesh and blood as food: "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst. ... I am the bread of life ... the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." (v 48-51)

These words of Jesus were understood literally (v 52), and many of his followers questioned how this could be. Jesus then repeats the literal meaning of his teaching six times in verses 53-58. As a result, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. (v 66) When asked if the Twelve also wanted to leave, St. Peter, in speaking for them said, "You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." (v 68-69)

Next month, in Part 2, we'll discuss how the teachings and promises of Jesus were fulfilled at the Last Supper.

Note: See all cites and references for this question at the end of Part 2.

~ written by Greg Windmiller

**COR Initiative Meeting:** COR is a program for the men of the parish to help them refocus on Jesus Christ through a brotherhood committed to prayer, formation, and fraternity. The link to register is <https://forms.office.com/r/cf8QbxbhZj7>, or use the QR code below.

The next meeting is scheduled in St. Martin's Hall on **Tuesday, December 5, beginning at 5:00 p.m.** A light meal will be served. Please contact Joseph A. McEvoy with questions at [kofc15154@gmail.com](mailto:kofc15154@gmail.com).



### Christmas Flower Offering

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(Please Print)

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For those of you who do not receive church envelopes by mail, there are extra Christmas Flower Offering envelopes in the lobby (narthex) of the church.

Please include your desired donation for the mass intention 'In Memory of' or 'In Honor of' and drop the envelope in the December 2/3 weekend collection basket. Your donations will be used for flowers to decorate the church at Christmas. Thank you!

## St. Andrew Novena Prayer for Advent November 30th until Christmas



Hail and blessed  
be the hour and  
moment in which  
the Son of God  
was born of the  
most pure  
Virgin Mary, at  
midnight, in  
Bethlehem, in the  
piercing cold.

In that hour  
vouchsafe, I  
beseech Thee, O  
my God, to hear  
my prayer and grant my  
desires through the merits of Our Savior  
Jesus Christ, and His blessed Mother. Amen.

*We begin the novena on the feast of St. Andrew on  
November 30 and conclude on Christmas Eve.*

*Tradition holds that we pray the novena 15 times  
daily for a particular intention.*

# MASS INTENTIONS // DAILY READINGS // FLOWERS // PRAYER LIST

## Sunday, November 26

8:00 am: Kathi Warrington †  
Richard & Bonnie Ludwig †  
Requested by: Your Loving Family

10:30 am: Maurico Velasquez †  
Requested by: Margaret Velasquez

## Monday, November 27

8:00 am Frances Frankenberger †  
Requested by: Margaret Oliver

## Tuesday, November 28

8:00 am: Anne Brennan †  
Requested by: Gene & Helen Koczur

## Wednesday, November 29

8:00 am: Louis & Lorraine Vanderham †  
Requested by: Mary Lou Robben

## Thursday, November 30

8:00 am: Arthur Frisbie †  
Requested by: Richard & Claudia Bickhardt

## Friday, December 1

8:00 am: Suzanne Henderson †  
Requested by: Mary Lou Robben

## Saturday, December 2

8:00 am: Marcel Theriault & Hilda Theriault †  
Requested by: The Theriault Family

4:30 pm: Gael Palumbo & Family  
Requested by: Norma P. Pafchek

## Sunday, December 3

8:00 am: Jason Shaw † (3rd. Anniversary)  
Requested by: Mom & Dad

10:30 am: Parish Family

## Sunday

**The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**  
Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

## Monday

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk 21:1-4

## Tuesday

Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk 21:5-11

## Wednesday

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12-19

## Thursday

**Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle**  
Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22

## Friday

Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Lk 21:29-33

## Saturday

Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 95, 86, 87; Lk 21:34-36

## Sunday

**First Sunday of Advent**  
Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 12:33-37

## Saturday, December 2 through Friday, December 8



**Altar Flowers  
are donated in memory of  
Mark Male †  
by Marcy & Wayne Male**

## LORD, GRACIOUSLY HEAR OUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers all those in our parish family who are ill, especially:



Karl Wolf, Ethan Grayshan, Virginia Kanis, Scott Klaben, Kerrie Schmidt, Mike Jablonsky, Skip Guss, Stephanie St. Clair, Mary Ann DeSimone, Charles Terreault, Christine Gicola, Elizabeth Dostal, Anthony Cimorelli, Rita Frisbee, Marguerite Corrao, Norma Galvin, Wendell Miller, Joseph Hertrich, Michelle LaGreca, Sutton Hotard, Charles Harvey, Betty Parker, David Cheevers, Joseph & Gail Carey, Deacon Vince Small, Raymond Huffman, Wade Wolfe, Samantha Wasley, Don Harnett, Frank Watson, Peggy Lingrosso, Pat Cleary, Mary Ann Zack, Arria Wheeler, Andy Lunk, Sarah Phillips, Peggy Paul, Sheila Greifenkamp, Pat Allard, Philip Porter III, Phyllis Fylak, Richard & Lorraine Kwiecienski, Sandy Marecki, Linda DeWitt, Neill Aiken, Peg Laurie, Sheyna Clements, Sandra Boros, Edward & Rusty Ryal, Fred Di Battista, Tonya Leigh & Family, Evelyn Sweeny, Kevin Watson, Ron Zasada, Audrey Shetton, Fr. Robert Pesarchick, Mariann De Pue, John Chaplin, Maria Casey, Barnara Diaz, Glenn Hultgren, Carl Campise, Imre Beke Sr., Dayl Kohorst, Victor & Phyllis Ciosi, Terry Brausch, Robert Adams, Karen Ballaban, Fr. Glenn, Robert Firminger, and our Website Prayer Requests.

**To add or remove someone from our parish prayer list, please contact the parish office.**

## NAMES SUBMITTED ON ALL SOULS DONATION ENVELOPES

Jerry Barrett, Sr. Jerry Barrett, Jr., Dolores Sweeney, Marie Morrison, Joyce Barrett, Watson Grzymala, Jean Grzymala, Kevin Watson, Bertha Burns, John Burns, Bridget Watson, Robert Watson, Pat Valenza, Clem Wolak, Helen Wolak, Thomas Wolak, Anna Chaplin, Andrei Grunspan, William Robben, Robben & Smith Families, Roland Aberle, Balbino & Andrea Auditor, Henry Kelley, Orlando & Beatriz Ocon, Diomedes Auditor, Erlenda Ocon & All the Souls in Purgatory, Nettie Frustact, & Ross & Nicholas, Abby Puma & Benny & Jack, Mary Durante & James Lorenzo, Bella & Ralph Lanza, Irene Puma, Ann Frustaci, Jay & Joe Riccardi, Vee & Vinny DeLuca, Marie Montalbano, Nicomedes & Cresencia Ocon, Joseph & Pauline Pafchek, Sr. & Family, Anthony & Lois Bodego, Ingrid (Pafchek) Gorda, Karol & Mary Klumas & Families, Fr. Lawrence F. Pafchik OSM, Uncle Eddie Pafchek, Gasper & Rene Bodego & Families, John & Rose Nardone, M/M V.A. DeWeaver, M/M J.B. Davis, K. J. DeWeaver, N.C. 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Ranolas, Miriam Belcher, Art Frisbie, Sharon Frisbie Benton, Charles & Catherine Miller, Lena & Ross Frisbie, William Miller, Mike & Mary Koczur, Joe & Celia Koczur, Ed & Tom Tully, Elaine & Roman Koczur, All Members of Tully/Koczur Families, Bernard & Helen Tully, Roy & Stanislaus Hylla, Helen Ann Rubino, Al Russo, Norma Russo, Eugene, Gwen, Tom, Joseph, Little Joseph, Tomm, Danny, Eddy, Allan, Ray, Kathy, Sue, Rose, Arch, All Who Died, Jerry Allard. C & H Burczycki, G & M Burczycki, F & S Dzbanski, Vincent and Ann Gach, Emile & Mary Allard, L & M Kopitzke, Arnond & Elizabeth Rothe, Donald & LaVerne Thompsen, Patrick & Jill Pogrnt, Sheridan Families, Tighe Families, Cousin, Friends, Priests in my life, Dominican Sisters St Mary Paterson, NJ. People that have helped U.S. Selesian Sister St. Gerard Paterson NJ, Guerin Family, Gilbody Family, Mr. & Mrs. A. Pirrone, Mr. & Mrs. J. DeLuca, Mr. & Mrs. J. Drozdowski, Mr. & Mrs. J. Marcantonio, Dixie Kenser, Mae Drozdowski, Mr. & Mrs. V.A. 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Cieran Ferellis OP, John Flotkoetter, Tony, Ann & Carol Medved, My Big Sisters Gretchen & Jackie, Francis Bowman, Lillian Bowman, Joseph Bowman, Jerry Mahoney, John Oechsner, Jr., Mary Oechsner, Ida Closi, Matilda Oechsner, John Oechsner, Larry Beck & all whose lives have touched ours, Louis Barbieri, Doris Barbieri, Vivian D. Pate, James A. Pate, Bradley A. Pate, Anthony D. Pate, Sr., Nancy Szafranski, Jerry Szafranski, Philip Szafranski, Laurie Family, Dougherty Family, McCue Family, Barr Family, McBride Family, Gerber Family, Foley Family, Tom Gunderman, Anne Segarra, Agnes & Walter Kopicki, Francis & Edward A. Smolinski, Raymond Davis, Carol Tomczyk, Ducharmz Deceased, Kopicki Deceased, Louise Marcus, Louis Vanderham, Lorraine Vanderham, Frank Dooling – Dad, Julia Dooling – Mom, Margaret Dooling – Sister, Charles Dooling – Brother, Joseph Parisi – Husband, My Parents, My Brother, My Sister, All my Aunts, Uncles, Brother, Sister, Dear Friends, Robert Mrotzek, Gresik Family, Blair Family, Roger & Terry Blair, Butler Family, Kevin & Cheley Family, Scott Lourie Family, Jr., Andrew Percilla Family, Anna & Aven Family, Dawn & Andrew Family, McWilliams Family, Gloria & Emil Brignola, Pat & Jimmy Mawhinney, Arcene Jones, Doug Steele, Josephine & Ray Carrara, Marie Pirano, Wanda Paleczny, Matt Paleczny, Carmen Beauchamp, Edwardo Beauchamp, Theresa Maultsey, Edith & Bill Hiatt, Mary & Van Zurvlec.

## REMINDERS: TOYS FOR TOTS // GIVING TUESDAY // FIRST OF MONTH // INVITE



### Every Child Deserves A Christmas!

Toys for Tots donation boxes are located in the narthex (church lobby) through Sunday, December 10.

Drop off unopened & unwrapped gifts for children up to the age of 16.

Toys for Tots prefers not to accept realistic-looking weapons and gifts with food. If donated, they Will Not distribute these items.

**Please help if you are able.**

## GIVING TUESDAY

**On GivingTuesday – November 28, 2023** – the whole world comes together to give back in many different ways: through acts of kindness, gifts of voice, time, talent, or treasure.

GivingTuesday is an opportunity for people around the world to use their individual power of generosity to support their communities.

### Suggested ways of giving:

- Support your local social good organizations, mutual aid networks, and community organizers
- Combat loneliness by reaching out to a relative, seniors, or veterans.
- Do an act of kindness or help a neighbor
- Identify your gifts, pick a cause that gets you fired up, and give back – not just for GivingTuesday but every day.

### ATTENTION NEW PARISHIONERS:



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Kindly Join Us For Our

**2023**

### NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME

**Sunday, December 3, 2023**

In St. Martin's Hall following the 10:30 a.m. Mass

**Pastor, Rev. J. Glenn Diaz, our pastoral staff,  
and ministry leaders look forward to  
personally welcoming you.**

Come meet other new parishioners.

Learn about our parish,  
ministries, and services.

Enjoy food, refreshments, and fellowship!

**Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 22,**

by calling our parish office at 352-628-7000

or email: [info@mystthomas.org](mailto:info@mystthomas.org)

**IF YOU FORGOT TO RSVP,  
PLEASE CALL THIS MONDAY.**

### FIRST OF THE MONTH

**DECEMBER 1: FIRST FRIDAY  
ADORATION.** “One cannot know the Lord without this habit of adoring, of adoring in silence. I believe, if I am not mistaken, this prayer of adoration is the prayer least known by us, it is the one we do the least”, as if it were a “waste of time before the Lord, before the mystery of Jesus Christ”. Instead, we should rediscover “the silence of Adoration: he is the Lord and I adore him”. - Pope Francis, Oct. 20, 2016



The Vianney Cenacle will pray the rosary for the sanctification of priests beginning at 8:30 a.m.



The **Knights of Columbus** will hold a Holy Hour starting at 11:00 a.m. during First Friday Adoration.

### **First Saturday is December 2.**

Mass is held at 8:00 a.m.,  
followed by confession and the  
Respect Life Ministry's  
**First Saturday Rosary at  
9:00 a.m.**

All are welcome to join us, as we  
pray for the respect of all life from  
conception to natural death.



## EVENTS & COLLECTIONS // VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION // SAVE DATES

The church is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for personal prayer time. Access to the church is available through the rear door, directly across from the entrance to the parish office.

### THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

is prayed every weekday following the 8:00 am Mass.

*Together We Pray!*



<b>Sunday, November 26:</b> <b>Solemnity of Christ the King</b>  <b>Collections: Catholic School &amp; Camp Toys for Tots</b>	8:00 am 10:30 am	<b>Mass</b> <b>Mass with incense (Eucharistic Procession)</b>
<b>Monday, November 27:</b>	8:00 am	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday, November 28:</b> <b>Giving Tuesday</b>	8:00 am 8:45 am	<b>Mass</b> <b>Holy Face Devotion</b>
<b>Wednesday, November 29:</b>	8:00 am	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Thursday, November 30:</b>	8:00 am 1:00 pm	<b>Mass</b> <b>Bereavement Group</b>
<b>Friday, December 1:</b>	8:00 am 8:30 am - Noon 11:00 am - Noon	<b>Mass</b> <b>First Friday Adoration</b> <b>Knights of Columbus Holy Hour</b>
<b>Saturday, December 2:</b>  <b>First Sunday of Advent &amp; Name Tag Sunday</b>	8:00 am 9:00 am 3:15 - 4:00 pm or by appt 4:30 pm	<b>First Saturday Mass (Confession after)</b> <b>First Saturday Rosary</b> <b>Reconciliation</b> <b>Vigil Mass (Blessing of Advent Wreath)</b>
<b>Sunday, December 3: First Sunday of Advent &amp; Name Tag Sunday</b> <b>Collections: Parish Building Fund, Christmas Flowers, Pregnancy &amp; Family Life, and Toys for Tots</b>	8:00 am 9:00 am - 10:15 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	<b>Mass</b> <b>YFF Class and Advent Reconciliation</b> <b>Mass</b> <b>New Parishioner Welcome</b>



We depend on our amazing volunteers to keep our Church and Ministries running smoothly. Fr. Glenn and the St. Thomas Pastoral Staff want to thank all volunteers. Join us for a Volunteer Appreciation event on Wednesday, December 13, at 11:00 a.m. in St. Martin's Hall.

**Let's celebrate with food, fellowship, and raffles!**  
Your dedication means a lot to us.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

**December 8:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)  
**Masse Times:** December 7: 4:30 p.m. & December 8: 9:00 a.m.

**December 15:** Hour of Mercy at 3:00 p.m.

**December 20:** Christmas Concert at 3:00 p.m.

**December 24:** Christmas Eve: Children's Pageant at 4:00 p.m. // Vigil Mass at 4:30 p.m.

**December 25:** Christmas Day: Masses at 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

**January 1, 2024:** Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God: Mass at 9:00 a.m.



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