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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

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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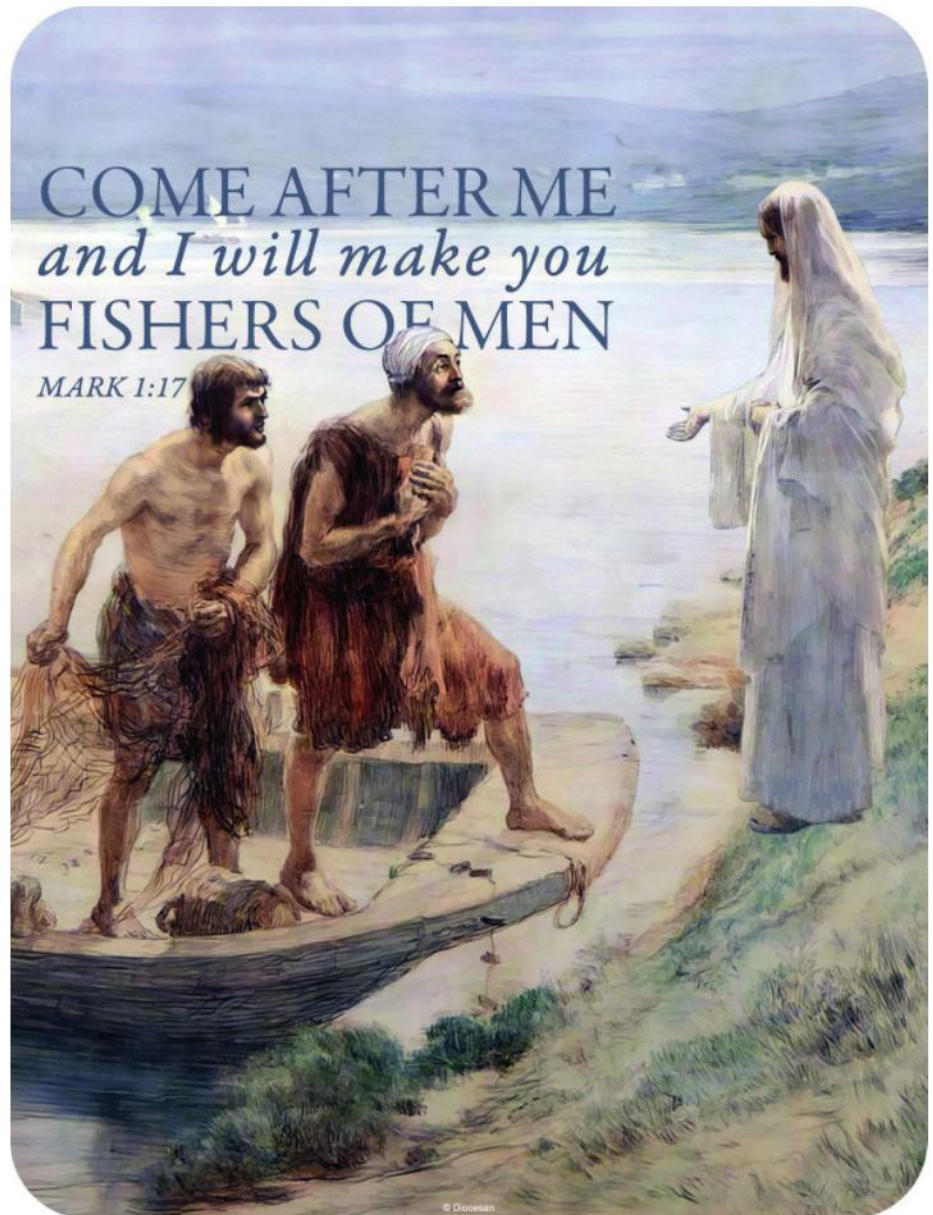
Joseph McEvoy: Pastoral Assistant

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Lead Accompanist

Pauline Papino: Sacristan

Karen Robben: Office & Comms. Mgr.



January 21, 2024

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



TENDING GOD'S FLOCK

21 January, 2024, *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
January 21, 2024

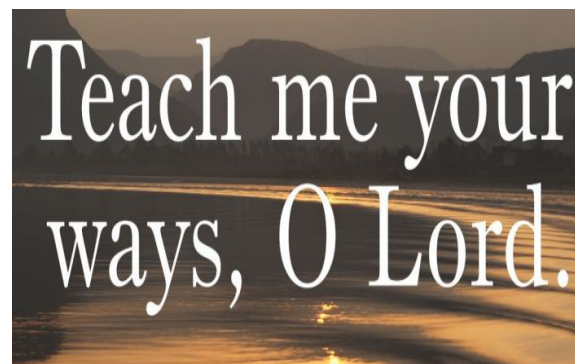


1. Since I have been assigned here to St Thomas, many of you have asked me what sign I flash during the **sign of peace**. I do not use the traditional peace sign as many of you do. I use the sign pictured here. Just so you know, it is not a “gang” sign or anything offensive, it is the universal sign language for “I love you.” Jesus tells us we need to love one another as I have loved you, and I take that to heart. If only everyone in the world would love as Jesus instructed, we would live in the most peaceful world possible. I suspect that is what heaven is like.
2. Our parish is growing so beautifully, more families, more children, and even folks from other faiths. We are a **welcoming parish**, welcoming everyone no matter where they come from in life. Some of you might even be thinking of converting. We can make that happen. Maybe you are baptized Catholic, and even received Holy Communion, but still need Confirmation to be a sponsor. We have brought in several people recently into full communion in the Church, we can help you. Please contact either me or Father Glenn to discuss your needs to finalize everything and get you started on your journey into full admission into the faith.
3. Repent and believe in the Gospel. Today Jesus is calling us to a **profound intimacy** with Him in the Eucharist (Mark 1:14-20). Jesus wants to nourish us with His own body and blood. This refreshment is used to answer His call and reflect God’s light on all those in darkness. May our hearts be open to His calling and to receive His endless Love and grace, and may we always shine the splendor of God and be light to all those in darkness. Amen
4. Our parish is blessed in so many ways. God is working through St Thomas and our parishioners. We are a growing parish, and that is a blessing! As we focus on the future we must change with that growth. Soon we will begin building a new parish hall. With that in mind, to accomplish that, we cannot forget our obligation to our community. Our Catholic Ministry Appeal is very important to that **future growth**. If you have not contributed to the CMA, we humbly ask that you please try to give something, even a onetime contribution of \$20 would be appreciated. Our goal is to get 60% or more participation. If we can do that, we will easily make our goal, with a continued focus on our growth and remain a beacon of light in Homosassa.

Deacon Mark Manko, January 9, 2024

Pope's Ambassador to the U.S. to Visit St. Petersburg

Cardinal Christophe Pierre will be visiting to draw attention to the issue of education and how to ensure that young people are able to thrive in the modern world. Teachers, parents, and advocates are encouraged to participate in this free event on Jan. 24th.



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

Sunday, January 21

8:00 am: Christopher Manko†

Requested by: Jane & Joe Prefer

10:30 am: Art Frisbie

Requested by: Cherie & Dick Byrnes

Monday, January 22

8:00 am: Special Intention

Requested by: Fran & Bud Klein

Tuesday, January 23

8:00 am: Deceased Members of the Klein Family†

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Wednesday, January 24

8:00 am: Fr. Don Bosco Lee

Requested by: Olivia Bruce Kosling

Thursday, January 25

8:00 am: Deceased Members of the Smith Family†

Requested by: Mary Lou Robben

Friday, January 26

8:00 am: Ed† & Tom† Tully

Requested by: Helen & Gene Koczer

Saturday, January 27

4:30 pm: Joseph Colaianne†

Requested by: LindaColaianne & Family

Sunday, January 28

8:00 am: Our Parish Family

10:30 am: Michael Tsoukalas†

Requested by: Jane & Joe Prefer

Scripture Readings

For the Week of January 21, 2024

Sunday

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

Monday

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr and Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday

Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Friday

Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

Memorial of Saint Angela Merici, Virgin

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

This week's altar flowers are donated in loving memory of Christina Rondinelli†

LORD, GRACIOUSLY HEAR OUR PRAYERS

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



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, Maria Casey, Barnara Diaz, Glenn Hultgren, Carl Campise, Imre Beke Sr., Dayl Kohorst, Victor & Phyllis Ciosi, Terry Brausch, Karen Ballaban, Gene Koczur, Wayne Stringer, Mark Fuge, Karl Wolf, Bill Burns, Gene Dalton, Al Papino, Mary Watson, Julia Szucsik

Names will remain on our prayer list for three months.
To add or remove a name, please contact the parish office.

FLOWER DONATION INTENTIONS

CHRISTMAS 2023

In Memory Of: Milton Meyer, Dale & Jeanne Frederickson, The Wharton Family, John & Anita Cummings, Terry Paul, Walter & Anne Piorkowski, Marvin & Bernice Klein & Family, Florence, Ann, Bernice & John Kisly, Fr. Zach, Richard & Piorkowski Family, Joseph Cioppa, George Szucsik, Ed & Dolores Mottle, The Breimayor Family, Joseph Zangari, Jr., Harold Madore, Judith Zangari, John Flotkoetter, Deirdre Gernavage, James & Margaret Casey, Theresa Gallant, Joseph Desroche, Ronald Gallant, Jeffrey Olayos, Gutowski Family, Piasta Family, Iwaszkiewicz Family, Nicholas Marinelli, Anthony Ingemi, John & Catherine Ingemi, Frank & Jean Marinelli, James Maffia, Majorie Maffia, Ernest Courteau, Annette Courteau, Steve Manko, Nancy Manko, Don Sydejko, Elaine Sydejko, Gerald Adam Bacon, Cristeta G. Ranolas, Felix S. Ranolas, Kenneth Roby, Dorothy Roby, Oscar Carder, Michael Corr, June & Leo Simon, Marie & Joseph Jablonsky, Tom Welsh, Mercedes Rehal, Gregory Mikula, Rev. V. Malley O.Carm, Sr. M. Green, RSCJ, Florence Zembal, The Scime Family, The Pifher Family, Mr. & Mrs. John T. Cardillo, Charles Imbergamo, Peter Calzaretta, Bryan Calzaretta, Juan Jose Munoz, Tato Munoz, Nina Quevedo & Family, Munoz & Mendoza Family, CCramer Family, Antonio DelNero, Mr. & Mrs. Rizzotto, Louis A Ritz, Jr., Sara & Joseph Laurie, Kevin Laurie, Joseph Laurie, Andrew Laurie, Joseph Parisi, Grace & Frank Ingui, Gaspar Ingui, My sister Rose, Carl & Marie Saco, Charles & Millie Walker, Vinnie & Ethel Walker, Nathan & Ginny Hall, Aunt Virginia Hall, Frances & Josephine Deibler, Bill Miller, Mary Agnes Tansey, Peggy Hromnak, Elizabeth M. Smith, Antonio Perez, Kalbfell Family, Leo Potocki Family, Gingas Family, Joseph & Hilda DeGiacomo, Raymond A. & Opal Huffman, Helen Wolak, Clem Wolak, Thomas Wolak, Edoardo Lupi, Adeline Lupi, Louis J. Weber, Helen Weber, Robert Lupi, Nettie & Ross Frustaci, Abby & Benny Puma, Victor & Ann Kolb, Louise Brojek, Frank & Anna Zangl, George & Catherine Kolb, Wayne Martin, Alice Soares, Harold Soares, Ann & Jesse Martin, Leonard Soares, The Allain Family, The Horan Family, Rita Allain, Lilliam Horan, Nick & Mary Martelli, Paul & Ann Pavlak, Al & Joyce Carcone, Anthony Scibelli, Jonathan Kreft, Nancy Carcone, Turgati Family, George & Margaret Bong, David & Mildred Hill, Robert & Ethyl Pennamacoor, Mary Jane Creighton, Mark Wenning, Savino Family, Helen & Peter Bucceroni, Stella & John Gerbino, Mother, Isabelle & Grandson, Adian, James & Marie Dorgan, Julie & Thomas Eberhart, Cathy & Frances, Paz & Ben Mondares, Winefredo Mondares, Thomas Erana, Gloria Pepito & Leonsa Pepito, Socorro But-Ay, Elvira Villar & Carol Breski, Carmen Beauchamp, Eduardo Beauchamp, Sandi Feola, Agnes Feola, DeWeaver & Davis Families, Brignola Family, Mawhinney Family, Art Frisbie, Sharon Frisbie-Benton, Barbara Silvestri, Carl Rose, David Hiles, Joseph & Bernice Kieras, Mary Marino, Jacob Zayac, Theodora Zayac, Richard Zayac, Florence Oechsner, Ursula Oechsner, Ducharme Family, Kopicki Family, Stephanie St. Clair, Lou & Lorraine Vanderham, Louise Marcus, Judie A. Holland, Jimmy Carberry, Rose Marie Holland, William Holland, William Holland, Jr., Elena Perez-Velez, Angel Vera, Sophie Llagas, Benjamin Llagas, Felix Faulmino, Robert Faulmino, Louis Faulmino, Edwin Vera, Martin Martinez, Mary Ellery, Eric Amaral, David Conzelmann, Ray & Pearl Templin, Mary Ann Conzelmann, Patrick Drake, Gus Templin, Mark Male, Joseph Suszek, Nancy Commerato, George Klein, Frances & Edward Smolinski, Agnes & Walter Kopicki, Peter & Betty Hacaga, Raymond Oakley, Blanche Henault, Gerard Henault, Lucien Henault, Ronald Henault, Mary Bouthillier, The Riches Family, The Prefer Family, Kevin Watson, Mr. & Mrs. A. Pirrone, Mr. & Mrs. J. DeLuca, Mr. & Mrs. R. Drozdowski, Mr. & Mrs. J. Marcantonio, Dixie Denser/Mae Drozdowski, Robert Firminger, George Figlioli, Alphonse Sierens, Belisle Family, Jerry Allard, Mabel Acampado, James Chirumbolo, Mary & Fred O'Hara, , Mike & Carrie Gorman, Fred & Cecilia Wolf, Michael Gorman, Smoky Brackett, Jane Auty, Linda Cobb, Heidi Sweigart, Betty & Don Hay, For All Souls in Purgatory

In Honor Of: The Blessed Mother, Julia Szucsik, Neva Portegys, Peg Laurie, Michael & Mariam DePue, Kevin & Alex Bishop, Fr. Robert Pesarchick, Frisbie Family, Margaret Susek, Matsumi, The Whole Chirumbolo Family

PRAYER FOR ANNA



Lord, grant Anna the forever home that she deserves and strongly desires.
Touch the hearts of her future family and give them courage and peace. Amen.

More information is available at heartgallerytampa.org

A Limited Number of Free Tickets are Available to Attend the National Eucharistic Congress

Catholics in the Diocese of St. Petersburg have the opportunity to receive a free “full pass” ticket to the [National Eucharistic Congress](#) July 17-21, 2024, in Indianapolis.

The limited number of free tickets were purchased by Bishop Gregory Parkes to assist those who need financial assistance in order to attend this incredible event. The value of each ticket is \$360. The tickets do ***NOT*** include any other related costs such as travel, housing, and meals.

Visit dosp.org/revival to apply for consideration by Feb. 5th.



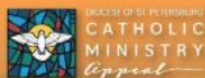
Love More Ministry Volunteers Feed the Hungry.

A different group of St. Thomas volunteers serves the homeless a warm meal one Sunday each month.

Fr. Glenn & Deacon Mark are holding a meeting of those interested in the Love More Ministry this Sunday at 11:30 am. We'd love to see you there!



Support Our Catholic Ministry Appeal!



“Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.”

— MARK 1:18

“Repent and believe in the Gospel” is one of a few possible phrases the priest says as he places ash on the foreheads of the faithful on Ash Wednesday. Why does the Church present this message today? Jesus can fill us with grace, the love we need to become saints. But a hundred pounds of earthly attachments make it hard to fly high. We are tied down. To repent is to turn away from sinful attachments. Giving helps us turn away. His “yoke is easy” and his “burden is light” (Matthew 11:30). Our Catholic Ministry Appeal presents an opportunity to give, let go, and ascend. Give as you are able, and Jesus will help you find the same lightness of heart that freed the first Apostles to drop their boats, nets, and expectations to follow him. Help us and join us!

January 20-21, 2024

Today is a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Join us in offering this Prayer for Life, for all the babies whose lives were tragically ended by abortion, for those who suffer the aftermath, and for all unborn children whose lives are at risk.

The Respect Life Ministry will be distributing "Why We're Pro-Life" booklets after all masses this weekend.

PRAYER FOR LIFE

FATHER AND MAKER OF ALL,

YOU ADORN ALL CREATION WITH SPLENDOR
AND BEAUTY, AND FASHION HUMAN LIVES IN
YOUR IMAGE AND LIKENESS.

AWAKEN IN EVERY HEART REVERENCE FOR
THE WORK OF YOUR HANDS, AND RENEW
AMONG YOUR PEOPLE A READINESS TO
NURTURE AND SUSTAIN YOUR PRECIOUS GIFT
OF LIFE.

GRANT THIS THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS
CHRIST, YOUR SON, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS
WITH YOU IN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
GOD FOREVER AND EVER.
AMEN



53rd Annual Charity Ball

Saturday, February 10, 2024

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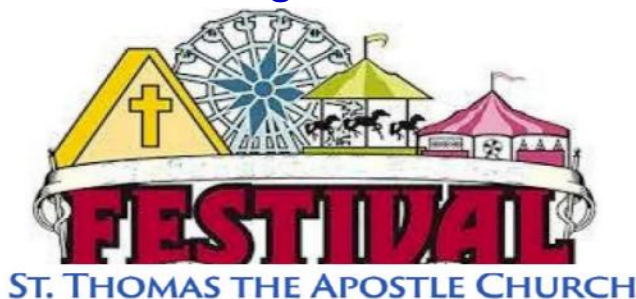
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Sunday February 4, 2023

The Fun Begins at 11:30 AM



KOC - BBQ * DJ * Raffles * 50/50 * Door Prizes
* Cornhole * Horseshoes * Basketball * Golf* * Talent
Showcase * KID ZONE: Games * Races * Challenges
Visit our Marketplace: Baked Goods & Specialty Foods –
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BBQ as long as food lasts, Door Prizes every 30 minutes-
you must be present to win, Raffle drawings start at 1:30-
need not be present to win. Times for Entertainment and
tournaments to be announced. **We still have openings**
for Marketplace items and talent showcase. *Food items
must list ingredients.

**Bring a canned good for St. Vincent de Paul to the festival,
and receive a free raffle ticket to win a gift certificate to Hole in One Donuts.**

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



THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

is prayed every weekday following the 8:00 am Mass.
Together We Pray!

SUNDAY/COLLECTION	TIME	EVENT/ACTIVITY
Sunday, January 21: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: Catholic Ministry Appeal, SVdP Food	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Day of Prayer for the Unborn Mass Youth Faith Formation Class (YFF) Mass Love More Ministry Meeting
Monday, January 22:	8:00 am	Mass
Tuesday, January 23:	8:00 am 8:45 am	Mass Holy Face Devotion
Wednesday, January 24:	8:00 am	Mass
Thursday, January 25:	8:00 am 8:30 am 9:30 am 1:00 pm	Mass Holy Hour Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Bereavement Group Meeting
Friday, January 26:	8:00 am	Mass
Saturday, January 27:	8:00 am 3:15 - 4:00 pm 4:30 pm	Communion Only Service Reconciliation (Confession) Vigil Mass
Sunday, January 28: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: School & Camp Support	8:00 am 9:00 am - 10:15 am 10:30 am	Mass YFF Class Mass



The **KNITTING CIRCLE** welcomes all parishioners who knit, crochet, sew, or quilt to join us! We make prayer shawls, lap robes, hats & scarves, and baby items for donation to local charities, including St. Vincent de Paul. Items are made at home and can be dropped off at the church or office. Please contact Karen Robben in the parish office if you are interested or have questions.





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