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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!***

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Friday - Sunday: Closed

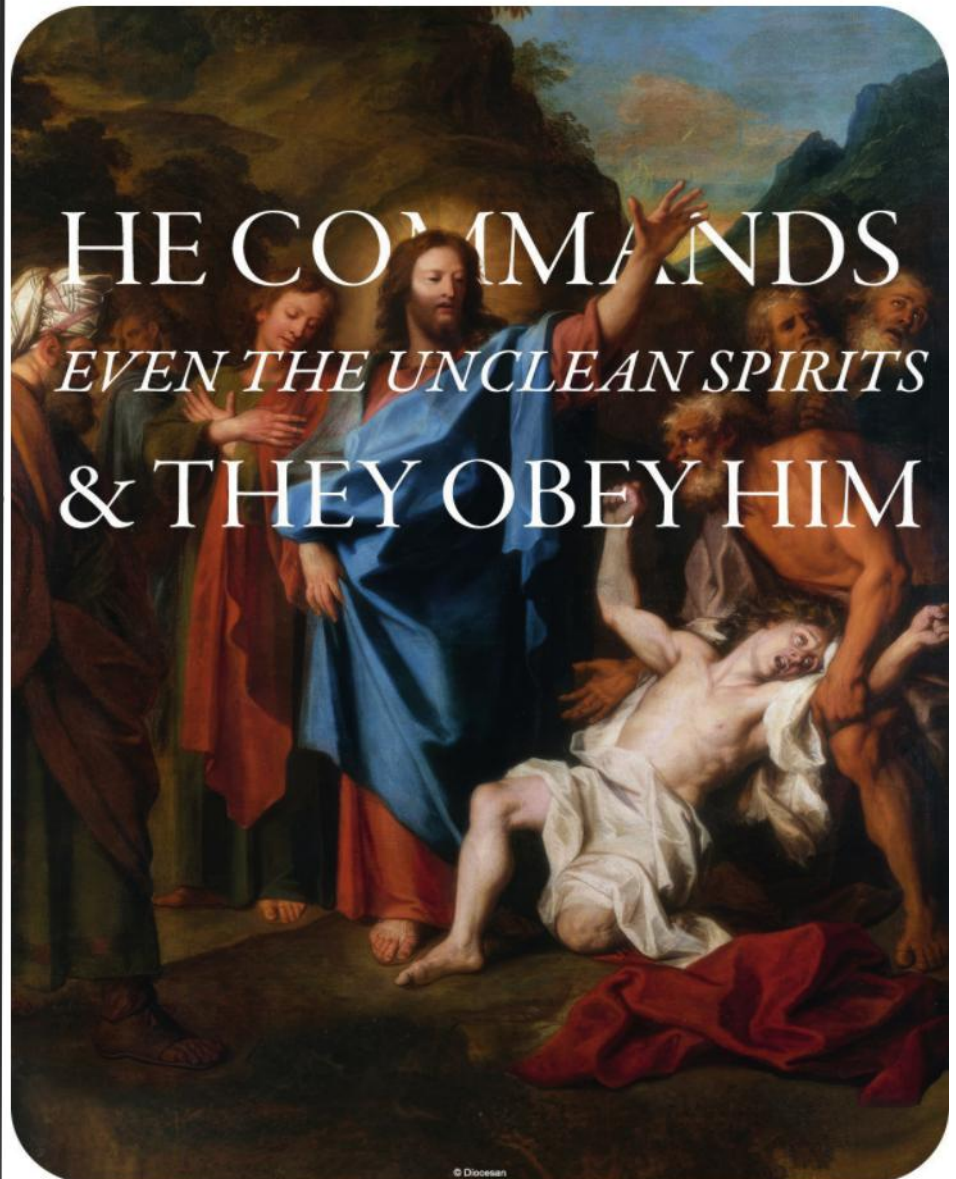
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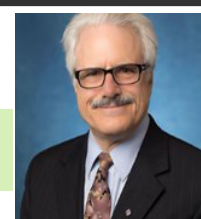
*January 28, 2024*

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



# TENDING GOD'S FLOCK

28 January, 2024, *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



January 28, 2024 | Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

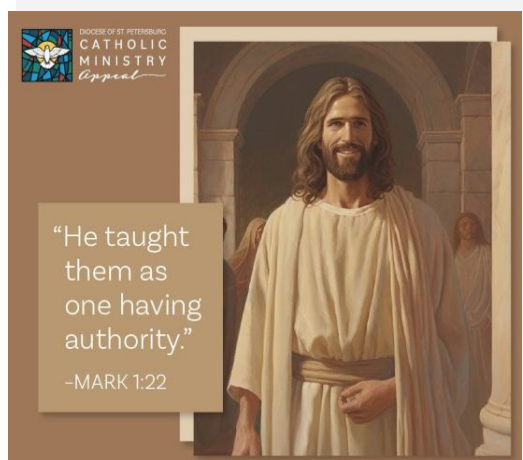
Our parish is in the midst of the Catholic Ministry Appeal (CMA) during the month of January. This weekend, the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, is commitment weekend. What is the Catholic Ministry Appeal? The CMA is how the Diocese funds ministries and services that no single parish could fund on its own. Some of these include Catholic charities, vocation promotion, seminarian support, campus ministry efforts, and the Lay Pastoral Ministry Institute. A full listing of ministries and services can be found at [www.dosp.org/catholicministryappeal/](http://www.dosp.org/catholicministryappeal/). Leadership, administrative, and business costs are NOT funded by your CMA commitment. As a donor, you can also direct your donation to a ministry you wish to support.

I have benefited from the CMA personally, as a graduate of the Lay Pastoral Ministry Institute (LPMI). The LPMI's mission is to prepare the *"laity to offer their unique gifts in service to the local church."* It is a four-year program that trains the lay person to be an effective minister to their parish and allow their parish to flourish. At our Baptism, we are called to evangelize others, as members of the common priesthood. During the three years of formation, we are trained in leadership skills on a theological, pastoral, and collaborative level. We also go through theological reflection, to help form us for our mission of *"God's people doing God's work."*

In today's gospel reading (Mark 1:21-28), we hear of the first public appearance of Jesus in the synagogue, the center of Jewish life. The people were astonished, as Jesus taught with authority. An unclean spirit recognized Jesus as the *"Holy One of God."* The unclean spirit recognized Jesus when others did not. Jesus rebukes the spirit, silences him, and commands him to come out. The people are amazed. They recognize the connection between Jesus' teaching and his power to dispel evil. The teaching itself – the revelation of the good news of God and his plan – will free human beings from their captivity to evil. At this first manifestation of divine authority, Jesus's fame spreads everywhere throughout Galilee.

10 January 2024 | Joseph McEvoy

## Support Our Catholic Ministry Appeal! COMMITMENT SUNDAY (weekend #1)



Today's Gospel states that Jesus "taught as one having authority, and not as the scribes" (Mark 1:22). He proved his authority with accompanying signs, such as casting out a demon. The people were astonished. Today, many of us waver between craving real authority and rebelling against authority altogether. We criticize our leaders for being too weak or the Catholic Church for being too firm. Why can't the Church loosen up her doctrines and "get with the times"? The truth is, the Church cannot "change with the times." Jesus, who "is the same today, yesterday, and forever," founded the Church (Hebrews 13:8). However, together, we can continue to stay strong in the way God is calling us and, through your support of the Catholic Ministry Appeal, spread the Good News as we always have.

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

### Sunday, January 28

8:00 am: Our Parish Family

10:30 am: Michael Tsoukalas†

Requested by: Jane & Joe Prefer

### Monday, January 29

8:00 am: William R Morrow, Jr.†

Requested by: Loving brother George Morrow & Family

### Tuesday, January 30

8:00 am: William Galvin†, Norma Galvin†

Raymond† & Emelie† Payette

Requested by: Norma Galvin†

### Wednesday, January 31

8:00 am: Margie Mattingly†

Requested by: Charlie Mattingly

### Thursday, February 1

8:00 am: Christina Rondinelli†

Requested by: Louis Rondinelli

### Friday, February 2

8:00 am: Oliver† & Alice† Bruce

Requested by: Olivia Bruce Kosling

### Saturday, February 3

8:00 pm: Dan Dub†

Requested by: Bruce & Joyce Ristich

4:30 pm: In Thanksgiving for His 90th Birthday

Requested by: Richard Kwiecienski

### Sunday, February 4

8:00 am: Peggy Hromnak†

Requested by: George Hromnak & Family

10:30 am: Karen Ilene (Kim) Murphy†

Requested by: Julie Szucsik

### Scripture Readings

For the Week of January 28, 2024

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

Monday

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-3,

4-5, 6-7; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3;

Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday

Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7;

Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab,

11d-12a, 12bcd; Mk 6:7-13

Friday

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-

18; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32

Saturday

Memorial of Saint Ansgar, Bishop, and

Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr

1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13,

14; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1

Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

This week's altar flowers are donated in loving memory of Margie Mattingly requested by Charlie Mattingly

### 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 Clossi, Terry Brausch, Karen Ballaban, Gene Koczur, Wayne Stringer, Mark Fuge, Karl Wolf, Bill Burns, James McCarthy, Gene Dalton, Al Papino, Mary Watson, Julia Szucsik, Phyllis Fylak

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



## Second Annual Toiletries Collection February 17 & 18

The **Respect Life Ministry** at St. Thomas the Apostle will be holding their 2nd Annual Toiletries Collection for the Pregnancy and Family Life Center at Saturday and Sunday Masses on February 17th and 18th. Last year we had a tremendous response from our parishioners that far exceeded our expectations. We are again hopeful of your repeat generosity. Please use the following list to guide you with your donations:

SHAMPOO / CONDITIONER (men & women)  
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SHAVING CREAM AND GEL  
HAIR BRUSH / COMB

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HAND & BODY LOTION  
FACE MOISTURIZER

We will be there to thank you when you drop off the toiletries.  
We would love to again overfill our bins.

## TREASURES OF ITALY PILGRIMAGE 11 DAYS: NOVEMBER 4-14, 2024

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## Feast of Santo Nino







## 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Charity Ball

**Saturday, February 10, 2024**

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Main Course Choices

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**Sunday February 4, 2024**

**The Fun Begins at 11:30 AM**



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**St. Thomas the Apostle  
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Columbus Council 15154  
Blood Drive**

**Sunday, Feb. 4**

**8:30 a.m. – 12:30**



All donors will receive a recognition item and a free cholesterol screening. Donors must be 16 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds, and show photo I.D. 16-year-olds require written parental permission.

**LIFESOUTH**  
Community Blood Centers

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 –  
Crafts-Jewelry-Artwork

BBQ as long as food lasts, Door Prizes every 30 minutes-  
you must be present to win, Raffle drawings start at 1:30-  
you need not be present to win. Times for Entertainment  
and tournaments to be announced. **We still have openings  
for Marketplace items and the 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.**

## Attend the Diocesan Marriage Conference on Saturday, March 16th

The Diocese of St. Petersburg is partnering with the St. John Paul II Foundation to sponsor a special event for married and engaged couples titled, *Together in Holiness*. This conference is designed to strengthen marriages and includes dynamic presentations, childcare, Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, and more. Speakers include local couple, Deacon Mike and Lisa Ryba, and Greg Schutte, a Catholic therapist and nationally known speaker.

Couples will learn the *Seven Habits of a Healthy Marriage*.

When: Saturday, March 16, 2024, 8:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m

Where: Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle, St. Petersburg

**(Early bird pricing ends February 5, 2024)**

## Floridians are Asked to Pray a Novena to Defeat a Pro-Abortion Amendment

On February 7th the Florida Supreme Court will review the language of a **proposed constitutional amendment** that would legalize full-term abortion for any age without parental consent in Florida. The Bishops of Florida are rallying people around the state **to pray each day from January 30 to February 7**. All are asked to pray that both preborn babies and their mothers would be protected and that this misleading and dangerous amendment will **not** be permitted on the November ballot.



**Here is the novena prayer:**

*Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Florida from laws that disregard their health and safety.*

*Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. God Almighty, we ask their intercession to protect the pre-born and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life and accompanying pregnant women in need. We ask this through Your Son Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen*  
*Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us.*  
*St Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us.*

## FIRST OF THE MONTH

**February 2: 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 am  
The **Women's Guild** will hold a Holy Hour starting at 8:30 a.m.  
The **Knights of Columbus** will hold a Holy Hour starting at 11:00 a.m..

### First Saturday is February 3:

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.



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
<b>Sunday, January 28:</b> <b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Collections: School &amp; Camp Support</b> <b>CMA Commitment Weekend #1</b>	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	<b>Mass</b> <b>Youth Faith Formation Class (YFF)</b> <b>Mass</b> <b>CMA COMMITMENT WEEKEND #1</b>
<b>Monday, January 29:</b>	8:00 am 6:00 pm	<b>Mass</b> <b>RCIA Mystagogy Session #2</b>
<b>Tuesday, January 30:</b>	8:00 am 8:45 am	<b>Mass</b> <b>Holy Face Devotion</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 31:</b>	8:00 am	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Thursday, February 1:</b>	8:00 am 8:30 am  1:00 pm	<b>Mass</b> <b>Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary</b> <b>Bereavement Group</b>
<b>Friday, February 2:</b>	8:00 am 8:30 am—noon 8:30 am 8:30 am 11:00 am	<b>Mass</b> <b>Candlemas</b> <b>First Friday Adoration</b> <b>Viannay Circle</b> <b>Women's Guild Holy Hour</b> <b>Knights of Columbus Holy Hour</b>
<b>Saturday, February 3:</b>	8:00 am 9:00 am 3:15 - 4:00 pm 4:30 pm	<b>First Saturday Mass</b> <b>Respect Life Ministry First Saturday Rosary</b> <b>Reconciliation</b> <b>Vigil Mass</b> <b>St Blaise Blessing of Throats after Mass</b>
<b>Sunday, February 4:</b> <b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Collection: Building Fund;</b> <b>Pregnancy &amp; Family Life</b>	8:00 am 9:00 am - 10:15 am 10:30 am	<b>Mass</b> <b>YFF Class</b> <b>Mass</b> <b>St Blaise Blessing of Throats (after all Masses)</b>

## FLAME OF LOVE OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



The prayer group of the **FLAME OF LOVE OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY** meets every Thursday after Holy Hour. **All are welcome to join us!** The Flame of Love is a movement that started in Budapest, Hungary where the message was given to Elizabeth Kindelmann from 1961 to 1982 from Our Lord and Our Blessed Mother. These heavenly communications, recognized by the Holy Catholic Church through the imprimatur to her Diary, support and amplify the urgency of the messages of Fatima of prayer, fasting, and offering sacrifices in reparation and to save souls. Just like at Fatima, our Blessed Mother gave Elizabeth a prayer to add to the Rosary: **"Spread the effect of grace of thy Flame of Love over all of humanity,"** which Our Lord and Our Lady asked to have inserted in the Hail Mary after "pray for us sinners."





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