

*Sharing  
the Spirit  
of Love*

Catholic Church Community of

# St. Thomas More

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April 27<sup>th</sup> 2025



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# This Week's Masses

## Saturday, April 26th

5pm Dominick Montanino  
Giuseppe Piazza & Anna  
Andolina

## Sunday, April 27th Second Sunday of Easter

8am Joseph Puorro  
Cleopatra Arneaud

9:30am Marilyn Quast  
Leonard Munzer

11:30am Richard Stout  
Kathy Slattery

## Monday, April 28th

9am Marion Infantino

## Tuesday, April 29th

9am Charles & Veronica Marsala  
Joseph & Phyllis Trezza

## Wednesday, April 30th

9am Arputha Mary Asir

## Thursday, May 1st

7:30pm Mary MacAlpine

## Friday, May 2nd

3pm Rosa Amalia Banguera

## Saturday, May 3rd

5pm Alec Catalano  
Eileen Macholz-Barr

## Sunday, May 4th Third Sunday of Easter

8am Dorothy Thompson

9:30am John Puglisi  
Joseph Gloster

11:30am Arputha Mary Asir  
Eileen Macholz-Barr



## Parish Mission

St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church is a parish community striving to share the Spirit of Love through Prayer, Worship, the Sacraments, the Teachings of the Church, and our concern for others, through Christian Stewardship.

## Saints of the Week

St. Peter Chanel (4/28)  
St. Louis Grignon de Montfort (4/28)  
St. Catherine of Siena (4/29)  
St. Pius V (4/30)  
St. Joseph the Worker (5/1)  
St. Athanasius (5/2)  
Sts. Philip and James (5/3)

Saints in heaven, pray for us

## Prepare for Next Weekend

Third Sunday of Easter  
May 4th 2025

### Readings

Acts 5:27-32,40b-41  
Psalm 30:2,4-6,11-13  
Revelation 5:11-14  
John 21:1-19

### Focus Questions

1: Describe a time when you recognized Jesus' presence in your life.  
2: Who or what feeds you spiritually?  
3: Describe a time when you jumped in to respond to someone.  
Families: Share with each other why you love them.

### Gospel of John (21:1-14)

At that time, Jesus revealed himself to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead.

our  
*daily bread*

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



# From the Pastor

**A man visited a psychiatrist.** He explained, "I've been doing wrong, Doctor, and my conscience is bothering me." The psychiatrist asked, "so you want something that will strengthen your will?" The man replied, "oh, no, I'd rather get something that would weaken my conscience."

Today's Gospel narrates how the **Risen Jesus strengthens his weak disciples.** Fear has locked them up in their room. They had no courage to go out as the disciples of the crucified master. They still had doubt whether Jesus is really risen from death. The risen Jesus appears and affirms that he is alive, back from death. He frees them from fear and doubt.

But **doubting Thomas needed proof to believe that He is alive.** He was not ready to believe unless he touched the wounds of the Crucified Jesus. When Jesus appeared again, He invited Thomas to check as he had wanted. Thomas, instead of checking the wounds, surrenders in faith crying, "MY Lord, MY God." Human persons are not objects to be analyzed and proved. They are living subjects to be loved and embraced; to be acknowledged and accepted; to be cherished and related; to be believed and surrendered and committed to each other. The Resurrection of Our Lord invites all of us to value humans as subjects of our faith and commitment to each other in love. Let us rise to real human and divine values in each of us.

**Sprinkling the Holy Water:** Throughout the Easter Season (from Easter to Pentecost) the priest will sprinkle Holy water at the beginning of the Mass. This is to remind us of our Baptism. In Baptism we died and rose again in Christ. By his Grace we became members of the body of Christ. The sprinkling of Holy water reminds us that we were Baptized in the water. It invites us to realize our identity as God's children filled with the Grace of New Life, risen in Christ.

**First Holy Communion** of our parish children will be celebrated on two Saturdays, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 am and on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. Please pray for our children and their families that the presence of the Lord in their children will revive their families in faith and committed love for each other.

May 4<sup>th</sup> is the **Crowning of Mary, the Mother of God and Our Mother.** The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Mother. It is our Parish Tradition to crown Mary at the 9:30 am Mass on the First Sunday of May. We will be praying the Rosary on weekdays at 8:40 am before the 9:00am Mass, a decade of the Rosary before the Masses on the Weekend. We recommend you try the devotion of praying Rosary in your families during May or individually. Please set some quiet time for yourselves to meditatively pray at least a decade of the Rosary. (A decade consists of praying one "Our Father", ten "Hail Marys" and ending with "Glory be.")

With love and prayers,  
Father Antony



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## Our Staff

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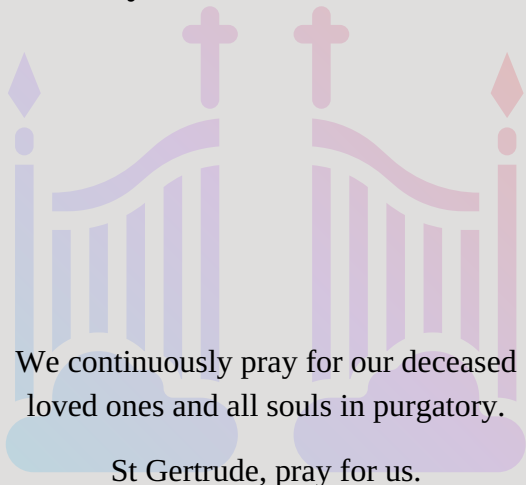
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### Music Ministry

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# Prayers & Petitions

## Pray for the Deceased



We continuously pray for our deceased loved ones and all souls in purgatory.

St Gertrude, pray for us.

## Pray for the Sick

Ana Beltrani	Joseph Barrett
Andrew Valentine	Joseph Tuffarelli
Christopher Conley	Larry Wilson
Christy Torkelsen	Margaret Sheehan
Codier Codispoti	Marge McGowan
Diane McCann	Michael Jacobs Jr.
Ellen Murphy	Noah Simonetti
Grace Harold	Nunzio Puleo
Jo Garvey	Richard Landi
John Zuzzolo	Rosalie Malerba

\*This listing will reset on September 30th, 2025

To add a name to the sick list, please fill out a card from the literature rack place it in the collection basket, or contact the Rectory by phone or email.

## Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

April 28<sup>th</sup> - May 4<sup>th</sup>



Contact the Rectory to arrange a memorial for the Altar Bread & Wine. Requested donation for the week is \$50

## Pray for our Clergy

Father Antony Asir  
Deacon Robert Weisz  
Deacon Edward Vigneaux  
Deacon Matthew Surico  
The Capuchin Friars  
Father Lenny Carlino  
Bishop John Barres  
Pope Francis

## Pray for our Military

Please continue to pray for the brave members of our Parish Family who serve our country:

Troy A Maida	Joseph Kirsch
Connor Hendrickson	Allen Kirsch
Evan Hendrickson	Nicholas Gajda
Ryan Smith	Alexandria Feys Gajda
Will Maley	Andrew Lynch

We also pray for our deceased service members, and for our veterans, in gratitude for their service, and in hope that they will find the support they need here at home.



# Support our Parish

## Financial Support

Collection from:  
Easter Weekend

# \$22060

Please consider supporting St. Thomas More. We encourage all parishioners to try electronic giving through Faith Direct. It is both convenient and secure. For more information on Faith Direct, check the literature rack in the Narthex, or visit us online at [stmli.org](http://stmli.org)

## Physical Support

There are many different ways to support the St. Thomas More Parish Community! Whether you are 4 or 40, 8 or 80, there are ways for everyone to be involved.

### Eucharistic Ministers

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Whether giving money, time, or labor, all your support is appreciated. St. Thomas More would not exist as it does without the generosity of our Parish Family.

## Parish Social Ministry

### Contact Parish Outreach

631-234-3149

[outreach@stmli.org](mailto:outreach@stmli.org)

Mon-Thur 10AM to 2PM

Please reach out to Parish Outreach if you are, or know of someone, in need of support. Keep our elderly neighbors in mind and let us know if there is anyone you would like us to reach out to.

“True helping makes the poor feel like friends and family.”

POPE FRANCIS

### Looking for ways to help?

Outreach is in need of “back-up” helpers. If you have some time to spare, consider volunteering with us! Please call the Outreach office for more information.

### Thank You!!

Thanks to your generosity, Outreach was able to provide an Easter meal for 41 families, including 71 adults and 58 children. Additionally, we were able to give out over 75 Easter baskets to our families as well as other needy children in our community!



### OUR SHELVES ARE VERY LOW ON...

Mac & Cheese  
Soup  
Syrup  
Pancake Mix  
Shampoo  
Toilet Paper  
Paper Towels

### WE APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR DONATIONS!

Please remember that it is difficult for us to use large cans, bottles, bags of rice, etc. as many of our neighbors do not have the ability to store extra food. Packages for 2-4 people are ideal.



## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: “Peace be with you!” Indeed the mercy of God centers our heart in peace.

During our home visits to help others, we try to instill in them the gift of hope, which prayerfully, will lead them to peace.



If you know someone in need, please call!  
To contact us, call 631-648-2760 or email [svdp.stm@aol.com](mailto:svdp.stm@aol.com)



SAVE THE  
DATE

MSGR FRANCIS S MIDURA MEMORIAL

GOLF  
OUTING



September 15th, 2025

9am Shotgun Start

\$190 per golfer (before 8/15)

\$200 per golfer (after 8/15)

BANNS OF  
*Marriage*

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

ALLISON MCMAHON & GARY ENGELHALER  
St. Thomas More Hauppauge St. Thomas More Hauppauge

THIRD ANNOUNCEMENT

MARIA JOSE MURPHY & ALLEN MURPHY  
St. Thomas More Hauppauge St. Thomas More Hauppauge



HOPE IS ALIVE

The only way, *the only situation* in which it is permissible to look down on others is... well, you tell me, out loud: ***to help them up.***

-Pope Francis, August 5<sup>th</sup> 2023

"Parque Tejo", Lisbon. Vigil With Young People



Pope Francis venerates the Salus Populi Romani icon in the Basilica of St. Mary Major on Dec. 8, 2023.

Photo: National Catholic Register/Vatican Media

# QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Which of the Papal Basilicas will Pope Francis be interred at?

- a: St. John Lateran
- b: St. Peter's Basilica
- c: St. Paul Outside the Walls
- d: St. Mary Major



Answer: D (St. Mary Major, Santa Maria Maggiore). Known for his devotion to Mary, Pope Francis was frequently at this Basilica for prayer. Pope Francis will be the 8<sup>th</sup> papal tomb at St. Mary Major.

## Exchange Student

In Need of a Host Family!

We are seeking out a Host Family for a 16y/o German student who will be in Hauppauge for an internship at Muller Martini from June 21<sup>st</sup> until July 12<sup>th</sup>.

Are you able to help? Please call the Rectory or email Alex (rectory@stmli.org) for more information.

Rieke is an active young woman, involved in her church, and speaks fluent English with no dietary restrictions.

## CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR NEOPHYTES  
WHO RECEIVED THE SACRAMENTS  
OF INITIATION

ADRIAN ULLOA

Confirmation

JENNA GUSTAFSON

Confirmation

KEVIN YANDER

Confirmation

NATALYA MINISSALI

Baptism  
Eucharist  
Confirmation



# OUR LADY

# QUEEN OF PEACE

## ادعو لنا

## молися за нас

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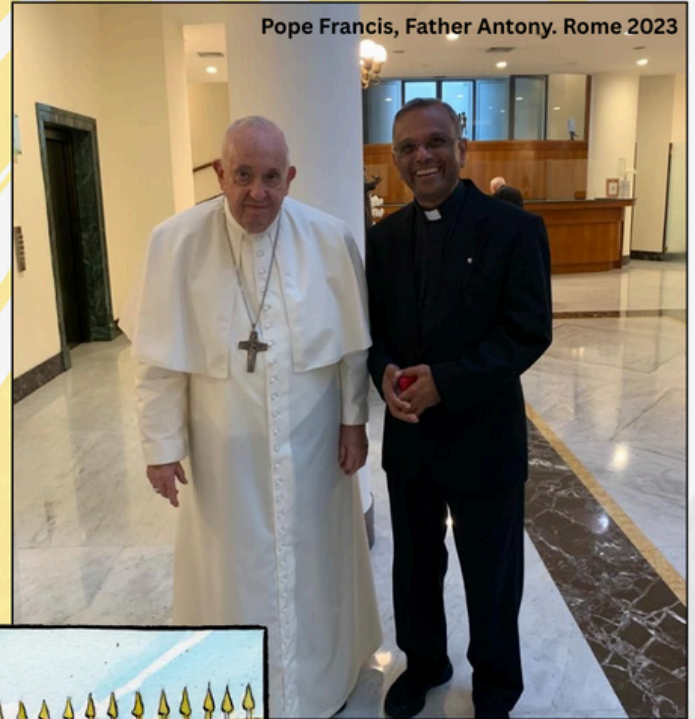
молитесь за нас

pray for us

התפלל למענו

nobis

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



**Pope Francis' Coat of Arms**  
The motto translates to "through the eyes of mercy and chose him", from the 21st homily of St. Bede

We offer our prayers for the repose of Pope Francis' soul, for the safety of the Cardinals during their travel, and that the Holy Spirit guides them and whomever the new Pope may be, according to the will of God.





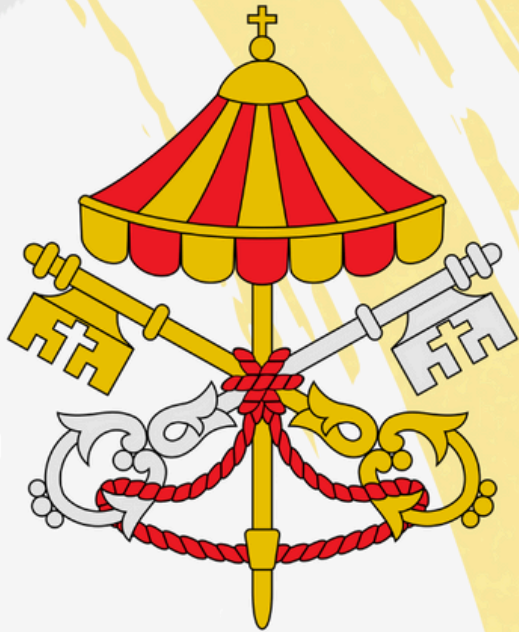
Camerlengo Cardinal Kevin Farrell confirms the Papal Residence is sealed.



Pope Francis in repose in the chapel at the Papal Residence.

Apostolica Sedes Vacans. "The Seat is Vacant"

The adjacent coat of arms is specifically used during Sede Vacante, in place of the Pope's personal regalia.



All photos come courtesy of Father Alex Mariadass



# Spring Flower Sale 2025



Please write a quantity for flowers you are purchasing on the line next to the color options. Write the total in the box on the bottom with your name & phone number, and place this form with your payment, cash or check, in an envelope marked "flowers" (if using, make checks payable to St. Thomas More). **Return the envelope to the collection basket or rectory by April 27th**

**Cal Small Petunia**  
(8" Hanging Pot)

**\$18.00**

\_\_\_ Pink \_\_\_ Yellow  
\_\_\_ Purple/ Blue

**New Guinea Impatiens**  
(8" Hanging Pot)

**\$18.00**

\_\_\_ White \_\_\_ Salmon  
\_\_\_ Lavender

**Balkin Ivy Geraniums**  
(8" Hanging Pot)

**\$18.00**

\_\_\_ Pink

**Begonia**

**\$20.00/ flat**

\_\_\_ Green Leaf/Pink  
\_\_\_ Green Leaf/Mixed  
\_\_\_ Bronze Leaf/White

**Impatiens**

**\$20.00/ flat**

\_\_\_ Purple \_\_\_ Red  
\_\_\_ Mixed

**Marigolds**

**\$20.00/ flat**

\_\_\_ Large Yellow  
\_\_\_ Dwarf Yellow  
\_\_\_ Dwarf Mixed

**Geraniums**  
(6"Pots)

**\$10.00**

\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_ White  
\_\_\_ Pink \_\_\_ Red  
\_\_\_ Blue Violet

**New Guinea Impatiens**  
(6"Pots)

**\$10.00**

\_\_\_ Red \_\_\_ White  
\_\_\_ Pink \_\_\_ Orange

**Total Enclosed:**

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**Name:**

**Phone #:**

**All orders will be ready for pick up on the weekend of May 10 & 11 before and after all masses!**

JULY

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# Calendar Club 2025

## Congratulations to our April winners!

Future winners will be posted monthly in the bulletin!

- Apr 1 \$25 904 Jim & Cyna Buckley
- Apr 2 \$25 1723 Denise & Nick Massimo
- Apr 3 \$25 1710 Ken & Lynn Goodwin
- Apr 4 \$25 335 Christian Castellano
- Apr 5 \$25 1205 Evan Como
- Apr 6 \$50 1949 Judy Coyle
- Apr 7 \$25 1734 Carole Holtje
- Apr 8 \$25 298 Joe & Joy Licari
- Apr 9 \$25 1915 Allison Madison
- Apr 10 \$25 955 Kathleen Daly
- Apr 11 \$50 1235 Allison Felice
- Apr 12 \$25 1240 Rosemaria McLennon
- Apr 13 \$50 719 Terrence & Diane Coumou
- Apr 14 \$25 74 Ed & Madeline Drobinko
- Apr 15 \$25 1076 Ryan Tjersland
- Apr 16 \$25 1233 Marybeth Holdork
- Apr 17 - - TRIDUUM:
- Apr 18 - - NO DRAWINGS
- Apr 19 - -
- Apr 20 \$200 1392 Frederick Hegner
- Apr 21 \$25 884 Flo Janovsky
- Apr 22 \$25 1743 Rick Mallen
- Apr 23 \$50 339 Arturo Bisono
- Apr 24 \$25 49 Toni & Steve Mattessich
- Apr 25 \$25 350 Patti & Dave Novy
- Apr 26 \$25 1227 Joanne Aloï
- Apr 27 \$50 1050 Joan & David Marro
- Apr 28 \$25 1421 Kathleen Daly
- Apr 29 \$25 1906 Ximena Samson
- Apr 30 \$25 1519 Ken & Lynne Goodwin

OCTOBER

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# EASTER AT STM



Natalia's Baptism, Easter Vigil



The Clergy lay prostrate, Good Friday



Fr Antony washing the feet of the faithful, Holy Thursday

Tenebrae Hearse, Good Friday



Easter Vigil, from Darkness to Light



# EASTER AT STM



Stations for Young People



Easter Vigil: Thank you Fr Fred and Dcn Matthew for joining us!



Incensing the Altar of Repose, Holy Thursday



Thank you to the STM Choir for the hard work!



Our Neophytes receiving Sacraments, Easter Vigil



Blessing of the Easter Fire and new Paschal Candle



# How to pray the Rosary



1: Make the Sign of the Cross

2: Holding the Crucifix, say The Apostles' Creed

3: On the first bead, say an Our Father

4: On the next three beads, say one Hail Mary for each

5: Say the Glory Be

6: For each of the five decades, announce the Mystery, then say an Our Father

7: For the next ten beads, say one Hail Mary for each, then finish with a Glory Be.

8: After finishing a decade, we say the prayer requested by the Blessed Virgin at Fatima:

*Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy.*

9: After the five decades, say the Hail, Holy Queen:

*Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of they womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.*

10: Make the Sign of the Cross

\*It takes about 15 minutes to pray the whole Rosary. Since we repeat the same prayers (i.e. Hail Mary 53 times), the Church helps us meditate on the Gospel by using Mysteries. Each day has 5 Mysteries, to reflect on one during each decade.

## Mysteries of the Rosary

Joyful Mysteries (Mon, Sat)

1. The Annunciation to Mary
2. The Visitation of Mary
3. The Birth of our Lord Jesus
4. The Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple
5. The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple

Sorrowful Mysteries (Tues, Fri)

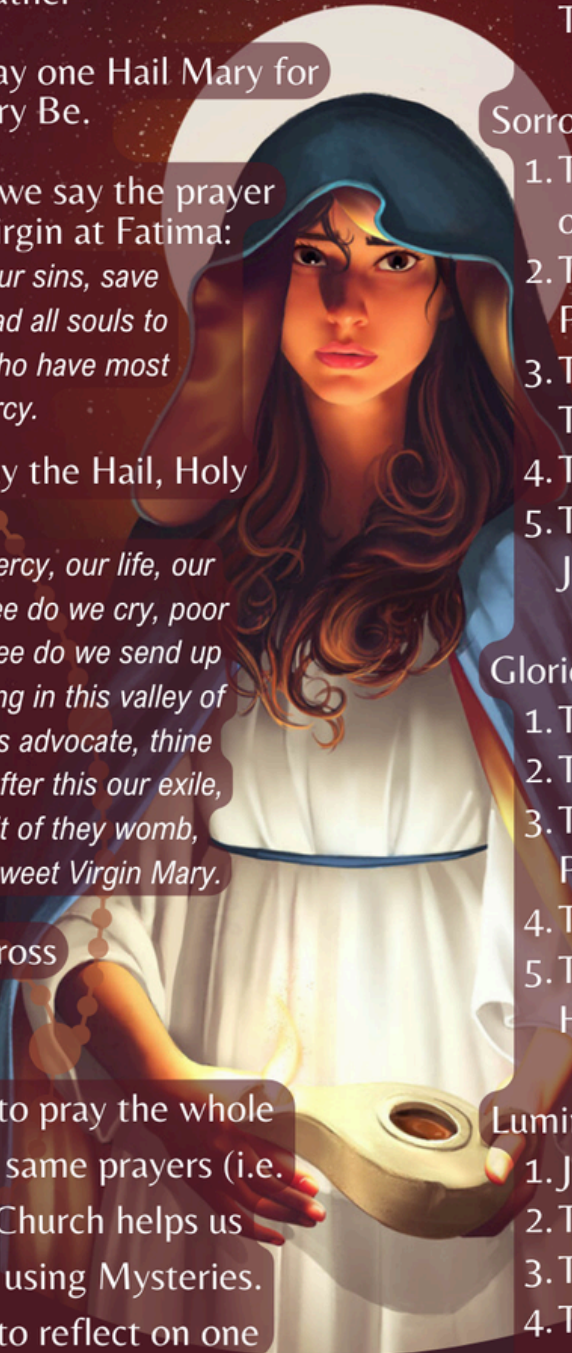
1. The Agony of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane
2. The Scourging of Jesus at the Pillar
3. The Crowning of Jesus with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus

Glorious Mysteries (Wed, Sun)

1. The Resurrection of Jesus
2. The Ascension of Jesus
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost
4. The Assumption of Mary
5. The Coronation of Our Lady in Heaven

Luminous Mysteries (Thurs)

1. Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan
2. The Wedding at Cana
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom
4. The Transfiguration
5. The Institution of the Eucharist



# SANKT-WALPURGISNACHT

APRIL 30TH

## ST WALPURGA

WAS A FAMOUS ANGLOSAXON SAINT WHO MISSIONED TO THE FRANKISH EMPIRE (GERMANY). ST WALPURGA HELPED BRING CHRISTIANITY TO GERMANY, AND IS HAILED FOR BATTLING PESTS, RABIES, WHOOPING COUGH, AND WITCHCRAFT.



SAINT WALPURGIS NIGHT IS CELEBRATED WITH THE LIGHTING OF BONFIRES TO WARD OFF EVIL SPIRITS AND WITCHES, AS WELL AS PILGRIMAGES TO HER TOMB IN EICHSTÄTT TO OBTAIN VIALS OF ST WALPURGA'S OIL.

THE FEAST WAS FAMOUSLY PORTRAYED IN THE FINALE OF THE 1940 MASTERPIECE, FANTASIA.

MUSSORGSKY'S *NIGHT ON BALD MOUNTAIN* DEPICTS THE AWAKENING OF THE CHERNABOG AND OTHER DEMONS AND RESTLESS SOULS ON WALPURGIS NIGHT. THE DENOUEMENT OF THE PIECE FEATURES A CHURCH BELL DRIVING BACK THE DEMONS AS NIGHT TURNS TO DAWN. THE MUSIC SHIFTS TO SCHUBERT'S *AVE MARIA* AS MONKS ENTER A RUINED CATHEDRAL ON THE MORN OF WALPURGIS DAY

