

Sharing  
the Spirit  
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

# St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788

NONE WHO PERFORMS A MIGHTY DEED  
IN MY NAME CAN AT THE SAME TIME

SPEAK ILL OF ME



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SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2024

## 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.

# 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Parish Resources

### Website:

<https://www.stmli.org>

### Instagram:

@stm\_church

@stm\_yg

### Facebook:

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# Masses September 28th - October 6th 2024

## Saturday, September 28th:

5pm- Carl Lehman *by Terry & Walter Happe*

William Lentino *by Vivian & Michael Jacobs*

## Sunday, September 29th: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- Charles Sanfilippo *by The Cherubino Family*

9:30am- James Mavec *by Mark & Karen Anderson*

Antonio Lanzetta *by The Eyring Family*

11:30am- Frank Lewis *by Liz & Freddy Tuck*

Richard Kane *by Phil & Dottie Castaldo*

## Monday, September 30th: St Jerome

9am- James Forsyth *by Arlene & John Aspromgos*

## Tuesday, October 1st: St Therese of the Child Jesus

9am- Edward J & Eleanor Thompson *by The Recce Family*

## Wednesday, October 2nd: The Holy Guardian Angels

9am- Marion & Sam Infantino *by Christine Barraco*

## Thursday, October 3rd:

9am- Jaime Rodriguez *by Their Family*

## Friday, October 4th: St Francis of Assisi

9am- Willie Hoell *by The Shea Family*

## Saturday, October 5th:

5pm- Ana Gheorghiu *by Their Family*

Intentions of the Leopold Family *by Their Family*

## Sunday, October 6th: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- Marlene Aversano *by Terry & Walter Happe*

9:30am- Thomas F Keegan *by Ed Baer*

Camilia Guendel *by Clay & Kathy Chin*

11:30am- Richard Kane *by The STM Columbiettes*

Frank Lewis *by Your Loving Wife Pat*

## Mark 10:2-16 (Ordinary 27)

The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" They were testing him. He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, *God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.* So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." In the house the disciples again questioned Jesus about this. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

And people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.

## Focus Questions for Ordinary 27

Mark 10:2-16

- 1: Describe a time when someone tried to test your faith. How did you respond?
- 2: Relate a way you have not lost a childlike quality.
- 3: What do you do to help children find faith?

### Family & Children's Question:

Talk about how God wants us to choose to do what's loving in our relationships with others.

## Readings for This Week

September 29th, 2024 (Ordinary 26)

Numbers 11:25-29

Psalm 19:8,10,12-14

James 5:1-6

Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

## Readings for Next Week

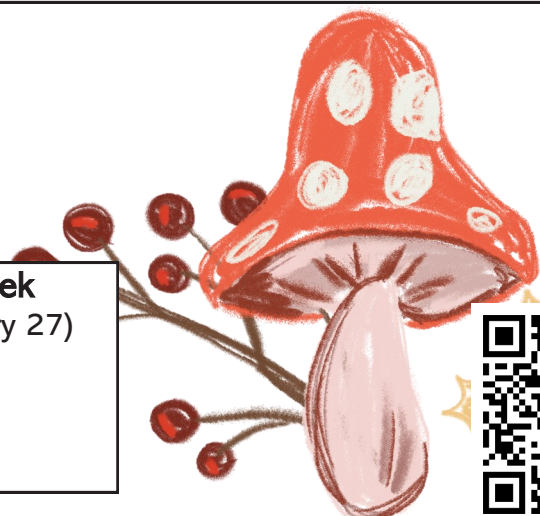
October 6th, 2024 (Ordinary 27)

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm 128:1-6

Hebrews 2:9-11

Mark 10:2-16



# Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

**Bud:** All this talk about backseat driving is hogwash. I have driven for fifteen years and I've never heard a word from back there?

**Dud:** What kind of car do you drive?

**Bud:** A hearse.

No one likes to drive with a backseat driver. We wish to drive with our own decision and at our own risk. We want to be in charge of what happens to us. It is easier to live free with our own tough decision than to live enslaved at the decision imposed upon us by others.

**Today's Gospel reading at its plain hearing** sounds very cruel and barbaric. "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off... if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off... if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out." If we have to get rid of members of the body which caused us to sin, every one of us would have to live without one or more members of our body, because we are all sinners. Jesus used this hyperbolic language to bring home His positive message of how powerful we are spiritually. He questions who our driver is, our body or the spirit?

**We can choose to live either at the command of what our body** craves or prefer to live by what our spirit empowers us to do. The craving of the body can weaken us as persons, but the power of the spirit can strengthen us to live our full potential as human persons. Today's Gospel claims that the Spirit within us is so powerful that it would give us the sense of living more fully as a human person even at the loss of a physical member of the body.

**Jesus warns and at the same time promises.** He warns us that the life led by the Spirit may sometime demand the sacrifice of an eye, but He also promises that the spiritual life without an eye would be more fulfilling potentially than the life led by the desires of body with two eyes. "And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna."

**Once we decide to live from our spiritual strength,** then the physical body will become a medium to express the potential which our inner spirit has. The spiritual strength will empower the body to cooperate with the Spirit to fully live the human potential. The body will be so united with the spirit that it will bend to any extent, even to the point of laying down oneself to live what the human spirit is convinced of. When the human spirit is touched by the word of God, it will be empowered to live the word of God even if it costs the loss of any member of the body, like the eye, hand, or leg.

**The plain message is that we have a strength in us supplied by God** which is bigger than any sin we are tempted to commit. If we believe in the power within us, we will be more daring to avoid sin even at the cost of losing a hand, foot, or eye than to succumb to sin at the fear of losing a member of our body. Let us pray for the strength that comes from believing and being convinced in God's word and will.

**Next Sunday, October 6th is Respect Life Sunday,** a day dedicated to reflecting on the sanctity and dignity of all human life. On this day, we are reminded that threats to life and human dignity take many forms in our world like abortion, gun violence, drug, war etc. The Diocese works tirelessly to strengthen our commitment to promoting a culture of life through advocacy, education, and parish outreach. Your generosity in the Respect Life envelope collection will support this essential mission. We deeply appreciate your prayers and support.

With love and prayers,  
Fr. Antony



# Parish Operations

## SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from:  
September 21st & 22nd

**\$5689**

Thank You!

*St. Thomas More Parish needs your support  
now more than ever!*

## Calendar Club Winners

9/23 (\$25): Kevin Pearsall (1178)

9/24 (\$25): Peggy & Ed Goutink (206)

9/25 (\$25): Michael & Jennifer Ashby (1180)

9/26 (\$25): Anita Lomino (1037)

9/27 (\$25): Helen Barbarito (1278)

9/28 (\$25): Ron Tuscano (55)

9/29 (\$50): Judy Coyle (259)

## Rectory Office Hours Monday-Friday 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

If in need of the immediate attention of a priest during non-office hours please call (631) 234-5551 and choose option 4

*All other calls received after office hours will be returned the next business day.*

We Saved a  
*seat for you*

## Staff

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Anna Beltrani

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## Contact

# Prayers for Our Community

## Pray for the Sick

Susan Agne	Lee Mambuca
Linda Anno	Jim Marquette
Baby Kaden	Mia Mednick (10yrs)
Ana Beltrani	Meagan
Gregory Bennett	Ellen Murphy
Judy Coyle	Bernice Noeker
Christine DiFilippo	Nancy O'Connell
Rocco DiMaggie	Joseph Platia
Linda Dowling	Renee Prince
Robert Ferro	Nunzio Steve Puleo
Stephanie Goodhart	Richard Ronning
Thomas Holloway	Timmy Ryan
Leeann Houser	Noah Simonetti (2yrs)
Renee Lake	Louise Soldo
MaryAnn Landi	Patricia Theiergartner
Richard Landi	Andrew M Valentine
Ellen Lentino	Debbie Ward
Eileen Macholz-Barr	Lycell Williams

\*this listing will expire on September 31st, 2024

## Pray for the Deceased



Deacon Al Pankus  
Regina Martin  
Marlene Aversano  
Patricia Yezek  
Mary Loth

We continuously pray for our deceased loved ones.

## 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 veterans, that they receive the support they need here at home.

PRAY  
FOR  
PEACE

LET'S UNITE IN LOVE  
AND UNDERSTANDING TO CREATE A  
PEACEFUL WORLD.

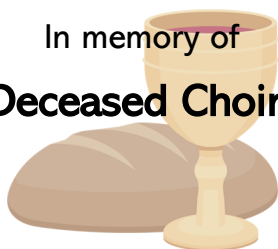


## AltarBread & Wine Memorial

9/30-10/6

In memory of

**Living & Deceased Choir Members**



To arrange the memorial for the Altar Bread & Wine, contact the Rectory. Donation for the week is \$50.

## Pray for our Clergy

Fr Antony Asir	Deacon Bob Weisz
The Capuchin Friars	Deacon Matt Surico
Fr Lenny Carlino	Bishop John Barres
Deacon Ed Vigneaux	Pope Francis



...and for all those men and women considering a life of devotion to God.

# Parish Social Ministry

“Come now, you rich, weep and wail  
over your impending miseries.”

~James 5:1

**Our shelves are EMPTY! Please help us  
so we can continue to help others...**

Milk  
Syrup  
Pancake Mix  
Laundry Detergent  
Paper Towels  
Toilet Paper  
Shampoo

All the donations to restock our shelves!!  
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.

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.



**ST. THOMAS MORE**  
† PARISH OUTREACH †

Monday – Thursday 10AM to 2 PM  
631-234-3149  
Outreach@stmli.org

## Mental Health Resources

*National Suicide Prevention  
Lifeline* Call 800-273-8255

*The Suicide & Crisis Lifeline*  
Call or text 988  
Chat at 988lifeline.org

*NYS Domestic & Sexual Violence  
Hotline* If your home isn't safe  
Call 800-942-6906 or Text 844-977-2121

*NYS Office of Addiction Services  
& Supports* Help for drugs, alcohol,  
or gambling:  
Call 877-846-7369  
Text HOPENY to 467369

*Mental Health Hotline*  
Help for children with physical,  
social, and behavioral challenges  
631-389-6405

*Suffolk County Friends & Family  
Support Group* For relatives & Friends  
in recovery from mental health  
Virtual on Wednesdays 7-8:30pm  
631-471-7242 x1315

Saint Dymphna,  
pray for us.



In today's Gospel Jesus tells his disciples: "Anyone who gives you a drink of water  
because you belong to Christ will not, I assure you, go without his reward."

On September 27th, the Church celebrated the feast of St. Vincent de Paul. The  
members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are on the front line in laboring for the  
poor, they are among the first to know their real needs.

We are only able to serve those in need through your generosity. Questions/  
suggestions/desire to join us, call 631-648-2760 or email at svdp.stm@aol.com

# BANNS OF *Marriage*

## FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

JULIA MCNEILL  
St. Thomas More  
Hauppauge



THOMAS HUGHES  
St. Francis Cabrini  
Coram

CHRISTINA MARSALA  
St. Thomas More  
Hauppauge



EVAN DIDYK  
Our Lady of Hope  
Carle Place

## THIRD ANNOUNCEMENT

KATELYN HANRATTY  
Ss. Cyril & Methodius  
Deer Park



MICHAEL NIGRO  
St. Thomas More  
Hauppauge

EMILY TIRADO  
St. Thomas More  
Hauppauge



MICHAEL RUPOLO  
St. Joseph the Worker  
East Patchogue



# Children's Liturgy

Due to the damage in the White Room, Children's Liturgy is currently postponed. We are hopeful to restart it before the end of 2024. In the meantime, keep your eye on the bulletin and your ears on the announcements for more information. God Bless!



# QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Who did Pope Leo the Great convince not to conquer Rome?

- a: Atilla the Hun
- b: Genghis Khan
- c: Alexander the Great
- d: Napoleon Bonaparte



Answer: A Soruces say Atilla was so impressed by Leo the Great, he turned back. One account states that an enormously huge man dressed in priestly robes and armed with a sword appeared during his meeting with Leo, but was only visible to Atilla.

# SUNDAY *Masses*



## JOIN US EVERY WEEK!

(VIGIL MASS) **SATURDAYS @ 5PM**

(QUIET MASS) **SUNDAYS @ 8AM**

(FAMILY MASS) **SUNDAYS @ 9:30AM**

(ADULT CHOIR) **SUNDAYS @ 11:30AM**

*Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. ~John 6:56*



# Baptisms in our church

Congratulations! We were excited to welcome the following children into the Catholic Church during their recent baptisms:

Samantha Janine Chan  
child of Nicole and David

Dylan Nathaniel Daddino  
child of Yaniris and Patrick

Charlotte Luisa D'Ambrosio  
child of Justine and Steven



## Young at Heart

New Members Always Welcome!

Meetings cancelled until  
further notice!

Call Anna @ 631-234-0714

# Pre-Cana 2024

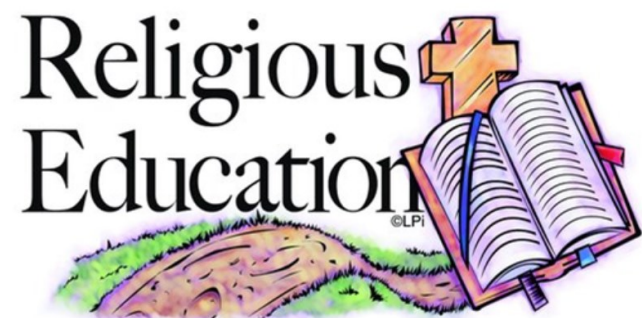
Please keep these soon to be wed couples in your prayers as they begin to prepare for the next step in their relationships, Holy Matrimony

Ana Diez Canseco  
&  
Yoan Velazquez

Jessica Boisrond-Canal  
&  
Christian Damour

Antoinette Bastone  
&  
Orion Ezra Kluckhohn

Maria Jose Murphy  
&  
Allen Murphy



## St. Thomas More

Religious Education Registration  
2024/2025 School Year

-- Sharing the Spirit of Love --

If you have a child entering First Grade in September or are new to our Parish, call us at 631-234-0397 or email us at [RelEd@stmli.org](mailto:RelEd@stmli.org) for information about registering for the fall program





# A NEW EMMAUS EXPERIENCE

PILGRIMAGE ENCOUNTER MISSION

SAVE THE DATE FOR AN EVENING OF WINE,  
CHEESE, MUSIC, AND STORIES OF PILGRIMAGE

## FEATURING...

A DEACON'S EXPERIENCE  
SHARING WORSHIP WITH  
60K CATHOLICS AT THE  
NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC  
CONGRESS

A LAY PERSON'S JOURNEY  
OF BODY AND FAITH ON  
THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO,  
AND THE PEOPLE HE MET  
ON THE WAY

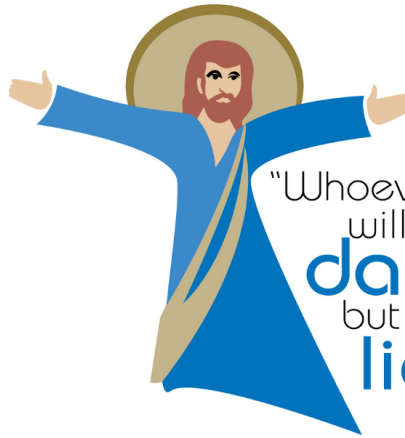
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**STAY TUNED**



ST. THOMAS MORE  
R.C. CHURCH  
*"United in the Love of Christ"*



## Have you been called by Name?



"Whoever follows me  
will **never** walk in  
**darkness**,  
but will have the  
**light of life.**"

JOHN 8:12

Come and follow Jesus and his teachings! If you are missing any or all of your Sacraments, or are converting from another religion, come on an incredible journey of faith, love, and community, that is the Catholic Church.

**Contact OCIA** (Order of Christian Initiation in Adults) by calling the rectory at 631-234-5551.



# OUR LADY

# QUEEN OF PEACE

## ادعونا

## молися за нас

bete  
für

ruega por nosotros

Προσευχηθείτε  
για εμάς

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молитесь за нас

pray for us

התפלל למעננו

nobis

# St. Thomas More Choir

Have you ever felt the joy of singing from your heart? Imagine raising your voice in harmony with others, filling the church with heavenly music, and being part of something truly special

Whether you're a seasoned vocalist or simply love to sing, we welcome you! No formal training is required—just a love for music and a desire to be part of a beautiful tradition. Every voice matters, and together we create something magical that touches hearts and souls at every Mass.

## Why join?

**Make a Joyful Noise:** Use your gift of music to glorify God

**Build Community:** Connect with fellow parishioners in a fun, welcoming environment

**Lift Spirits:** Help lead worship and inspire others through song.

## When?

Children

**Rehearsal:** Thursdays 5:30-6:30

**Mass:** Sundays 9:30

Adults

**Rehearsal:** Thursdays 7-8:30

**Mass:** Sundays 11:30

# ST. THOMAS MORE ANNUAL FALL PLANT SALE



## HARDY GARDEN MUMS (9" POT)

Red	_____ \$8.00 each
White	_____ \$8.00 each
Bronze	_____ \$8.00 each
Yellow	_____ \$8.00 each
Purple	_____ \$8.00 each

Pansies \_\_\_\_\_ \$8.00 each

Ornamental Cabbage \_\_\_\_\_ \$8.00 each

(Purple)

Ornamental Kale \_\_\_\_\_ \$8.00 each

(Purple)

**Total Ordered** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL ORDERS MUST BE IN BY SEPTEMBER 29TH 2024**

Flowers will be ready on October 5 & 6, 2024

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

(Make checks payable to **St. Thomas More Church**)





Catholic  
Health

# Mobile Outreach Bus Free Health Screenings & Flu Vaccinations

## Coming to STM on October 7th!

The Community Outreach team is pleased to offer free health screenings and **flu vaccinations** in your community by a Catholic Health registered nurse.



**St. Thomas More RCC**

**115 Kings Highway**

**Hauppauge, NY 11788**

**Monday, October 7th 2024**

**9:30am-2:00pm**

### Services for adults (18+):

- Brief cardiac history
- Blood pressure screening
- BMI screening
- Simple blood test for cholesterol and glucose
- Health education
- Referrals as needed
- Resources for those without insurance
- **Free flu vaccination** (senior dose available)



# Holy Hour

“My Soul Rejoices”

**Contemporary  
music by Alex  
and Noelle!**



**Adoration and  
Benediction led  
by Deacon Matt!**

**Tuesday, October 1st, at 7:00 pm**

*Word, Music, and Silent Prayer*

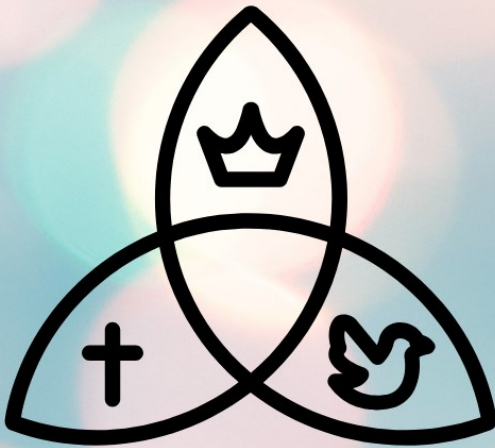
“My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for God has looked with favor on the lowliness of the Almighty’s servant.  
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One  
has done great things for me, and holy is God’s name.”

# Youth Group, Sept. 22nd

## The Holy Trinity



Last Sunday we attended mass, did a Trinity themed word search, took the donations to Outreach, watched a video explaining the readings, learned about The Trinity, and prayed for each others special intentions!



We are so happy to have new and old faces with us for another great year!

Upcoming Meetings  
Sundays 12:30-2:30

September 29th  
October 6th

Follow us on Instagram! [@stm\\_yg](https://www.instagram.com/stm_yg)

 YOUTH GROUP  
† ST. THOMAS MORE †

# 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

