

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788

January 19th, 2025

DO WHATEVER
HE TELLS YOU



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.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Resources

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<https://www.stmli.org>

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Masses January 18th - January 26th 2025

Saturday, January 18th:

5pm- John Puglisi *by Edie & Ken Nachreiner*

Sunday, January 19th: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- The People of the Parish of St. Thomas More

9:30am- Linda Dowling *by Evelyn Mentock*

Bernie Nagel *by Knights of Columbus Council 6062*

11:30am- Richard Stout *by Taylor & Tommy*

Monday, January 20th:

9am- Dennis Morgan *by Joann & Curt Keely*

Tuesday, January 21st: St Agnes

9am- Rosemary Coddington Peterson *by Karen Yorysh*

Wednesday, January 22nd:

9am- Len Munzer *by Patty & Joe Citro*

Thursday, January 23rd:

9am- Andrew Burton *by Alex Gearty*

Friday, January 24th: St Francis de Sales

9am- Ana Cecilia & Cirilo DeJesus Castro *by The Milagros Family*

Saturday, January 25th:

5pm- Eric Kiselewsky *by The Gomer Family*

Sunday, January 26th: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- The People of the Parish of St. Thomas More

9:30am- Sally, Fran, Ann, & Theresa *by Vincent Murray*

11:30am- Reggie Lane *by Rita & Kaz Stasiak*

Readings for This Week

January 19th, 2024 (Ordinary 2)

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalms 96:1-3, 7-10

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

John 2:1-11



Readings for Next Week

January 26th, 2024 (Ordinary 3)

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

Psalms 19:8-10, 15

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21 (Ordinary 3)

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all.

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.* Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

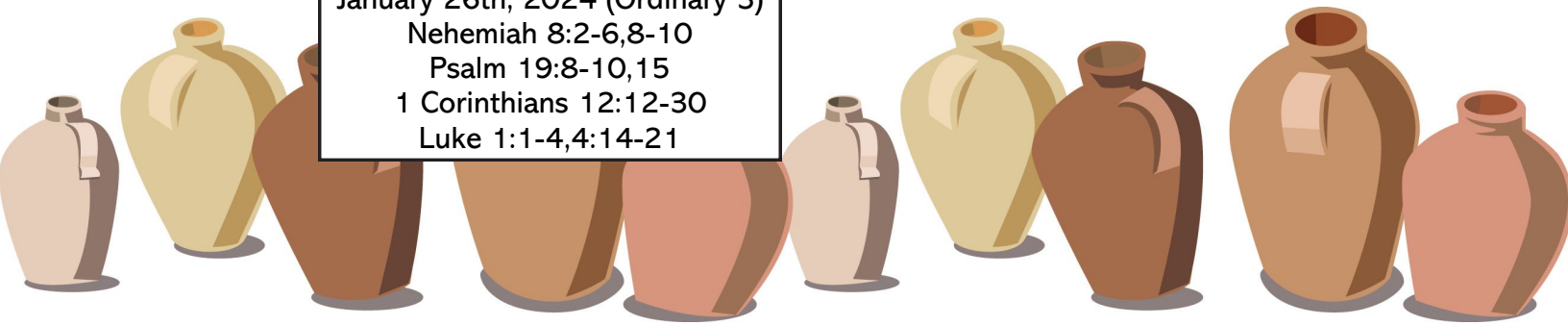
Focus Questions for Ordinary 3

Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

- 1: How do you continue Jesus' mission to bring good news to the poor?
- 2: Describe a time when reading Scripture you felt the words were addressed to you.
- 3: What do you feel when you hear Jesus' quoting the prophet Isaiah?

Family & Children's Question:

Talk about how you can do something to help the poor this week.





we continue to pray for

Arputha Mary Asir

12th July, 1926 - 4th January, 2025

**Please keep Fr Antony
and his family
in your prayers.**

**“Whoever believes in me, even if
they die, will live forever.”**

Parish Operations

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from:
Jan 11th & 12th

\$5575

Thank You!

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

**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.*

Calendar Club Winners

Winners for January will be published at the end of the month. There is still time to claim your spots for 2025!

**PRAY
FOR
PEACE**

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



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Prayers for Our Community

Pray for the Sick

Eddie & Meggie Adams	Maryann Landi
Joseph Barrett	Richard Landi
Gregory Bennett	Eileen Macholz-Barr
Karen Benson	Marge McGowan
Marie Bracco	Meagan
Peter Cappisillo	Kevin Morrissey
Vincent Carlino	Ellen Murphy
Lillian Catalano	Carol Persan
Fran Cooke	Nunzio (Steve) Puleo
Patricia Culbert	Tim Ryan
Grayson Danielski	Angelo Santangelo
Brian Fagioli	Rita Schug
Shane Farmer	Noah Simonetti
Barbara Foberg	Kevin Spence Sr
Brendan Gallagher	Christy Torkelsen
Connie Giunta	Andrew M Valentine
Rick Goodhart	Janet Ward
Stephanie Goodhart	Lorraine White
Linda Heller	

Pray for the Deceased

Arputha Mary Asir
 Marguerite "Peggy" Stepanek
 Joseph Kresse
 Dominick Montanino
 Samuel Provisero
 Michael Ferrante
 Alta Milord

We continuously pray for our deceased loved ones.

*this listing will expire on March 31st, 2025

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.

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

1/20-1/26

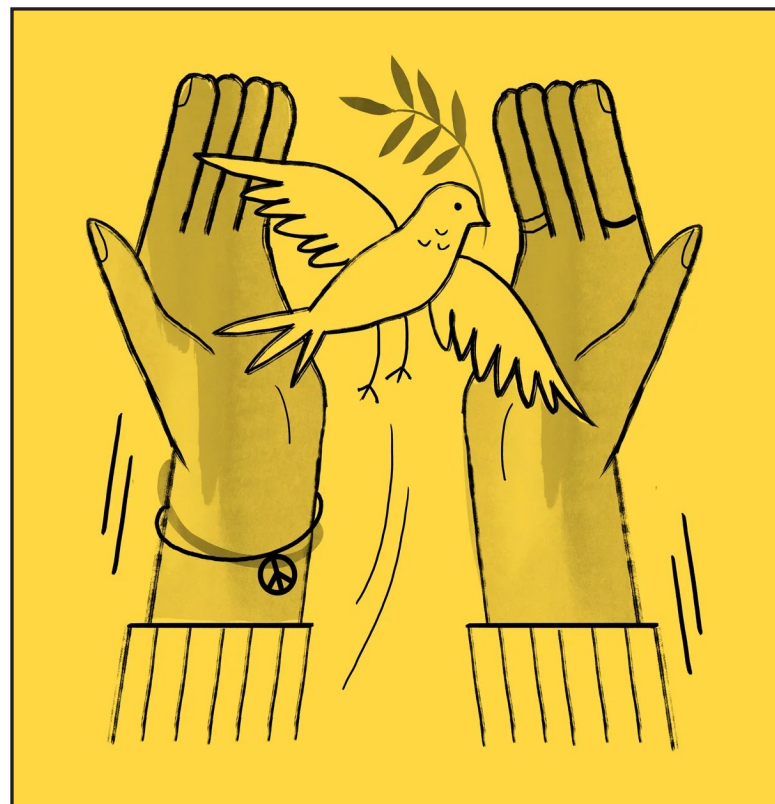


To arrange the memorial for the Altar Bread & Wine, contact the Rectory. Donation for the week is \$50.

Pray for our Clergy

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

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



Parish Social Ministry

January is Poverty Awareness Month...

More than 1.5 million children experience homelessness in a year, and more than 27 million Americans live in poverty.



ST. THOMAS MORE

† PARISH OUTREACH †

Monday – Thursday 10AM to 2 PM

631-234-3149

Outreach@stmli.org

Our needs for the month...

Boxed Milk
Peanut Butter
Drinks
Shampoo
Soap Bars
Detergent

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.

FYI...

Emergency Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is Open

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) helps low-income people pay the cost of heating their homes. If you are eligible, you may obtain an emergency HEAP benefit if you are in impending danger of running out of fuel or having your utility service shut off. To learn more or to apply, please visit the [Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance website](#) or go to your local Department of Social Services office in [Suffolk](#) or [Nassau](#).

Legal Services of Long Island (LSLI)

Legal Services of Long Island's Public Benefits Unit provides legal assistance to persons who experience problems with public benefits programs that are administered by the local Departments of Social Services, including:

Deferred Payment Agreements with PSEG

PSEG offers Deferred Payment Agreements (DPA) to customers behind on their electric bills to prevent a shut-off. If a customer is behind on their bill and at risk of a shut-off, the customer should call and request to complete a Determination of Customer Resources form to be considered for a \$0 downpayment and \$10 per month DPA. ***Important*** The customer must continue to pay their monthly bill plus the amount for the DPA. A DPA can be amended anytime due to a change in circumstances BUT if a customer defaults on a DPA, a shut-off can proceed and a new DPA will not be allowed.



In the Gospel today, at the wedding feast at Cana, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples and they began to believe in him. Everyday, God also gives us signs of his love and so we also can respond in faith and trust.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul becomes a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them reason to believe and to trust.

To contact us, call 631-248-6760 or email svdp.stm@aol.com

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What does the word "Ordinary" mean in the context of Ordinary Time?

- a: Commonplace. Standard
- b: Does not change. repeats
- c: Authority through Office
- d: Ordered. Counted



Answer: D (Ordered, Counted). Far from being "ordinary" or "common." Ordinary Time is so named because it is counted. We count through the weeks (to 33 or 34) as we learn and celebrate Jesus' Ministry and Life.

Young at Heart
New Members Always Welcome!

Next Meeting: January 24th

RSVP to Anna, or call for more info
631-234-0714

JOHN 2:10, ESV

"EVERYONE
SERVES
THE GOOD
WINE
FIRST...
BUT YOU HAVE KEPT
the good wine
UNTIL NOW."

OUR LADY

QUEEN OF PEACE

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молися за нас

bete

ruega por nosotros

Προσευχηθείτε

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pray for us

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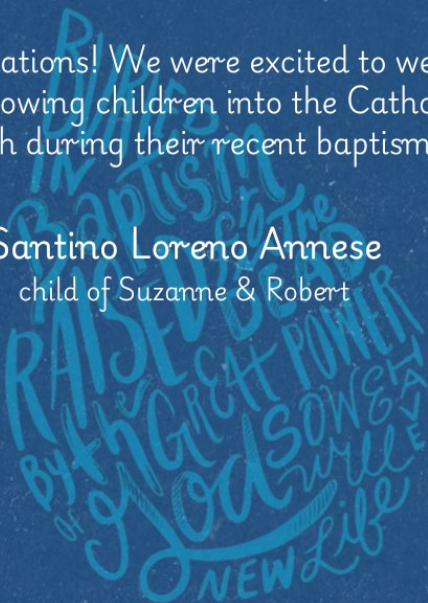
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Baptisms

in our church

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

Santino Lorenzo Annese
child of Suzanne & Robert



Thank You

To all our volunteers who kept the poinsettias well watered and looking beautiful through the Christmas Season, thank you so much.

Without our volunteers, we could not be the Parish Family of St. Thomas More.



Presentation of Babies

Please keep these parents and children in your prayers as they take the first step on the path of Catholicism!



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

Parish Weddings

Please pray for these beautiful couples who received the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony here at St. Thomas More!



Carly Shea & Brian Connors

Pre-Cana 2025

Please pray for these couples as they take the next step in the journey to Holy Matrimony

Juliana Kalinsky
&
Steven Marini

Samantha Vermilyea
&
Robert Smith

Diana Falcone
&
Deni Yang



2024 Parish Contribution

To request a copy of your 2024 contributions for tax purposes, please write down your name and submit this form in the collection basket, or to the Rectory.

Alternative: scan the QR code!

Name: _____

*If you use Faith Direct, you can obtain your tax information via their website.



Calendar Club 2025

The Every Day Lotto!

Numbers are drawn every day of the year (except during the Easter Triduum). The lucky winner of each day is awarded \$25 (or \$50 on Sundays and Holy Days!)

One number for \$25, or 5 numbers for \$100.

Buy as many entries as you want, and win as many times as your luck allows! You can even purchase numbers as gifts for family and friends.

The Calendar Club is a great way to support our parish, and a very important annual fundraiser for us! Please fill out the form below and return it to the rectory, or put it in the basket during Sunday collection.

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

ONE for \$25 TWO for \$50 THREE for \$75 FIVE for \$100

Early Bird Special: Deadline Sun Dec 15th

Order FIVE numbers and get a SIXTH on us!

Note: You must return your form and payment by Sunday
December 15th.

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Please place in envelope labeled Calendar Club 2025 and return to the rectory or the Sunday collection basket. Thank you!

**St Thomas More
Columbiettes 6062**

BAKE SALE

Fundraiser!
**Join us after mass on February
15th and 16th for:**
**Baked Goods
Basket Raffles
50/50**



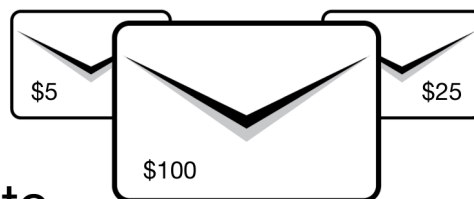
THE WALL OF ENVELOPES

Make a donation to: St. Vincent de Paul / St. Thomas More Conference

A Simple Way to Help Struggling Families

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Select the amount you would like to donate by choosing the corresponding envelope.
- Envelope has raffle tickets inside.
- Larger the donation = More chances to win!



Example:

- Envelope #1 would be a \$1 Donation
- Envelope #2 would be a \$2 Donation
- And so on...

PRIZES

1ST PRIZE

\$500

2ND PRIZE

\$300

3RD PRIZE

\$200

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

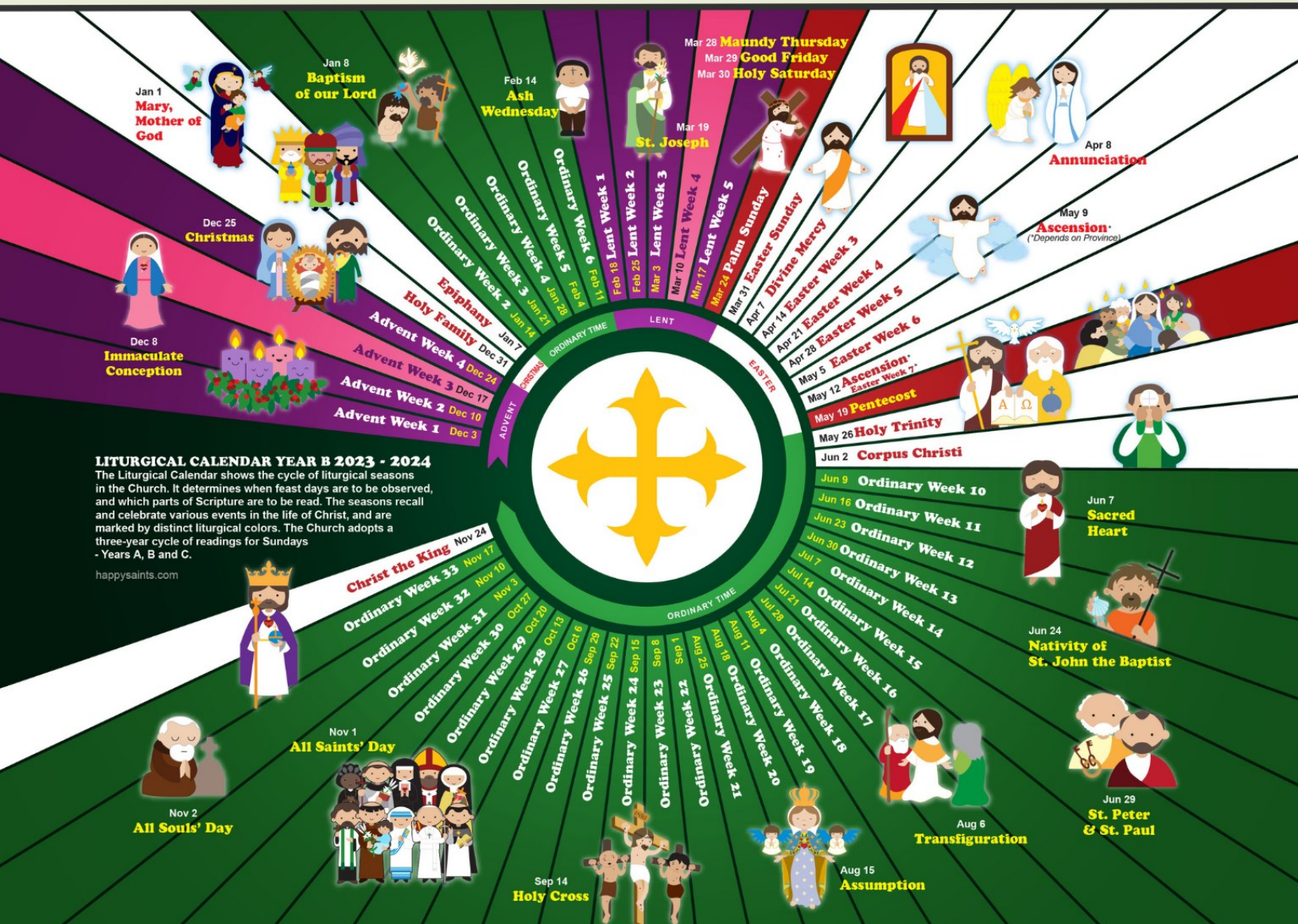
Mass: Sundays 11:30

WHAT IS Ordinary Time

Christmas Time and Easter Time highlight the central mysteries of the Paschal Mystery, namely, the incarnation, death on the cross, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, on the other hand, take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ.

Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

-from usccb.org



Feast of the Epiphany

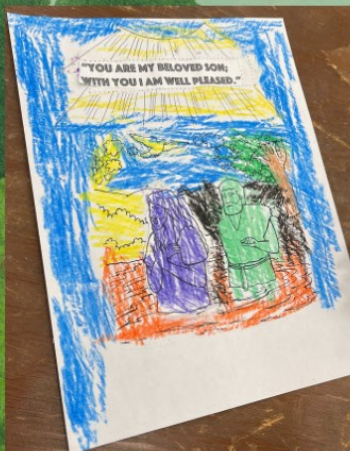


We were joined by the Three Wise Men for Family Mass on the Epiphany.

Deacon Ed and the Magi taught the children about the Epiphany and where the Magi came from, then helped do the annual door blessing!



Pictured From Left to Right:
Melchior, Balthasar, Caspar, Deacon Ed



Children's Liturgy

Back in our newly renovated Walden Hall, this weekend our children learned about the Baptism of the Lord. With videos and coloring and other activities, its a great opportunity for our kids to learn at their level!

Remember, children ages 4-8 are invited to join us every Sunday at the 9:30 Mass!