

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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December 28th 2025



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And *Jacob*
the father of
Joseph the
husband of
Mary, of
whom *Jesus*
was born,
who is called
Christ



This Week's Readings

Sirach 3:2-6,12-14

Psalm 128:1-5

Colossians 3:12-21

Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

Feast of the Holy Family

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This Week's Masses

Saturday, December 27th

5:00pm Christmas Flowers

Sunday, December 28th

Feast of the Holy Family

8:00am Christmas Flowers

9:30am Frank Gagliano

11:30am Ramond Marro
In Thanksgiving: Joseph &
Anna Beltrani

Monday, December 29th

9:00am Juanita Williams

Tuesday, December 30th

9:00am Samuel Provisero

Wednesday, December 31st

9:00am Mary Scimeca

5:00pm People of STM

Thursday, January 1st

9:00am Joel Miller

Friday, January 2nd

9:00am Nancy Kernisant

Saturday, January 3rd

5:00pm Alphonse Cruz Manickam

Sunday, January 4th

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00am Connie Giunta

9:30am Lauren Mastandrea

11:30am Anita Blandeburgo



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

Holy Innocents (12/28)
St. Thomas Becket (12/29)
St. Sylvester (12/31)
Mary, Mother of God (1/1)
Sts. Basil & Gregory (1/2)
Most Holy Name of Jesus (1/3)
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1/4)

Saints in heaven, *pray for us*

Prepare for Next Weekend

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 4th 2025

our
daily bread

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-13
Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

Focus Questions

1: Relate a way lights help you to celebrate Christmas and remind you that Christ is the Light of the world.
2: Describe a way you are open to letting nature show you God's glory.
3: How do you deal with the Herods of this world?
Families: What gifts do you bring to the Christmas Child?

Gospel of Matthew (2:1-12)

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

From the Pastor

When the **three-year-old son was shown a portrait of his five older brothers**, taken when they were much younger, he pointed and said, “Those guys are wearing my clothes!”

The basic trait of the family is passing the gift of life from one generation to the other, from Grandparents to parents, from parents to children and grandchildren, from older generation of sibling to the younger ones.

This Sunday is the Feast of Holy Family. **When God became a human being, he did not jump out of heaven as a human, but** was born as a child of a family. The family of a mother and a father with their children is the God given way for us to grow as humans. The Holy Family reminds us of the real spiritual power of every human family in two ways; 1) When God in Jesus wanted to be human among us, God chose to be a human child in a family of a father and a mother. This shows how much God values family. 2) God’s birth as a human in a family also indicates how much a human family is worthy of incarnating God in human day to day life.

In the Holy Family we see both these aspects of the **spiritual truth becoming human reality**. God gives Himself in the hands of Mary and Joseph to grow as a human being among the humans. On the other hand, Mary and Joseph expose themselves to the bare truth of God in their hands, and experience God directly as their child, i.e. God’s reality is blooming in the hands of humans, and humans in the direct experience of God as their closest family relation.

The Holy Family invites us to **live the truth in each of our families**. We are God’s image and our family is the bed in which we are nurtured to grow, not only physically to live happily and healthily but also to spiritually experience God’s image in each of us as God’s family. As the family is the basic cell of the organism of society, let us nurture in each other God’s truth as the Holy Family did. Let us keep our society a creative and living one. Let us thank our parents for having given birth to us alive and continued in their effort to keep human society alive. Let us pray for God’s grace for us and our children to allow this flame of life to continue in our family and society.

This Thursday is the start of the New Year. In the name of our parish family of St. Thomas More I wish you individually and your families **“A HAPPY HEALTHY NEW YEAR 2026.”** Unless we bring newness by our way of living, the New Year will be just a repetition of the old year 2025 with the same number of minutes and hours, days, weeks and months. May God who lives forever and is new always, renew your vision and strength, focus and enthusiasm of your life. May you bring your newness into 2026.

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

A. Mariadass

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

St Gertrude, pray for us.

Pray for the Sick

Andrew M Valentine

Barbara Foberg

Carol Ann Raucci

Christopher Conley

Christy Torkelsen

Dolores Rudden

Ellen Murphy

Baby Emerson Brae Mark

Helen Kovarik

Jim Moran

Jimmy Cannon

John Heller

Joseph Tuffarelli

Larry Wilson

Linda Heller

Lorraine White

Lou Savarese

Louise Soldo

Marge McGowan

Maria U Aldaba

Maria Pipia

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Nina Busse

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Patricia Stronczer

Richard Landi

*This listing will reset on March 31st 2026

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

December 29th - January 4th

In memory of

Anthony & Patricia Repetti

by Trish Goodwin

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

Bishop John Barres

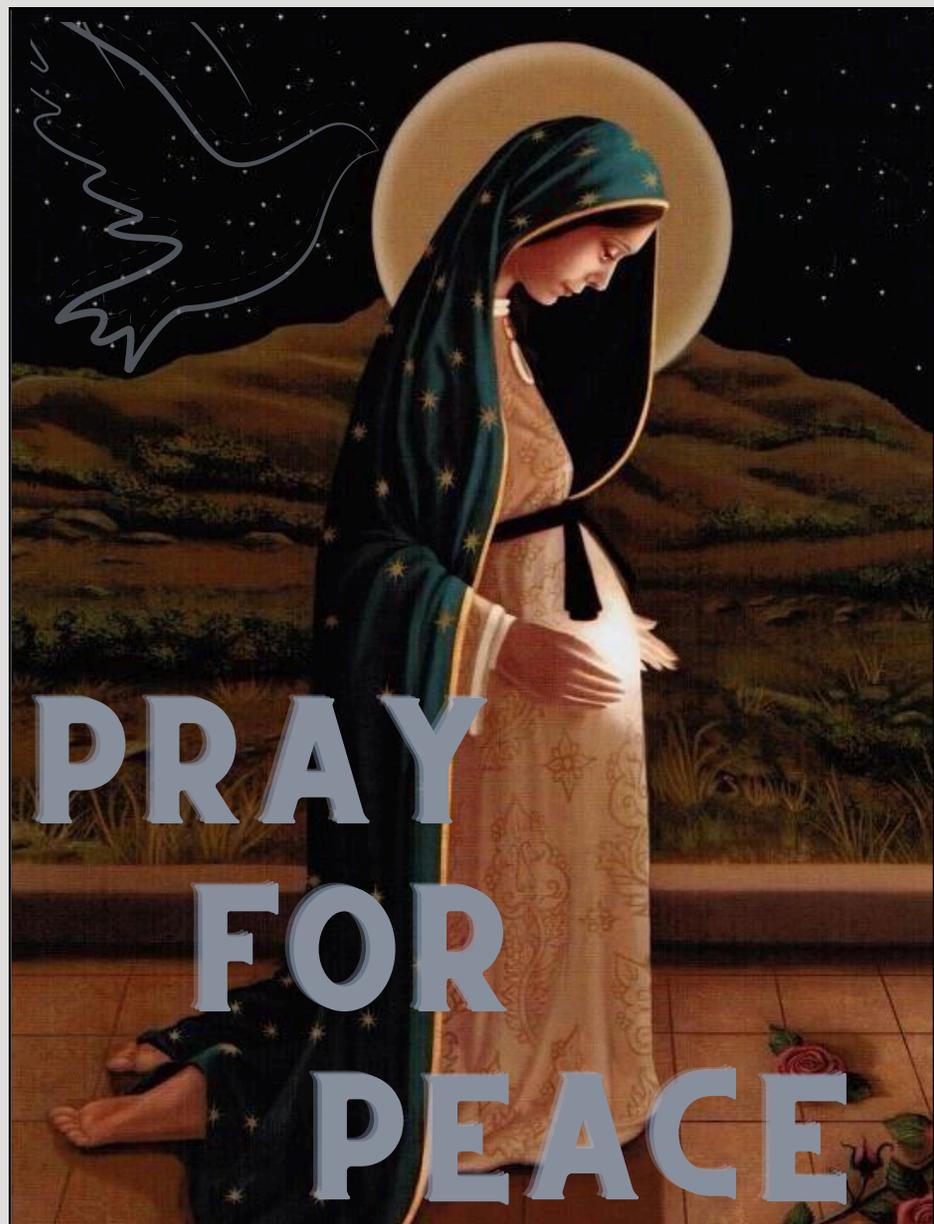
Pope Leo XIV

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
Chris Capasso	

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

Christmas Collection
coming in Jan

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

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.

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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.

A Gentle Reminder:

Please do not place clothing or household items in the food bins or leave them at Outreach. We do not have a lot of extra storage space. Please call the Outreach office and one of our volunteers can determine if we have a family that could use your donation, or direct you to another place where you can donate.

Parish Social Ministry

“A Church that sets no limits to love, that knows no enemies to fight but only men and women to love, is the Church that the World needs today.”

POPE LEO XIV (DILEXI TE)

Contact Parish Outreach

631-234-3149

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.

The volunteers from Outreach wish you a
Blessed and Happy New Year!



OUR NEEDS THIS WEEK...

Instant Coffee

Drink Mixes

Tea

Canned Fruit

Cereal

Peanut Butter/Jelly

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.

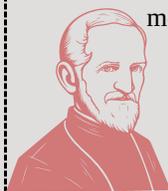


ST. THOMAS MORE
† PARISH OUTREACH †

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. We hear the words, “The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.” During this New Year may we also grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon us by remembering to take care of our suffering brothers and sisters.

One of the calls we received this month was from two adult siblings who owed \$6000 in rent arrears. Can you imagine their panic, where could they turn? Who would help? This is the type of call we receive often. No one conference could meet that need, but many working together can work miracles.



Contact us: call 631-648-2760 or
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A Prayer for the New Year

Let us praise the Lord of days and seasons
and years, saying:

Glory to God in the highest!

And peace to his people on earth!

Our lives are made of days and nights, of
seasons and years, for we are part of a
universe of suns and moons and planets.
We mark ends and we make beginnings
and, in all, we praise God for the grace
and mercy that fill our days.

Remember us, O God;

from age to age be our comforter.

You have given us the wonder of time,
blessings in days and nights, seasons and
years.

Bless your children at the turning of the
year and fill the months ahead with the
bright hope that is ours in the coming of
Christ.

You are our God, living and reigning,
forever and ever.

Amen.



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God



This day is a special
celebration of Mary as the
Mother of God, the
Theotokos, she who is “more
spacious than the heavens”.

Mass will be held
Wednesday December 31st at 5pm
Thursday January 1st at 9am
*Holy Day of Obligation



OUR LADY
QUEEN OF PEACE

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молися за нас

Calendar Club 2026

The Every Day Lotto!

Names 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 entry for \$25, or 5 entries 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

Deadline is January 15th and the first winners will be announced in February. Thank you for your support of our Parish!

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Please place in envelope labeled Calendar Club 2026 and return to the rectory or the Sunday collection basket. Thank you!