

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

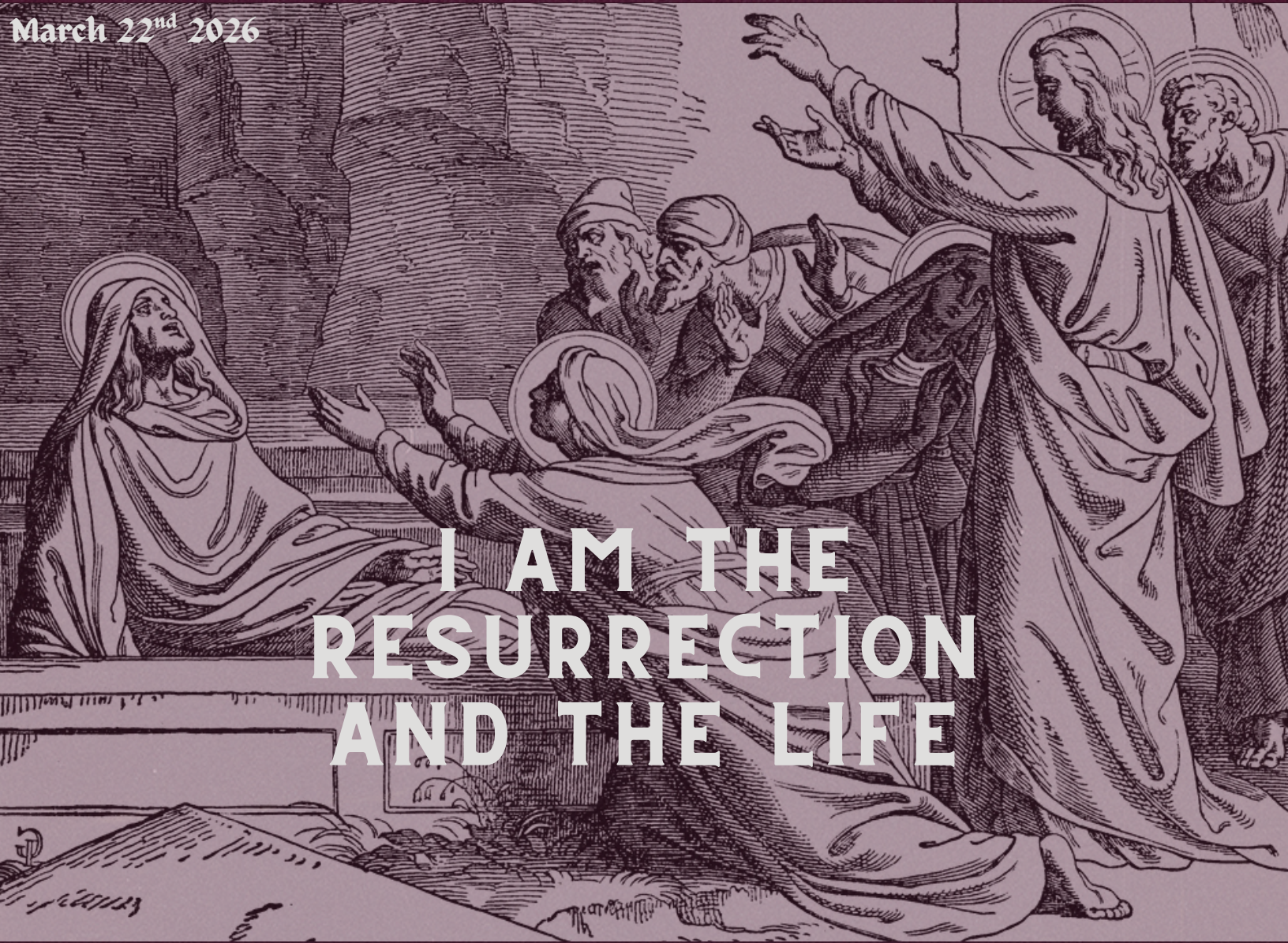
Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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March 22nd 2026



I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

This Week's Readings

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Psalm 130:1-8

Romans 8:8-11

John 11:1-45

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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This Week's Masses

Saturday, March 21st

5:00pm Ellen Cleary
Angie Mingione

Sunday, March 22nd

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00am Sister Maureen
9:30am Rory Moran Forlano
Vincent J Norton
11:30am Al Weidig
Michael Leocadi

Monday, March 23rd

9:00am Michael Leocadi

Tuesday, March 24th

9:00am Madeline Mille

Wednesday, March 25th

9:00am Helen Robertson

Thursday, March 26th

9:00am Stacey Skrzypek

Friday, March 27th

9:00am Angela Mingione

Saturday, March 28th

5:00pm Jane Samojedny
Martin Fitzgerald

Sunday, March 29th

Palm Sunday

8:00am Angie Mingione
9:30am Sal Amodeo
Johanna L Schoepfer
11:30am Christopher Dasaro
Michael Leocadi



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. Turibius of Mogrovejo (3/23)
Annunciation of the Lord (3/25)

Saints in heaven, *pray for us*

Prepare for Next Weekend

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
March 29th 2025

Readings

Matthew 2:1-11
Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm 22:8-9,17-20,23-24
Philippians 2:6-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66

The full text of all the readings, including the Gospel, can be found online via the USCCB.

bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar



Focus Questions

- 1: Mary and Martha speak honestly to Jesus. What prevents you from being totally honest with Jesus?
 - 2: In the Gospel we heard, "Jesus wept". Can you imagine going to comfort Jesus? Who is in need of comforting in your life?
 - 3: What are the stones, obstacles in your life, that prevent you from really living?
- Families: Do you focus more on negative things? What can you do to take a more positive approach?



our
daily bread

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



From the Pastor

Mr. Jones phoned the doctor for an appointment. The girl at the desk said she could give him an appointment in two months.

“In two months, I could be dead!” wailed Jones.

“Well, in that case,” answered the girl, “you can always cancel the appointment.”

Doctors can help relieve certain ailments, repair or reset some parts, rejuvenate various functions and thus attempt to extend one’s life span. Is there any treatment to escape the impending death that can happen to us at any time?

Today’s readings offer each of us a **life span of eternity**. Death happens to those who measure their lives through the scale of the body. When the body grows weary and cannot hold life any more it stops functioning and gives up living. We call the incapability of the body to hold life as death. But for those who believe in God, life can rise from the grave (first reading). If Christ is in us, although the body is dead because of sin, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to our mortal bodies. (Second reading)

Today’s Gospel demonstrates through the story of Lazarus coming out of the grave, how **Jesus is the resurrection and life** and that everyone who lives and believes in Him will never die. The conversation that happened between Martha and Jesus in today’s Gospel (John 11:21-27) is the crux of the whole narrative of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. Jesus invited Martha to see the life is more powerful than death.

Life cannot be ended by death for those who believe in Jesus. “Whoever believes in me (Jesus), even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.” The body, because of its limited potential will not be able to continue with the power of living after certain years, but the potential of God given life inside the body is eternal. It has its power of living eternally. Jesus has shown the fact of this truth in rising from death on the third day. Those who believe in the Risen Jesus will have the same grace of living with Jesus forever. Their body may die but their faith in Jesus will make them rise with Jesus to live with Him beyond the physical death.

Today is the fifth Sunday, the last Sunday of Lent. **Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, and we begin Holy Week.** Today’s Gospel prepares us and sets the mood for us to enter Palm Sunday ready to travel and live with Jesus through His passion, death, and resurrection. Let us take time to reflect on this week’s Gospel so that Holy Week becomes a time to reflect and empower ourselves with the highest promise of God, i.e., we can live with God beyond our bodily death. Our body tells how weak and terminal we are. But our spirit which believes in God invites us to participate in the eternal life through the Risen Jesus.

Please check the **schedules in the bulletin for the services of the Holy Triduum** (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday) and Easter Sunday. Holy Week is a spiritually very empowering time. We will live through the passion, death and the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ that we may get all our ‘old’ ways of life buried in and with Him and rise with Him to ‘New’ resurrected way of life. Let us make efforts to set time to be with the Lord during these Holy days of the year.

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

Joseph Beltrani Sr
Sharon Tuthill
Otilia Davila
Umberto Testani
George Rolfe Jr.

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

St Gertrude, pray for us.

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

March 23rd - March 29th



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:

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

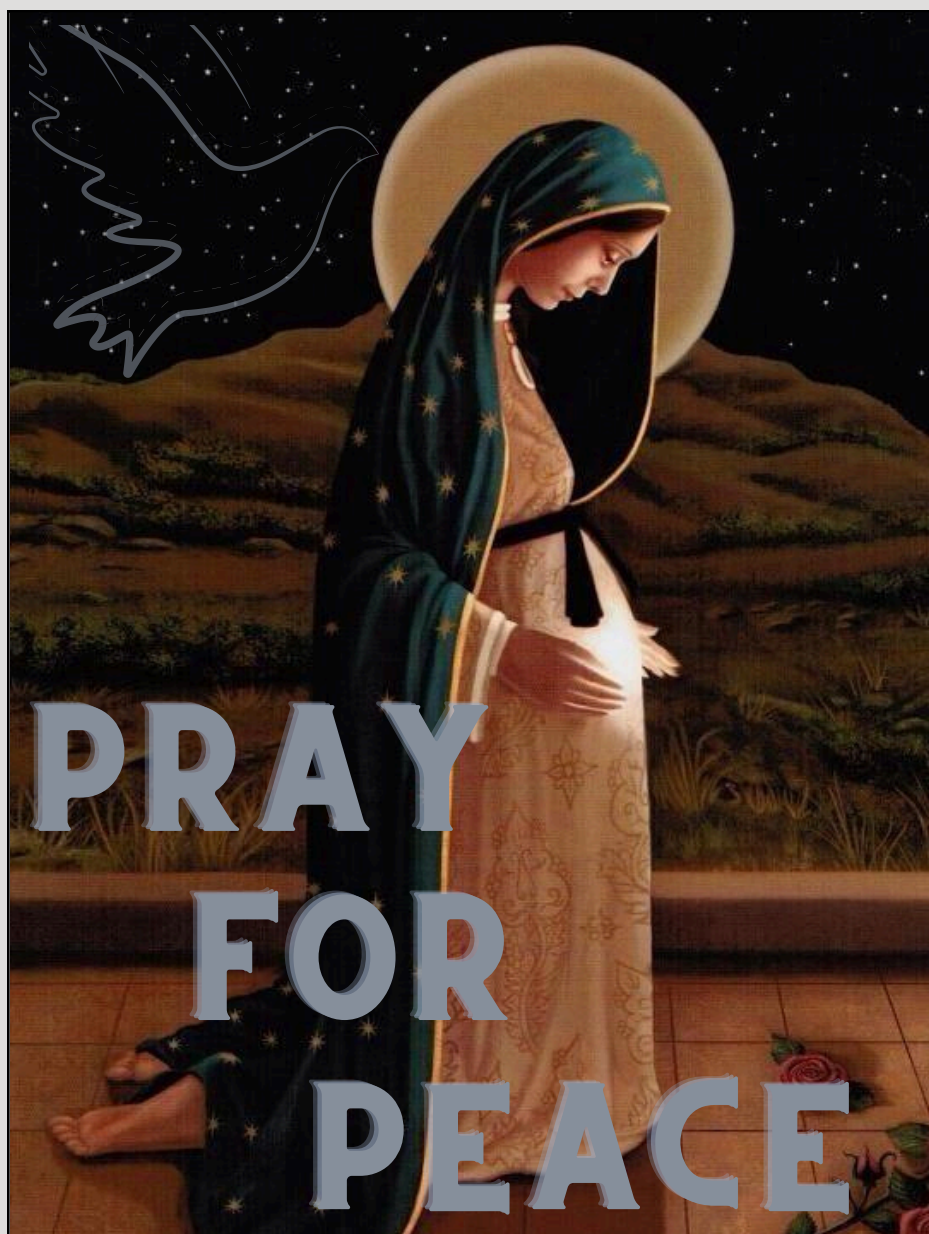
We also pray for our deceased service members, and for our veterans, in gratitude for their service, and in hope that they will find the support they need here at home.

Pray for the Sick

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| Andrew M Valentine | Gary Hollins | Louise Soldo |
| Angela Conzo | Helen Kovarik | Margaret Lombardi |
| Anna Mancuso | Jim Engle | Marge McGowan |
| Barbara Foberg | Jim Moran | Maria U Aldaba |
| Blair Rocchio | Jimmy Cannon | Maria Murphy |
| Bob Basile | John Heller | Maria Pipia |
| Carol Ann Raucci | John McGann | Michael Minutillo |
| Christopher Conley | Joseph Tuffarelli | Michelle Chiarulli |
| Christy Torkelsen | Baby Kayden Richard | Nina Busse |
| Diane McCann | Larry Wilson | Noah Simonetti |
| Dolores Rudden | Linda Heller | Pat Camera |
| Ellen Murphy | Linda LoCastro | Patricia Stronczer |
| Baby Emerson Brae Mark | Lorraine White | Phil Camera |
| Emily Bolkas | Lou Savarese | Richard Landi |
| Fern Peppe | | Baby Sienna Dwyer |

*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.



Support our Parish

Financial Support

Collection from:
March 14th & 15th

\$6635

Please consider supporting St. Thomas More. We encourage all parishioners to try electronic giving through ParishSoft Giving. It is both convenient and secure. For more information, 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. There is a clothing bin in the back of the parking lot where clothing can be donated to St. Vincent de Paul. If you have household items, please call the Outreach office!

Parish Social Ministry

"Blessed are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance."

LUKE 8

During the month of February you helped...

48 families
20 seniors
61 adults
71 children

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.



OUR NEEDS THIS WEEK...

Pancake Mix
Shampoo

Coffee
Shampoo

*We are STILL overflowing with BEANS. We would appreciate it if you could pick up different items instead of beans! Thanks!

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

The Gospel today challenges us to see and believe the signs of grace in our lives: joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy, and kindness.

When we Vincentians visit someone in their home, we try to bring hope, kindness, and a sign of God's grace to them.

Those visits are only possible through your generosity. Please donate to our Parish Lenten Project so we, and Outreach, might continue to offer God's love to those in need.



Contact us: call 631-648-2760 or email svdp.stm@aol.com



Baptisms

in our church

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

Michael Bernard Nigro
child of Katelyn & Michael

New child? Expecting?
Contact the Rectory to learn more
about the sacrament of Baptism!

PLEASE PRAY FOR
OUR OCIA NEOPHYTES
AS THEY JOURNEY TO THE EASTER
VIGIL AND FULL PARTICIPATION IN
THE CHURCH.

JONATHAN APRILE
EMMA CLARE BARRASSO
JORDAN CAPILETS
RYAN DEMPSTER
MITZY RINCON RUIZ
NAYLA RUIZ
DANIEL SHEBSHAYEVICH
OLIVIA VASSALLO



NEXT MEETINGS:
MARCH 27TH -
STAINED GLASS DEMO
WITH ED MCMANUS

APRIL 10TH

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS
WELCOME!

CALL MARY ANN
631-234-8118

BANNS OF *Marriage*

THIRD ANNOUNCEMENT

TANYA FAJARDO
St. Teresa
Woodside, NY



MICHAEL OLIVER
St. Thomas More
Hauppauge



OUR LADY
QUEEN OF PEACE

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молися за нас

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

Calendar Club 2026

Our first set of winners!

*February winners will be announced next weekend!

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| Jan 1 | \$50 | Mark & Karen Anderson |
| Jan 2 | \$25 | Elizabeth M Kane |
| Jan 3 | \$25 | The Datre Family |
| Jan 4 | \$50 | Denise Massimo |
| Jan 5 | \$25 | Paul & Mary Ann Gruner |
| Jan 6 | \$25 | Anthony Napolitano |
| Jan 7 | \$25 | Keith & Lois Christianson |
| Jan 8 | \$25 | Allison & Glenn Madison |
| Jan 9 | \$25 | Ann & Lou Anatrella |
| Jan 10 | \$25 | Margaret Sicurelli |
| Jan 11 | \$50 | David Safaty |
| Jan 12 | \$25 | William Waters |
| Jan 13 | \$25 | Nancy Macaluso |
| Jan 14 | \$25 | Ross & Marie Bracco |
| Jan 15 | \$25 | Mark & Karen Anderson |
| Jan 16 | \$25 | Marilyn Amodio |
| Jan 17 | \$25 | Rita Malavet |
| Jan 18 | \$50 | Kathleen Watral |
| Jan 19 | \$25 | Laruie Holtje |
| Jan 20 | \$25 | Anne Gavigan |
| Jan 21 | \$25 | Maximus Fagioli |
| Jan 22 | \$25 | Peggy & Ed Goutnik |
| Jan 23 | \$25 | Joyce Miller |
| Jan 24 | \$25 | John & Marie Hanna |
| Jan 25 | \$50 | Ken & Dolores Fensterer |
| Jan 26 | \$25 | Fran Dia & Arlene Block |
| Jan 27 | \$25 | Steve & Diane Phelan |
| Jan 28 | \$25 | Barbara Pein |
| Jan 29 | \$25 | Marilyn Miller |
| Jan 30 | \$25 | Steve & Diane Phelan |
| Jan 31 | \$25 | Bob & Evelyn McMahon |

OCTOBER

DECEMBER

JANUARY

MARCH

APRIL

JUNE

LENTEN *Parish* PROJECT

SUPPORTING ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Most of the people we help at SVdP are in dire circumstances and only ask for help when there is nowhere else to go. Once helped, we typically don't hear from them again but ask them to pray for us and, maybe someday, do a good deed for someone else. Several months ago a woman we had helped when she was in need received some unexpected funds.

She donated \$1000 to SVdP, ever grateful for our help in the past. And so, the Kingdom of Heaven is alive and well in Hauppauge thanks to your donations which make it all possible.



Who Else We Help...



Unlike SVdP, the families who we help at Outreach come in on a monthly basis to get food assistance. Their gratitude is overwhelming and many will offer to help us with jobs around the Parish and at Outreach. For many of our families, coming for help is a very difficult step to take. It means sitting with a complete stranger and sharing the issues that brought them to seek help. We have heard heartbreaking stories of illnesses, job loss, adult children who have had to return home to live with their parents, and grandparents who have been asked to take custody of and raise their grandchildren. Our families often become part of our larger Outreach family as we share their ups and downs.

Checks can be made payable to **St. Thomas More** and placed in the little house by the bulletin board, the collection basket, or dropped off at the Rectory. Please note "**Lenten Project**" in the memo line.

COME AND BE FED

a lenten mission in three parts

Join us in exploring the Lenten theme of being fed by physical and spiritual food, with a focus on Faith and Art. Each session will feature...

- Reading of the Sunday Gospel (in parts)
- Simple Lenten meals (AM: coffee, bagels; PM: soup, stew)
- Video presentation on a piece of art related to the theme, and its religious significance
- Group discussion with meditation questions on the art, how it relates to our life & relationship with God
- Short session of guided imaginative prayer
- Take-home assignments for further spiritual feeding and growth!



You can still sign up!

THE RAISING OF LAZARUS

WED 3/25

Each session will be offered twice, a morning and an evening session. Morning sessions will start at 9:45am (after Daily Mass) and evening sessions at 6:30pm. The program will run for about 75 minutes.

As we are serving food, we request you RSVP using the QR code below or leaving the slip in the collection basket. If you are willing to volunteer to serve as a facilitator or lector, you can also indicate that below.

Name(s): _____

3/25 AM

3/25 PM



Fasting & Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

See the guidelines below!

- Fasting is obligatory for ages 18-59 inclusive.
- Fasting constitutes no more than one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are less than a full meal.
- Abstinence is obligatory for all Catholics aged 14 or older.
- Abstinence is to avoid eating meat (chicken, pork, beef, etc). Fish is allowed.
- Please remember to drink lots of water!

Easter Sunday

Masses at:

8:00am

9:30am

11:30am

TENEBRAE

GOOD FRIDAY, 7:30PM

JOIN US FOR A READING OF
THE LORD'S PASSION WITH
NEOTRADITIONAL CHANTING

LED BY DEACON MATT
COMPOSED BY ALEX WHITE
SUNG BY NOELLE WHITE



SUN 3/29

PALM SUNDAY

Normal weekend Masses will be offered:
5pm Vigil, 8am, 9:30am, and 11:30am.
Please arrive early to be seated before
the Gospel at the start of Mass.

MON 3/30

RECONCILIATION DAY

Confession available from
3:00pm-9:00pm at St Thomas More, as
well as all parishes in the Diocese.

THUR 4/2

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Morning Prayer (no mass) at 9:00am

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm
in the Church. This mass is always
followed by the Solemn Procession to
the Altar of Repose. Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament in Repository will
be available until 10:00pm, ending
with Night Prayer from the Liturgy of
Hours.

LENT 2026



NO MEAT!

SHARING!



6PM, MARCH 27TH
WALDEN HALL

BRING A MEATLESS SOUP TO SHARE, AND
THEN JOIN US AS WE PRAY THE STATIONS
OF THE CROSS FOR THE HUNGRY AT 7PM

HOLY WEEK

AT ST THOMAS MORE

*For God so loved the world that he
gave his only Son, so that everyone
who believes in him may not perish but
may have eternal life.*

JOHN 3:16

FRI 4/3

GOOD FRIDAY

Morning Prayer (no mass) at 9:00am

Stations of the Cross at 12:00pm

Stations of the Cross for Young
People at 1:30pm

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and
Death at 3:00pm in the Church

Tenebrae at 7:30pm in the Church. A
presentation of the Lord's Passion
with neotraditional Chant

SAT 4/4

HOLY SATURDAY

Morning Prayer (no mass) at 9:00am

Blessing of the Easter Food at
10:00am in Walden Hall

*NO 5:00pm MASS

Mass of the Easter Vigil at 7:30pm in
the Church

