# St. Thomas More Parish

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Saturday and Sunday - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

New Parishioners are requested to register in the parish by phone or email.



Oh Come Let us Adore Him

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#### Blessed Christmas

Today is Christmas Day, which is the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Word of God made flesh. Jesus is not literally born from the womb of His Mother Mary again every Christmas. But, instead, during this time we must allow Jesus to be born into our hearts.

For us, as Christians, Christmas is the greatest blessing, because God has given us a gift that none of us can ever repay. It is not only the birth of Christ, but also the birthday of all those blessed to be baptized into the saving death and resurrection of our Incarnate Lord. Christmas is an occasion of great joy.

We come to an even greater appreciation of what Christ has done for us. We rejoice in the fact that his birth in that simple manger in Bethlehem opened for us the way to salvation.

Let us think a little deeper about all that we have seen and heard during this Christmas Season:

When we were out doing our shopping, did we see only hordes of people in the stores? Did we perhaps notice the worried expressions on some of their faces? Worried because they are facing this Christmas without employment or enough money and unsure of how they can make ends meet? Did we hear only the constant blare of music and carols? Or did we also listen for the silent sighs of the lonely and the bereaved who may be dreading Christmas because it accentuates their loneliness?

Pondering some of these questions can help us reflect on the true meaning of the Christmas season.

Therefore, let us try to strip away all of the distractions and focus instead on what Christmas can mean for us and our lives as Christians today.

Fr. Aegi Warsito, SCJ

| December 2                 | 4 – 31, 2022 |   |
|----------------------------|--------------|---|
| Saturday                   | 5:00 p.m.    | +Edward, Rose Mary, and                         |
| Christmas                  | 0.00 p.m.    | Bellarmine Rodrigues and                        |
| Eve                        |              | Robert De Souza,                                |
|                            |              | requested by the family                         |
|                            | 9:00 p.m.    | Int. of Nathanael and                           |
|                            | 0.00 p.m.    | Vivian Rodrigues                                |
|                            |              | requested by The Family                         |
|                            | 11:30 p.m.   | +Hanna Hadden,                                  |
|                            | 11.00 p.iiii | requested by Lou Hadden                         |
| Sunday<br>Christmas<br>Day | 8:30 a.m.    | +David Franas, requested by the Francis' family |
|                            | 10:00 a.m.   | +James Joven, requested by the family           |
|                            | 11:30a.m.    | Intentions of the Parish Community              |
|                            | Th           | ere is no 8 p.m. Mass                           |
| Monday                     | 9:00 a.m.    | +Maximo Rabino Sr.,                             |
| Boxing day                 | 0.00 0       | requested by the family                         |
| Tuesday                    | 7:30 a.m.    | +Joseph Appiah,                                 |
|                            |              | requested by S. McDoom                          |
|                            | 7:00 p.m.    | +Souls in Purgatory,                            |
|                            | ·            | requested by M. Palumbo                         |
| Wednesday                  | 7:30 a.m.    | +Graham Biggar and                              |
|                            |              | Nemesio Sr. Chua,                               |
|                            |              | requested by Mila Biggar                        |
|                            | 7:00 p.m.    | In thanksgiving, Mr. and Mrs. Iray              |
| Thursday                   | 7:30 a.m.    | +Steve, Rudy, and<br>Claudine Goller            |
|                            | 7:00 p.m.    | Intentions of Mikalya                           |
|                            |              | Haswell   |
|                            |              | Intentions of Mildred                           |
|                            |              | Permual   |
|                            |              | +Holy Souls in Purgatory                        |
|                            |              | In thanksgiving, Hy and                         |
|                            |              | Vinnette Francis                                |
|                            |              | +Honrio De Guzman                               |
|                            |              | Gabat, requested by C.                          |
|                            |              | Dessailly                                       |
|                            |              | +Virginia Desylva,                              |
|                            |              | requested by the D' Mello                       |
|                            |              | family  |
|                            |              | +Emilia P. Fernandez,                           |
| Fairless                   | 7.00         | requested by the family                         |
| Friday                     | 7:30 a.m.    | +Souls in Purgatory, esp                        |
|                            |              | FOSS Members,                                   |
|                            |              | requested by E.<br>Staszewski                   |
|                            | 7:00 p.m.    | +Rhea C. De Juan,                               |
|                            | 7.00 p.m.    | requested by the family                         |
| Saturday                   | Thora        | is no 9:00 a.m. Mass                            |
| New Year's Eve             | 111616       | 13 110 3.00 a.iii. Iyiass                       |

#### **Christmas Schedule**

## Christmas the Nativity of the Lord Vigil Mass December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

5:00 p.m. Children's Mass 7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass 9:00 p.m. and 11:30 pm

<u>Christmas Day</u> The Nativity of the Lord

Mass during the day, December 25th, 2022

8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. (English) 2:00 pm (Spanish)

## Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God Vigil Mass December 31st, 2022

5:00 p.m. (English) 7.00 p.m. (Spanish)

## Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God Mass during the day January 1, 2023

8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. (English) 2:00 pm (Spanish)

#### **Seniors Lunch**



Our monthly senior's Mass will be held on Wednesday, December **28**<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. followed by a luncheon in the parish hall. All seniors

are most welcome!

#### Faith Development Community

The Faith Development Community will reconvene in the New Year on the fourth Sat. of the month at 6:15 pm in the church hall.

#### Sacramental Prep News



#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

 Registration is now open. Please contact the Parish Office.

#### CONFIRMATION

Registration is now closed

**R.C.I.A.** (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Registration is now closed.

## Prayers Needed for the Sick



Please join us in praying for the sick Sheri-Anne Asaro, Sharmi Basnayaha, Willy Bautista, Aduino Bertazzon, Phyllis Cole, Frank Del Luca, Jill & Matthew Downs, Georgia Dynes, Lee Esmonde, Crizza Jane Gabon, Brayden

Gangaram, Veronica Harding, Elias Joseph, Mary Lavrisa, Don Lee, Jack Muir, Victoria Munson, Alba Parada, Fr. Ralph Panonsa, Denisse Ramirez, Brian and Evelyn Rozario, Silvia Ruscica, Linda Klein, Alfred Fernandes, William Passanha, Lim Hong Kong, Robert hill, Olivia Lam, Myrna Perpose, Suma Reddy and Theresa Tomaschek. May they be supported by our prayers, our ministry and by God's grace.

## A Happy & Blessed Christmas!

On behalf of Fr. Martin Kadamattu SCJ, and all the Staff of St. Thomas More Parish, I would like to wish all of you God's abundant blessings this season. May the Joy, Peace and Love of Christ be with all of you BLESSED CHRISTMAS.



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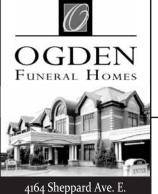
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