

St. Thomas More Parish

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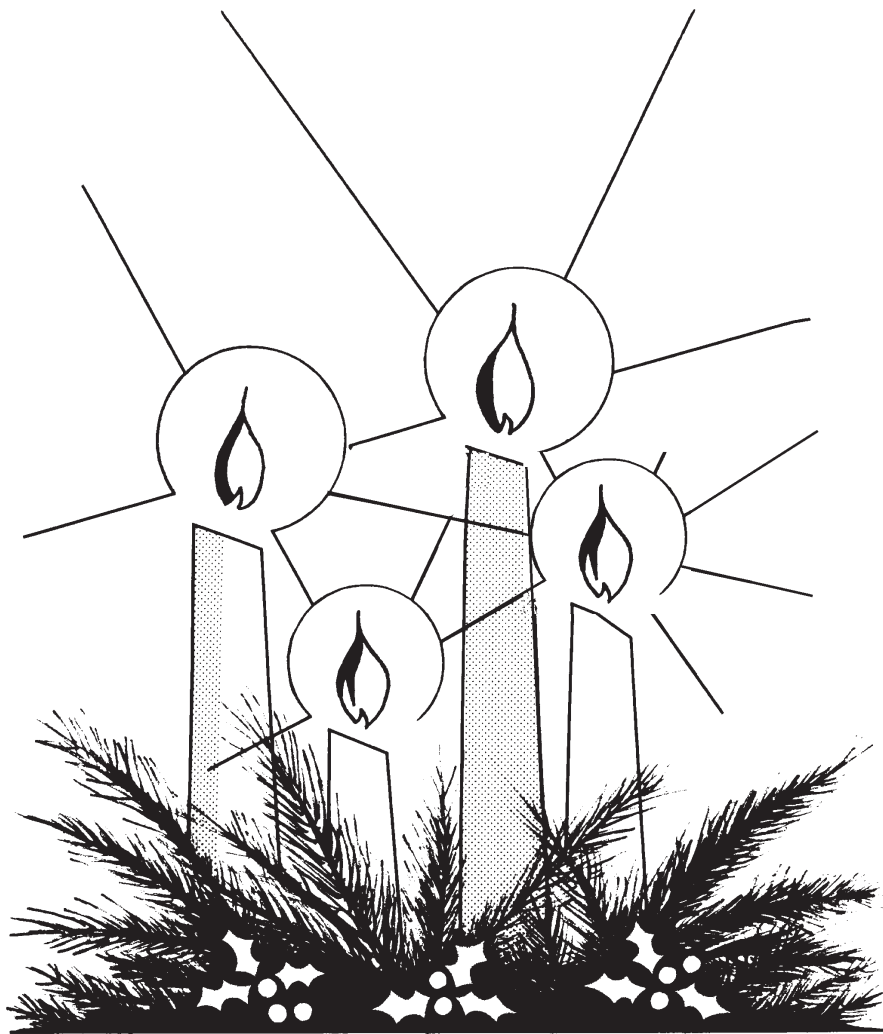
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New Parishioners are requested to register in the parish by phone or email.



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Decision

In this Sunday's Gospel, we read: *"The birth of Jesus the Christ took place in this way."* As we recall, the Gospel continues by relating the decision by Mary and Joseph that resulted in Jesus' birth. This event also brings to mind how the lives of Mary and Joseph are much like our lives today and of the continuing struggle everyone has to carry out God's requests. It also brings to mind how grateful we should all be that Mary and Joseph did agree to the requests made by God.

Consider for a moment some of the difficulties that Mary and Joseph, who were just normal individuals, had to undergo. They had to go to Bethlehem from Nazareth to be enrolled, and it was not easy traveling at that time. When they arrived in Bethlehem, they had no accommodations, yet they were totally obedient to their God and had strong faith to go through this ordeal. After the birth of Jesus, their problems did not end. Now, with a newborn child, they were told to go to Egypt, a foreign country, Mary and Joseph encountered problems that required them to make difficult decisions.

The birth of Jesus would not have happened if these two individuals had said: *"No, I don't have the time. I want to live the easy life and avoid any difficult situations that might result in my losing the friendship of those with whom I'd like to associate. No, I'll just go along with the crowd."* Mary and Joseph had to reorganize their whole lives, but it was worth the effort. In our lives, we have to make decisions too like to remain faithful, to honour our parents, to avoid drugs and to associate with those who share their belief in this birth of the Son of God, to love our families, to spend time each day praying the rosary, attending Mass, and supporting the organizations in our parish, and so on.

So, our reflection is: what kind of decision will we do to make our faith in Jesus stronger and for it to bear much fruit in the midst of secular and hedonist society?

Fr. Aegi Warsito, SCJ

December 17 – 24, 2022

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Francisco Lagundi, requested by the Del Rosario and Lagundi families
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+John, Tonya, and Chetina Di Falco, requested by Sharon and Cathy
	10:00 a.m.	+Fe Carlos, requested by the Joven family
	11:30a.m.	Intentions of the Parish Community
	8:00 p.m.	+Klaus Emig, requested by the Parish Choir
Monday	7:30 a.m.	+Sarah Bedford-James, requested by the family
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Ivan Uribe, requested by V. Rey
	7:00 p.m.	+Maria Medina, requested by the Crisostomo family
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Juanito, Jun, Romeo, Jose and Chua requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Virginia Desylva, requested by Marie Chaves
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+Maria Palacios, requested by V. Rey
	7:00 p.m.	+Achoy and Petruccia, Stephen Luesue requested by the Patel family
		+Yusuf Patel, requested by the family
		+Agostinho Teixeira, requested by the family
		Intentions of Rita and Alfred family
		Intentions of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion requested by Clara Peters
		+Pamela and Jimmy Yeo, requested by Merlyn Tindale and Yeo family
+Guillermo S. Puyo, requested by Nora Puyo		
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Ernesto M. Santos, requested by the Lopez – Santos Family
	7:00 p.m.	+Edith Damasco, requested by Evelyn Tee
Saturday Christmas Eve		No 9:00 am Mass

Advent and Christmas Schedule

Confessions

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Tuesday Dec 20 at 7:30 p.m. (English) and on Wednesday, Dec 21 at 7:30 p.m. (Spanish). There will be many priests available to hear confessions. This is an excellent way to prepare your heart for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

Christmas eve Mass- The Vigil of the Christmas

Dec 24th, 2022

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

Christmas Day- The Nativity of the Lord

Dec 25th, 2022

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

New Year's Eve Mass

Dec 31st, 2022

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

New Year's day Mass

Jan 1, 2023

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

Our Lady of Cape Pilgrim Statue



Thank you to each and every Ministry in our Parish for taking the lead to pray the rosary before Mass during the six day visit of the pilgrim statue of Our Lady of the Cape.

We would like to thank all parishioners for all their kind donations of floral arrangements, refreshments and generous donations to the Marian Devotional Movement.

May each family in our parish receive blessings and protection from Our Dear Mother of the Cape, Queen of the Rosary.



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



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

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, Anna Ferreira and Theresa Tomaschek. May they be supported by our prayers, our ministry and by God's grace.

Senior's Mass and Luncheon




Our monthly Seniors' Mass will be held on Wednesday, **December 28th 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 Saturday of the month at 6:15 pm in the church hall.



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