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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.



*May the Blessings of this
Holy Season be with you Always.*

The Solemnity of Mary and the Mother of God

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New Year and Mother Mary

Today we enter the New Year 2023, and on this day the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Today's Gospel presents Mary to us as a model of the new life in Christ that all of us wish for ourselves in this New Year. Mary however, was prepared to do something to realize this goal. We read that after the shepherds related to Mary what the angels had said to them, "Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart" (Luke 2:19).

Again, after Jesus was found in the Temple, we are told that "His mother treasured all these things in her heart" (Luke 2:51). Mary was a woman who valued the word of God, who treasured it and made time to meditate and ponder upon it.

It is true that the holiness of Mary is attributed to the grace of God, but this should not make us forget that she needed to make an effort in order to cooperate with that grace. She pondered the word of God in order to discern what God was saying to her at every stage of her life as the handmaid of God.

The two examples above of Mary pondering the word of God, namely, after the visit of the shepherds and after the finding in the temple, show that Mary found the word of God both in divine revelation (the angels' words to the shepherds) and in her own experiences (her encounter with her Son in the temple). Similarly, God speaks to us today through divine revelation (through the Bible, the teaching and preaching of the Church) as well as through our personal experiences. We need only to make time to reflect on them as Mary did.

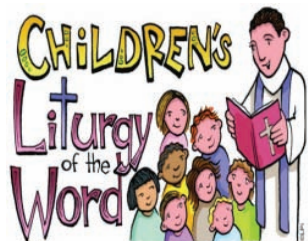
So, in this New Year, let us resolve to listen more to the voice of God, to treasure God's word and ponder it in our hearts, like Mary did. Then we shall be able to realize our New Year's resolution of a new life in union with God.

Fr. Aegi Warsito, SCJ

December 31 2022 – January 7, 2023

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Saturday New Year's Eve	No 9 a.m. Mass	
	5:00 p.m.	+Joe De Juan, requested by the family
Sunday New Year's Day	8:30 a.m.	+Klaus Emig, requested by Parish Choir
	10:00 a.m.	+Lucia Paulina De Souza, requested by the family
	11:30a.m.	Intentions of the Parish Community
There is no 8 p.m. Mass		
Monday	9:00 a.m.	+James and Philomena Brennan
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Alexio Manuel Madeira, requested by the Sheikh family
	7:00 p.m.	+Souls in Purgatory, requested by M. Palumbo
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	In thanksgiving, Joe and Corinne Alphonso
	7:00 p.m.	+James Lionel Selvarajah, requested by the Benedict family
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+Anna Di Maio, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving, D' Souza
		+Giovanni, Maria Montisano, Angela, Giuseppe, Lamanna & Thelma Smith requested by the family
		Intention of Mark David Francis, requested by the family
		+Claude Gougeon, requested by West family
		+Teresa Daly requested by Joan of Arc family
+Marian Lobo requested by the family		
+ Marina David requested by Family		
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Candia Garcia requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Christopher Viswasam, requested by R. Benedict
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Dale Desveaux, requested by the McPherson

Liturgy of the Word for Children



There will be no Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday, **December 25th** or Sunday, **January 1st**. The Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume on Sunday, **January 7th, 2023**.

Eucharistic Adoration



When: Saturday, January 7th, 2023
Time: 6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
Where: St Thomas More Parish

"Alleluia! How blessed is anyone who fears Yahweh who delights in his commandments"

Psalm 112:1

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. For more information, please contact us at STMFaithDev@gmail.com.

Valentine Dance Party



Saturday, February 18, 2023
The Annual Parish Valentine's Dinner and Dance will be held on Sat, February 18 at 6:30 pm in our parish hall.

There will be Door prizes, a buffet dinner and entertainment. Tickets are \$50.00 per person. **Tickets will be on sale soon.**

Announcement



Please note that our office will be closed **from Dec 25th until Dec 27th** for the Christmas holiday. Our office will open on the 28th until 30th and close again on **Jan 1st and 2nd** for New Years. We hope you will enjoy the holiday with your family and friends. God Bless you all!

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, Naly Chia, 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.

First Communion and confirmation




Gentle Reminder: the First Communion classes will resume on Jan 7th and the Confirmation classes will resume on Jan 14th. Please check the schedules provided to you.

HAPPY NEW YEAR


On behalf of Fr. Martin, the staff of St. Thomas More, and myself, Fr. Aegi, we would like to wish everyone a very happy 2023. May God always bless all of us with joy, peace, and good health throughout the year.



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