St. Thomas More Parish

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



Christ is Risen!

Youth Ministry

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Happy Easter

When we talk about Easter, we talk about the stone being rolled away and the empty tomb. Yes, the stone is rolled away so that the voices of prayer can be heard again with acclamations of *"Alleluia!"* because Christ is risen, and He wants to lift us up and to rise with Him in victory over sin and death. But we also must be aware that the stone can also roll back and cover our hearts if we are complacent and not compliant to the essential safety measures.

The Risen Christ wants to roll away the stones of our hearts so that the light of His Resurrection can shine into our hearts to scatter the darkness of sin and fear. Those stones must be rolled away so that the blood and water from His pierced side can flow into our hearts and renew our faith, strengthen our hope and deepen our love. That is why Easter is the time when we renew our Baptismal Promises, which are essentially to renounce sin and to be faithful to God. And after that we are sprinkled with holy water as a reminder of our Baptism in Christ.

That brings us to a reflection of stone and water. In the encounter between flowing water and stones, the water always wins, not by strength or by force, but by persistence and perseverance. And as the waters flow, the stones are smoothened and even polished, so much so, that we can say the waters have made the stones beautiful. Even if it is just dripping water, it will wear out the stone, and again, not by strength or by force, but by persistence and perseverance.

So, may the waters that have been blessed and given out during this Easter celebration, soften our hearts and make them like living waters in the hands of the Risen Lord, so that we will always flow with the will of God. May these waters that remind us of our Baptism, also roll away the stones that are blocking our hearts, so that we will come out of the darkness of sin and fear and rise in love and holiness with the Risen Lord Jesus.

Happy Easter! Here's to new beginnings and second chances! Alleluia!

Fr. Aegidius Warsito SCJ

| Mass Intentions for | | |
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| March 30 | | |
| Saturday | | oly Saturday (no intentions) |
| Sunday | 8:30 a.m. | +Ann McPherson, requested by the |
| | 10.00 c m | family +Edward, Rosemary and Bellarmine |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Rodrigues and Robert De Souza, |
| | | requested by the family |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Intentions of the Parish Community |
| | 8:00 p.m. | +Maria Luz Ocampo, requested by |
| | 0.00 p.m. | the Huang family |
| Monday | 9:00 a.m. | Intentions of Corrine and Joe |
| monuay | 7.00 a.m. | Alphonso |
| Tuesday | 7:15 a.m. | +Paul, Ida, Simon and Perpetua |
| Tucsuay | 7.15 d.m. | Vaz, requested by H. and J. D'Mello |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Intentions of Lydia Onagoruwa |
| | 7.00 p.m. | Intentions of our priests and the |
| | | families of the Serviam Ministry of |
| | | St. Thomas More and for vocations |
| | | to the priesthood and religious life |
| | | +Fabian Palos Jr., Salud Rodillas, |
| | | Leon and Juan Estefa, requested b |
| | | the Palos family |
| | | +Kudisah Jhaveri, requested by the |
| | | D'Mello family |
| | | +Marita Salcedo, requested by the |
| | | Santos family |
| | | +Vincente Claudio Furtado, |
| | | requested by the family |
| | | Intentions of Tina Lopes |
| | | Intentions of Jeremy and Christy |
| Wednesday | 7:15 a.m. | Intentions of Sheila Bastianpillai |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Intentions of Fr. Juliwan Maslim SC |
| Thursday | 7:15 a.m. | +Clarine Perera, requested by the |
| | | family |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Intentions of Trisha Patel-Bashford |
| | | In thanksgiving, Angela Wallinson |
| | | Intentions of Alan and Sharon King |
| | | +Christopher D'Souza, requested b |
| | | the D'Mello family |
| | | Intentions of Vicky Munson |
| | | +Theresa Bermudez Golematis, |
| | | requested by B. and L. Gacad |
| | | +Maria Elena Tobon, requested by |
| | | K. D'Mello |
| | | Intentions of Bobby |
| Friday | 7:15 a.m | +Michael Fernandes, requested by |
| | | T. Fernandes |
| | 7:00 p.m. | +Catarina Palumbo, requested by |
| | | M. Palumbo |
| Saturday | 9:00 a.m. | +Sixto Antonio and Dante Gozun |

The perfect gift is not tied with a bow; it comes from the heart through the love we show!

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ShareLife Parish Campaign 2024



Embrace Jesus' love and compassion through giving

Jesus' love and example inspire us to extend a helping hand to others, especially those facing the greatest challenges. ShareLife

agencies continue to reach out to the most vulnerable members of our community, offering essential services made possible by your compassion and generous contributions. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website or at <u>www.sharelife.org/donate</u>. Thank you for living the Gospel by opening your hearts and sharing your blessings.

60th Anniversary Memory Book



We welcome the families of St. Thomas More Parish to join our project of a memory book to celebrate our 60th parish

anniversary. This memory book will feature pictures of all the families of our parish. Parishioners who take part will receive a free memory book and have an opportunity to purchase their family photos. Please call Emily at 647-465-0821 to book an appointment for April 22, 23, 24, 25 and 29, 30.

First Friday Communion of Reparation

Friday, April 5th from 10:30 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.



The Alliance of the Holy Family International group is holding a Communion of Reparation on Fri., Apr. 5th all night from 10:30 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. in honour of the

Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The program includes Eucharistic adoration, confession, Communion and the Rosary. Everyone is most welcome to come and pray!

SACRAMENTAL PREP NEWS

Email: stmpsacraments@gmail.com



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Registration is now closed.

CONFIRMATION

Registration is now closed.

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

• Registration is now closed.

Prayers Needed for the Sick



We are praying for the sick of our parish: Hugh Doyle, Sr. Helen Vazquez CSB, Emily Maravilla, Maylene L. Ibale, Luisito Santos, Geeta Bridgebassie, Benjamin Zdesar, Gustavo Caceres, Andrea E. Bernabey, Gloria Paraan, Victoria Munson, Juan Philipe Dominguez, Paul Offinga and Tina Lopes. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

First Saturday Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, April 6th from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

The Holy Trinity Community will hold a healing Eucharistic Adoration on Sat., Apr. 6th from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. after the Mass. The theme is "*He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds*" – Psalm 147.3. Prayers and songs will be part of the program. Everyone is most welcome to attend!



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