

St. Thomas More Mission

August 1, 2021



Sunday, August 1, 2021

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(English Mass)**

Sunday, August 8, 2021

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(English Mass)**

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekend: Saturday Vigil, 4:30 pm
Sunday, 10:00 am

Weekday: Monday-Friday, 12:00 pm
Saturday, 3:00 pm

Reconciliation

Saturday, 3:30-4:20 pm

Sunday, 9:30-9:50 am

Thursdays, 1:00-2:00 pm

Also, you may request an appointment with a priest for confession.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays, 12:30-2:00 pm

Devotions

First Friday, 12:00 pm Mass, followed by adoration, First Friday Prayers and the Rosary.

MASS INTENTION BOOK IS OPEN

We are now scheduling Mass Intentions for the months of August and September.

MISSION CO-OP COLLECTION

The Mission Co-Op Collection will be taken next weekend on Saturday, August 7, and Sunday, August 8.

EIGHTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

The Most Holy Eucharist

So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." John 6:34-35



They were hungry, and they wanted Jesus to perform a miracle like He had recently done. They wanted Him to multiply loaves and fishes for the crowds. Perhaps they were curious or perhaps they were hungry. But Jesus directs them to so much more. This passage begins Jesus' discourse on the Bread of Life, which will be read at Sunday Mass for the next few weeks.

We will see in this discourse Jesus giving His followers so much more than mere bread and fish. We listen to Him speak of Himself as the true Bread from Heaven. Sadly, many reject this precious teaching and gift and go their own way.

But what about you? How often have you truly pondered these words of Jesus? "I am the Bread of Life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst!" Do you believe this? Deep within every human heart is a hunger and thirst that longs to be satisfied. We all have this longing and desire. We try to fill it with so many things, but in the end only one thing satisfies. Jesus alone can satiate the deepest longings of our souls.

Again, do you believe this? And if you do believe it in your head, do you believe it with your actions? Do you turn to Him as the source of your daily fulfillment and satisfaction? When you go to Mass, do you long to receive Him and love Him and enter into Communion with Him? Perhaps, but perhaps not. Most likely we all need to redirect our desires toward our glorious Savior, especially as He comes to us in the Most Holy Eucharist.

Reflect, today, upon how deeply you believe in these words of Jesus. Do you regularly meet Him in the Eucharist? Do you allow His presence to consume you as you consume Him? If you cannot say "Yes" to this in a complete and definitive way, resolve today to renew your love for our Lord in this glorious Sacrament.

Lord, I do love You, and I desire You to come and consume me as I consume You in the Most Holy Eucharist. Help me to believe in You and Your presence in this Most Holy Sacrament. May Your divine presence meet my deepest need and fulfill my deepest longings in life. Jesus, I trust in You.

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office

2825 West 81st St., Chicago, IL 60652
Phone 773-436-4444 - Fax 773-778-9087
Email address: stmrcc@comcast.net
Visit our official Facebook page at:
St. Thomas More Chicago
Website address:
<http://stthomasmorecatholicchurch.org/>

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Friday-Sunday - Closed

Rectory

Rev. Carlos Arancibia, Pastor

Business Manager

Pat Lave

Coordinator of Religious Ed

Debbie Ksycki

Registration

New parishioners should register at the parish office.

Religious Goods Store

Open on the third weekend of the month.

SACRAMENTS

Visitations

Hospital or Homebound; Please contact the Parish Office at 773-436-4444 as soon as possible for Communion, Confession or Anointing of the Sick.

Marriage

Registered and supporting members should call the parish office. A date should not be set until consulting with the Pastor.

Baptism

Registered parishioners should contact the parish office.

Funeral

Registered parishioners should contact the parish office.

Bulletin

Please submit all requests for bulletin announcement on Mondays by 10:00 am.

SUNDAY, August 1

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Emma E. Miller (Danielle J. Miller)
Joseph W. Sulka, Jr. (Angela Sulka)

MONDAY, August 2

St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eynard, Priest

12:00 pm Arlene Burke (Burke Family)
For the Intentions of Franciscan Sister Servants of
Redemptive Love (Sr. Maria-Paulina)

TUESDAY, August 3

12:00 pm James & Stella Burke (Burke Family)
For the Intentions of Franciscan Sister Servants of
Redemptive Love (Sr. Maria-Paulina)

WEDNESDAY, August 4

St. John Vianney, Priest

12:00 pm Michael & Winifred Burke (Burke Family)
Richard & Patricia Roberts (Jack Roberts)

THURSDAY, August 5

The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

12:00 pm Mary Lou Devens (Bob Devens)
For the Intentions of Franciscan Sister Servants of
Redemptive Love (Sr. Maria-Paulina)

FRIDAY, August 6

The Transfiguration of the Lord

12:00 pm Nick & Jane Martini (Burke Family)
Richard & Patricia Roberts (Jack Roberts)

SATURDAY, August 7

St. Sixtus II, Pope & Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest; BVM

3:00 pm Arlene Burke (Burke Family)
For the Intentions of Franciscan Sister Servants of
Redemptive Love (Sr. Maria-Paulina)

(Vigil Mass)

4:30 pm For the Parishioners

- DePaul Center for Marriage/Family Counseling
Fr. Bob Rohrich, 212 E. Custer St., Lemont, IL
630-257-9235
- Catholic Charities:
General Number 312-655-7000
Counseling Center: 312-655-7725
- Catholictherapists.com
- <http://www.purityispossible.com/>
- Project Rachel (post-abortion healing): 888-456-4673
- Suicide Prevention: 800-273-8255

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL FOR THE SICK



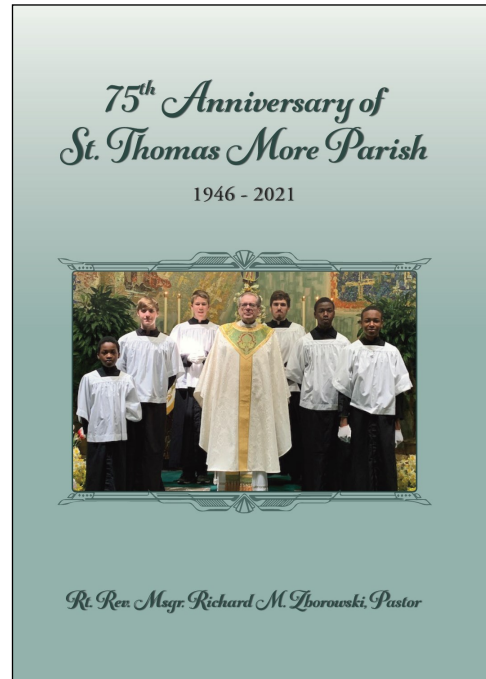
Janet Abramic
Sandy Badke
Crispin Bofinger
Joseph Carrabotta
Sarah Dalton
Elaine Eberhardt
Diane & Jim Flaherty
Sandra Halper
William Jendzio

Daniel Jiminez
Maria Jiminez
Rebecca Jiminez
John Kniecik
Cathy Lahart
Mike Lave
Kenneth Novickis
Celeste Phifer

Dolores Pogor
Tricia Quasthoff
Walter Quasthoff
Len Reilly
Pat Sheehy
Phyllis Spizzirri
Mary Tadda
Ken Watterson

*Omnipotent and eternal God, the everlasting Salvation of those who believe,
hear us on behalf of Thy sick.*

DVD VIDEOS - COMING SOON



Here is today's update on our DVD project. We are in the midst of completing the video editing of these two special Masses from St. Thomas More. Soon we will move into DVD replication and the orders you placed will ship. If you've not yet ordered a DVD, take an Order Form from the back of church. DVDs are \$20 each. For more information about this project or to place an order, please contact Fr. Scott Haynes at president@musicapacis.org

FOR ALL WHO SERVE IN THE MILITARY INCLUDING:



PFC Michael Chesna, Marines
MSG Kevin Daley
Cpl. Brian Husum
AZ2 Marcellus J. Lane - R.I.P.
PVT. Andy Oziemkiewicz
PFC. Luis Rosales
LCPL. Xavier Rosales

THANK YOU FOR OUR FREEDOM!

OUR FINANCES ~ *Your Gifts Matter*

COLLECTIONS

7/18/21	\$3,093.29
7/25/21	\$2,649.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

LATIN MASSES IN THE AREA



ST. JAMES MISSION

10600 S. Archer Avenue, Sag Bridge, Illinois 60439-9344

Sunday Latin Mass—12:00 pm

www.historicstjames.org

Fr Scott Haynes offers

ST. MARY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

1039 W. 32nd St, Chicago, Illinois, 60608

Sunday Latin High Mass—8:30 am

Sunday Confessions— 7:45 to 8:30 am and 9:45 to 10:30 am

www.stmaryofperpetualhelp.com

INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING

6401 South Woodlawn, Chicago, Illinois, 60637

Sunday Latin Mass— Low Masses at 7:30 am and 9:00 am and High Mass at 10:30 am

Sunday Confessions—30 minutes before each Mass

ST. ODILO PARISH

2244 East Ave, Berwyn, Illinois, 60402

Sunday Latin Mass—10:00 am

ST JOSEPH PARISH

1329 Belleview Avenue Rockdale, IL 60436-2577

Sunday Latin Masses: 8:00 am Low Mass & 10:00 am High Mass

Sunday Confessions—30 minutes before each Mass

www.fsspjolieta.wordpress.com

STS. PETER AND PAUL

36 North Ellsworth Street, Naperville, Illinois 60540-4619

Sunday Latin High Mass at 4:30 pm

630-355-1081

www.sspeterandpaul.net

St. Joseph Oratory

5304 Hohman Ave., Hammond, IN 46320

Sunday Latin High Mass at 11:00 AM

Sunday Confessions—30 minutes before Mass

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS - AUGUST 5

Prof. Plinio Corrêa de Oliveira

The feast day of Our Lady of the Snow is also the day of the dedication of the Basilica of Santa Maria of the Snows, or Santa Maria Maggiore [Saint Mary Major] in Rome. Since the 7th century it was known also as Maria ad Præsepe because the Basilica has some pieces of wood from the Manger in which Our Lord was born. The ceiling of the Basilica is gilded with the first gold that came from the Americas.

This was the first church in Rome to be dedicated to Our Lady. In the 4th century Pope Liberius added a lateral hall to a large existing hall of a Roman patrician palace and dedicated it to the cult; for this reason it was called the Basilica Liberii [Liberian Basilica]. Pope Sixtus III (432-440) restored it almost a century later and dedicated it to the Virgin, who the Council of Ephesus had defined as Theotokos, that is, the Mother of God. It was then that the Basilica received the name of Santa Maria Maggiore, Santa Maria Major.

According to tradition, Our Lady appeared in dreams simultaneously to Pope Liberius and to the Roman patrician who owned the property where the church would be erected. She commanded the Pope to build a basilica on Esquiline Hill on the site that would be covered with snow the next day. Indeed, during that night of August 4-5, 352, in the very heat of the summer, a miraculous snow fell on the summit of the Hill, indicating the place for the church to be built. This is why this basilica is also called Our Lady of the Snow. The patrician had a similar dream indicating that he should donate the palace and land for the church to be built. Our Lady also told him that she would send the snow as a sign. To commemorate the Miracle of the Snow, every August 5th a cascade of white petals descends from the coffered ceiling onto the altar place during the religious festivities.

It was in this church that one Christmas night Our Lady placed the Divine Infant into the arms of St. Cajetan of Thiene. It was here on another Christmas night that St. Ignatius of Loyola celebrated his first Mass. In this church, St. Pius V prayed the Rosary that obtained for the Catholic warriors the victory of Lepanto. There is a chapel in the Basilica that has a picture of Our Lady that, according to tradition, was painted by St. Luke. St. Charles Borromeo used to pray often in front of this Madonna, and in testimony of his gratitude to her, he wrote the Rule of the Canons of Santa Maria Maggiore.

Here you can see the beautiful role of legends—these stores of faith that are part of our tradition. Synarchic or technocratic minds do not like legends because they lack definite proof of truth. They do not understand that the legend exists to prove something superior to the concrete fact. In this story, for example, we find many things that tell us about Our Lady. Some will forever dispute whether or not the snow actually fell on that day in August, but the legend reminds us that Our Lady has the power to transcend the laws of nature. There is an enormous distance between Heaven and earth. She can make nothing of this distance and appear to a Pope. Naturally speaking, it is marvelous for it to snow in the hot summer - July and August are terribly hot months in Rome - but she has the power to make this happen if she so desires.

Continued on the next page.



Morally speaking, we experience this truth whenever she sends us consolations in the most heated hours of our battles, trials and sufferings. At such moments, she lets fall on us an immaculate, white and refreshing snow that gives us a pre-taste of Heaven. Therefore, even though someone can dispute the veracity of the legend of the snow that fell, he cannot dispute that Our Lady is able to make this miracle if she desires, and that in fact she does so frequently in a moral sense. This is the superior truth the legend contains. Surrounding this basilica is an atmosphere permeated with History. You can find many magnificent things there: wood from the Manger where Our Lord was born in Bethlehem, the famous icon of the Virgin Mary said to be painted by St. Luke known as Salus Populi Romani [the salvation of the Roman people], and the basilica's ceiling gilded with gold from the mines of America and presented by the Sovereigns of Spain, Ferdinand and Isabella, to the Pope. To send the first riches, the first fruits of America, and use it to honor Our Lady is an implicit recognition that she is the Mediatrix of all Graces.

Also, the excerpt duly recalls that incident when St. Pius V was in Santa Maria Maggiore meeting with some cardinals and he stopped to pray the Rosary. During it he had a revelation that the Catholics had won the Battle of Lepanto. Because this was his favorite church, Pope St. Pius V is buried in the Basilica of St. Mary Major (Our Lady of the Snow). Let us pray to Our Lady that under this very poetic invocation of Our Lady of the Snow, she will help us to love and fight for the sacred traditions of the Church and open our souls to the most astonishing miracles during the days of the chastisement predicted at Fatima.



Religious Education

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CCD AT ST. THOMAS MORE

CCD classes will begin in mid-September right here at St. Thomas More Church! Preparation for the sacraments of Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be offered, as well as continuing education for those who have already made their Confirmation. Details will be coming in future bulletins, but if you have any questions, feel free to contact Lynn Abramic at (708) 296-6840.

Join Fr. Scott A. Haynes on a 10-day pilgrimage to Bavaria and Austria!

Itinerary highlights include: Vienna ~ Salzburg ~ Neuschwanstein ~ Oberammergau

WWW.PETERSWAY.COM

featuring
2022
**PASSION
PLAY**
OBERAMMERGAU



**Fr. Scott
Haynes**

Peter's Way Tours

July 19–27, 2022

Call toll-free 1-800-225-7662 or write us at peter@petersway.com