

St. Thomas More Church

November 15, 2020



Sunday, November 15, 2020

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
(English Mass)

Resumed Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
(Tridentine Mass)

Sunday, November 22, 2020

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
(English Mass)

Twenty-Fourth & Last Sunday after Pentecost
(Tridentine Mass)

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekend: Saturday Vigil, 4:30 pm
Sunday, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm (Tridentine)

Weekday: Monday-Friday, 12:00 pm
Saturday, 8:00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00-4:20 pm
Sunday, 9:30-9:50 am, 11:30-11:50 am
Thursdays, 1:00-2:00 pm
Also, you may request an appointment with a priest for confession.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION

The Christmas Flower Collection will be taken next weekend.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am, not at 12:00 pm.
Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions will not be offered on Thanksgiving Day.

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.
First Saturday, 8:00 am Mass, followed by adoration, First Saturday Prayers and the Rosary.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We are rapidly coming to the end of another Church Year. It is at this time that we begin to reflect on the end of time and the second coming of Our Lord. Last week we explored the parable of the ten virgins: five were wise and five were foolish. The foolish virgins did not live a day-to-day life for Jesus. This week a man goes on a journey and leaves his tenants in charge of his properties. Once again, there are good tenants who work hard and achieve good results for the owner; however, there is the one tenant who misuses his portion and angers the owner and is thrown out. In what position do we want to be when the Lord comes to collect our good works. We are called at this time in the Liturgical Year to reassess our lives and determine if we have used our lives wisely to serve the Lord. Of course, we want to rejoice in the Lord and be invited into the kingdom.

I am asking everyone to pray for the Renew My Church process. I hope that everyone has taken the time to review the information which was passed out to every parishioner. The process has just begun during which time all three teams of parish representatives will review the facts and the statistics of each parish. One representative from each parish will form a Writing Staff. They will eventually take all the discussions and distill them into a written presentation which will be forwarded to the Renew My Church Council and then to the Presbyteral Council for review. I would hope that you will not come to any foregone conclusions. The Cardinal has been known to make some unexpected decisions.

Our job is to pray that God will lead the committees and the Cardinal to make the right decision for our Ashburn area. All the materials in the handout do play a part in the decision-making process, but the Cardinal ultimately makes the final decision. May he be influenced by the Holy Spirit. Let us go forward with confidence and hope.

In Christ,

Msgr. Richard Zborowski



PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office

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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. Msgr. Richard Zborowski, Pastor
Rev. Scott Haynes, Associate Pastor

Business Manager

Pat Lave

Director of Music

Michel Domingue

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, November 15

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 10:00 am For the Parishioners
Harry J. O'Sullivan (Adele O'Sullivan)
Terese Waite & Jane Ryan (Waite Family)
- 12:00 pm Birthday Blessings for Alex Liceaga &
For the Holy Souls in Purgatory (Don & Mary Tadda)
Irma Elia Sanchez (Guadalupe Rosales)

MONDAY, November 16

St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin

- 12:00 pm Charles Giblin (Dan & Claire Giblin)
For the Intentions of Sandra & Kevin Badke &
Family (Sandy Badke)

TUESDAY, November 17

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

- 12:00 pm Carolina Vazquez (Aurora Medina)
Philip O'Neill (Family)

WEDNESDAY, November 18

The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

- 12:00 pm Renzo Rossi (Debbie & George Ksycki)
Physical Healing for John Lowery (Sandy Badke)

THURSDAY, November 19

- 12:00 pm For the Repose of the Soul of Kenneth Tillrock &
For the Holy Souls in Purgatory (Don & Mary Tadda)
For the Intentions of Franciscan Sister Servants of
Redemptive Love (Sr. Maria-Paulina)

FRIDAY, November 20

- 12:00 pm Mr. Frederick H. Jurgens (Adele O'Sullivan)
Lyn Joda (Len & Gina Reilly)

SATURDAY, November 21

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:00 am Harry J. O'Sullivan (Adele O'Sullivan)
For the Intentions of Franciscan Sister Servants of
Redemptive Love (Sr. Maria-Paulina)

(Vigil Mass)

- 4:30 pm For the Parishioners

Catholic Charities: General Number 312-655-7000
Counseling Center 312-655-7725

[Catholictherapists.com](http://www.purityispossible.com/)

<http://www.purityispossible.com/>

Project Rachel (post-abortion healing): 888-456-4673

Suicide Prevention: 800-273-8255

Aid for Women (crisis pregnancy): 312-621-1100

Courage and EnCourage Apostolates: (203) 803-1564

<http://www.couragerc.org/>

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL FOR THE SICK



Sandy Badke
Crispian Bofinger
Sarah Dalton
Diane & Jim Flaherty
Juana Garcia
Sandra Halper
Daniel Jiminez

Maria Jiminez
Rebecca Jiminez
Mike Lave
Celeste Phifer
Tony Philbin
Dolores Pogor
Tricia Quasthoff

Walter Quasthoff
Len Reilly
Pat Sheehy
Phyllis Spizzirri
Spizzirri & Pietrzak Families
Mary Tadda
Ken Watterson

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



By means of the Eucharistic Sacrifice Christ our Lord willed to give the faithful a striking manifestation of our union among ourselves and with our divine Head, wonderful as it is and beyond all praise.

-Pope Pius XII

Eucharistic Virtue

FOR ALL WHO SERVE IN THE MILITARY INCLUDING:



MSG Kevin Daley
Cpl. Brian Husum
AZ2 Marcellus J. Lane
PVT. Andy Oziemkiewicz
PFC. Luis Rosales
LCPL. Xavier Rosales

THANK YOU FOR OUR FREEDOM!

OUR FINANCES ~ *Your Gifts Matter*

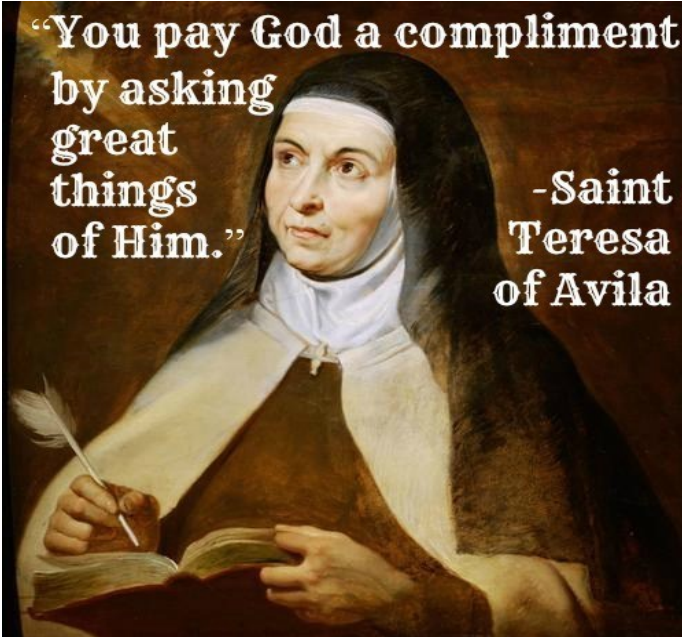
SUNDAY COLLECTION

11/8/20	\$4,470.00
Debt Relief	\$1,252.00
Priests Retirement	\$ 293.11

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

**"You pay God a compliment
by asking
great
things
of Him."**

**-Saint
Teresa
of Avila**



FEAST OF ST. ALBERT THE GREAT—NOVEMBER 15

***Mary is the Divine Page on
which the Father wrote the
Word of God, His Son***

-St. Albert the Great-



**○ Sacrament
most holy,
○ Sacrament Divine,
all praise and all
thanksgiving be
every moment
Thine.**



EQUALITY IN THE EYES OF GOD

A Meditation for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus told his disciples this parable: “A man who was going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one—to each according to his ability. Then he went away.” Matthew 25:14-15

This passage begins the Parable of the Talents. In the end, two of the servants worked hard using what they had received to produce more. One of the servants did nothing and received condemnation. There are many lessons we can take from this parable. Let's look at a lesson about equality.

At first, it may strike you that each of the servants were entrusted with a different number of talents, a reference to the monetary system used at that time. In our day and age we tend to be fixated on what many call “equal rights.” We get envious and angry if others seem to be treated better than us and there are many who become quite vocal about any perceived lack of fairness.

How would you feel if you were the one who received only one talent in this story after watching two others receive five and two talents? Would you feel cheated? Would you complain? Perhaps.

Though the heart of the message in this parable is more about what one does with that which is received, it's interesting to note that God does appear to give different portions to different people. To some He gives what appears to be an abundance of blessings and responsibility. To others He appears to give very little that is considered of value in this world.

God does not lack justice in any way. Therefore, this parable should help us to accept the fact that life may not always “appear” to be fair and equal. But this is a worldly perspective, not a divine one. From the mind of God, those who have been given very little in the view of the world have as much potential to produce an abundance of good fruit as those who have been entrusted with much. Think, for example, about the difference between a billionaire and a beggar. Or about the difference between a bishop and an ordinary layman. It's easy to compare ourselves to others, but the fact of the matter is that the only thing that matters is what we do with that which we have received. If you are a poor beggar who has been dealt a very difficult situation in life, you have just as much potential to glorify God and produce an abundance of good fruit as anyone else.

Reflect, today, upon all that God has given you. What are your “talents?” What have you been given to work with in life? This would include material blessings, circumstances, natural talents and extraordinary graces. How well do you use what you have been given? Do not compare yourself to others. Instead, use what you have been given for the glory of God and you will be rewarded for all eternity.

INSTRUCTION CONCERNING RIDICULE AND DERISION

A Meditation for the 24th Sunday after Pentecost—6th Sunday after Epiphany

HOLY GOSPEL (Matt. XIII. 31-35.) At that time, Jesus spoke this parable to the multitudes: The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard-seed, which a man took and sowed in his field: which is the least indeed of all seeds; but when it is grown up, it is greater than all herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come, and dwell in the branches thereof. Another parable he spoke to them: The kingdom of heaven is like to leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, until the whole was leavened. All these things Jesus spoke in parables to the multitude, and without parables he did not speak to them, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden from the foundation of the world.

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What is here understood by the kingdom of heaven?

The Church and the doctrine of Christ.

Why is the Church compared to a grain of mustard-seed?

Because there is a great similarity between them. The mustard-seed, though so small, grows in Palestine so high and so rapidly, that it becomes a broad tree, in which birds can build their nests. In like manner the Church of Christ was in the beginning very small like the mustard-seed, but it soon spread so wide that numberless people, even great philosophers and princes, came to find peace and protection under its branches.

Why is Christ's doctrine compared to leaven?

Because like the leaven, which quickly penetrates the flour, and makes it palatable bread, the doctrine of Christ, spreading with surprising swiftness over the then known parts of the globe, gave the Gentiles a taste for divine things and for heavenly wisdom. Thus Christ's doctrine penetrates him who receives it, sanctifies all his thoughts, words, and deeds, and makes him pleasing to God.

By what means, in particular, was the Church of Christ propagated?

By the omnipotence of God and the miracles which He so frequently wrought to prove the truth and divinity of the Christian religion; the courageous faith, and the pure moral life of the early Christians, which led many pagan minds to accept the doctrine of Christ; and the persecution of Christianity, for, as Tertullian says: "The blood of the martyrs was the seed of the Church." The false doctrine of Mahomet, the erroneous teachings of Luther, Calvin, and earlier and later heretics have, it is true, also spread quickly far and wide; but this is not to be wondered at, for it is easy to lead people to a doctrine that encourages sensuality, and to which they are carried by their evil inclinations, as was the case with the doctrine of the impostor Mahomet, and three hundred years ago with the heresy of Luther; but to spread a doctrine which demands the subduing of the carnal, earthly inclinations, and to bend the will to the yoke of obedience to faith, something more than human eloquence is required.

Thus, the Chancellor of England, Thomas More, who gave his blood for the true doctrine of Christ, wrote to Luther, who was boasting of the rapid increase of his sect: "It is easy to descend; seducing the people to a bad life is nothing more marvellous than that a heavy stone should fall of its own accord to the ground;" and Melancthon, a friend of Luther, in answer to his mother's question, whether she should remain a Catholic or receive Luther's doctrine, wrote: "In this religion it is easy to live, in the Catholic it is easy to die."

Why did Christ always speak in parables?

That His teaching by being simple might be more easily understood, and better remembered. He who is called upon to teach others, should, as did Christ, always speak to them according to their ability to understand, and by no means seek his own honor, but the honor of God, and the benefit of those who hear him.

PRAYER - O most benign Jesus. How much do we give Thee thanks that Thou hast permitted us to be born in Thy holy Church, and instructed in Thy holy doctrine, which, like the mustard-seed, has grown to be a large tree, spreading over the whole earth. Grant that under the shadow of this tree, in Thy holy Church, we may ever rest securely, cling to her faithfully, and penetrated, as by leaven, with her doctrine may bring Thee pleasing fruits of faith and virtue. Amen.