

# St. Thomas More Church

September 13, 2020



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**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
(English Mass)**

Fifteenth 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

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### 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.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays, 12:30-2:00 pm

### Devotions

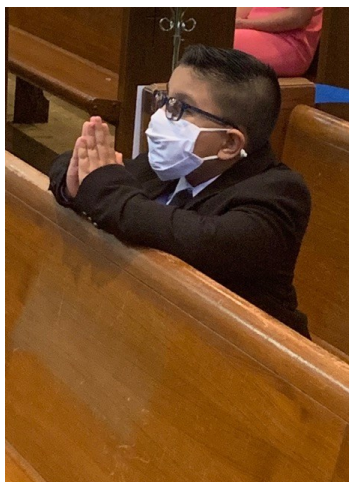
First Friday, 12:00 pm Mass, followed by adoration, First Friday Prayers and the Rosary.  
First Saturday, 8:00 am Mass, followed by adoration, First Saturday Prayers and the Rosary.

## Seminarian Education Collection

The Seminarian Education collection will be taken this weekend on Saturday, September 12th and Sunday, September 13th.

# *The Pastor's Page*

## *Confirmation and First Holy Communion*





## 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. 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, September 13

### Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 10:00 am For the Parishioners  
Living & Deceased of Lahart & Lustig Families  
Kay Sheehy (Bob Dapkus)
- 12:00 pm Loretta Barry (Mike Barry)  
Walter F. Rolla, Jr. (Family)

## MONDAY, September 14

### The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- 9:00 pm Special Intentions of Mary Tadda &  
The Holy Souls in Purgatory (Don Tadda)  
John Madjecki (Phyllis Spizzirri)

## TUESDAY, September 15

### Our Lady of Sorrows

- 12:00 pm Birthday Blessings for Susan Zempich &  
The Holy Souls in Purgatory (Don & Mary Tadda)  
St. Thomas More Parish (Phyllis Spizzirri)

## WEDNESDAY, September 16

### Sts. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

- 12:00 pm For the Repose of the Soul of Richard Grothe &  
The Holy Souls in Purgatory (Don & Mary Tadda)  
Kay Sheehy (Phyllis Spizzirri & Carol Rossi)

## THURSDAY, September 17

### St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

- 12:00 pm Fred & Monica Reyes (2nd Anniversary)  
Rose & John Braun & Baby Rose  
(Bill & Theresa Jendzio)

## FRIDAY, September 18

- 12:00 pm John Farrell (Jim Farrell)  
For the Repose of the Souls of Peggy, Lillian &  
Leonard Bodach & the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
(Don & Mary Tadda)

## SATURDAY, September 19

### St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr; BVM

- 8:00 am Wedding Anniversary Blessings for  
Ifeanyi & Sara Aguanunu  
For the Intentions of Franciscan Sister Servants  
of Redemptive Love (Sr. Maria-Paulina)

### (Vigil Mass)

- 4:30 pm Tim Mulcahy & Jim Daly (Mary Bax)  
For the Intentions of Franciscan Sister Servants  
of Redemptive Love (Sr. Maria-Paulina)

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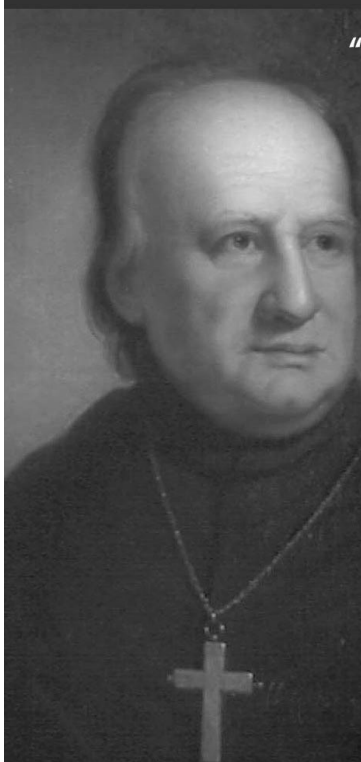
## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL FOR THE SICK

Carol Colby  
Sarah Dalton  
Diane & Jim Flaherty  
Mike Lave  
Sandra Halper  
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.*

## PRAYER FOR GOVERNMENT



**"We Pray Thee, O God of might,  
wisdom and justice, through Whom  
authority is rightly administered,  
laws are enacted, and judgment  
decreed, assist, with Thy Holy Spirit  
of counsel and fortitude, the  
President of these United States,  
that his administration may be  
conducted in righteousness, and  
be eminently useful to Thy  
people over whom he presides,  
by encouraging due respect  
for virtue and religion; by a  
faithful execution of the laws  
in justice and mercy; and by  
restraining vice and immorality."**

*—Archbishop John Carroll, 1791*

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## 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**

Not available at this time.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

## PREPARING TO VOTE?

HERE IS SOME FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*"The threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed."*

In January of this year, Pope Francis urged U.S. bishops to teach Catholic voters how to discern major moral issues embedded within politics. The Holy Father told Bishops to inform American voters how to cast their vote along moral lines. Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of Galveston-Houston reiterated the pope's directive to the bishops during their ad limina visit. The pontiff's instruction to the bishops was to "teach your people discernment by you stepping back from the sheer politics of it" and centering on what's at stake, recalled DiNardo. "If you try to step back and say, 'but here are the major moral issues that we face,' that's what is most important."

At their meeting in November of 2019, U.S. bishops did make it clear to U.S. voters that abortion was currently the major moral issue facing the country. During its General Assembly, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) updated its voter's guide called Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship. The bishops prefaced the guide with an introductory letter that listed abortion as the preeminent priority for voters. "The threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed," the letter reads. Other moral issues such as "racism, the environmental crisis, poverty and the death penalty" were secondary issues, which the bishops' letter labeled as "other serious threats to human life and dignity."



The child is the beauty of God  
present in the world, that greatest  
gift to a family

— Mother Teresa —

AZ QUOTES

## FORGIVENESS

*A Meditation for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." (Matthew 18:21-22). This question, posed by Peter to Jesus, was asked in such a way that Peter thought he was being quite generous in his forgiveness. But to his surprise, Jesus adds to Peter's generosity in forgiveness in an exponential way. For many of us, this sounds good in theory. It is inspiring and encouraging to ponder the depths of forgiveness that we are called to offer another. But when it comes to daily practice, this may be much harder to embrace.

By calling us to forgive not only seven times but seventy-seven times, Jesus is telling us that there is no limit to the depth and breadth of mercy and forgiveness that we must offer another. No limit! This spiritual truth must become far more than a theory or ideal we strive for. It must become a practical reality which we embrace with all our might. We must daily seek to rid ourselves of any tendency we have, no matter how small, to hold a grudge and remain in anger. We must seek to free ourselves from every form of bitterness and allow mercy to heal every hurt.

Reflect, today, upon that person or persons you need to forgive the most. Forgiveness may not make perfect sense to you right away and you may find that your feelings do not fall in line with the choice you are trying to make. Do not give up! Continue to make the choice to forgive, regardless of how you feel or how hard it is. In the end, mercy and forgiveness will always triumph, heal and give you the peace of Christ.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

St. Thomas More is now accepting registrations for all parishioners interested in attending Religious Education for the sacraments of Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Due to COVID restrictions, classes will be held remotely via ZOOM. Books to be used during classes will be ordered once class participants are determined and will then be available for pick up at the church at a date to be determined. The cost for religious education is \$200 per family, plus \$25 per child book fee which must be paid in full at registration.

Please contact Lynn Abramic at (708) 296-6840 for further information or to register.



## WANTED! ALTAR SERVERS

Men and boys who are interested to serve at the Altar should contact Fr. Scott Haynes for more information.

We are looking for more servers for both the 10 am English and 12 noon Latin Masses on Sundays.

## **BEAR WITH ONE ANOTHER IN PATIENCE AND CHARITY**

*A Meditation for the 15th Sunday after Pentecost on St. Paul's Epistle to the Galatians*

"Brethren, If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit...Brethren, and if a man be overtaken in any fault, you, who are spiritual, instruct such a one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so you shall fulfil the law of Christ..." (Galatians 5:25-26; 6:1-10)

This epistle of St. Paul shows them the insufficiency of the Jewish law. It demonstrates that we can only be saved by a lively faith in Christ Jesus, our Lord. St. Paul admonishes the Galatians to the performance of good works. He tells them that the power of the Holy Spirit animates their hearts by His grace, enlightens, confirms, and inflames them, admonishes and teaches them, impels their hearts to do good; they must, therefore, also regulate their external conduct accordingly, and in particular devote themselves to the practice of humility and charity, as the foundations of a truly spiritual life. Like the Galatians, we need to heed St. Paul's preaching too. Humility must teach and move us to think little of ourselves, to avoid vain glory, and not to confide in our own strength. But charity should impel us to be meek and compassionate to all, even sinners, to correct them charitably, and lead them back to the path of virtue; since he who is harsh to the erring, despises and treats them roughly, is often permitted by God to fall into the same sorts of sins, if not even into greater sins.

Particularly we must show charity one for another, bearing the burdens of the other: that we bear the faults and imperfections of others just as patiently as we wish others to bear with our own imperfections; thus we will fulfil the law of Christ, which commands us to love our neighbor; we will prevent many sins which are occasioned by considering ourselves perfect, raising ourselves above others, criticizing their failings, and causing disturbance. True glory consists in knowing ourselves, our faults and evil inclinations, and in eradicating them. Be grateful to those who instruct you in the word of God, and give to them willingly of your earthly possessions. What you sow, you shall reap; if you only follow the dictates of the flesh, do not mortify yourself, do not correct your failings, and indulge your sinful appetites, you will one day reap death, destruction and damnation, whereas, on the contrary, if you follow the dictates of the Holy Ghost, you will reap of the Spirit of life. Let us obey this doctrine, for it is of interest to us, and impress deeply on our heart that without mortification of body and soul we cannot be saved.

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