St. Thomas More Church

November 8, 2020

Sunday, November 8, 2020

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
(English Mass)

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
(Tridentine Mass)

Sunday, November 15, 2020

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
(English Mass)

Resumed Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
(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.

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.

PRIESTS' HEALTH AND RETIREMENT COLLECTION

The Priests' Health and Retirement collection will be taken this weekend.

FISCAL YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT

7/1/19 - 6/30/20

REVENUES	
Sunday & Holy Day Collections	$214,301
Christmas Collection	$13,514
Easter Collection	$5,768
Tuition & Fees	$2,375
Lease & Rental	$324,971
Fundraising	$8,652
All Other Income	$6,754
Total Revenue	$576,335

EXPENSES	
Salaries & FICA	$248,243
Insurance, Benefits & Pension	$38,305
Utilities	$84,151
Property, Casualty & Auto Ins.	$90,423
Professional Growth & Ministerial	$14,055
Archdiocesan Assessments	$27,195
Lease & Rental Assessments	$30,729
PRMAA Assessments	$8,904
Food Service & Meals	$19,182
Maintenance & Building Repairs	$17,445
Administrative Expenses	$6,301
All Other Expenses	$9,902
Altar & Liturgical Supplies	$3,278
Total Expenses	$598,113

NET INCOME	**-$21,778**

OTHER INCOME	
To Teach Who Christ Is	$481
Debt Relief	$18,334
Bequest	$9,163
Savings on Deposit	$33,475
Debt (Archdiocesan)	$247,417

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office
2825 West 81st St., Chicago, IL 60652
Phone 773-436-4444 - Fax 773-778-9087
Email address: stmrc@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 8
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Living & Deceased of Lahart & Lustig Families
Kay Sheehy (Mary Jo O'Riordan)

12:00 pm For the Parishioners

MONDAY, November 9
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

12:00 pm Molly Farrell (Jim Farrell)
Terrence O'Connor (Family)

TUESDAY, November 10
St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

12:00 pm Birthday Blessings for Rico Macey &
For the Repose of the Holy Souls in Purgatory
(Don & Mary Tadda)
Physical Healing for Kathy Gearhart (Sandy Badke)

WEDNESDAY, November 11
St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

12:00 pm Harry J. O'Sullivan (Adelle O'Sullivan)
Thanksgiving for Special Blessings Received for Mary Tadda & For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
(Don & Mary Tadda)

THURSDAY, November 12
St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

12:00 pm Jean Giblin (Dan & Claire Giblin)
For the Intentions of Franciscan Sister Servants of Redemptive Love (Sr. Maria-Paulina)

FRIDAY, November 13
St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

12:00 pm Renzo Rossi (Gloria Contino)
For the Intentions of Franciscan Sister Servants of Redemptive Love (Sr. Maria-Paulina)

SATURDAY, November 14

8:00 am Joseph Farrell (Sandy Badke)
For the Intentions of Franciscan Sister Servants of Redemptive Love (Sr. Maria-Paulina)

(Vigil Mass)

4:30 pm Intentions of Peggy Dwyer, her Family & E.I.K.
Philip O'Neill (Family)

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Counseling Center 312-655-7725
Catholictherapists.com
http://www.purityispossible.com/
Project Rachel (post-abortion healing): 888-456-4673
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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
Mike Lave
Sandra Halper
Celeste Phifer
Tony Philbin
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.

CHAPLET OF THE HOLY SOULS

This can be prayed on a set of normal Rosary beads.

1. Sign of the Cross.
2. The Apostle's Creed
3. Our Father (x1)
4. Hail Marys (x3)
5. Glory be (x1)
6. On the large beads, pray: "O Holy Souls draw the fire of God's Love into my soul, to reveal Jesus crucified in me here on earth, rather than hereafter in Purgatory."
7. On the small beads, pray: "Crucified Lord Jesus, have mercy on the souls in Purgatory."
8. When completed all (5) Five decades, pray Glory be (x3).

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!

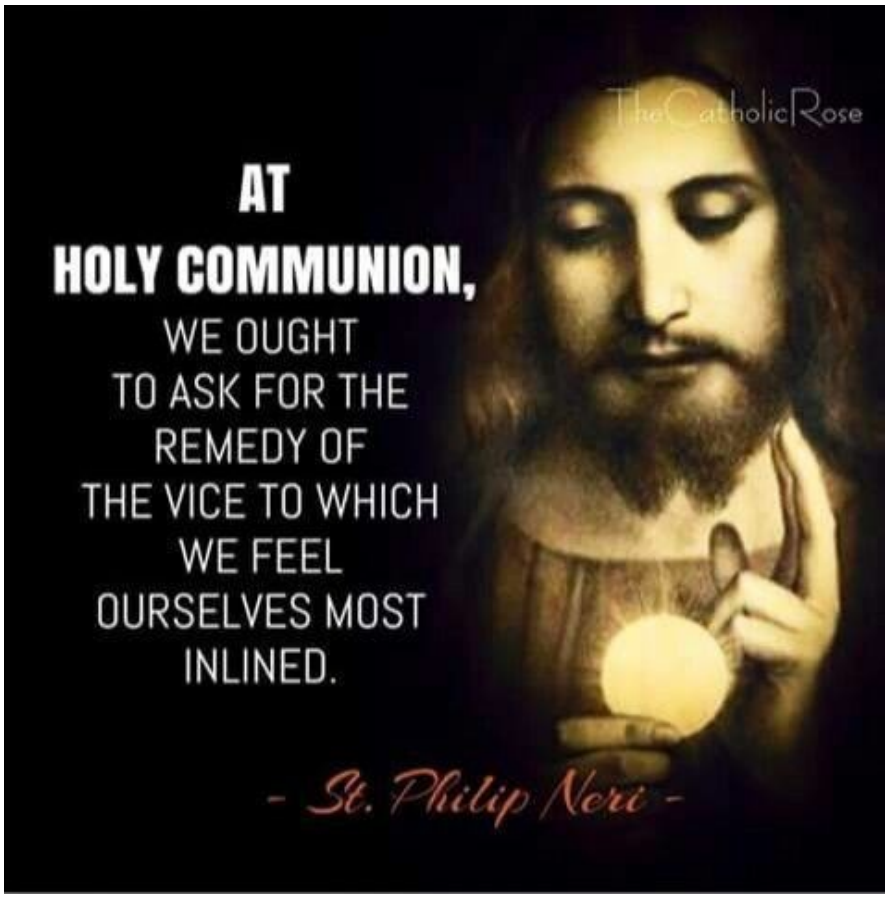
OUR FINANCES ~ *Your Gifts Matter*

SUNDAY COLLECTION

11/1/20	$3,465.00
Debt Relief	$ 754.11
All Saints	$ 494.00
All Souls	$ 374.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

"...for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Mthw 19:14b



There are many in the world who are dying for a piece of bread but there are many more dying for a little love. The poverty in the West is a different kind of poverty — it is not only a poverty of loneliness but also of spirituality. There's a hunger for love, as there is a hunger for God.

READY FOR THE LORD

A Meditation for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Matthew 25:13

Imagine if you knew the day and hour you would pass from this life. Of course, some people do know that death is approaching either due to illness or age. But think about this in your own life. What if you were told by Jesus that tomorrow is that day. Are you ready?

Most likely there would be many practical details that would come to mind that you would want to take care of. Many would think about all their loved ones and what impact this would have on them. Set that all aside for now and ponder the question from one perspective only. Are you ready to meet Jesus?

Once you pass from this life there is only one thing that will matter. What will Jesus say to you? Just prior to this quoted Scripture above, Jesus tells the Parable of the Ten Virgins. Some were wise and had oil for their lamps. When the groom came late in the night they were ready with lamps lit to meet him and he welcomed them. The foolish ones were not prepared and did not have oil for their lamps. When the groom came, they missed him and heard the words, "Amen, I say to you, I do not know you" (Matthew 25:12).

The oil in their lamps, or the lack thereof, is a symbol of charity. If we are to be prepared to meet the Lord at any time, on any day, we must have charity in our lives. Charity is much more than a passion or emotion of love. Charity is a radical commitment to love others with the heart of Christ. It's a daily habit we form by choosing to put others first, offering them all that Jesus asks us to give. It may be a small sacrifice or a heroic act of forgiveness. But whatever the case may be, we need charity in order to be ready to meet our Lord.

Reflect, today, upon those in your life whom God wants you to love. How well do you do this? How complete is your commitment? How far are you willing to go? Whatever comes to mind in regard to your lacking of this gift, pay attention to this and beg the Lord for His grace so that you, too, will be one who is wise and ready to meet the Lord at any time.

Lord, I pray for the supernatural gift of charity in my life. Please fill me with love for others and help me to be abundantly generous in this love. May I hold nothing back and, in so doing, be fully prepared to meet You whenever You call me home. Jesus, I trust in You.

ST. GERTRUDE'S PRAYER FOR THE POOR SOULS

According to tradition, St. Gertrude the Great was told by Our Lord that each time she piously recited the following prayer, it would release 1,000 souls from their suffering in purgatory:

"Eternal Father, I offer You the most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for all sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."

INSTRUCTION CONCERNING RIDICULE AND DERISION

A Meditation for the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

"And they laughed him to scorn." (Matt IX. 24.) When Jesus told the minstrels and the crowd that the girl was not dead, but sleeping, they laughed at Him, because they understood not the meaning of His words. Sensually-minded men generally act in the same manner towards the priests and ministers of God, who by their word and example admonish them to despise honors, riches and pleasures, and to embrace the love of poverty, humility and mortification.

This is an unintelligible and hateful language to them which they ridicule and mock just as they do when they hear that death is a sleep, from which we shall one day awake and be obliged to appear before the judgment-seat of God. Woe to such scoffers by whose ridicule so many souls are led from the path of virtue! What the devil formerly accomplished by tyrants in estranging men from God and a lively faith in Him and His Church, he seems to wish to accomplish in our days by the mockery, scoffs, and blasphemies of wicked men; for at no period have piety and virtue, holy simplicity and childlike faith, adherence to the holy Roman Church and her laws, reverence for her head, her ministers and priests, been more mocked, derided and blasphemed.

Unhappily many permit themselves to be induced by mockery to abandon piety, to omit the public practice of their faith, to conceal their Catholic conviction, and to lead a lukewarm, careless, indeed, sinful life. Woe to the scoffers! they are an abomination to the Lord (Prov. III. 32.) who will one day require from their hands all the souls perverted by them. Do not permit yourself to be led astray by those who ridicule your faith and zeal for virtue; remember the words of Jesus: He that shall deny me before men, I will also deny him before my Father who is in heaven. (Matt. X. 33.) Let Jesus be your consolation, He was scoffed and blasphemed for your sake, and often say within yourself: I know, my most amiable Jesus, that the servant cannot be more than his master. Since Thou wert so often sneered at, mocked and blasphemed, why should I wonder if I am derided for my faith in Thee and Thy Church, and for the practice of virtue!

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