

St. Thomas More Church

December 29, 2019



Sunday, December 29, 2019

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

(English Mass)

(Readings, page 57 red book)

Sunday in the Octave of Christmas

(Tridentine Mass)

Sunday, January 5, 2020

Epiphany of the Lord

(English Mass)

(Readings, page 77 red book)

Holy Name of Jesus

(Tridentine Mass)

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

(A holy day of obligation)

Confessions will not be offered on December 31 or January 1.

Tuesday, December 31

Vigil Mass - 4:30 pm

Wednesday, January 1

Mass of the Day - 10:00 am

The Parish Office will be closed from December 31 through January 5.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekend: Saturday Vigil, 4:30 pm

Sunday, 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm (Tridentine)

Weekday: Monday-Friday, 12:00 pm

Saturday, 8:00 am

Monday-Friday, 3:30 pm (Little Company of Mary Hospital Chapel)

Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00-4:20 pm

Sunday, 7:30-7:50 am, 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.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

The Sunday following Christmas Day is always reserved for the Solemnity of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. This is a perfect follow-up to the birth of Jesus and the establishment of His family. Mary and Joseph are overjoyed and the angels continue to sing praises to God. This day represents an opportunity to reflect upon the most important foundation of our society. Family is the structural framework for a successful society. In our present society it seems that the definition of the family has become as rocky as the society, itself. Who and what constitutes a family? Our Catholic teaching has not changed. As Catholics, we regard a family to consist of a mother, a father, and children. This will always remain the teaching of the Church.

Today we celebrate the wonder of The Holy Family. Like all families, the Holy Family had its share of problems. Joseph needed time to see himself in his role as the father of Jesus. Mary needed time to reflect upon her call to be the mother of the Lord. Jesus had his hardships even in infancy as His family had to flee several times to avoid danger. All families have their share of problems and concerns. Families also have the joy of great celebrations. In every family there are weddings, baptisms, confirmations, birthday parties, and Christmas. Be it good times or bad the essential truth to remember is that we go through all these experiences as a family. A family provides a haven of protection and celebration for every moment of life.

Family is the framework on which a society is built. Let us hold to that truth as we struggle through the difficulties of our own time.

Let us take the time today to give thanks to God for the gift of the family. Let us look to The Holy Family and pray to them for their aid in living our own family lives. Let us also make a promise to spend more time with family especially when the children are young and impressionable. Let us also remember that family is a tradition which must be passed on to the next generation. Most importantly family is the place where we learn about God and the importance of prayer and a good moral life.

May your families be blessed this Christmas Season and throughout the year!

In Christ,

Msgr. Richard Zborowski

Fr. Matthew Compton

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office

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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. Matthew Compton, Associate Pastor
Email: matthew.compton1@icloud.com

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, December 29

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

- 8:00 am For the Parishioners
- 10:00 am Living & Deceased of Aguanunu & Nkemeh Families
For the Repose of the Soul of Thomas E. Macey &
For the Repose of the Holy Souls in Purgatory
(Don & Mary Tadda)
- 12:00 pm Blanche Sulka (Joseph & Angela Sulka)
Michael Justice (Angela Sulka)

MONDAY, December 30

Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

- 12:00 pm Peter & Delia Philbin (Tony Philbin)

TUESDAY, December 31

Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

- 12:00 pm Sr. Richard Therese Wren BVM (Family)
4:30 pm For the Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

- 10:00 am Msgr. Richard Zborowski (Aguanunu Family)
Roberto Vazquez (Aurora Medina)

THURSDAY, January 2

Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nanzianzen, Bishops & Doctor of the Church

- 12:00 pm Peter & Delia Philbin (Tony Philbin)

FRIDAY, January 3

- 12:00 pm Aldo DeBenedetti (Dolores Pogor)

SATURDAY, January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

- 8:00 am Aldo DeBenedetti (Dolores Pogor)

(Vigil Mass)

- 4:30 pm Intentions of Peggy Dwyer, her family & E.I.K.
William Habel (David & Kathy Siniawski)

SUNDAY, January 5

Epiphany of the Lord

- 8:00 am John Fitzgerald
For the Repose of the Soul of Louis Host &
For the Repose of the Holy Souls in Purgatory
(Don & Mary Tadda)
- 10:00 am Rev. Matthew Compton (Aguanunu Family)
Birthday Blessings for Eric Zempich &
For the Repose of the Holy Souls in Purgatory
(Don & Mary Tadda)
- 12:00 pm For the Parishioners

Blessing of the Home and Household On Epiphany

The traditional date of Epiphany is January 6, but in the United States it is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8.

When all have gathered, a suitable song may be sung. The leader makes the sign of the cross, and all reply, "Amen." The leader greets those present in the following words:

Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace.

Blessed be God forever.

R/. Blessed be God forever.

In the following or similar words, the leader prepares those present for the blessing:

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 19:1-9:

Listen to the words of the holy Gospel according to Luke:

Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham."

The intercessions are then said:

Leader: The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him.

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph you formed the Holy Family: remain in our home, that we may know you as our guest and honor you as our Head. We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you had no place to lay your head, but in the spirit of poverty accepted the hospitality of your friends: grant that through our help the homeless may obtain proper housing. We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, the three kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration: grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory. We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

After the intercessions the leader invites all present to say the Lord's Prayer.

The leader says the prayer of blessing with hands joined:

Lord God of heaven and earth,
you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation
by the guidance of a star.
Bless this house and all who inhabit it.
Fill them (us) with the light of Christ,
that their (our) concern for others may reflect your love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying:

May Christ Jesus dwell with us,
keep us from all harm,
and make us one in mind and heart,
now and forever.

R/. Amen.

It is preferable to end the celebration with a suitable song, for example, "O Come, All Ye Faithful" or "We Three Kings."

Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers

Accessed on January 2, 2018, <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/sacramentals-blessings/objects/blessing-of-the-home-and-household-on-epiphany.cfm>

As circumstances suggest, the minister (leader) in silence may sprinkle those present and the home with holy water. During the sprinkling the minister may say:

Let this water call to mind our baptism in Christ,
who by his death and resurrection has redeemed us.

Book of Blessings, ¶ 1613.

You may inscribe with blessed chalk the initials of the three kings (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar) over the lintel of the doors (the top of the doorframe), denoting the century and year on either side, for example: 20 + C + M + B + 20.

FOR ALL WHO SERVE IN THE MILITARY INCLUDING:



MSG Kevin Daley
Cpl. Brian Husum
E3 Marcellus J. Lane
PVT. Andy Oziemkiewicz
PFC. Luis Rosales
LCPL. Xavier Rosales

THANK YOU FOR OUR FREEDOM!

OUR FINANCES ~ *Your Gifts Matter*

COLLECTIONS – FISCAL YEAR 2020

To be reported in next weeks bulletin.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

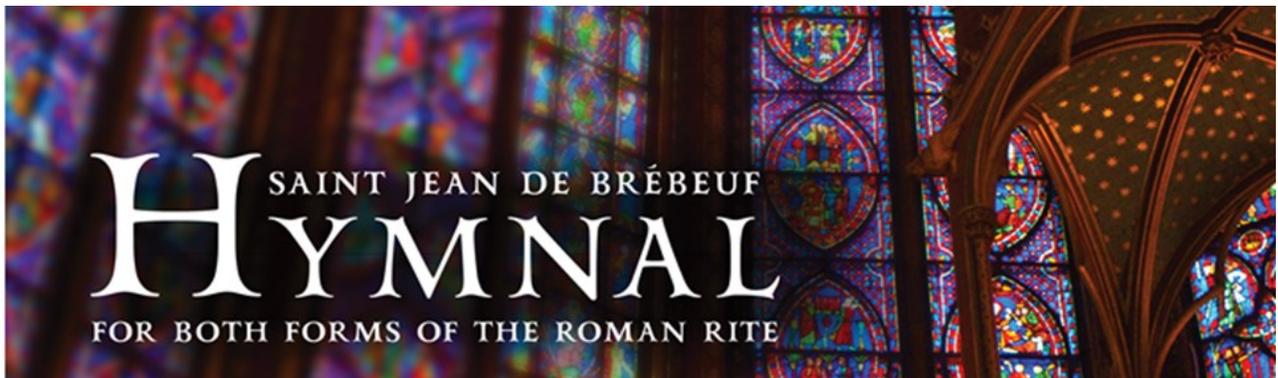
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL FOR THE SICK



Sarah Dalton	Tricia Quasthoff
Sandra Halper	Walter Quasthoff
Betty Hedderman	Pat Sheehy
Mike Lave	Phyllis Spizzirri
Dolores Pogor	Ken Watterson

To add or remove the name of a sick parishioner, please call the Parish Office at 773-436-4444. In order to keep the list current, names will remain on the list for one month. After that time, if you would like a name to remain on the list, please call the Parish Office to renew the listing.

LATIN MASS RESOURCES



If you have ever been interested in following the proper prayers of each Sunday's Mass, the prayers which change from week to week and which the cantors sing, many of them may be found in the *St. Jean de Brébeuf Hymnal* from Corpus Christi Watershed. These prayers, set to chant, may be found at the following website:

<http://www.ccwatershed.org/goupil/>

If you do not have a daily missal (hand missal), one which contains the ordinary texts, the prayers which do not change from week to week, as well as the proper prayers and readings specific for Mass each day, then the following website may be useful:

<http://extraordinaryform.org/masses.html>

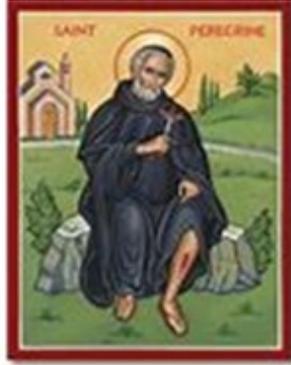
Both websites are free to use.

DEBT RELIEF COLLECTION

A second collection for Debt Relief will be taken next weekend on Saturday, January 4, and Sunday, January 5.

FOOTBALL MANIA

Week 15 - Ticket #787 won \$25



St. Peregrine Novena at St. Catherine of Alexandria

St. Peregrine is the patron saint for persons suffering from illnesses of all types in particular cancer. Saint Peregrine was healed of a cancerous ulcer on his leg which was considered beyond saving. The fame of this event in 1325 spread rapidly round the western Church.

Christians, and especially the sick, began to invoke his name and seek his intercession for the relief of their suffering and even for a cure from sickness. The canonization of St. Peregrine in 1726 increased people's devotion to him which spread to the universal Church.

St. Catherine of Alexandria will begin offering a novena to St. Peregrine at 7p.m. in the church. The novena will be held for 9 Mondays. All are welcome to participate. The dates are below:

January 13, 2020
January 20, 2020
January 27, 2020
February 3, 2020
February 10, 2020
February 17, 2020
February 24, 2020
March 2, 2020
March 9, 2020

St. Catherine of Alexandria 10621 S. Kedvale, Oak Lawn, IL 60453