

# St. Thomas More Church

October 25, 2020



## Sunday, October 25, 2020

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

Christ the King  
(Tridentine Mass)

## Sunday, November 1, 2020

**All Saints  
(English Mass)**

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(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.

## ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

If not, please call the Parish Office at 773-436-4444 or email us at [stmrc@comcast.net](mailto:stmrc@comcast.net). Each and every person can make a difference as we make our way through the Renew My Church process.

# *The Pastor's Page*

## **THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and His strength; constantly seek His face.*

Please continue to pray this week for our country, our Church, and for a fair election!

We thought that we would take this space to remind everyone of the important points that were made in last Sunday's homily instruction. There were several major points that should be kept in mind.

- A. Renew My Church is a program and a process by which each parish within the Archdiocese looks at itself to determine if it is vital and active enough to carry on its mission of sacraments, education, financial stability, and staff membership to continue to achieve three goals: to make disciples, to build community, and to inspire witness. In essence, do we have the structural and spiritual resources to carry on?
- B. We are in a grouping that includes St. Thomas More, St. Denis, and St. Bede the Venerable. It is within this grouping and its pastors and parish representatives that we meet and discern different scenarios for the future. Example; 1) St. Bede remains open and St. Denis and St. Thomas More come together as one parish. 2) St. Bede closes its school and all three parishes work together. These scenarios are fictitious and allow example of future possibilities.
- C. The course of Renew My Church runs from September 2020 to July 1, 2021. This time is for discernment, the presentation of various scenarios, taking surveys among the parishioners to include every parishioner's feedback, a written presentation to the Renew My Church Commission, which is then forwarded to the Archdiocese Presbyteral Council composed of priests and auxiliary bishops, and finally to the Cardinal's desk for a final decision.
- D. This will bring us to sometime in March. When the final scenario is announced, each parish will have until July 1, 2021 to inaugurate all relevant changes. This parishes that remain will combine and choose a new name. One parish will be named the canonical parish where all the records of the entire area will be kept.
- E. Please remember that no decisions have been made at this time. Our parish teams are still exploring various scenarios. We also must discuss staff arrangements, priest assignments (remember that one priest may be assigned for the whole area), building usage, repairs that may be needed to keep a church vital and active, and the coverage of languages needed like Spanish and Latin.
- F. The most important element of this whole operation is prayer. Please pray for us who are actively participating in the decision-making process, please pray for the members of all three parishes and pray that God will guide us to the very best scenario.

God bless you all and thank you for your prayers and patience in these matters.

Yours in Christ,

Msgr. Richard Zborowski  
Fr. Scott Haynes

## 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, October 25

### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 10:00 am Harry J. O'Sullivan (Adele O'Sullivan)  
40th Anniversary Blessings for John & Kathy Waite  
Living & Deceased of Lahart & Lustig Families
- 12:00 pm James J. Hodges (Jim Farrell)  
Loretta Barry (Mike Barry)

## MONDAY, October 26

- 12:00 pm Birthday Blessings for Billy Macey &  
For the Repose of the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
(Don & Mary Tadda)  
Birthday Blessings for Sr. Anna Clare Meyer  
(Altar Guild)

## TUESDAY, October 27

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

## WEDNESDAY, October 28

### Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles

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

## THURSDAY, October 29

- 12:00 pm For the Repose of the Soul of Valerie Tadda &  
The Holy Souls in Purgatory (Don & Mary Tadda)  
Robert Johnson (LuAnn & Ron Bloom)

## FRIDAY, October 30

- 12:00 pm Peter Philbin (Tony Philbin)  
For the Intentions of Franciscan Sister Servants of  
Redemptive Love (Sr. Maria-Paulina)

## SATURDAY, October 31

- 8:00 am Charles Giblin (Dan & Claire Giblin)  
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  
Mike Lave  
Sandra Halper  
Celeste Phifer  
Tony Philbin

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

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

## FOR THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

James Reilly

Patrick D. Walsh

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

## ALTAR GUILD CORNER

Happy Fall! Hope everyone is well and staying safe. A "sincere thank you" to all who have paid their Altar Guild dues. Our deep appreciation also to those who made generous donations. Many Thanks!

Altar Guild Officers

## 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**

10/18/20      \$5,634.18

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**



**ACT OF CONSECRATION OF THE HUMAN RACE  
TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS  
ON THE SOLEMN FEAST OF THE CHRIST THE KING**

*This prayer may be recited today, Oct. 25th,  
on the Feast of Christ our King  
(1962 Missale Romanum) for a Plenary Indulgence*



Most sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look down upon us, humbly prostrate before Thy altar. We are Thine and Thine we wish to be; but to be more surely united with Thee, behold each one of us freely consecrates himself today to Thy Most Sacred Heart. Many indeed have never known Thee; many, too, despising Thy precepts, have rejected Thee. Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to Thy Sacred Heart. Be Thou King, O Lord, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken Thee; but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned Thee: grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house, lest they die of wretchedness and hunger. Be Thou King of those who are deceived by erroneous opinions, or whom discord keeps aloof, and call them back to the harbor of truth and unity of faith, so that soon there may be but one flock and one Shepherd. Be Thou King of all those who even now sit in the shadow of idolatry or Islam, and refuse not Thou to bring them into the light of Thy Kingdom. Grant, O Lord, to Thy Church, assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; give peace and order to all nations, and make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry: Praise to the Divine Heart that wrought our salvation; to it be glory and honor forever. Amen.

**INSTRUCTION ON INDULGENCES**

The Code of Canon Law (can. 992) and the Catechism of the Catholic Church (n. 1471) state: "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints." Thus, for a Catholic to gain an indulgence, he must fulfill the conditions given by the Church, and perform certain prescribed works.

To gain an indulgence (plenary or partial), the baptized Catholic, in communion with the Pope, and not excommunicated and not in schism, must be in the state of grace at least by the time the indulgenced work is completed. The faithful may gain one plenary indulgence daily. In order to obtain it, the faithful who are in the state of grace must: a) have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin; b) have sacramentally confessed their sins within several days; c) receive the Holy Eucharist (it is certainly better to receive it while participating in Holy Mass, but for the indulgence only Holy Communion is required); and d) pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.

While it is not necessary, it is most fitting that the sacramental Confession, Holy Communion and the prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff take place on the same day that the indulgenced work is performed; but it is sufficient that these sacred rites and prayers be carried out within several days (about 20) before or after the indulgenced act. The prayer for the Pope's intentions is left to the choice of the faithful, but an "Our Father," a "Hail Mary," and a "Glory be" are suggested. One sacramental Confession suffices for several plenary indulgences, but, for each plenary indulgence, a separate Holy Communion and a separate prayer for the Holy Father's intentions are required. For the sake of those legitimately impeded, confessors can commute both the work prescribed and the conditions required (except, obviously, detachment from even venial sin). Indulgences can always be applied either to oneself or to the souls in purgatory, but they cannot be applied to other persons living on earth.

## THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

*A Meditation for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" (Matthew 22:36). This question was posed by one of the scholars of the law in an attempt to test Jesus. It's clear, from the context of this passage, that the relationship between Jesus and the religious leaders of His time was beginning to become contentious. They were beginning to test Him and were even trying to trap Him. However, Jesus continued to silence them with His words of wisdom. In response to the question above, Jesus silences this scholar of the law by giving the perfect answer. He says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37-39).

With this statement, Jesus gives a complete summary of the moral law found in the Ten Commandments. The first three Commandments reveal that we must love God above all and with all our might. The last six Commandments reveal that we must love our neighbor. The moral law of God is as simple as fulfilling these two more general commandments. But is it all that simple? Well, the answer is both "Yes" and "No." It's simple in the sense that God's will is not typically complex and difficult to comprehend. Love is spelled out clearly in the Gospels and we are called to embrace a radical life of true love and charity.

However, it can be considered difficult in that we are not only called to love, we are called to love with all our being. We must give of ourselves completely and without reserve. This is radical and requires that we hold nothing back. Reflect, today, upon the simple call to love God and your neighbor with all that you are. Reflect, especially, upon that word "all." As you do, you will most certainly become aware of ways in which you fail to give everything. As you see your failure, recommit in hope to the glorious path of making a total gift of yourself to God and others.

Lord, I choose to love You with my whole heart, mind, soul and strength. I also choose to love all people as You love them. Give me the grace to live these two commandments of love and to see them as the path to holiness of life. I do love You, dear Lord. Help me to love You more. Jesus, I trust in You.

## QUAS PRIMAS

*A Meditation for the Feast of Christ our King*

### BACKGROUND

The celebration of the Feast of Christ the King was originally instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI in a declaration called Quas Primas. At the time of its institution, secularism was on the rise, and many Christians doubted Christ's authority and even His Christ's existence. 1925 witnessed the rise of dictatorships in Europe, and saw many Christians taken in by these earthly leaders. The celebration of Christ the King was instituted during a time when respect for Christ. The Pope hoped that the annual celebration of Christ the King would work toward the accomplishment of the following: (1) That nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, and immunity from the state. (2) That leaders and nations would see that they are bound to give respect to Christ. (3) That the faithful would gain strength and courage from the celebration, as we are reminded that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies. The goals of this celebration are still very much needed today, as these problems have not vanished, but instead have worsened. In a chaotic and unjust world that seems to scorn any kind of authority, we celebrate Christ the King, that He might rule over our hearts, our minds, our wills; over our families, our society, and over the whole universe.

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## QUAS PRIMAS

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### MEDITATION

A certain king was very rich. His power was known throughout the world. But he was most unhappy, for he desired a wife. Without a queen, the vast palace was empty. One day, while riding through the streets of a small village, he saw a beautiful peasant girl. So lovely was she that the heart of the king was won. He wanted her more than anything he had ever desired. On succeeding days, he would ride by her house on the mere hope of seeing her for a moment in passing. He wondered how he might win her love. He thought, I will draw up a royal decree and require her to be brought before me to become the queen of my land. But, as he considered, he realized that she was a subject and would be forced to obey. He could never be certain that he had won her love. Then, he said to himself, "I shall call on her in person. I will dress in my finest royal garb; wear my diamond rings, my silver sword, my shiny black boots, and my most colorful tunic. I will overwhelm her and sweep her off her feet to become my bride."

But, as he pondered the idea, he knew that he would always wonder whether she had married him for the riches and power he could give her. Then, he decided to dress as a peasant, drive to the town, and have his carriage let him off. In disguise, he would approach her house. But, somehow the duplicity of this plan did not appeal to him. At last, he knew what he must do. He would shed his royal robes. He would go to the village and become one of the peasants. He would work and suffer with them. He would actually become a peasant. This he did. And he won his wife. So did God consider how He might win humankind. God in Christ became one of us. He took upon Him the form of human flesh to dwell among us. Paul says, "God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself."

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The fall 40 Days for Life campaigns are under way! They continue through Sunday November 1st. There are three Southland locations this fall with vigils at the Planned Parenthood in Flossmoor, **a new 40 Days vigil at the Planned Parenthood in Roseland (Chicago-Halsted)**, and the Access Health abortuary on 75th Street in Downers Grove. There will also be nearby vigil locations at the Planned Parenthood abortuaries in Aurora and Merrillville, Indiana.

Vigil hours in Flossmoor and Roseland will be 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The vigil in Downers Grove will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Individuals or groups can sign up for one hour, the same hour every week, several hours, one or more days, whatever portion of the vigil for which each volunteer wants to sign up. **St. Thomas More parishioner John Ryan will be maintaining the vigil at the Flossmoor Planned Parenthood at 19831 Governors Hwy. throughout the day on Wed., October 28th.** Anyone wishing to participate at a time they know someone else will be present is welcome to join John for any portion of one of those days. To sign up for vigil hours online go to <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/Flossmoor>. For assistance signing up for any hours or if you do not have internet access contact John Ryan at 708-945-8247 or by e-mail at [domer\\_10305@yahoo.com](mailto:domer_10305@yahoo.com).

**John and others from our parish and nearby parishes are also praying some hours at the vigil outside the Roseland Planned Parenthood as well.** Contact John at 708-945-8247

or [domer\\_10305@yahoo.com](mailto:domer_10305@yahoo.com) if you would like to be added to a text message list when he knows one or more people from the text list expect to be keeping the Roseland vigil. The direct sign-up for the Roseland campaign is <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/Chicago-Halsted>.

For further information on 40 Days for Life in general go online to [www.40DaysforLife.com](http://www.40DaysforLife.com).