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Welcoming all, we, the Spirit-filled parish of St. Thomas More, value our Roman Catholic faith by celebrating the sacraments, breaking open the Scriptures, and joyfully offering ourselves in service to others. Under the inspiration of our patron saint, we seek to build a caring community that embraces the values he modeled of friendship, integrity and courageous love of God.

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Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 26, 2021

*Jesus said to his parents,
“Why were you looking for me?
Did you not know that I
must be in my Father’s house?”*

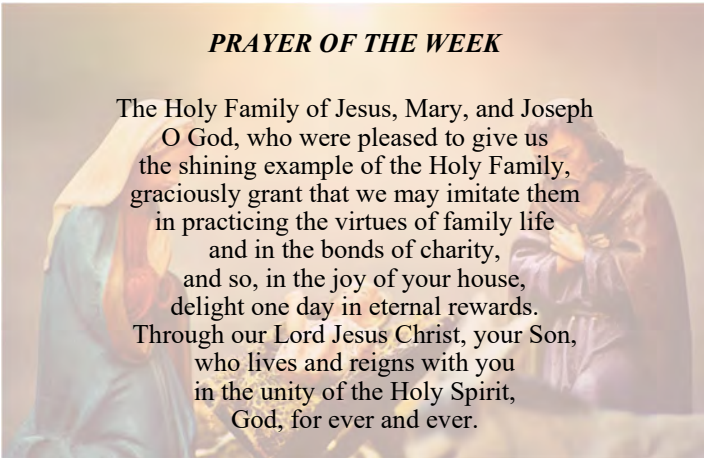
Luke 2:49





PRAYER OF THE WEEK

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
 O God, who were pleased to give us
 the shining example of the Holy Family,
 graciously grant that we may imitate them
 in practicing the virtues of family life
 and in the bonds of charity,
 and so, in the joy of your house,
 delight one day in eternal rewards.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God, for ever and ever.



Daily Mass:
Monday – Saturday: 8:00 AM

Vigil Mass Times
 4:00 PM Vietnamese/English
 6:00 PM English

Sunday Mass Times
 8:00 AM English
 10:00 AM English
 12:00 PM Spanish/English
 5:00 PM English

Morning Prayer: Wed & Fri 7:30am to 7:50am

Adoration: Every Friday 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Saturday Confessions: 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Mass will be available online for the sick and homebound on Sundays at 10:00am and Monday-Saturday at 8:00am

For spiritual advisement, please contact the priest to schedule an appointment.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 12/27	8:00am	Ben & Sara Zotti
Tuesday 12/28	8:00am	Respect Life
Wednesday 12/29	8:00am	Dang Nguyen †Andrea Maciel
Thursday 12/30	8:00am	Stella and Rey Papa
Friday 12/31	8:00am	†Maria and Gabby
	6:00pm	Lex Coliflores
Sunday 1/2	8:00am	Pro Populo
	5:00pm	†Vina Villanueva



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Hannah gives her son Samuel back to the LORD, leaving him in the temple at Shiloh: “As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD” (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14.

Psalm — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or Psalm 128.

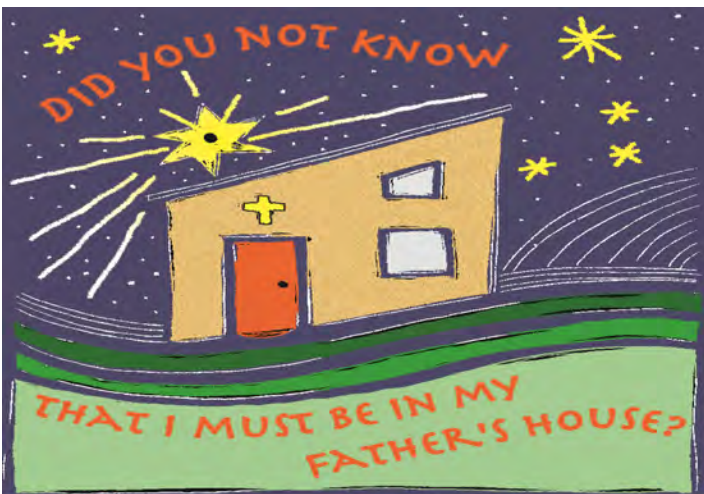
Second Reading — We are children of God when we believe in the name of God’s Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us (1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24) or Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17].

Gospel — Joseph and Mary find the lost Jesus in the temple in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions (Luke 2:41-52).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
- Friday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
- Saturday:** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
- Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



Today's theme on the readings: FAMILY LIFE

Christmas celebrates the Incarnation, the “en-flesh-ment” of God as a human person. In Jesus, God is bodily present in the human story. Today we honor the Holy Family, helping us to see that God is active in daily family life. God is near at hand, amidst the tensions, joys, and uncertainties of family life. As our Gospel passage describes, even with family miscommunications and with limited understanding of Jesus’ mission, the Holy Family persevered in their life together. Like many family conflicts, there was no immediate or clear resolution of the issues raised by Jesus and by Mary. God’s intentions for the family, and for Jesus, were still unfolding. They continued to stay connected with each other and with God. Within the turbulence of family life, they trusted God to actively sustain and guide them into an uncertain future. We are invited to follow their example.
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Collections and Expenses

12-6-2021 to 12-12-21

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$25,549	\$7,236	\$32,785
Maintenance Fund	\$1,455	\$235	\$1,690
Other income	\$12,683	\$955	\$13,638
Total income	\$39,687	\$8,427	\$48,114

Regular Expenses	\$66,957
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Believe & Grow Capital Campaign	\$1,661	\$4,086	\$5,748
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We appreciate your continued financial support of the parish during these challenging times. If you would like to give, please click on the e-giving link in the top corner of the STM website to set up or update your e-giving. If you have questions, please call the office. All donations to the *Believe & Grow Together Campaign* will be used exclusively to pay for the construction costs to build the new Parish church. Moreover, Building Fund donations can be used to pay for the construction costs to build the new Parish church and for the maintenance and repairs of the existing Parish buildings and property. **Thank you for your generosity!**



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Tuesday: The Holy Innocents
Wednesday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
Thursday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Friday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I;
 New Year’s Eve
Saturday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord;
 Mary, the Holy Mother of God;
 World Day of Prayer for Peace;
 First Friday; New Year’s Day; First Saturday



Welcome to God's Family
Romina Balderas



PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING



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Please call the office when it is time to remove a name.

STM YTH

Now

YOU Theology Of The Body Small Groups

Theology of the Body small groups will be taking December off. Small groups will resume January 10th at 7pm.

STM YTH

Thu 7:00 PM

YTH NIGHT - JANUARY 9TH

All High School students are invited to our Youth Night after the 5pm Mass. Bring a friend, enjoy some food, and spend your New Year with us!

CONFIRMATION

WED 6:00 PM

Confirmation Class Schedule

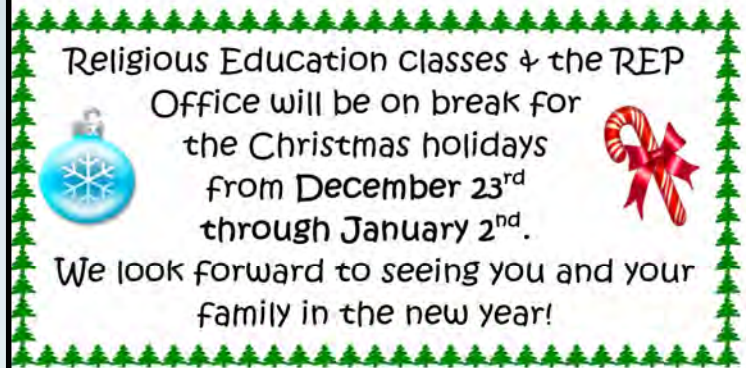
C1 Dates: Dec 8, Jan 5, Jan 19, Feb 2.

C2 Dates: Dec 15, Jan 12, Jan 26, Feb. 9.t

R.E.P. CORNER



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
The REP staff hopes that all of our families will have a prosperous and faith-filled 2022! We look forward to seeing you all in the new year!



Religious Education classes & the REP Office will be on break for the Christmas holidays from December 23rd through January 2nd.



We look forward to seeing you and your family in the new year!

First Communion Families:



Please remember to practice all of the basic prayers (especially the Act of Contrition) & steps to Reconciliation over our Christmas break.



Remember, First Reconciliation is scheduled for January 29th at 1:00 PM.

The Library Corner

The Most Holy Family

The St Thomas More Parish Library staff would like to wish all our parishioners a Happy Holy Family Sunday. The Parish Library will be open today.

Today is the feast day of the Holy Family. Looking at the Holy Family, we see the love, the protection and the diligent care that Mary and Joseph gave to the child Jesus. This celebration also demonstrates Christ's humility and obedience with respect to His earthly family. As a Catholic family, we should imitate the Holy Family by our loving care from our parents to our children. The Parish Library has a great book on this subject titled, 'It takes a Family', authored by Rick Santorum. Throughout this book Rick emphasizes the central role of the family in achieving the common good of our family and our community. Rick explores in detail various dimensions of social and cultural connections with the family being the common good for mankind. Have a Happy New Year.





Thank you from the Young Ladies Institute!



Due to the restrictions imposed by the pandemic The Young Ladies Institute, Holy Angels #247, held their Christmas fundraiser using a virtual format provided by See's, that allowed a contact free environment as well as almost immediate shipment of the products after the order was placed. We nearly met our fundraising goal of \$1000 to assist with the education of our seminarians. We are thankful for the contributions and support of many people, especially the parishioners of St. Thomas More.

Over the years, the many Institutes and Districts of Young Ladies Institute have contributed over four and half million dollars to support the education of seminarians and we are proud to participate in this effort! We want to thank everyone who contributed to making this fundraiser so successful! We are very grateful and appreciative of your generosity. May God always bless you.



Feast of the Holy Innocents Candlelight Procession

Sunday, December 28

St. John the Baptist Church
1015 Baker St.
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7:00 p.m. Rosary and Procession on campus

7:30 p.m. English Mass

Reception in the hall after Mass

saint snippets

I want to follow you
wherever you take me,
freely, willingly, joyfully.
Break my will! Let
your will reign in me!



Bl. Sára Salkaházi

Hungarian journalist and religious sister who saved
approximately 100 Jews during World War II. In
1944, she was executed by the pro-Nazi party.

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December 27



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CHRISTMAS 2021

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

FR. EUGENE LEE

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we look to the birth of our Lord, let us also remember that the HOLY SPIRIT is the life-breath that makes it all possible. It was the HOLY SPIRIT that united with Mary to make the Incarnation of Christ happen. It was the HOLY SPIRIT that was the fire in Jesus' heart, the fire that Jesus longed to spread to the whole world. We are called, each and every person, to be the hands and feet of Jesus, to make Jesus present in the world. Jesus continues his incarnation through us. But it is impossible to make Jesus truly present without our personal relationship with the HOLY SPIRIT. The HOLY SPIRIT is LIFE. During Mass, we implore the HOLY SPIRIT to come upon the bread and the wine that it may become for us the true Body and true Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. During the Christmas Season, the words JOY and PEACE are used a lot. Remember, joy and peace and gifts of the HOLY SPIRIT!

We are called to preach the word. You cannot speak the WORD without the BREATH. You cannot have FIRE without AIR. We cannot spread the fire of the Gospel without the power of the HOLY SPIRIT. As we approach 2022, I pray that you join with me as we pray for new pentecost. During 2022, let us learn what it means to have a personal relationship with the HOLY SPIRIT. Let us get to know the HOLY SPIRIT deeply. Let us unleash the HOLY SPIRIT.

Jesus was born and lived and died and rose so that we may have the HOLY SPIRIT.

May God bless you and your families!

Merry Christmas and Happy new year!



In Christ,

Fr. Eugene Lee.



Christmas Season

THE MOST HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

DEC 25 (SAT VIGIL) & SUN, DEC 26

Sat Vigil Masses: 4 pm (Viet/Eng) | 6 pm

Sun: 8 am | 10 am | 12 pm (Span/Eng) | 5 pm

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD MASS

(NEW YEAR'S EVE) MASS: FRI, DEC 31

6 pm (Vigil Mass) followed by a reception in the courtyard

10:30 pm Vigil Mass followed by Adoration & celebration

(Countdown to the New Year in silence
while adoring the King of Kings)

(NEW YEAR'S DAY): SAT, JAN 1

9:00 am

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD:

JAN 1 (SAT VIGIL) & SUN, JAN 2

Sat Vigil Masses: 4 pm (Viet/Eng) | 6 pm

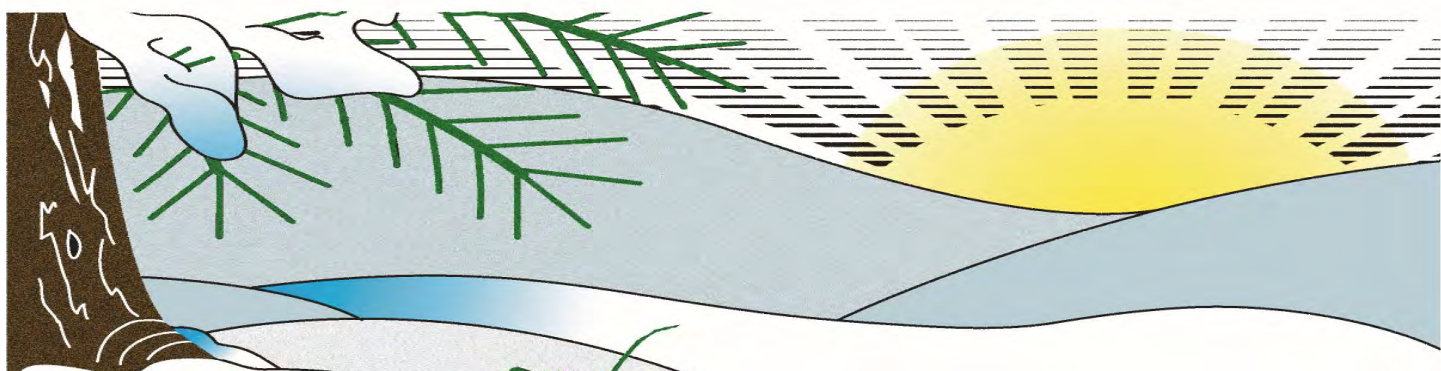
Sun: 8 am | 10 am | 12 pm (Span/Eng) | 5 pm

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD:

JAN 8 (SAT VIGIL) & SUN, JAN 9

Sat Vigil Masses: 4 pm (Viet/Eng) | 6 pm

Sun: 8 am | 10 am | 12 pm (Span/Eng) | 5 pm



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