

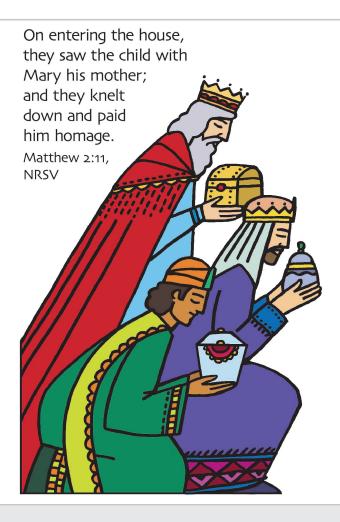
Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

January 6, 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord



Parish Mission Statement:

St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church is a parish community striving to share the Spirit of Love through Prayer, Worship, the Sacraments, the Teachings of the Church, and our concern for others through Christian Stewardship.

Contact Numbers

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Masses for this coming week

January 6, 2019
The Epiphany of the Lord
Isaiah: 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Ephesians: 3: 2-3a, 5-6
Matthew: 2:1-12

Saturday, January 5

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5:00pm Christopher Faust by Elizabeth & Margaret Kane, JoAnn Gallo by Barbara & Joe Cassetta, Anna LoCastro by Rick & Diane Auspaker & family. Irene McGayhey by Joanne Kelly, Eileen McHale by the Monacchio family, Joe & Marge Nagle by Marsha Augustyn, Augie Vrondis by Frank & Vivianne LaTorre

Sunday, January 6--The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00am Helen Straznitzki by the Recce family .

9:15am Margaret Harten by the Harten family,

10:45am Anna LoCastro by Molly & Frank Prisinzano

12:15pm Dr. Mark R. Fleckner & his son by Ronald Webb

Monday, January 7—St. Raymond of Peñafort

9am Anita Ilardi by Andrew & Chris Paino

Tuesday, January 8

9am Geraldine (Geri) Lazzarro by Pat &

Helena Marsden

Wednesday, January 9

9am Frank LaSalle by the Keely family

Thursday, January 10

9am People of the Parish

Friday, January 11

9am Msgr. Robert J. Kirwin

Saturday, January 12

9am People of the Parish

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5:00pm Anna LoCastro by Fintan & Margaret Stapleton

Sunday, January 13--The Baptism of the Lord

8:00am Linda Sue Cappisillo by Jim & Marie Marsala

9:15am Harold Knapp by the De Cristofaro family,

10:45am Augie Vrondis by Evelyn & Bob McMahon

12:15pm Anita Ilardi by Marti & John White

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

January 13, 2019 The Baptism of the Lord Isaiah: 40: 1-5, 9-11 Psalm 29: 1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 Timothy: 2: 11-14, 3:4-7 Luke: 3:15-16, 21-22

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke:

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying,

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven,

"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

"Life is what happens to you while you are busy planning more important things." This beautiful saying invites us to look at the present moment of life as an active, alive and current experience. Life is not a repetition of the past nor an expectation of a better future. When life becomes a living experience of the present moment, its every second will offer a new revelation of its mystery.

Today is the Solemn feast of the Epiphany. Epiphany, derived from Greek roots, means "to appear, shine, reveal". As the readings explain, today God reveals or shines upon His people. In His light we become illumined and begin to shine/reveal His light in and around us.

The shining star brought the wise men to Jesus, the light of the world. You and I are the living stars being illumined by Jesus, the light living in us. We are called to shine His light through our words and deeds, so that people can be lead to the true light, Jesus.

As St. Paul says in the second reading, let us acknowledge that we are stewards of God's grace given to us for the benefit of others. Let us open our hearts to the mystery that God reveals to us every moment of our lives, in order that all may see light and the life of God in our lives. Let us become and shine God's light and life.

"20+C+M+B+19" You may have noticed that by the inside Exit sign of the Church is an inscription "20+C+M+B+19". C, M, B are the first letter of the names of three kings Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar (who visited Jesus with gifts). The two numbers stand for the current year 2019. By this we signify that God is revealing to us now as he did to the three kings then. God is not a God of Old times, but of our time, now, today of 2019. Please bless your home in the same way writing this inscription on the inside of your home entrance.

Prayer for the blessing of the Home on Epiphany: Bless, + O Lord God almighty, this home, that we may live in health, purity, love, goodness and mercy. May this blessing remain upon all who dwell herein and all who visit us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Resolutions in the New Year 2019. We must have taken New Resolutions to become or to add something new to our 'old' self. Our motto is, "let us do New, in order to be New" or "let us do good in order to be good." Our doing becomes burdensome after sometime. Doing makes one easily tired soon.

God asks us first to be good then all your words and deeds become good. A good tree bears good fruit. The spiritual way of becoming New is, to be New first then all your words and deeds become New. First we have to realize and be self-assured that each of us are blessed with all the blessings of God, then all our doings will become good.

Let us first assure ourselves that we are blessed, then let us make every effort to bring our blessings in every word and deed; that is how our doings (all our words and deeds) would become blessed ones. When we realize and live that we are God's blessing we will perceive and experience the blessing everywhere and in every one. This will make our days and world New and Good. Happy New Year.

With love and prayers, Fr. Antony

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Antony Asir, Pastor Deacon Robert D. Weisz Deacon Edward R. Vigneaux Deacon Matthew T.J. Surico Religious Education Mary Ellen Carroll, Co-director Parish Outreach Staffed by volunteers Music Ministry Emilia Savarese, Facilitator Youth Ministry Joe Gast, s.c., Youth Minister

OUR PARISH SACRAMENTAL LIFE

EUCHARIST

Weekend Masses: Saturday: 5pm Sunday: 8am, 9:15am, 10:45am, 12:15pm Weekday Mass: 9am, Monday through Saturday.

BAPTISM- As soon as your child is born, please call the Parish Office to make Baptism arrangements. Preparation session and welcoming Mass attendance are required. **MARRIAGE**- As soon as a couple decides to marry, and BEFORE making any other arrangements, call the Church Office to

schedule an appointment with the Parish

Office or one of the deacons.

or diaconate.

RECONCILIATION- Celebrated in Church every Saturday from 4pm to 4:45pm, or by previous appointment with Parish Office. **SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**- Call the Church Office to request visitation of the sick.

CONFIRMATION- Those who have not been confirmed should call the Parish Office to receive further information.

HOLY ORDERS- Contact the Parish Office for more information about the priesthood

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jean Barz Al Pankus George Bein Barbara P Bernadette Joseph P Pam Bertin Robert Pawluk Joan Perks Mary Bien George Bien Frank Procaccini Janice Bini Diane Rantz Jean Blaney Maura Reddy

Peter Bongiorno Rev. Reginald Reddy, OFM

Lisa Bravo Leland Reid

Pamela Brosnan William (Bill) Rudden Donna Caragol Victoria A. Russo Kathy Calandrella Bob Sauchelli Barbara Cappisillo Teresa Scarlato Kathy Capuano Elyse Schrage Patricia Cirone Carlene Shernowitz Kim Shernowitz **Bobbie Cizon** Ellen Cleary Robert Shernowitz John Colosi Edward J. Smith Joey Cullum Antonette Solano Walt Drechsler Jr. John Spadaro

Mary Ann Foley Joyce St. Germain
Gloria Gamarana Charles & Peggy
Joe Gandolfo Stepanek

Jody Casares George Carly Strachovsky

Gerald Gilson Richard Stout
John H. Erik Sztorc
Edward Hendershot JoAnne Thomas
Marc Ignieri (and Family) Chase Turano

Paula Izzo Andrew J. Valentine
Joseph Jacklets Andrew M. Valentine
Linda Jennings Michael Valentine
Kevin A. Kane Donna Marie Velazquez

Chris Kenney Debbie Ward Jean Marsala Kieffner Rosalind Warmuth

Rob Kohl Diane Weisz Arnold Landi Arlene Wentin Wayne Leo Lorraine White

Nicolas Lorusso
Lauren Lossani
Frank Mambuca

This listing will expire on
March 31, 2019.

Frank Mambuca
Tom Margiotta
Barbara McManus
Edward McManus
Marie Minutillo
Joan Nachtman
Jean Noschese
Patricia OConnell

Philip Lloyd

Beatrice Okorn Arlene P

Piper Palmiera (5 years old)

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Margaret Christoffersen, Frank LaCorte, Charles Longwell, Enid Deale, our deceased loved ones and our deceased service men and women.

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St. Thomas More each week. With Faith Direct, there is no fee to you! Please visit the Faith Direct website at www.FaithDirect.net to sign up: our church code is NY227. You may also use the form located where you obtain the bulletin. We thank you for your support.

UPDATING CREDIT CARD INFORMATION—If you get a new card or a renewal card, make sure that this information is communicated to Faith Direct.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES—If you do not receive weekly envelopes and would like them mailed to you, please use the cut out that is in the bulletin and indicate that you wish to receive them on a regular basis. Usually it takes about two weeks for your request to be completed.

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

We thank you for your support of our parish project to maintain our parish facilities. If you would like to help, please use a maintenance envelope where you obtain the bulletin.

CEREAL BOX TOP COUPONS—Drop them off in the Church lobby drop-off box and we will use them to buy things for the students in our regional school.

USED CELL PHONES—We thank everyone for giving us their old cell phones. We forward them to a

convent that recycles them and uses the proceeds for the poor.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS—You can check online for any updates at http://calendar.yahoo.com/stmreled.

HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL SCHOOL, Commack, New York—Grades Nursery through 8th Grade. You may contact the school at parents@holyfamilyregional.com to schedule a tour of the parish's regional school, or visit the school website at www.holyfamilyregional.com

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Ethan Bernstein John Karies Jessie Bernstein Michael Knipper Anthony Broncatello Dylan Kowalski John Burk Thomas LaFemina David Chester Alex Lombardi John Chester Andrew Lombardi Nicholas Chester Lt. Clint Lorance Theresa Chester Scott Lovelock Eddie Cullum Andrew Lynch Eric Cullum Troy A. Maida, William Maley Adam Cussen Thomas Migliara David Cussen Capt. Sean Michael Dolan Tim Morris Timothy Fallon John Nacktman Bryan Figueiredo Kaitlyn Nachtman Nicholas W. Flanary Thomas Nichols J.T. Foltz Adam Papaizai Mike Foltz Michael Poist Michael Gioia Michael Polanski William Gregory Kyle Rathje Antonia Marie Rivera Carl F. Greiner Philip Gudone Ann Karen Sanchez John Michael Haffner Justin Schneider Sean Hendrikson Christopher Sidor Kevin Ilyichenko Rvan Smith Michael White

If you have a service member or know of someone who is serving our country and you would like to have their name added to this list, please submit their names through the collection basket or the Church Office. If a soldier has returned, let us know.

SOCIAL MEDIA & EMAIL

Websites

www.stmli.org

www.stthomasmoreyouth.org

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https://www.facebook.comStThomasMoreHauppauge/

Instagram

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Joe Gast: joe.gast@stmli.org
Altar Servers Ministry: altarservers@stmli.org
Personal Prayer SpiritualOrientations.com
To contact a member of the Pastoral Council use the

following: Barbara & Joe Fratamico at

BJFRAT@optonline.net

OUR PRIEST CELEBRANTS

(Subject to last minute changes)

	This Weekend	Next Weekend
	(Jan. 5/6)	(Jan. 12/13)
Saturday		
5 pm	Msgr. Boccafola	Fr. Antony
Sunday		
8 am	Fr. Antony	Msgr. Boccafola
9:15 am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Rajan
10:45 am	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
12:15pm	Fr. Fred	Fr. Antony

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of	December 25, 2018	\$29,411.10
	December 30, 2018	\$ 6,255.25
	January 1, 2019	\$ 3,154.25

Envelope <u>users</u>: Please enter the amount of your donation in the space provided on the envelope This will greatly help us when counting the collection and for recording your contribution.



St. Vincent de Paul invites you to an Old Fashioned Football Style Wedding Celebration on Saturday, February 16, 2019 —a unique way to celebrate Valentine's Day.

More information to follow.

YOUNG AT HEART

The next meeting of the Young at Heart will be on Friday, January 11, 2019 at 12:30 pm in Walden Hall.

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



Catholics for Freedom of Religion

www.cffor.org

Focus on Religious Freedom from Catholics for Freedom of Religion

www.cffor.org

Religious Freedom Day - Coming Soon!

"Faith is embedded in the history, spirit, and soul of our Nation. On Religious Freedom Day, we celebrate the many faiths that make up our country, and we commemorate the anniversary of the passing of the State Law that shaped and secured our cherished legacy of religious liberty.

"Our forefathers, seeking refuge from religious persecution, believed in the eternal truth that freedom is not a gift from government, but a sacred right from Almighty God. On the coattails of the American Revolution, on January 16, 1786, the Virginia General Assembly passed the Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom.... these principles served as the inspiration for the First Amendment. Today, Americans from diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds remain steadfast in a commitment to the inherent values of faith, honesty, integrity, and patriotism. Our Constitution and laws guarantee Americans the right not just to believe as they see fit, but to freely exercise their religion." (excerpts from Pres. Trump's 2018 Proclamation on Religious Freedom Day)

Unfortunately, much of the world does not experience America's religious freedoms.

- * 24% of the world's countries have serious restrictions on religious freedoms.
- * 74% of the world's population lives in these countries.
- * 80% of people worldwide hold a religious belief.

The suppression of religious freedom and freedom of expression can lead to violence. Respect for religious freedom reinforces respect for freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly.

(federalregister.gov; state.gov; lds.org; aclu.org)

"A robust freedom is ... the freedom to live one's religion or belief in a legal, political, and social environment that is tolerant, respectful, and accommodating of diverse beliefs."

Elder D.Todd Christofferson, Church of LDS



We pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet every **Wednesday**, at 3:00 pm in the Church.



CIRCLE OF WOMEN

It is the mission of the Circle of Women Book Group to focus on the spiritual influence of contemporary writing that facilitates our own reflections of God's action in our daily lives.

We meet on the second Monday of the month at 2:30 pm in the Meeting Room. For further information and/or to register, call Marilyn at 631.234.5805 or Joan at 631.234.1739.

We will meet on January 14, 2019. The book for discussion will be

The Day the World Came to Town by Jim Defede—Facilitator: Aurelie Miller-Hendry.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

(Not totally inclusive)

Thursday—January 3

5:30pm—Children's Choir Rehearsal—Church

7:30pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal—Church

Congratulations! CALENDAR CLUB WINNERS

Here are the winners for the week of Dec. 30-31, 2018

Sun. 12/30/18 #681 **\$ 50** Bob Aberle Mon. 12/31/18 #173 **\$200** Evelyn & Bob McMahon

The Calendar Club is still open during January 2019 for those who wish to join.

The winners for the month of January will be drawn at the end of January. Their names will be published in the

Bulletin in February 2019.

PARISH OUTREACH

Happy New Year! Is there anything we would change? Now that the mad rush of the holidays is over, and we have some time to reflect, what would we do differently, and WHY?

If we say we would do things differently, it's important to reason why we would, rather than just give lip service to the thought. Is it because we want to become "better" people? And if so, how would we improve?

Perhaps we could give less thought to our own wants and needs and more to what others' needs are? Whatever we decide, it should give us peace of mind, and peace in our hearts.

May we all look forward to the joy that the New Year will bring. God Bless You.

MINISTRY MATTERS AT SAINT THOMAS MORE

The RCIA Team has answered God's call To help guide future Catholics in the Christian Life. The Easter Vigil culminates months of preparation As the candidates receive the Easter Sacraments.

RCIA stands for "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults." Just as it takes an entire village to raise a child, it takes the gifts of an entire loving, playful community to make a committed Catholic Christian. The RCIA team is comprised of committed individuals who are entrusted to share our faith with those adults who express a desire to become a Catholic Christian, and to help lead them to the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

Courtesy Announcements

(First Notice)

Men's Forum at Saints Philip & James Church,

359 Clinton Ave., St. James, NY: Monday, January 7, 2019. 6:30pm Adoration—Main Church; 7:30pm DVD Video Presentation: G.K. Chesterton: The Evangelist. Bishop Robert Barron, Word on Fire. The Men's Forum is a Brotherhood of Catholic men who are dedicated to growing in our faith and discipleship. Join us.

Help restore the right to life for preborn children. Please join the Long Island Coalition for Life for the Roe v. Wade Anniversary Memorial Face the Truth event on **Sunday, January 20, 2019 from 1:30pm to 3:00pm**. This peaceful public witness will beheld on the sidewalk in front of Nassau University Medical Center (2201 Hempstead Tpke., E Meadow), a hospital that commits abortions. Be a positive sign for LIFE! Signs provided. Rain or shine. Sponsored by: LICL (631) 243-1435, info@prolifeLI.org

St. Joseph Renewal Center—26 South Saxon Ave., Bay Shore—January programs:

Living with Alzheimer's & Dementia—1 to 2:30 pm

Free will offering. Program is held first Wednesday of the month. Facilitators: Josephine Daspro, CSJ & James Morris.

Men 2 Men Gathering—8:00 to 9:30 am

This program is offered the second Saturday of every month. Offering \$20 incl. breakfast per person.

Facilitators: Michael Dunne & Participants from the gathering.

Women 2 Women—10:30 am to 12 Noon.

This program is offered the second Tuesday of every month. "Knitting into the Mystery". If you would like to learn to knit or crochet, this is the experience for you.

Offering \$15 per session per person.

Facilitators: Beth Barker, Judy Coste, Joan Vessio.

PRAYING FOR THE SICK

- Adding a name Request -

PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE PARISH LIST-ING OF THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Name of person (s) who is (are) ill: Relationship to the person who is ill: Person making the Request: TODAY'S DATE: (Please place in collection basket or drop off at Church Office) CHURCH MINISTRIES THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A LITURGICAL MINISTER OR WANT TO SHARE YOUR TALENTS? Please complete the following form: I would like to volunteer in the following parish ministry: () Altar Server () Hospitality () Usher () Greeter () RCIA () Liturgy with Children () Eucharistic Minister () Lector () Consolation Minister () Landscaping/Planting () Pre-Cana () Rosary Altar Society () Caring for Altar Plants () FOCCUS ()Adult Lending Library () Banner Committee Name:: Address: Phone: REGISTRATION and/or **ENVELOPE REQUEST** NAME(s): ADDRESS: PHONE: E-MAIL: () I/we would like to register in the parish. () Please send contribution envelopes. () I am already registered in the parish but do not receive contribution envelopes. I would like to receive them. () Other __

(Please return in collection or return to Church Office)

2018 CONTRIBUTION REQUEST

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St. Thomas More Employment Services

*Are you presently unemployed and looking for a part-time or full-time job? * Do you have or know of any job openings? If so, call our Employment Services Office, 234.4629 and leave a message for Mae Devine or call Mae on Monday mornings. Calls are kept in strict confidence.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

<u>Cablevision</u> - Account executives sales for potential customers—canvassing assigned territory—Excellent benefits. Understand state of the Art Digital Video - PC skills - outstanding benefits. Residential Account Executive—4 days,

12-9, Sat. 9-6 —canvassing assigned territory for potential customers, follow up leads from customer contacts.

Catholic Charities—many positions both full time & part time available—check Employment Bulletin Board outside Walden Hall for complete list.

Per Diem Driver—Chemical Dependence Services—Commack

Catholic Health Services of LI 1) Openings-Client Services-Patient Financial Systems & several others. Competitive Benefits.

2) Superintendent Helper Male Central Islip Condo-Windbrooke Homes drivers lic., \$13.00 per hr.—15 hrs.

Educators--Academy Charter schools, elementary, middle & high schools. Administrator & other positions.

<u>Geico Insurance</u>—Sales reps, mgt. trainees, claim services reps. —750 Woodbury Rd, Woodbury, NY. 9am –3pm, M-F, Open House, but apply on line first. Valid Photo ID required.

Healthcare Opportunities -

- 1. Good Samaritan Hospital, 631.969.8200
- 2. Mather Hospital, 631.476.2774
- 3. Brookhaven Hospital, 631.447.3708
- 4. Maryhaven, 631.474.4120, X212 Contact Maryhaven directly

Newsday Media Group--Account executives for sales. Excellent benefits including matching 401K

Newspaper Delivery—Excellent 2nd income—early AM hours—car & valid NYS license.

<u>New York Community Bank</u>--Auditors, Financial Service System Engineer, Locksmith & Maintenance Mechanics--Excellent Benefits.

Panera--Now hiring FT/PT Associates, Bakers and Shift Supervisors.

School Bus Drivers—Flexible hours—Bus Drivers. & Van Drivers. Excellent Benefits-Call now for training. Retirees welcome.

<u>7-Eleven--Owner is a member of St. Thomas More</u>--Multiple positions - PT- minimum age 17. Students welcome.

ShopRite Supermarket--Various positions open; apply on-line or go to ShopRite in Hauppauge.

Suffolk Bus Drivers--Suffolk Co. Bus Company hiring drivers. Contact Suffolk Bus Company.

St. Catherine of Siena—

- 1. <u>Nursing Home</u>—Nurse Practitioners, RN supervisors, Recreation Therapists, FT/PT nights, P/T days and weekends, Rehab PT/FT—dietary;
- 2. <u>Hospital</u>—Lab Technologist & Medical Lab assistant. Physical Therapists
- 3. Physical Therapy Aides—PT/ Sport Services, Hauppauge. Mon. thru Fri., days and evenings.
- 4. Nurse Manager—MRI techs, CT techs, Lab techs.

<u>Teachers, Teacher Assistants & Substitutes</u>--Town of Smithtown & Kings Park. High School Diploma, 2 yrs. Exp. - before & after school.

The Garage—Drivers & Delivery—To deliver orders PT.

See "Civil Service Notice" posted on the bulletin board for future Civil Service Exams. For more information about any of the listed positions please call 234-4629. Note - All babysitting, infant child care, nanny, home care aides, etc. positions are in the child's home. References are required for all of these positions including nursing aides, home health care aides, etc. It is the responsibility of the employer to check all references prior to hiring.

****We have a list of names of those willing to baby-sit in their homes.

****We have a list of certified tutors for all Grades.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS—DECEMBER 2018











Our next Parish Holy Hour will be held on Tuesday January 8, 2019, from 7-8 PM in the Church.

Please note this is a change from our usual schedule.

What is done at Holy Hour?

<u>Adoration</u>: The Blessed Sacrament is placed in a monstrance and we the faithful have an opportunity to enter into prayer and peaceful meditation with our Lord truly present. Time is alternated between silent prayer and spoken prayer.

<u>Evening Prayer</u> (Vespers): These are the daily prayers said in the evening by the whole Church, from the Liturgy of the Hours. We join our prayers with clergy, religious and lay persons around the world, praying as one.

<u>Chaplet of Divine Mercy</u>: This is a devotional prayer recited on the beads of the Rosary, asking God to continue to shower us with his mercy.

Benediction: At the end of the hour, chants and prayers in praise of our Lord are recited, and we are actually blessed

by Christ as the celebrant makes the Sign of the Cross over the assembly with the monstrance.

Why should I attend a Holy Hour? Thoughts for January:

You grow spiritually with each moment you spend with Jesus!

"Our essential commitment in life is to preserve and advance constantly in Eucharistic life and Eucharistic piety and to grow spiritually in the climate of the Holy Eucharist." (Pope John Paul II, *Redeemer of Man*)

Jesus will give you all the graces you need to be happy!"The Lamb on the throne will shepherd them. He will lead them to the springs of life-giving water." (*Rev. 7:17*)

Come join us!