

Catholic Church Community of
St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788

June 25th, 2023

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*Twelfth Sunday
Ordinary Time*

*Even all the hairs of your
head are counted. So do not be
afraid; you are worth more
than many sparrows.*

Parish Mission

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.

Parish Resources

Website:

<https://www.stmli.org>

Instagram:

@stm_church

@stm_yg

Facebook:

StThomasMoreChurchHauppauge

Flocknote:

Text SPIRITOFLOVE to 84576



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Masses June 24th - July 2nd, 2023

Saturday, June 24th: Nativity of St John the Baptist

5pm- Marie Drago *by Kathy Norton*

Don Friedman *by Mary Friedman & Family*

Sunday, June 25th: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- Richard Stout *by Lori & Teddy*

Priscilla McAllister *by The McAllister Family*

9:30am- Eleanor Thompson *by John & Maryann Egan*

Graziano Zara *by The Zara Family*

11:30am- Ray Regan *by Marie & Carmine Dilullo*

Jack Gaudet *by Michael & Vivian Jacobs*

Monday, June 26th:

9am- Theresa Kutz *by Laura Alicastro & Vincent DeRosa*

Tuesday, June 27th:

9am- Monica Kanischak *by Lou & Emilia Savarese*

Wednesday, June 28th: St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr

9am- Jorge Isaac Manzi *by The Rodriguez Family*

Thursday, June 29th:

9am- Georgine Schaefer *by Deacon Ed & Laura Vigneaux*

Friday, June 30th:

9am- Ruth Ann McDonald *by Mary Friedman*

Saturday, July 1st:

5pm- Joseph Pfeifer *by Vera McGuinness*

Kenneth Scaduto *by Deacon Ed & Laura Vigneaux*

Sunday, July 2nd: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- Stephen Medina *by The Horten Family*

Robert Joseph Magrogan *by The Eyring Family*

9:30am- Keiko McKeon *by Marilyn Amodio*

Eleanor Thompson *by Lou & Emilia Savarese*

11:30am- Richard Stout *by Tracy*

Jack Gaudet *by MaryAnn Rantz*

Matthew 10:37-42 (Ordinary 13)

Jesus said to his apostles: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple— amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

Focus Questions for 7/2/23

Matthew 10:37-42

- 1: Relate a time when you were made to feel welcome. How did that effect you?
- 2: How hard is it to put loving Jesus before your family and friends?
- 3: Relate a time when you felt God was asking you to do something that was very difficult

Family & Children's Question:

Talk about a time when you did something for someone without expecting a reward.

THE LORD
STANDS BESIDE ME
LIKE A GREAT
WARRIOR.

JEREMIAH 20:11, NLT

Readings for this Week

June 25th, 2023 (Ordinary 12)

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Psalms 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

Romans 5:12-15

Matthew 10:26-33

Readings for Next Week

July 2nd, 2023 (Ordinary 13)

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

Psalms 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19

Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Matthew 10:37-42

Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

We know the famous story of "The Golden Egg Laying Duck and The Farmer". One day the farmer found one of the ducks, laying a golden egg a day. A few days passed and he became impatient with the duck, laying only one egg a day. He said, "The duck has all its eggs inside. Why don't I find and collect them all at once?" He killed the duck. To his surprise, he found not even one golden egg inside the duck. The duck would have helped him grow steadily prosperous in its natural God given gift of laying an egg a day. But in an attempt to become prosperous quickly, his manipulation of God's natural gift threw the farmer back to poverty.

In today's second reading Paul compares the First Adam who disobeyed God with the New Adam (Christ), who obeyed God until His death. Adam and Eve yielded to the serpent's suggestion and trespassed God's command. They ate the forbidden fruit, desiring to become like God. Because of this trespass of the First Adam, Death began to reign over all humans. But the New Adam Jesus Christ, fulfilled God's will even unto death on the cross and thus made us participate in life with God, a life overflowing with God's grace.

The serpent taught them a short-cut to become like God knowing good and evil. Yes, they began to know the good and evil, but death came along with that. Life should not be lived through short cuts, but through the process of growing. The New Adam Jesus Christ invites us and empowers us, that life may grow in us. Our life is not a product that we can make step-by-step with various methods, formulas, and techniques. Rather, our life is a "creative-growing". God has created us in God's own image. His creative will sets each of us in our own unique way of growing to be the best that God has created us for. Our best blossoms steadily. We are like "the Golden-Egg-Laying-Duck" created to lay an egg a day. Let us not allow ourselves to be manipulated either by our own or by other's greed to get all the eggs in one day.

The Gospel today instructs us of what we should do in order not to fall for any short-cut, but to grow in our life. Our life has nothing that "is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known." All that we need for life is revealed in its natural God-created way. As long as we live in life's speed (i.e., according to what God reveals) we will be given all that we need to live our best. But as happened in the Garden of Eden, there will always be "serpent-suggestions" to misdirect us and to live life through short-cuts and quick fixes. Once we yield to live by "serpent-suggestions" we will end up killing "the Golden-Egg-Laying-Duck", only to be greatly disappointed and losing the power of living our best.

Jesus instructs us by saying, "What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops." What we realized in our heart as Jesus' whisper must become our outward life in words and deeds. What Jesus says to us in the intimacy of our meditative prayer will enlighten our path to live God's will. A life lived by what Jesus reveals will become such a fearless life that we will not be afraid of those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul. The life lived according to God's revealed plan will assure us of the care of God. God, who cares even for the life of the sparrow that does not fall to the ground without the Father's (God's) knowledge. Let us acknowledge God's good will for us. Let us pray to know God's will and try to live His plan for us.

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



His Presence Is Real - Reflections on the Eucharist by Deacon Matt

Respect for the King

It's important from time to time that we remind ourselves of our duty to approach receiving the Eucharist with the utmost respect and care. If the Eucharist were merely a symbol, then our external actions would be simply a matter of show. However, as Catholics, our belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in Holy Communion demands nothing less than respect, awe, and reverence. After all, we are receiving the King of the Universe!

For those who cannot walk in the Communion line, Jesus will be brought to you. For the rest of us, we walk slowly, with hands folded in prayer. As the person in front of us is receiving, we bow to Jesus. When it's our turn, the minister will simply say, "The Body of Christ." We simply respond, "Amen!" And then comes the moment of receiving Him. Do we do it in the hand or on the tongue?

Either way is fine. Just please ensure the minister clearly can tell which way you have chosen. If on the tongue, extend it forward, and the minister will gently place Jesus there. If in the hand, please "make a throne for Jesus, the King." Don't reach out to grab Jesus! Place your dominant hand under your other hand, then extend them (don't hold both hands out side by side, forcing the minister to try to guess where to place the host). Then use your dominant hand to gently

pick up the Eucharist, placing it into your mouth. The Eucharist must be consumed on the spot, and cannot be taken back to your seat. Make the Sign of the Cross and then move back to your seat.

In doing all these things, we offer our Savior the sign of our inner disposition of reverence, respect and gratitude. For he is King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

"So then after having carefully hallowed your eyes by the touch of the Holy Body, partake of it; giving heed lest you lose any portion thereof ; for whatever you lose, is evidently



a loss to you as it were from one of your own members." - St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Catechetical Lecture 23, no. 21

Questions?
Comments?
Suggestions?
Contact me at
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Prayers for Our Community

Pray for the Deceased

Charles Dorchak
Patricia Ann O'Halleran
Patty A Gaudio
Ann B Chiuchiolo
Sheila Samson
Matthew Crisera
Molly Louise Carrasquillo
Jessica McGreevy

WELCOMED HOME

Pray for the Sick

Anabel	Jean Herlihy
Kencito Allaire	Jean Kelly
Mike Babach	Scarlett LaMariana
Pat Camera	Richard Landi
Vincent Carlino	Joe Madonia
Barbara Cassetta	Ellen Murphy
Joseph Cassetta	Deacon Al Pankus
Anthony Ceriello (2yrs)	Stetson Pignataro (2yrs)
Angela Conzo	Nunzio (Steve) Puleio
Nick Conzo	Helen Reichert
Joey Cullum	Bob Sawyer
Carolyn D'Amore	Derrick Simon
Charles Dorchak	Noah Simonetti
Robert Driscoll	John Spadaro
Carol Falkowski	Peter Sturnialo
Barbara Foberg	Lorraine White
Patty Golembiewski	
Linda Heller	

To add someone to this list, please fill out a card from the literature rack, or contact the rectory.

*this listing will expire on September 30th, 2023

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

This is an alternative option to having a Mass said in memoriam. To arrange the memorial for the Altar Bread & Wine, contact the Rectory. Donation for the week is \$50. A card will be sent to the family, and the name will be published in the bulletin.



Pray for Our Military

Please continue to pray for the brave members of our parish family who serve our country:



We also pray for our veterans, that they receive the support they need here at home.

Pray for the Sick Instructions

Submit this information to the rectory or cut out and drop in the collection basket.

1. Name of person (s) who is (are) ill:
2. Your relationship to the person who is ill:
3. Person making the Request:
4. Today's date:

Prayer Request Instructions

All prayer intentions can be placed in a basket near the altar before each Mass. The basket will serve as a silent reminder that we are united in faith, hope and love as we lift one another up in prayer and support, while placing our trust in the Lord.

Parish Operations

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from:
June 17th & 18th

\$ 5722

Weekly Goal: \$6700

St. Thomas More Parish needs your support now more than ever!

Envelope users: 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.

(If you do wish to receive envelopes, please fill out the form on the literature rack.

Faith Direct: Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/NY227, or text 'Enroll' to 631-250-8141. More information is available in the literature rack



Rectory Office Hours Monday-Friday 9:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

If in need of the immediate attention of a priest during non-office hours please call **(631) 234-5551** and choose **option 4**

All other calls received after office hours will be returned the next business day.

Offertory Sign-Up Book

Would you like to bring up the gifts during the offertory? It's a great way to participate in the mass with your family!

We have a sign-up book available in the Narthex near the literature rack. Currently available for each weekend in 2023. If you are interested, please sign up and let the ushers know when you arrive at mass.

JANUARY					FEBRUARY					MARCH					
T	W	T	F	S	S	S	M	T	W	T	S	M	T	W	T
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APRIL					MAY					JUNE					
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Calendar Club Winners

- June 19 (\$25): Mr & Mrs Merget (1041)
- June 20 (\$25): Barbara Jones (845)
- June 21 (\$25): The Acquafredda Family (934)
- June 22 (\$25): Rosalie Rocchio (505)
- June 23 (\$25): Anthony Napolitano (347)
- June 24 (\$25): Len Munzer (854)
- June 25 (\$50): Michael O'Brien (28)



Parish Social Ministry

Hunger knows no season

This week we are very low on...

Boxed Milk
Peanut Butter & Jelly
Mayonnaise
Instant Coffee
Chef Boyardee
Toothpaste
Juice/Drink Mixes
Non-Dairy Creamer
Paper Towels
Peanut Butter/Jelly
Microwaveable Rice
Dried/Canned Fruit
Canned Soup
Soap

As always, we are grateful for any donations!
Most helpful are bottles/cans/packages for families of 2-4. Larger bottles/cans can be difficult to distribute.



ST. THOMAS MORE

† PARISH OUTREACH †

Monday – Thursday 10AM to 2 PM

631-234-3149

Outreach@stmlil.org



Help Wanted:

A parishioner is looking for a home health aide. 20-25 hrs per week in Nesconset. Services paid through CDPAP Medicaid program. Call Mary @ 631-361-6296

Please reach out to Parish Outreach if you are, or know of someone, in need of support. Keep our elderly neighbors in mind and let us know if there is anyone you would like us to reach out to.

Please do not leave other items such as clothing or household items in the donation bins. Clothing can be placed in the St. Vincent de Paul box at the back right corner of the parking lot. Please contact Outreach regarding other donations.
Thank you!



St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today we hear Jesus say, “Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.”

This week, know that you will bring hope to the poor through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

To contact us, call 631-648-2760 or e-mail svdp.stm@aol.com



In Our Parish

This & That with Deacon Matt

In July and August, Deacon Matt will be making time to visit with small groups of parishioners in the home. Do you have questions about our faith?

Do you find it difficult to follow teachings of the Church in this day and age? Are there issues you'd like to discuss, or suggestions you'd like to make? The floor is yours! Deacon Matt will be the facilitator. The format is simple: find 6-10 people to gather at your home on a specific date, serve dessert, and come with your questions/topics.

Deacon Matt is especially interested in hearing the voices of the young. So teenagers and young adults are most certainly encouraged to get a group together!

In general, late afternoons/early evenings during the week, and possibly Saturday mornings, are available. To discuss a specific date, you can send an email to ThisAndThat2023@stmli.org or leave a message at the rectory.

Young at Heart

Friday June 23rd at 12:30pm
New Members Always Welcome



Call Anna @ 631-234-0714 with questions

Linen Ministry Opportunity

The St. Thomas More Linen Ministry is looking for new members. This ministry takes care of washing and ironing the linens used during Masses and Baptisms. Your commitment can be for once a month, or once every two months. Call Patti Surico at 631-366-2004 for more information.

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 do not meet in July and August. Our next meeting is 9/18/2023. Our book discussion will be *It Ends With Us* by Colleen Hoover

Facilitator: Jo Garvey

For further info or to register, call Marilyn @ 631-234-5805 or Joan @ 631-234-1739

Have you been called by name?

Come and follow Jesus and his teachings!

If you are missing any or all of your Sacraments, or are converting from another religion, come on an incredible journey of faith, love, and community that is the Catholic Church.

Contact RCIA by calling the rectory @ 631-234-5551

The Music Corner

Summer is upon us! Enjoy the beauty of the world around us, get up and shake off the blues, and experience the world that God made for us. These songs can be found on YouTube, or your favorite streaming app.

For the Beauty of the Earth

By A New Liturgy

This arrangement of the traditional hymn includes petitions and prayers throughout. A high energy group, they breathe life into this classic tune.

Look On Up

By Relient K

This song by the Christian Pop Punk band is a reminder to us all. Look away from the phones and take in the beauty of what is all around you with your own eyes, not through a lens.



In Our Community

Bereavement Support Group

For the recently bereaved and those still struggling with unresolved loss

St. Joseph RCC

45 Church St, Ronkonkoma

9 week program begins Tues 7/11, 10am or 7pm. Registration \$25 (includes book)

Call Michele Nappi @ 631-588-8456 or

Email michele@stjoronk.org

Summer Catholic Theater Arts Camp (CLASP)

Catholic Literature & Arts Summer Program

Sun Jul 30-Sat Aug 5, 2023. Seasoned educators, dedicated artists, and coached share expertise and collaborate with the next generation of actors, playwrights, directors, and artists.

High School teens stretch their talents through activities of their choice: acting, dancing, vocals, and set design. Peers and professionals enlighten, educate, inspire, and share enthusiasm and desire for everyone to succeed, no matter previous experience or ability. The team's hard work and collaboration are realized in a public performance of an original musical on Aug 5. Grow in artistry, personal identity, and faith in this empowering program. Kids ages 5-12 can join us for Jr. CLASP 8/2-8/4. Located in Wappingers Falls NY.

Application and deposit must be received by July 17th

Apply online:

<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/capuchinyfm/event/860763>

HOLY TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS



Theatre Workshop
Grades 5-9
July 10-21



Law & Government
Grades 6-9
July 10-13



STEM Camp
Grades 5-9
July 10-13



Art Camp
Grades 5-9
June 26-30



Register for Holy Trinity Summer Camps
holytrinityhs.org/summer-camps



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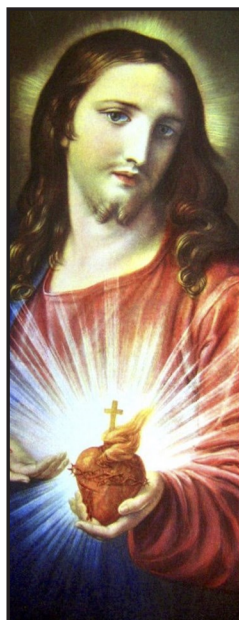
200 Belle Terre Rd, Port Jefferson

Classes begin 7/20, 6pm-7:30pm

Info/Registration:

Debora.rippel@suffolkcountyny.gov

631-853-2928 or 631-853-4017



GOD IS LOVE

JUNE

MONTH OF THE
MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Bishop John O. Barres has declared the month of
June in the Diocese of Rockville Centre as
the Month of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
proclaiming to the world that "God is Love."



To learn more, visit:

WWW.DRVC.GODISLOVE.ORG

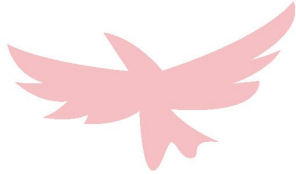
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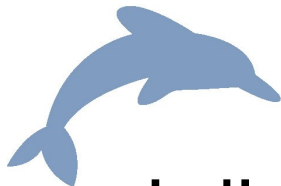
Happening at St. Thomas More



Let heaven and



earth praise him, the



seas and all that



move in them...

Psalm 69:34

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday

9:00 AM

Saturday

5:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM

9:30 AM

11:30 AM

Confessions

Every Saturday

4:00 PM-4:45 PM

Coming Up @ STM

Wed June 28th, 7:00pm

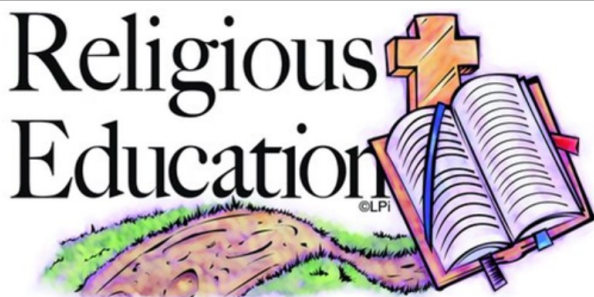
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Social Meeting

July 4th

Independence Day

Offices Closed



St. Thomas More

Religious Education Registration

2023/2024 School Year

-- Sharing the Spirit of Love --

If you have a child entering First Grade in September or are new to our Parish, call us at 631-234-0397 or email us at RelEd@stmli.org for information about registering for the fall program



St. Thomas More Employment Services

NEW – Carson Optical (Ronkonkoma): Public Relations and Marketing Lead. Promotion of brand to Latin America military. Spanish proficiency and travel to Latin America.

Send CV to: Sharon Barnhart at: sbarnhart@carson.com

NEW – Media Placements, Inc (Islip): Marketing Director (BRG Restaurants).

Go to: brgroup.biz/career

UPDATED – Eastern Suffolk BOCES: Teachers, Teacher Assistants, Nurses, Psychologists, Social Workers, other positions.

Go to: <https://esboces.recruitfront.com/JobOpportunities>

Physical Therapy Asst and Asst Physical Therapist. Baldwin, NY. Contact Jason Birnhak:

jtbirnhak@gmail.com

Mavis Discount Tires (Maple Avenue, Smithtown): Apply within or call: 844-375-3995

Catholic Charities: Budget and Claims Analyst, Hicksville.

Go to: jobs@catholiccharities.cc

Catholic Charities: P/T Social Worker, Residential Services (10 hrs/wk).

Go to: jobs@catholiccharities.cc

NY State Dept of Labor: Summer Jobs! Park rangers, lifeguards, adventure trail guides, and golf course maintenance. Visit seasonal.works.labor.ny.gov

United Parcel Service (UPS): Drivers & warehouse personnel needed. Farmingville.

Go to: www.upsjobs.com

IRS: Contact Representatives Needed, Holtsville Location. Go to: www.jobs.irs.gov

Northwell Health: Many positions still available at multiple locations.

Go to: <https://jobs.northwell.edu/job-search-results/>

Newsday: Newspaper Delivery Persons. Early morning. Car and NYS driver's license required. See ad in Sunday Newsday for locations.

Target: Multiple locations. Go to: www.target.com/careers

Stony Brook Medical Center: Clinical and support staff positions available.

Go to: <https://www.stonybrookmedicine.edu/careers>

FedEx Office: Local positions available.

Go to: <https://careers.fedex.com/office/jobs>

CVS Health: Many local positions available. Go to: <https://jobs.cvshealth.com/>

Walmart: Positions available. Go to: www.careers.walmart.com

Catholic Health Services: Many positions available - health care and non-health care positions.

Go to: <https://jobs.chsli.org/>

Nassau County: Many P/T and F/T positions available.

Go to: www.nassaucountyny.gov/3341/Employment

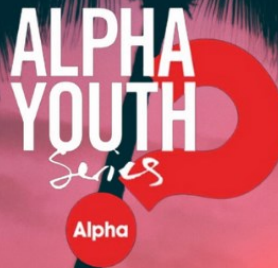
Suffolk County: Many P/T and F/T positions available.

Go to: www.suffolkcountyny.gov/employment or call: 631-853-6540

United States Postal Service (USPS): Many career opportunities available.

Go to: www.usps.com/careers

If your business or your employer would like to be included in the available job postings that we will be listing please send an email to John White at: jmtwhite@optonline.net Please include the position title, the location of the job, and contact information (either yours or the employer's).



ALPHA

SUMMER SERIES

AGES 14-21

Join us for food, video, and time with friends. Alpha offers compelling stories, images, questions, and discussion topics!

SUNDAYS 12:30-2:30 PM

July 2, 16, 30, August 13, 27

We will meet in Walden Hall, where Youth Group usually meets!

“The Alpha Youth Series explores timeless questions about life, faith and God for a new generation.”

—Alpha.org

MSGR. FRANCIS S. MIDURA MEMORIAL

GOLF OUTING

MONDAY, SEPT. 11TH
9:00AM SHOTGUN START



\$175 per golfer
Cart included

Lunch, Dinner Buffet
with 2-hour open bar

Smithtown Landing- 495 Landing Avenue, 11787

Contact Ed Rogan @ (516) 319-8643 or Tom Prunty @ (631) 682-4177

PLEASE CHECK YOUR MAIL OR FIND REGISTRATION FORMS IN THE LIT RACK



FEAST OF ST. THOMAS MORE

Thomas More was born in London in 1478 and studied to become a lawyer. Recognized for his great intelligence, impartiality, and wisdom, he rose through the ranks of Parliament and earned King Henry VIII's favor. until he became Lord Chancellor in 1529. He resigned the chancellorship three years later, however, when he was unable to support Henry's divorce of Catherine of Aragon and marriage to Anne Boleyn. In 1535, he was convicted of treason and beheaded, and four hundred years later, he was canonized.

St Thomas More's feast day is June 22nd and he is the patron saint of adopted children, lawyers, civil servants, politicians and difficult marriages.



Prayer for Good Humor by St. Thomas More

Grant me, O Lord, good digestion,
and also something to digest.

Grant me a healthy body,
and the necessary good humour to maintain it.

Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is
good and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil,
but rather finds the means to put things back in their place.

Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumblings, sighs
and laments, nor excess of stress, because of that
obstructing thing called "I".

Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humour.

Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke to discover in
life a bit of joy, and to be able to
share it with others.

Amen.

*So do not be afraid; you are of
more value than many
sparrows. Matthew 10:31*

