

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788

JULY 21ST, 2024

for they
were like
SHEEP
without a
shepherd



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.

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Parish Resources

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<https://www.stmli.org>

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Masses July 20th - July 28th, 2024

Saturday, July 20th:

5pm- Fay Chambart *by Parish Outreach*

Joseph Lucania *by Harold & Theresa Lund*

Sunday, July 21st: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- Paul Vigneaux *by Patty & Joe Citro*

Melody Clemons-Smith *by JoAnn Eyring*

9:30am- Nicholas Malin *by Linda Ronning & Family*

11:30am- Richard Stout *by Tracy*

Monday, July 22nd: St Mary Magdalene

9am- German Manzi *by Dolly Rodriguez*

Tuesday, July 23rd:

9am- Debra Stuart Cameron *by Mom & Dad*

Wednesday, July 24th:

9am- Cirilo Castro *by Their Family*

Thursday, July 25th: St James

9am- Eleanor Kingsley *by Patty & Joe Citro*

Friday, July 26th: Sts Joachim & Anne

9am- Joseph Codispoti *by Patty & Joe Citro*

Saturday, July 27th:

5pm- Arthur D'Antonio *by The Crudden Family*

Edward Boney *by Fran & Walter Duffy & Girls*

Sunday, July 28th: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- Joseph Codispoti *by Paul, Kathy, Amanda Borowski*

9:30am- Eleanor Thompson *by The Recce Family*

11:30am- Patrick Kelly *by Arleen & Ed Rogan*

Linda Esposito *by The Reistetter Family*

John 6:1-15 (Ordinary 17)

Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near. When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people recline." Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat. When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world." Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make him king,

Focus Questions for Ordinary 17

John 6:1-15

- 1: Relate a time when you hungered for more than food. How were you fed spiritually?
- 2: The apostles had to grow in their understanding of Jesus and his mission. How is your faith continuing to grow?
- 3: If you only had enough food for you and your family, would you share your food with others?

Family & Children's Question:

Jesus feeds the crowds who followed him. He continues to feed his followers in the Eucharist. Talk about a special Eucharist you attended.

Readings for This Week

July 21st, 2024 (Ordinary 16)

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 23:1-6

Ephesians 2:13-18

Mark 6:30-34

Readings for Next Week

July 28th, 2024 (Ordinary 17)

2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalm 145:10-11,15-18

Ephesians 4:1-6

John 6:1-15

Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends,

Bent over and obviously in pain, the old man with a cane hobbled laboriously through the sanctuary and into the pastor's office while the choir was practicing.

Ten minutes later he came out, walking upright and moving with grace and speed.

"Good gracious," the choir director exclaimed. "Did the pastor heal you by faith?"

"No," the old man said with a smile. "He just gave me a cane that wasn't six inches too short!" Physicians should rightly diagnose the state of the patient, the nature of his disease and start the treatment in order to heal the sick.

Today's readings show us how God, the physician heals us. The first reading explains how the shepherds whom God appointed over His people, did not care for them. So God began to deal directly with His people, saying, "I myself will gather the remnant of my flock from all the lands to which I have driven them and bring them back to their meadow; there they shall increase and multiply."

The responsorial psalm depicts what happens when the Lord Himself becomes our Shepherd. We will lack nothing. The Shepherd will not only provide us with life by reposing in verdant pastures beside restful waters, but also protect us, "Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side, with your rod and your staff, that give me courage."

Today's Gospel describes the compassion of Jesus, the Shepherd. "When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd." We see in Jesus how God has begun to act as the true Shepherd. Paul explains in the second reading how Jesus, the Shepherd cures and cares for us humans. Knowing that each of us is suffering from disintegration (enmity) within our individual selves and with each other, Jesus reconciled us with God through the cross, putting that enmity to death by it.

Our Reconciliation with God cures us and makes us whole on two levels. First, each of us is brought back to our original integrated selves. As persons undivided within us, each of us becomes one single expression. No hypocritical style of one way inside and totally the other way outside; no more inimical within our individual selves, our good-self fighting with our evil-self; but one New Person in place of two. Second, Jesus the Shepherd broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh, establishing peace, and reconciled us with God, in one body, through the cross, putting that enmity to death by it. This effects peace among us because we all become one body, each of us becoming members of the Body of Christ.

In this day and age, we are direly in need of peace. The division among us, the human communities is not incurable. We need the right diagnosis, correct treatment and a compassionate doctor. Jesus, the Good Shepherd presents Himself as the compassionate physician. HE sends us as he sent the disciples as His healers among the strayed and sick sheep. Let us be healed individually and carry His healing mission of peace wherever and among whomever it is needed.

Welcome to Fr. Bala. While I am away Fr. Bala will be here helping us in the parish. He is not new to us. He used to help us until his retirement. Now as retired priest he comes to us from his hometown Dindigul, India to help us during my visit to my mom. We welcome him. We wish him all the best in his ministry among us.

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



Parish Operations

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from:
July 13th & 14th

\$5613

Thank You!

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

Rectory Office Hours Monday-Friday 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

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.*

Calendar Club Winners

7/15 (\$25): Arlene Aspromgos (215)

7/16 (\$25): Charlotte Meineke (5)

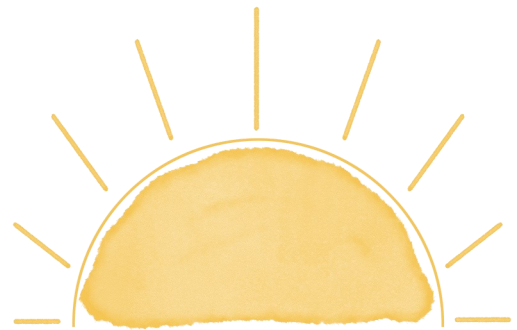
7/17 (\$25): Joseph Fratamico (1284)

7/18 (\$25): Charlotte Meineke (965)

7/19 (\$25): Helen & Charlie Beisel (948)

7/20 (\$25): Dianne Vallette (799)

7/21 (\$50): Bernard Nagel (1360)



a new day
is coming

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Prayers for Our Community

Pray for the Sick

Susan Agne	Jim Marquette
Baby Kaden	Mia Mednick (10yrs)
Ana Beltrani	Ellen Murphy
Gregory Bennett	Bernice Noeker
Steve Cotsalas Sr	Matt O'Connell
Christine DiFilippo	Nancy O'Connell
Rocco DiMaggie	Deacon Al Pankus
Linda Dowling	Joseph Platia
Robert Ferro	Nunzio Steve Puleo
Stephanie Goodhart	Richard Ronning
MaryAnn Landi	Noah Simonetti (2yrs)
Richard Landi	Patricia Theiergartner
Ellen Lentino	Andrew M Valentine
Frank Lewis	Laura Vigneaux
Eileen Macholz-Barr	Debbie Ward



*this listing will expire on September 31st, 2024

Pray for the Deceased

Marilyn Gast
Edward Boney
Patricia Algar
Judith Nan MacDonald

WELCOMED HOME

We continuously pray for our deceased loved ones.

i am...

LOVED

[ROMANS 5:8]

worthy

[1 THESSALONIANS 2:12]

cherished

[EPHESIANS 5:29]

forgiven

[1 JOHN 2:12]

chosen

[COLOSSIANS 3:12]

Pray for Our Military

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

Troy A. Maida	Joseph Kirsch
Connor Hendrickson	Allen Kirsch
Evan Hendrickson	Nicholas Gajda
Christopher Sidor	Alexandria Feys Gajda
Ryan Smith	Andrew Lynch
Will Maley	

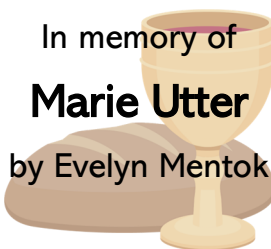


We also pray for our veterans, that they receive the support they need here at home.

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

7/22-7/28

In memory of
Marie Utter
by Evelyn Mentok



To arrange the memorial for the Altar Bread & Wine, contact the Rectory. Donation for the week is \$50.

Pray for our Clergy

Fr Antony Asir
The Capuchin Friars
Fr Lenny Carlino
Deacon Ed Vigneaux

Deacon Bob Weisz
Deacon Matt Surico
Bishop John Barres
Pope Francis



...and for all those men and women considering a life of devotion to God.

Parish Social Ministry

"Love is by its very nature focused on the other. To love is to desire what is good for the other person."



ST. THOMAS MORE

† PARISH OUTREACH †

Monday – Thursday 10AM to 2 PM

631-234-3149

Outreach@stmli.org

Our needs this week:

Syrup
Canned Vegetables
Chef Boyardee
Cereal
Drink/Drink Mixes
Tea
Packaged Milk
Shampoo
Paper Towels

All the donations to restock our shelves!!

We appreciate all of your donations!

Please remember that it is difficult for us to use large cans, bottles, bags of rice, etc. as many of our neighbors do not have the ability to store extra food. Packages for 2-4 people are ideal.



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.

Help Needed!

Our school supply drive will be starting at the end of the month. Please watch for our flyer in the bulletin for suggestions. At this time, our Outreach program is providing support for over 90 school-aged children!



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." Vincent de Paul, a great man of action was also a contemplative. His contemplation of God's love overflowed into practical love for the poor.

Please say a special prayer for the poor and forgotten. Prayer is a powerful tool.

We can be reached at 631-648-2760 or by email at svdp.stm@aol.com

In Our Parish

YOUTH GROUP

DISCOVER JESUS THRU
VIDEOS, GAMES, PRAYER,
& COMMUNITY SERVICE

12:30-2:30PM | CLASSROOM

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

14 JULY

28 JULY

11 AUGUST

25 AUGUST

TEENS OF ALL AGES INVITED!



Communion for the Homebound

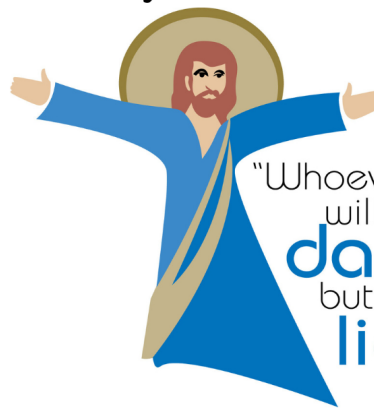
As a parish, we would like to make you aware of our ability to bring the Eucharist to our parishioners who are unable to attend Mass. It is a privilege and responsibility that we do so. We ask that you call the rectory to request Communion in the home.

Please note that if you or a loved one is in need of Communion to be brought to the home, we must adhere to the following guidelines, for the safety of both the recipient and our Eucharistic Ministers:

If anyone in the home is suffering from a contagious illness, we are unable to enter the home.

There must be a companion with the recipient to ensure the safety of your loved one and our EM.

Have you been called by Name?



"Whoever follows me
will **never** walk in
darkness,
but will have the
light of life."

JOHN 8:12

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.

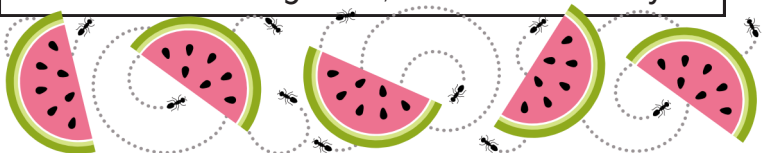
Contact OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation in Adults) by calling the rectory at 631-234-5551.

Presentation of Babies!

We at STM are delighted to pray for these young Catholics about to receive their first Sacrament of Initiation. Please keep them and their parents in your prayers!



Once a month at 9:30 we have the presentation of babies. If you are interested in Baptism for your child under the age of 7, contact the Rectory!



In Our Parish

In July and August, as he has done for the past five summers, 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 around 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 and Sunday evenings, are available. To discuss a specific date, you can send an email to deacon.matt@stmli.org or leave a message at the rectory.

 **ST. THOMAS MORE**
† R.C. CHURCH †

This & That

With
Deacon Matt



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

The honor given to the angels and saints as friends of God, which is much less than the worship given to God, is called...

- a: Latria
- b: Dulia
- c: Hyperdulia
- d: All of the above



BEACH MASS 2024

SAVE THE DATE

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER
8TH @ 12PM
OTTO SCHUBERT BEACH
NISSEQUOQUE**



Answer: D (Dulia: angels and saints; Hyperdulia: Mary; Latria: God alone)



In Our Parish



TWOSOME
Raffle

Win a spot at the STM Annual Golf Outing for you and a friend!

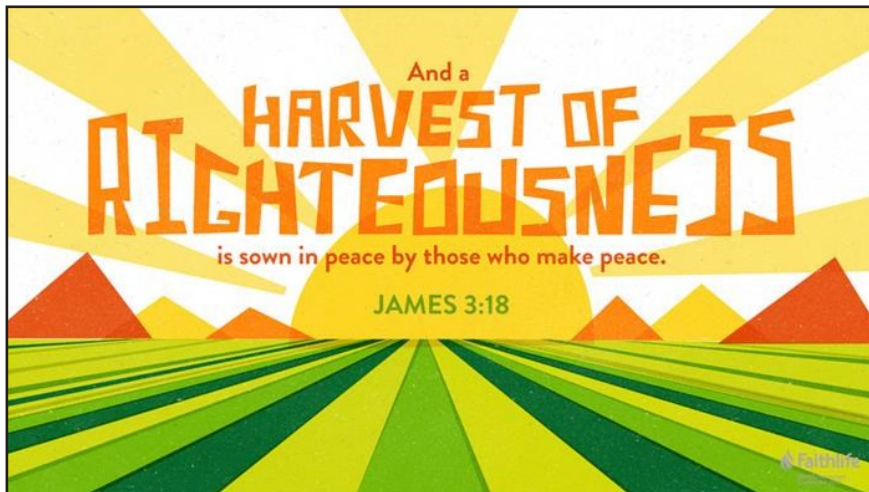
\$20 per ticket, only 40 tickets available!

*winner will be announced when all tickets are sold.

ST. THOMAS MORE P.C. CHURCH

Young at Heart
New Members Always Welcome!
Next Meeting: Fri August 9th

Call Anna @ 631-234-0714



And a
**HARVEST OF
RIGHTEOUSNESS**
is sown in peace by those who make peace.
JAMES 3:18

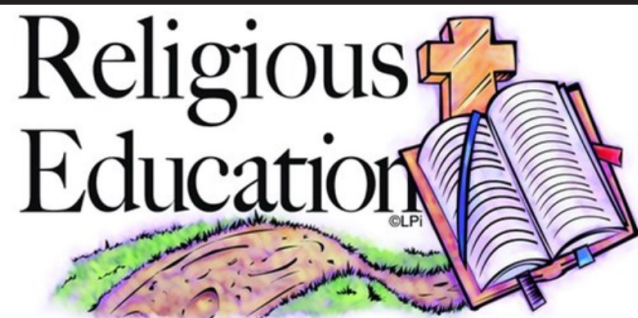


Join the Choir!

DO YOU LIKE TO SING? DO YOU LIKE TO PRAISE GOD? HAVE YOU TRIED DOING BOTH AT THE SAME TIME?

THE CHOIR SEASON IS OVER FOR THE SUMMER, BUT WE WILL BE BACK IN SEPTEMBER, AND WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN OUR RANKS! ITS A SMALL COMMITMENT THAT CAN LEAD TO BIG SPIRITUAL SATISFACTION! ADULTS AND CHILDREN!

QUESTIONS? TALK TO EMILIA OR ALEX AFTER MASS, OR CALL THE RECTORY



St. Thomas More
Religious Education Registration
2024/2025 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



In Our Parish

HAVE FUN IN THE SUN ... BUT DON'T FORGET THE SUNSCREEN

Dermatologists say this is what we should know.



**READ THE
LABEL. HERE'S
WHAT TO
LOOK FOR.**

SPF (sun-protection factor). This number tells how effectively it blocks harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays. Choose an SPF of 30 or higher.

Broad spectrum. Protects against both UVA radiation (associated with skin aging) and UVB radiation (which causes sunburn). Both can cause skin cancer.



**APPLY SUNSCREEN AT
LEAST 15 MINUTES
BEFORE SUN EXPOSURE.**

Use enough to cover your whole body (one ounce for most adults). Don't forget ears, top of scalp, legs and feet. Ask someone to help you with your back. You'll need more every two hours. Reapply after swimming, or if you're sweating.



DO I NEED SUNSCREEN IF ...

I'm not at the beach? Yes, use whenever you're outside.

It's cloudy out? You can still get sunburn, so use it.



MORE SUN PROTECTION TIPS

Wear a broad-brimmed hat.

Avoid peak sun exposure (between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.).

Protect your eyes with sunglasses.

Stay in the shade.

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

To India, with Love

Please keep Father Antony in your prayers as he heads home on a well-deserved vacation to see his family and friends and Amma!

Bon Voyage!



MSGR. FRANCIS S. MIDURA MEMORIAL

GOLF OUTING

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



\$190 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, BULLETIN, OR LIT RACK FOR REGISTRATION

St. Thomas More / Msgr. Francis S. Midura

Annual Golf Outing

9/9/24 at Smithtown Landing CC 9:00 AM shotgun start



Registration Form

Golfers:	Name	Contact Number
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____

Please fill out a separate form for each Foursome. Singles or Twosomes will be paired with other golfers.

Include a check for **\$190.00** per golfer made out to: St. Thomas More Parish

Registration begins at **7:30 AM** with coffee and donuts.

Dinner Only Patrons: Please include a check for **\$90.00** per person made out to St. Thomas More Parish

1. _____	2. _____
3. _____	4. _____

Return Form in envelope provided by mail or drop off at Church.

GOLF RAFFLE



**NOW
WITH
BIGGER
PAYOUTS!**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES
OR AT THE RECTORY!**

1 for \$10
3 for \$20
9 for \$50



**1st: \$1250
2nd: \$750
3rd: \$500**

**STM MSGR FRANCIS MIDURA
MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING**

Youth Group, July 14th

How & Why to Read the Bible



Watching the Alpha Youth video about the Bible and discussing throughout!



Community Service!



Community Service!



We read a verse of 2 Corinthians using the SOAP method (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer)



Upcoming Meetings

Sundays 12:30-2:30

July 28th

August 11th

Follow us on
Instagram!

@stm_yg

 YOUTH GROUP
† ST. THOMAS MORE †

Saints of July



Feast Day: July 3rd
Apostle, Preacher, Martyr
Bishop of India
Patron: Architects

Known as Didymus or Doubting Thomas. In the Gospel of John, Thomas doubts Jesus' return, but later confessed his faith.



Feast Day: July 11th
Abbot, Exorcist, Mystic
Founder: Benedictine Order
Patron: Europe

Founded a number of communities for monks in Italy. Fr Antony is known as Benedict in India (Asir)



Feast Day: July 14th
Virgin
First Native American Saint
Patron: Environment

Algonquin-Mohawk born in present day NY. At 19 she was Baptized and moved to a Jesuit Mission Village.



Feast Day: July 15th
Friar, Doctor of the Church
Seraphic Doctor
Patron: Bowel Disorders

A prolific writer who was known to reconcile diverse traditions in theology and philosophy. Staunch defender of the Franciscan tradition.



Feast Day: July 22nd
Apostle to the Apostles
Patron: Pharmacists, Converts, Women

Travelled with the Jesus and the Apostles. First person to witness the Risen Christ, brought news of the resurrection to the Apostles.



Feast Day: July 25th
Apostle and Martyr
"Son of Thunder"
Patron: Spain

Brother of John the Apostle, and taller or older (greater) than the other James. Executed by Herod in Acts, first Apostle to be martyred.



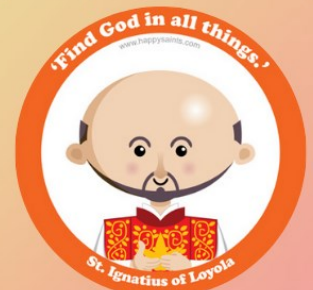
Feast Day: July 26th
Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Grandparents of Jesus Christ
Patron: Grandparents

Wealthy couple from the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Unable to conceive, they prayed for a child, promising to dedicate them to God's service.



Feast Day: July 29th
Members of the House of Bethany
Friends of Jesus Christ
Patron: Siblings

Welcomed Jesus into their home. Martha was active, preparing. Mary anointed His feet. Lazarus was raised from the dead.



Feast Day: July 31st
Priest
Founder: Society of Jesus (Jesuits)
Patron: Jesuits, Basque Region

Convert to Catholicism after an injury. Founded the Jesuit order and through that, many schools. "Go, set the world of fire."



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