

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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January 4th 2026



This Week's Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

The Epiphany of the Lord

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This Week's Masses

Saturday, January 3rd
5:00pm Alphonse Cruz Manickam

Sunday, January 4th
The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00am Connie Giunta
9:30am Lauren Mastandrea
11:30am Anita Blandeburgo

Monday, January 5th
9:00am Joachim Valerian Vas

Tuesday, January 6th
9:00am Al Weidig

Wednesday, January 7th
9:00am Jerry Sangiorgi

Thursday, January 8th
9:00am Al Weidig

Friday, January 9th
9:00am A. Mariadass

Saturday, January 10th
5:00pm Alphonse Cruz Manickam

Sunday, January 11th
Baptism of the Lord

8:00am Ted Rapone (healing)
9:30am Janet & Richard Weil
11:30am Al Weidig



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.

Saints of the Week

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1/4)
St. John Neumann (1/5)
St. Andre Bessette (1/6)
St. Raymond of Penafort (1/7)

Saints in heaven, *pray for us*

Prepare for Next Weekend

The Baptism of the Lord
January 11th 2025

Readings

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7
Psalm 29:1-4,9-10
Acts 10:34-38
Matthew 3:13-17

Focus Questions

1: Why do you think John didn't want to baptize Jesus?
2: What can we learn from Jesus asking John to baptize him?
Families: How do you celebrate the anniversary of your Baptism?

Gospel of Matthew (3:13-17)

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.
John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?"
Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."
Then he allowed him.
After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him.
And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

our *daily bread*

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



From the Pastor

Young man to his grandfather: **“Why do you keep reading the Bible all day long?”**

Grandfather: “Well, I am cramming for my final examination.”

Reading the Bible not only reveals who God is and how God acts, but more importantly reveals to us who we are and how we can meaningfully live. The Bible shows us who God is and makes us see who we are.

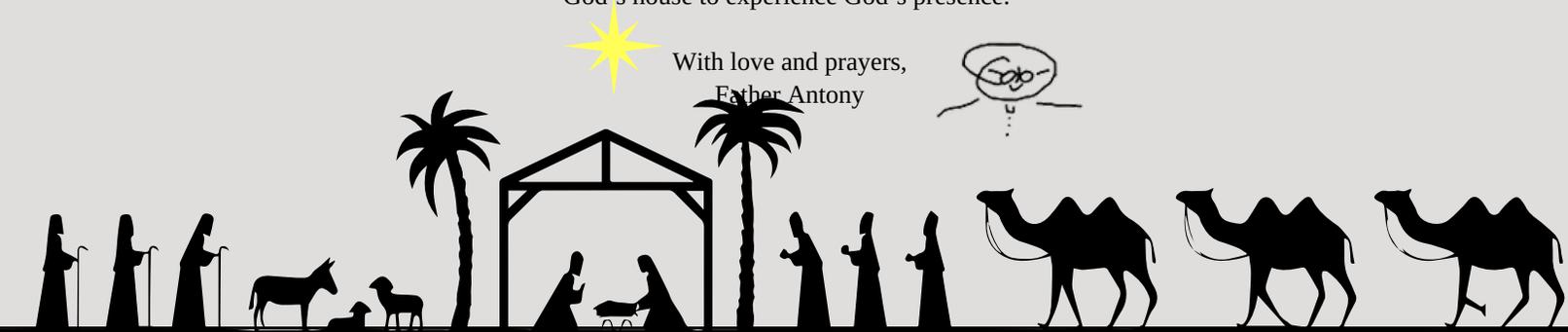
Today is the **Feast of the Epiphany**. The word ‘Epiphany’ originates from the Greek verb ‘Epiphanein’ which means to show, reveal, or manifest. It has a royal usage. When a king comes with his full entourage, showing how great and strong he is, his procession among his people would be called Epiphany. Today’s feast proclaims how God manifests/reveals the divine nature in the human child to the magi, wise men from the East.

First a special star, **called in the Gospel ‘His star’ i.e. the Star of the one who is born, as God’s child**. The star announces a message, and it was rightly read by the wise men (magi). Being led by the star, they proceed to visit the child who is the manifestation of ‘God with us’, ‘Emmanuel’. Thus, God revealed himself to the wisemen through the nature. Even today we can look at nature with all its wonders and experience God’s presence as its Creator and Provider.

On the way to Bethlehem, **the Star disappeared when they reached Jerusalem**. So, they ended up in Herod’s palace to get directions and information about the Newborn king. Nature can reveal God only to certain level. Then we need human help to get more direction and information about this revealing God. When Herod heard from the wisemen that they were looking for the One, born as the king of Jews, he was disturbed. He saw in this newborn king a challenge to his kingdom. God’s revelation made the wise men to seek God while it made Herod plan to kill God. Today’s feast questions us how we handle God’s revelation when it comes to us through other human beings.

The priests and scribes refer to the **scripture to get the full revelation of God**, as to where He is born. What God reveals partially through nature and humans, God fully reveals in the Scripture. The Scripture, the word of God, containing the promise of God, gives us the full revelation. Scripture is not simple narration of what God did and said in the past. It is the Living Word of the Living God. It reveals how God is in action in the present day. Thus, the wise men’s search for God began with nature, continued with humans and completed with the Scripture, to find the right person in the right place.

Today too for **those who approach nature and humans in the light of Scripture, God reveals himself very personally**. They will experience God for who God is and how God is active in our individual life and in human history. Let us pray that we may hear what God reveals to us. Let us also take up a journey like the magi to seek God, that we too may find and experience Him. Let us knock the door of God’s house to experience God’s presence.



With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

Stacey Skrzypek
Dennis Sudbrink
A. Mariadass

We continuously pray for our deceased loved ones and all souls in purgatory.

St Gertrude, pray for us.

Pray for the Sick

Andrew M Valentine	Emily Bolkas	Lou Savarese
Barbara Foberg	Helen Kovarik	Louise Soldo
Blair Rocchio	Jim Moran	Marge McGowan
Carol Ann Raucci	Jimmy Cannon	Maria U Aldaba
Christopher Conley	John Heller	Maria Pipia
Christy Torkelsen	Joseph Beltrani Sr.	Michael Minutillo
Diane McCann	Joseph Tuffarelli	Nina Busse
Dolores Rudden	Larry Wilson	Noah Simonetti
Donnie Casamassina	Linda Heller	Nunzio Puleo
Ellen Murphy	Lorraine White	Patricia Stronczer
Baby Emerson Brae Mark		Richard Landi

*This listing will reset on March 31st 2026

To add a name to the sick list, please fill out a card from the literature rack place it in the collection basket, or contact the Rectory by phone or email.

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

January 5th - January 11th

In memory of

William & Michael Lovelock

by The Lovelock Family

Contact the Rectory to arrange a memorial for the Altar Bread & Wine. Requested donation for the week is \$50

Pray for our Clergy

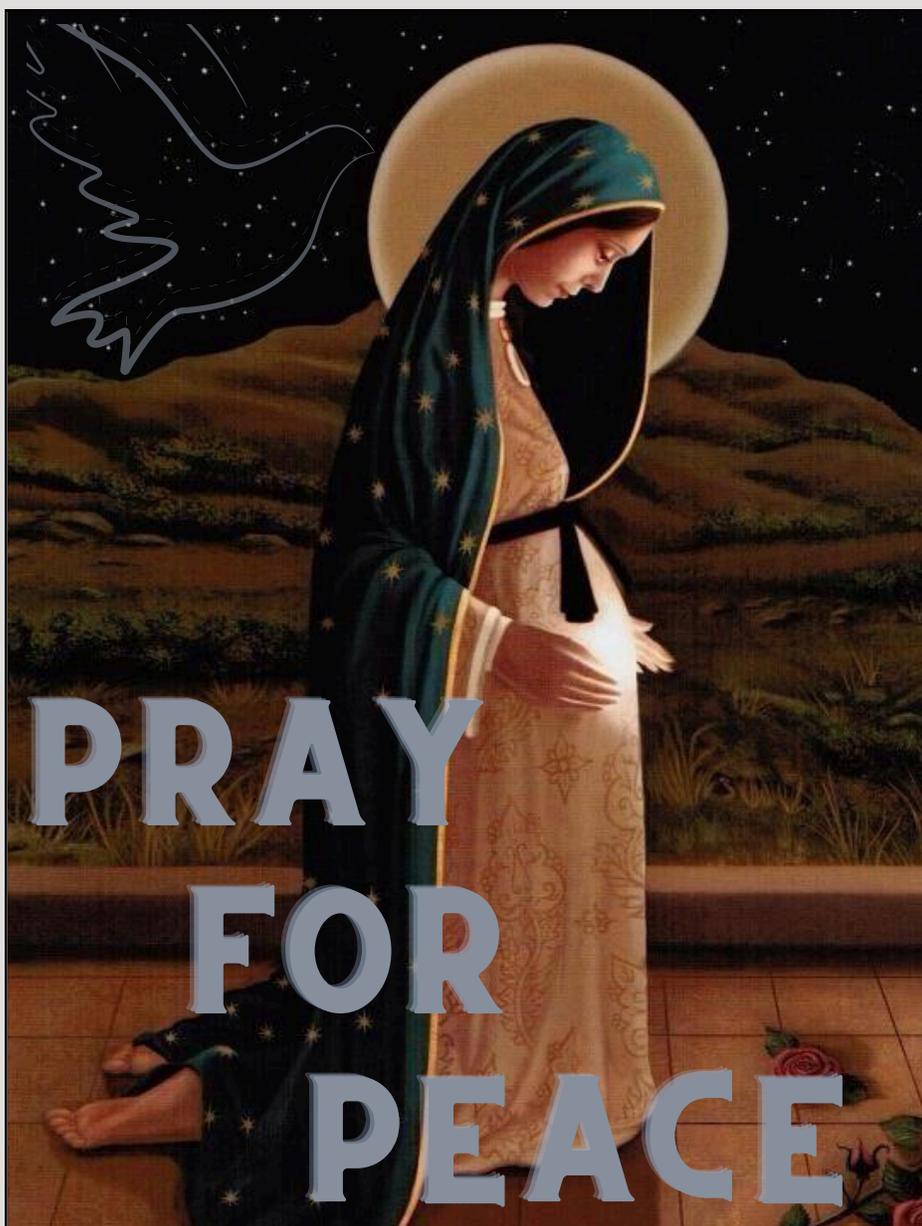
Father Antony Asir
Deacon Robert Weisz
Deacon Edward Vigneaux
Deacon Matthew Surico
The Capuchin Friars
Bishop John Barres
Pope Leo XIV

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
Ryan Smith	Alexandria Feys Gajda
Will Maley	Andrew Lynch
Chris Capasso	

We also pray for our deceased service members, and for our veterans, in gratitude for their service, and in hope that they will find the support they need here at home.



Support our Parish

Financial Support

Collection from:
December 27th & 28th

\$5057

Please consider supporting St. Thomas More. We encourage all parishioners to try electronic giving through Faith Direct. It is both convenient and secure. For more information on Faith Direct, check the literature rack in the Narthex, or visit us online at stmli.org

Physical Support

There are many different ways to support the St. Thomas More Parish Community! Whether you are 4 or 40, 8 or 80, there are ways for everyone to be involved.

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Whether giving money, time, or labor, all your support is appreciated. St. Thomas More would not exist as it does without the generosity of our Parish Family.

A Gentle Reminder:

Please do not place clothing or household items in the food bins or leave them at Outreach. We do not have a lot of extra storage space. Please call the Outreach office and one of our volunteers can determine if we have a family that could use your donation, or direct you to another place where you can donate.

Parish Social Ministry

"To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything."

THOMAS MERTON

Contact Parish Outreach

631-234-3149

outreach@stmli.org

Mon-Thur 10AM to 2PM

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.

You have shown God's love through all your donations this Christmas! We are in complete awe at the generosity of the St. Thomas More family. Many tears were shed by our families when they received their Christmas food and gift cards. We wish you could see the joy on their faces (and ours!) - all because of you! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

-The volunteers at Outreach

OUR NEEDS THIS WEEK...

Shampoo Drinks (Juices/Powdered)
Hand/Bath Soap Detergent (Pods/Small)

*Our pantry is overloaded with canned and dried beans for the time being. We will let you know when we need more. Thank you!

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.



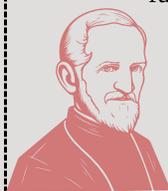
ST. THOMAS MORE
† PARISH OUTREACH †

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This week we start our "Wall of Envelopes" fundraiser where each envelope gives you the chance to win a cash prize of \$500, \$300, or \$200.

In the spirit of the Magi, please support this fundraiser so that we can continue to assist our neighbors in need.



Contact us: call 631-648-2760 or
[email svdp.stm@aol.com](mailto:svdp.stm@aol.com)



Pre-Cana 2026

Please pray for these couples
on their journey to the
Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

Jennifer Falcone
&
Nicholas Tush

Deanna Knopf
&
John Cullen

Julie Mazzie
&
Andrew Opacke

Leanne Walsh
&
Erick Idtensohn

Rose Recce
&
Tyler Schiavone



Baptisms in our church

Congratulations! We were excited to welcome
the following children into the Catholic
Church during their recent baptisms:

Amanda Michelle Rodriguez
child of Luz & Eritz

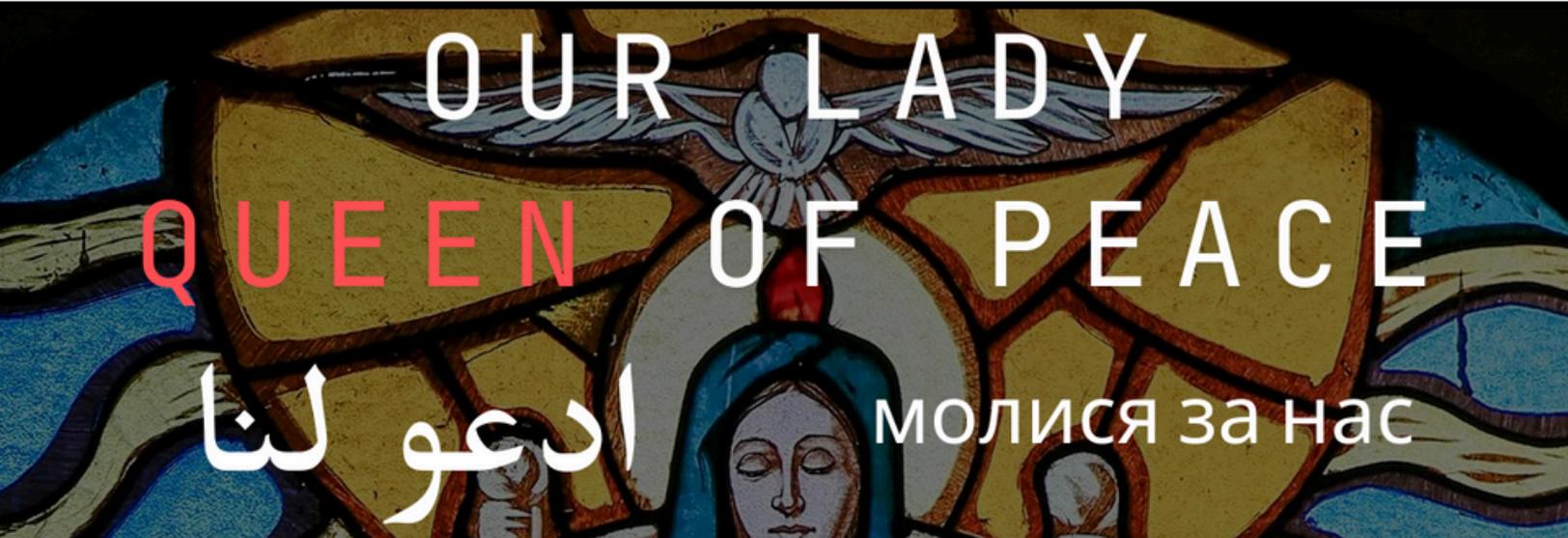
New child? Expecting?
Contact the Rectory to learn more
about the sacrament of Baptism!



OUR LADY
QUEEN OF PEACE

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CHRISTMAS COLLECTION 2025

\$26,783

Thank you for your generous support of our Parish and Mission during this Christmas Season.

“A Merry Christmas to us all;
God Bless us, every one!”



Father Antony with Patricia Ann (Mary) & Daniel Joseph (Baby Jesus) Sullivan, and Theresa Recce. This was Theresa's 25th year coordinating the Angels & Shepherds at the Christmas Eve Family Mass! We are so blessed by our wonderful parishioners!

Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people
Israel.



Calendar Club 2026

The Every Day Lotto!

Names are drawn every day of the year (except during the Easter Triduum). The lucky winner of each day is awarded \$25 (or \$50 on Sundays and Holy Days!)

One entry for \$25, or 5 entries for \$100.

Buy as many entries as you want, and win as many times as your luck allows! You can even purchase numbers as gifts for family and friends.

The Calendar Club is a great way to support our parish, and a very important annual fundraiser for us! Please fill out the form below and return it to the rectory, or put it in the basket during Sunday collection.

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

ONE for \$25 TWO for \$50 THREE for \$75 FIVE for \$100

Deadline is January 15th and the first winners will be announced in February. Thank you for your support of our Parish!

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Please place in envelope labeled Calendar Club 2026 and return to the rectory or the Sunday collection basket. Thank you!

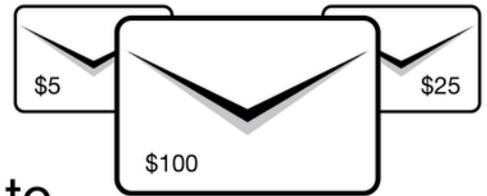
THE WALL OF ENVELOPES

Make a donation to: St. Vincent de Paul / St. Thomas More Conference

A Simple Way to Help Struggling Families

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Select the amount you would like to donate by choosing the corresponding envelope.
- Envelope has raffle tickets inside.
- Larger the donation = More chances to win!



Example:

- Envelope #1 would be a \$1 Donation
- Envelope #2 would be a \$2 Donation
- And so on...

PRIZES

1ST PRIZE

\$500

2ND PRIZE

\$300

3RD PRIZE

\$200

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

Calendar Club 2025

Congratulations to our December winners!

Future winners will be posted monthly in the bulletin!

December 1	\$25	1195	Mr & Mrs James Cotgreave
December 2	\$25	1258	Rosemaria McLennon
December 3	\$25	303	Eileen Weidig
December 4	\$25	301	Emma Como
December 5	\$25	906	Maximus Fagioli
December 6	\$25	287	Rosemarie Cherry
December 7	\$50	1219	Pat & Joan Shea
December 8	\$50	1489	Caroline Fortmeyer
December 9	\$25	1657	Paulette DiMarco
December 10	\$25	1387	Marie Reddy
December 11	\$25	1744	John & Marie Hanna
December 12	\$25	985	Jacqueline Garziano
December 13	\$25	1338	Jenny Vermilyea
December 14	\$50	1229	Louis Savarese
December 15	\$25	1731	Patricia Citro
December 16	\$25	967	The McAleavey Family
December 17	\$25	1356	Patrick & Susan Dennehy
December 18	\$25	1122	Tracy & Chris Rossi
December 19	\$25	1058	Donna Basile
December 20	\$25	486	Pat & Joan Shea
December 21	\$50	790	Patti & Dave Novy
December 22	\$25	145	Francis & Charlene Dowd
December 23	\$25	920	David Holdorf Jr
December 24	\$25	296	John & Carol Siedlecki
December 25	\$150	179	Willy Ferrara
December 26	\$25	587	Grace & Rachel McAuliff
December 27	\$25	1296	Sonya Balsara
December 28	\$50	636	Dennis West
December 29	\$25	1780	Stephen & Linda Malerba
December 30	\$25	244	Cathy Manzella
December 31	\$200	1431	Joseph & Mary Ann Lilly

OCTOBER

DECEMBER

JANUARY

MARCH

APRIL

JUNE

Holy Hour

"All Nations Shall
Be Blessed"

Traditional &
Contemporary
music by Alex &
Noelle White



Adoration and
Benediction led
by Deacon Matt!



Tuesday, January 6th at 7:00pm

Word, Music, and Silent Prayer

"Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him."

Psalm 72:10-11