

Sharing  
the Spirit  
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

# St. Thomas More

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January 25<sup>th</sup> 2026

# FISHERS OF MEN



### This Week's Readings

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

Psalms 27:1,4,13-14

1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

Matthew 4:12-23

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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# This Week's Masses

## Saturday, January 24th

5:00pm Elizabeth H Casares

## Sunday, January 25th

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am People of STM

9:30am Helen Sirico

11:30am Larry Langone Sr (healing)

## Monday, January 26th

9:00am Al Weidig

## Tuesday, January 27th

9:00am Ann Marie Mitchell

## Wednesday, January 28th

9:00am Stacey Skrzypek

## Thursday, January 29th

9:00am Al Weidig

## Friday, January 30th

9:00am Juana "Juanita" Williams

## Saturday, January 31st

5:00pm Nancy Fornabia

## Sunday, February 1st

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Carlo Alberto Costagliola

9:30am Robert Bellini  
Bobby Williams

11:30am Charles Walters  
Deacon Thomas Samson



## 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

The Conversion of St Paul (1/25)  
Sts. Timothy & Titus (1/26)  
St. Angela Merici (1/27)  
St. Thomas Aquinas (1/28)  
St. John Bosco (1/30)

Saints in heaven, pray for us

## Prepare for Next Weekend

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 1<sup>st</sup> 2025

### Readings

Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13

Psalm 146:6-10

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Matthew 5:1-12a

### Focus Questions

1: Which of the beatitudes describes what you are experiencing now?

2: Describe a time when you stood up for justice and were shunned by others.

3: Describe a time when someone was merciful to you.

Families: The Beatitudes are like a portrait of Jesus. Say a prayer each night this week to Jesus that you can be more like him.

### Gospel of Matthew (5:1-12a)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.

He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

our  
*daily bread*

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



# From the Pastor

**“We do not come to grace; grace comes to us.”** These words of M. Scott Peck explain this Sunday’s Gospel in a brighter light. The Gospel narrates how Jesus began his public ministry. He proclaimed that the kingdom of God has come. He also called disciples to continue his work of God’s Kingdom.

**Jesus’ world was no better than ours.** There was poverty, political oppressions from Romans, exploitation by religious authorities, social discrimination, inequality on all levels, and other problems of a colony nation of Palestine under Roman rule. Jesus did not begin his ministry as a reformer but as a spiritual leader, calling people to a new awareness of something good that is already present despite of and amidst all the problems.

The focus of **His mission and His invitation** to the people were to **make them live the reality of God’s kingdom** in the midst of human oppressive authorities of religion and politics. Today’s Gospel summarizes the message at the beginning of his ministry, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” He called them to repent and to sharpen their vision of what is happening. “Repent” means to change the way of thinking, perceiving, and understanding to the opposite of what is seen so far. Jesus says that God has begun to rule his people in their hearts and minds. If only they begin to see what God’s rule can do amid all the human atrocities and tyrannies, they will begin to see God’s reality alive and ready to be cherished and proclaimed to others. This new way, that is God’s way of seeing will make us realize that God’s kingdom is at hand.

God needs **people to see and live the Kingdom that God has put into action.** That is why we see in the next event of today’s Gospel Jesus going around not only doing God’s Kingdom works of healing but also calling disciples to follow Him to work with Him. Jesus is God’s Kingdom in action. When we respond to His call and follow Him we become His workers and companions in realizing God’s kingdom among us. His way of bringing God’s Kingdom among us is to solve the problems by living the solutions. His way of getting rid of evil is to live the good with full force. His way of reforming society is to make evil disappear with good. He appeals to the people that the grace of God’s Kingdom has already come. All they have to do is to live the Grace.

We need not go in search of grace. **The grace has come already to live with us. Jesus calls each of us,** as he called the first disciples. He is awakening us to live the divine grace that is already at work in his coming. Our readiness to live the call and the grace of Jesus is the Jesus’ way of solving the social, political and religious problems. We are called to always to believe that whatever good or bad fortune may come our way we can always give it meaning and transform it into something of Kingdom value – value of God’s grace.

With love and prayers,  
Father Antony



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## Our Staff

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# Prayers & Petitions

## Pray for the Deceased



Edward Saltys  
Joan Fagioli  
Carmine DiLullo  
Michael Leocadi  
Marianne Certa  
Nunzio Puleo  
Anne "Nancy" Fornabia  
Elizabeth Casares  
Stacey Skrzypek

## Pray for the Sick

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

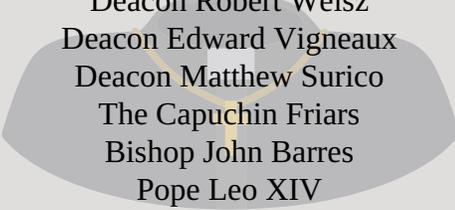
## Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

January 26<sup>th</sup> - February 2<sup>nd</sup>



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

## Pray for our Clergy

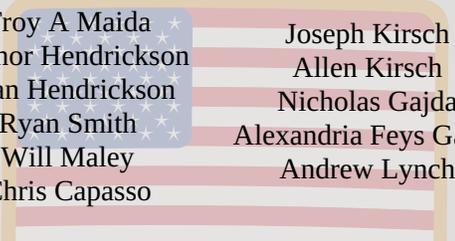


Father Antony Asir  
Deacon Robert Weisz  
Deacon Edward Vigneaux  
Deacon Matthew Surico  
The Capuchin Friars  
Bishop John Barres  
Pope Leo XIV

## Pray for our Military

Please continue to pray for the brave members of our Parish Family who serve our country:

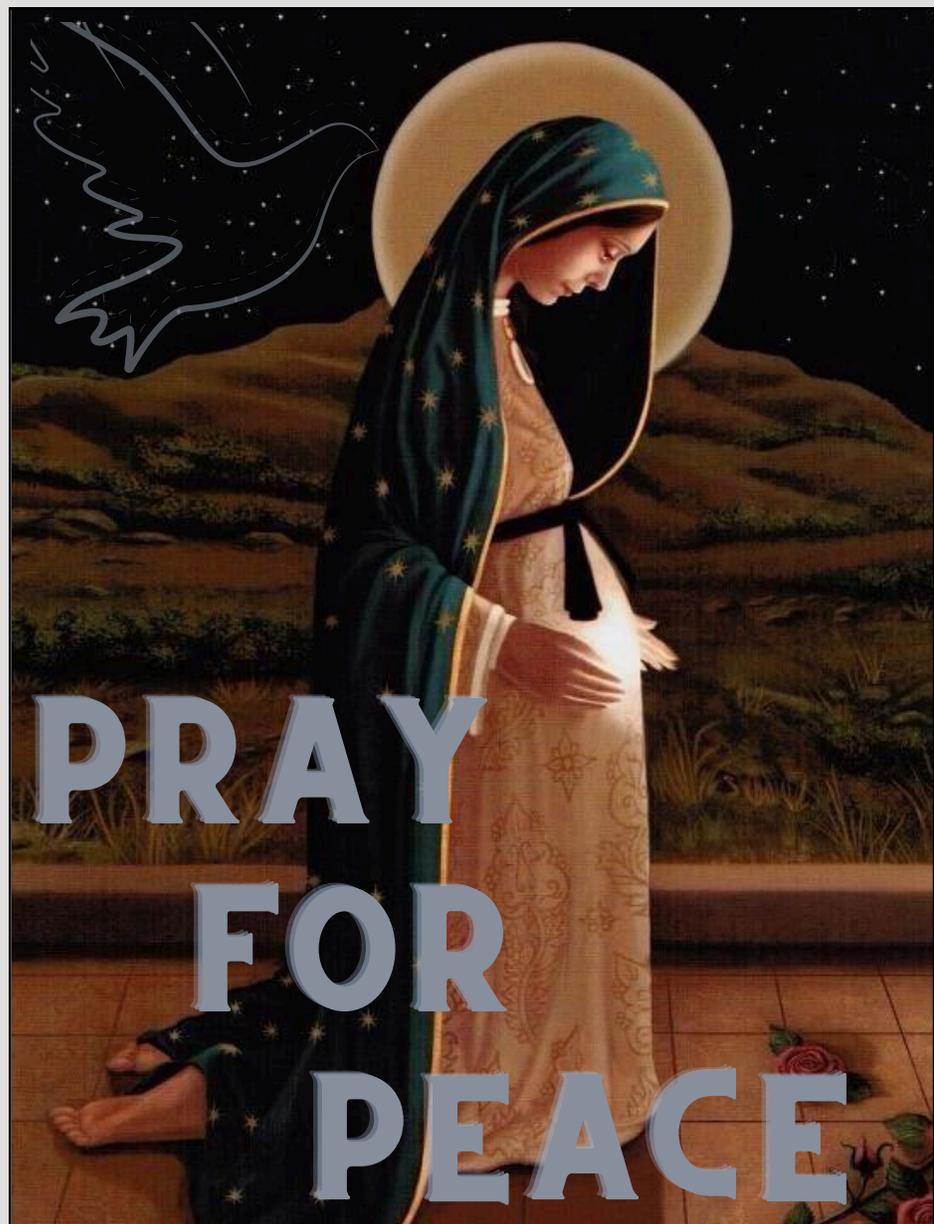
Troy A Maida	Joseph Kirsch
Connor Hendrickson	Allen Kirsch
Evan Hendrickson	Nicholas Gajda
Ryan Smith	Alexandria Feys Gajda
Will Maley	Andrew Lynch
Chris Capasso	



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.

\*This listing will reset on March 31<sup>st</sup> 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.



# Support our Parish

## Financial Support

Collection from:  
January 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

# \$3522

Please consider supporting St. Thomas More. We encourage all parishioners to try electronic giving through ParishSoft Giving. It is both convenient and secure. For more information, 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.

### Eucharistic Ministers

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### OCIA

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### Young at Heart

Anna Beltrani  
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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

"In this call to recognize Him in the poor and the suffering, we see revealed the very heart of Christ, his deepest feelings and choices, which every saint seeks to imitate."

POPE FRANCIS, GUADETE ET  
EXSULTATE

### 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.



### OUR NEEDS THIS WEEK...

Shampoo                      Drinks (Juices/Powdered)  
Hand/Bath Soap              Syrup  
Toothpaste                      Paper Towels

\*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!

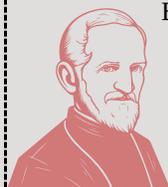
Please remember that it is difficult for us to use large cans, bottles, bags of rice, etc. as many of our neighbors do not have the ability to store extra food. Packages for 2-4 people are ideal.



## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In this Sunday's Gospel, we find that Jesus "...went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people."

Your support of our conference at St. Thomas More parish enables us to reach out to those in need. We are grateful to all those who supported our Wall of Envelopes fundraiser and congratulate the prize winners: Elizabeth Kane, George Brennon, and Mirable Calcagni. Thank you!



Contact us: call 631-648-2760 or  
email 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:

Vincenzo Jon Serventi  
child of Allison & Jon



**NEXT MEETING:**  
FEBRUARY 13TH

JOIN US!

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS  
WELCOME!

CALL ANNA  
631-234-0714



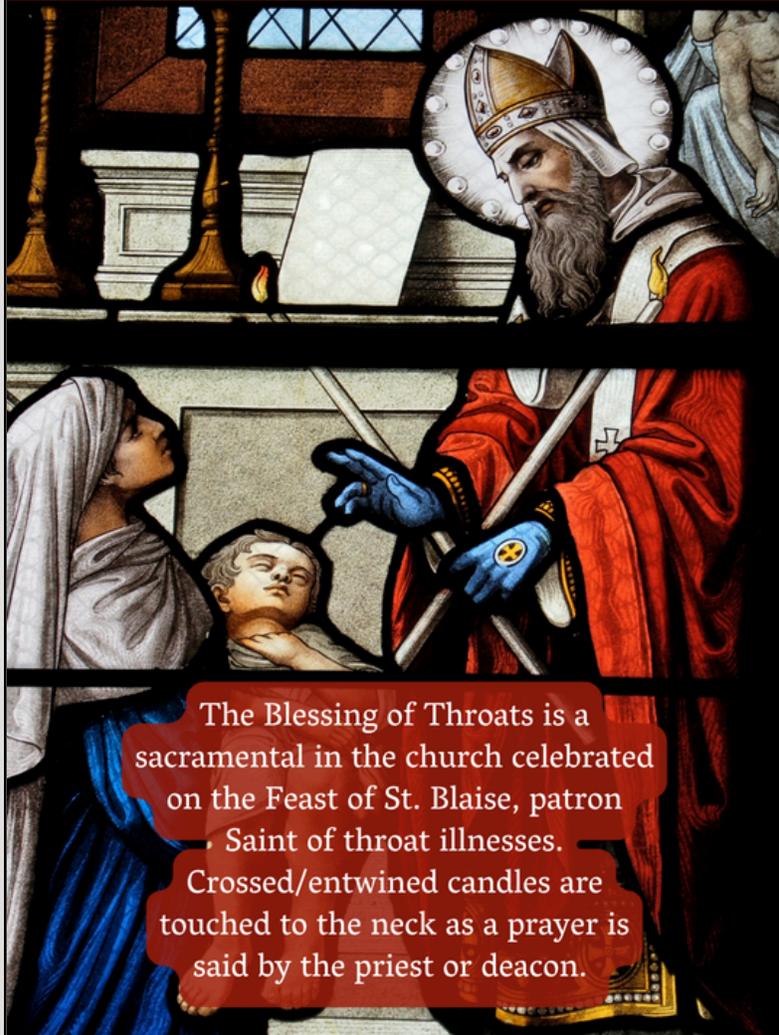
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# Blessing of the Throats

FEB 3RD, AFTER 9AM MASS



The Blessing of Throats is a sacramental in the church celebrated on the Feast of St. Blaise, patron Saint of throat illnesses. Crossed/entwined candles are touched to the neck as a prayer is said by the priest or deacon.

# Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY 18TH 2026

MASS 9:00AM

SERVICE 12:00PM

SERVICE 4:30PM

MASS 7:00PM

ST. THOMAS MORE  
R.C. CHURCH

ParishSOFT®  
Giving

As FaithDirect was acquired and rolled into ParishSoft Giving, many parishioners are still having issues with their accounts. If you need help, please contact ParishSoft Support directly. We apologize for any inconvenience this process has caused, and we are looking into other options.

Thank you for your patience.

ParishSoft Contact Options

866-507-8757

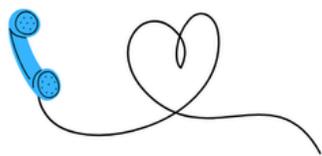
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# LOOKING FOR YOUR HELP..



Parish Outreach is beginning a new ministry to reach out to our elderly and homebound. We are hoping to start at the beginning of February and are looking for volunteers who may be available one or two hours a week to make a "check in" phone call. We will have a meeting to discuss the protocol for these calls at the end of January.

**If you are interested, please give Outreach a call at 631-234-3149 and we will take your information.**

In order to complete this ministry, we need to identify those in our community who are living alone, elderly, or homebound. If you know someone who would benefit from a friendly call once a week, please contact the Outreach office.

## 2025 Parish Contribution

To request a copy of your 2025 contributions for tax purposes, please write down your name and submit this form in the collection basket, or to the Rectory.

Alternative: scan the QR code!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*If you use Faith Direct (now ParishSoft Giving), you can obtain your tax information via their website.



# 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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!

Join us to celebrate the Feast Day of  
**ST. JOHN BOSCO**

Patron saint of apprentices, editors and publishers,  
schoolchildren, magicians, and juvenile delinquents.



All are welcome to celebrate the life and legacy of Saint  
Don Bosco with dessert, coffee, and activities for kids!

**JAN | 31 | 6 PM**

in Walden Hall, following the 5pm Mass



# WHAT IS *Ordinary Time*

Christmas Time and Easter Time highlight the central mysteries of the Paschal Mystery, namely, the incarnation, death on the cross, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, on the other hand, take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ.

Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

-from usccb.org

