

**CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE
DECEMBER 10, 2006
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Theme/Call To Worship

Baruch, a scribe of the prophet Jeremiah, writes, "Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery, put on the splendor of glory from God forever....God is leading Israel to joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company."

Introduction To The Word

I. Bar 5:1-9. Baruch tells Jerusalem to rejoice because of God's plan to bring his exiled people back to Jerusalem. He emphasizes God's power and describes his plan to lower mountains and fill gorges to make their journey easier.

II. Phil 1, 4:6, 8-11. Paul encourages the Philippians to love each other completely. He hopes that their love and understanding will continue to grow so that they are prepared for the return of Christ.

III. Lk 3:1-6. Luke describes the work John the Baptist carried out to help people prepare for the birth of Jesus.

At St. Thomas More This Week:

Date: Event: Time:

12/10 - Group Baptism	1:30 p.m.
Hennessy Meeting	1:30 p.m.
12/11 - Parish Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
ADD Meeting	6:30 p.m.
12/12 - Narnia Clubs Confessions	4:00 p.m.
A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
12/13 - St. David's Lessons Rehearsal	1:00 p.m.
Narnia Club Confessions	4:00 p.m.
Christian Meditation	5:45 p.m.
12/14 - Narnia Club Confessions	4:00 p.m.
A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
12/15 - A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.

12/16 - Little Sisters Christmas Party 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

12/11 Is 35:1-10, Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14, Lk 5:17-26, Lk 5:17-26

12/12 Zec 2:14-17 or Rev 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab, Ps: Jdt 13:18, 19, Lk 1:39-47 or Lk 1:26-38

12/13 Is 40:25-31, Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10, Mt 11:28-30

12/14 1 Cor 2:1-10a, Ps 37, Lk 14:25-33; or Is 41:13-20, Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab, Mt 11:11-15

12/15 Is 48:17-19, Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6, Mt 11:16-19

12/16 Sir 48:1-4, 9-11, Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19, Mt 17:9a, 10-13

CHRISTMAS TOY COLLECTION

Monday, November 27, Sunday, December 10

The Parish Council of St. Thomas More is sponsoring a Christmas Toy Collection on Monday, November 27 through December 10th. NEW Toys and Gifts (no gift wrap please) for ages 2 - 16 may be dropped off at the Parish Office. Gifts will be donated to various charities for Christmas distribution to needy children. Thank you for your generous support!

"The Lord will reign for ever and ever." -Ex 15:18-

Come to the Parish Christmas Party

Sunday, December 17, 2006

6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

St. Thomas More

Rochester Room

65 East 89th Stree

New York, New York

Special event: Santa Clause will be there!!!

The Leisure Luncheon Club will share a *special Christmas meal* on Tuesday, December 12, 2006, immediately following the 12:15 p.m. Mass. The club will enjoy a recess and resume on *Tuesday, January 16, 2007*. All seniors are welcome.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Share in the Care....Today, our parish has been asked to share in the care of religious women and men who dedicated their lives to education, health care and social service ministry. Income and Social Security benefits of religious are only one-third of those of the average American and provide only 15 percent of cost of living and health care. *Please give generously.*

**Catholic Charities
Archdiocese of New York**

Love in Action...Help provide gifts of necessities including hats, coats, blankets and household items to families in need throughout the Archdiocese of New York this Christmas season! Each year, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York creates hope for thousands of families and individuals in need throughout the region. The St. Nicholas Adopt-a-Family project allows you to put cheer into the Christmas holiday for more than 2,400 families. If you, your family, friends or co-workers would like to participate by purchasing gifts, donating cash or volunteering your time, please call Bridget Keller at Catholic Charities at 212-371-1011, ext. 2525, or email St.Nicholas@archny.org.

"Avoid every kind of evil." - 1 Thes 5:22 -

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 10TH

Monday, December 11th

7:00 Cesario Pimentel (d)
8:00 Theresa A. Clark (I)
12:15 Robert & Paul Marcato (I)
5:45 Gwendolyn Shumate (d)

Tuesday, December 12th

7:00 The Talarico Family (d)
8:00 Albert, Regina & Virginia Wojcik (d)
12:15 The Clark, Fernandes and Baez Families
5:45 Margaret Dowd (d)

Wednesday, December 13th

7:00 Barbara Sullivan (I)
8:00 Manuel Alejaga, Sr. (d)
12:15 John Leahy (d)
5:45 In Honor of Saint Lucy

Thursday, December 14th

7:00 Jeremy Pellicier (d)
8:00 Anna Maniscalco (d)
12:15 Cpl. Clarence Martin (I)
5:45 Patrick Moran (I)

Friday, December 15th

7:00 Jack Creed (I)
8:00 Jaime MÃ©ndez Mercado (d)
12:15 Noreen Fitzgerald (d)
5:45 Frederick Slach (d)

Saturday, December 16th

8:00 Walter Borman (d)
12:15 Margaret, Charles & Michael McMorrow (d)
5:45 -

Celebrant Sunday Schedule

<i>Mass</i>	<i>Dec. 10th</i>	<i>Dec. 17th</i>
Sat. 5:45 PM	Fr. Boehning	Fr. Diaz
Sun. 8:30 AM	Fr. Boehning	Msgr. Shelley
Sun. 10:00 AM	Fr. Asebias	Fr. Tentativa
Sun. 11:15 AM	Msgr. Shelley	Fr. Diaz
Sun. 12:30 PM	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Boehning
Sun. 5:45 PM	Fr. Tentativa	Fr. Asebias

Archdiocese of New York Office of Vocations

Thinking of the priesthood? Try praying every day, twice a day, for 20 minutes each (possibly before the Blessed Sacrament). If you are a young man interested in the priesthood, please contact Father Luke Sweeney or Father Luis Saldana at the Vocation Office in the Archdiocese of New York at (914) 968-1340, vocations@archny.org or www.archnyvocations.org; Sr. Deanna Sabetta at (212) 371-1000 ext. 2803 (Religious), and Deacon Anthony Cassaneto at (914) 968-6200 ext. 8269 (Diaconate).

"Live a life of love." - Eph 5:2 -

ADVENT PROJECT FOR CHILDREN

On the ***First Sunday of Advent*** (December 3rd) an evergreen tree will be placed near the front doors of our church. This tree will become part of our crÃ©che scene on Christmas Eve (December 24).

During the weeks of Advent it will be unadorned except for a gift box underneath it.

We invite the children of our Parish to write a short love note to Jesus and put it in the box any time during Advent.

When Christmas comes, the crèche scene will be erected in front of the tree. The notes will then remain there as a special gift to Jesus from the children of Saint Thomas More.

Programs at Fordham University...

The Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education offers excellent programs and courses in Religious Education, Spirituality, and Pastoral Counseling. A Winter Institute Program in "Ethics in Pastoral Ministry" will be offered on five Saturday's in January and February. In addition to the Rose Hill campus, courses are also offered in Manhattan and in the on-line distance education format. Please call (718) 817-4800 for further details or visit our website at www.fordham.edu/gre.

Christmas Concert...

Choir of Saint Monica at Church of Saint Monica, 413 East 79th Street, 7:00 P.M.; Sunday, December 17, 2006.

Wall Street Catholic Christmas Party 2006...

WSCYA Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 15th at Fraunces Tavern Restaurant, 54 Pearl Street at Broad Street, NYC. For reservations and information, call (212) 517-1722 or email: Wscab@aol.com.

The New York Foundling...

Please remember the children of The New York Foundling in your prayers during the season of Advent. Since its inception 137 years ago by the Sisters of Charity, The Foundling has had as its goal to Save Children, Preserve Families and Building Communities- in essence to "Abandon No One." For information on The Foundling please call (212) 886-4043 or visit www.nyfoundling.org.

"All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ." - Gal 3:27 -