

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE

DECEMBER 3, 2006

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ©

**Theme/Call To Worship**

Like Jeremiah, Jesus too had a prophetic vision of salvation history. Each of the Synoptic Gospel writers preserved Jesus' vision of the *eschaton*, the coming of the new age foreseen by Jesus.

**Introduction To The Word**

**I. Jer 33:14-16.** The Lord tells of fulfilling the promise he had made to Israel. He will send a replacement for David, someone who "shall do what is right and just in the land," believed by most to mean Jesus.

**II. 1 Thes 3:12-4:2.** Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be ready for the coming of the Lord. He explains that although they are conducting themselves in a way that would please God, they should always strive to do even better.

**III. Lk 21:25-28, 34-36.** Jesus warns his followers to be prepared for the end of the world.

At St. Thomas More This Week:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
12/03	Group Baptism	1:30 p.m.
	L.A.O.H.	2:30 p.m.
12/04	Carnegie Hill Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
12/05	Madison Morning Bible Group	8:30 a.m.
	Yorkville Area Council	4:00 p.m.
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
12/06	STM Playgroup Parents	9:00 a.m.
	Christian Meditation	5:45 p.m.
	Narnia Clubs	6:00 p.m.
12/07	STM Playgroup Library Meet.	8:45 a.m.
	Park Avenue Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
12/08	St. David's Mass	9:00 a.m.
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

12/04	Is 2:1-5, Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9, Mt 8:5-11
12/05	Is 11:1-10, Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17, Lk 10:21-24
12/06	Is 25:6-10a, Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6, Mt 15:29-37
12/07	Eph 3:8-12, Ps 89, Jn 10:11-16
12/08	Gen 3:9-15, 20, Ps 98, Eph 1:3-6, 11-12, Lk 1:26-38
12/09	Is 30:19-21, 23-26, Ps 147, Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

**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!

**Advent Retreat: Women's Retreat, Mary the Mother of Jesus,** will take place at Blair Lodge, Putnam Valley, December 9-10, 2006. For more information and registration, please call Sr. Deanna Sabetta at 212-371-1011, ext. 2803.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

*Share in the Care....Next weekend,* 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.*

WELCOME TO FR. ANACLETO S. ASEBIAS

We welcome to our priest staff Fr. Anacleto Asebias who will be with us for the next five months.

Father Asebias is on a sabbatical year in celebration of the Silver Jubilee of his ordination.

He is from the Diocese of Borongan, Easter Samar, in the Philippines and was most recently Rector of the Cathedral Church of the Nativity of Our Lady of Borongan.

*Fr. Boehning*

*Responses to....*

**SOLITUDE**

**ART SHOW CULTURAL EVENT CREATIVE SOLUTION**

Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> - general public: 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.  
Press hour: 6:30 p.m.

The Terence Cooke Building, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, 1011 First Avenue, at 55<sup>th</sup> and 56<sup>th</sup> Streets

- nine accomplished young artists from various creative and cultural backgrounds converge in New York City for the event of the season. Come witness their art work and enjoy the ambiance of art, company, food and drink. Contact Daniel Schreck at (212) 371-1000, ext. 3181; or [daniel.schreck@archny.org](mailto:daniel.schreck@archny.org).

"I am the light of the world."

- Jn 9:5 -

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 3RD**

Monday, December 4th

- 7:00 Naomi Mitchell & Family (l)
- 8:00 Wanda Kirilloss (d)
- 12:15 Lee Love (l)
- 5:45 Laura Mezzanotte

Tuesday, December 5th

- 7:00 Naomi Mitchell & Family (l)
- 8:00 John Sullivan (d)
- 12:15 Thelma & John Alleyne (d)
- 5:45 Charles H.C. Rees (d)

Wednesday, December 6th

- 7:00 Naomi Mitchell & Family (l)
- 8:00 Richard M. Matthews (d)
- 12:15 Denis & Kathryn Leahy (d)
- 5:45 James Gorman (d)

Thursday, December 7th

- 7:00 Janet Grimes
- 8:00 Richard M. Matthews (d)
- 12:15 Patrick Purcell (d)
- 5:45 *Immaculate Conception*

Friday, December 8th

- 7:00 *Immaculate Conception*
- 8:00 *Immaculate Conception*
- 12:15 *Immaculate Conception*
- 5:45 *Immaculate Conception*

Saturday, December 9th

- 8:00 Christopher Begley (d)
- 12:15 Jaime Ocampo (d)
- 5:45 -

***Celebrant Sunday Schedule***

<i>Mass</i>	<i>Dec. 3rd</i>	<i>Dec. 10th</i>
Sat. 5:45 PM	Fr. Asebias	Fr. Boehning
Sun. 8:30 AM	Fr. Boehning	Fr. Boehning
Sun. 10:00 AM	Msgr. Shelley	Fr. Asebias
Sun. 11:15 AM	Fr. Tentativa	Msgr. Shelley
Sun. 12:30 PM	Fr. Asebias	Fr. Diaz
Sun. 5:45 PM	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Tentativa

***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 3<sup>rd</sup>) an evergreen tree will be placed near the front doors of our church. This tree will become part of our crèche 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.

**OUR PARISH REPORT FOR  
NOVEMBER 2006**

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (3)** \$ 21,882

*Semi-Annual* \$ 51,598

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

Human Development \$1,870

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

All Saints \$ 2,521

**BAPTISMS (7)**

- Adam James Berman
- Zachary Behbin Pelosky
- Blake Carlton Doty
- Declan Zaddonrian
- Tristan William Skylar Diecks
- Elizabeth Dower Jeanes
- Vivien Katherine Adams

**MARRIAGES (2)**

- John R. Usarzewicz &  
Elisabeth C. Daub
- Christopher Powers &  
Kelly Sue Possinger

On behalf of His Eminence, Edward Cardinal Egan and The Ladies of Charity of the Archdiocese of New York, you are cordially invited to attend the **61<sup>st</sup> Annual Cardinal's Luncheon** at the Waldorf Astoria on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 12:00 P.M. to benefit Catholic Charities. Author, Mary Higgins Clark will chair the luncheon with Rosanna Scotto of Fox 5 News, as Mistress of Ceremonies. For reservations and information, please contact Margaret A. King, director of institutional advancement at 212-371-1000, ext. 2038.