

**CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2006**  
**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

**Theme/Call To Worship**

"Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

**Introduction To The Word**

- I. Sir 3:2-7, 12-14.** Sirach emphasizes the importance of honoring one's parents. He explains that spiritual riches will come to those who are kind to their mother and father.
- II. Col 3:12-21.** Paul advises us to treat each other with kindness and mercy and to forgive as God forgives us. His words remind families to always love and respect one another and let Christ's peace reign in their hearts and in their homes.
- III. Lk 2:41-52.** When Jesus was twelve years old, the Holy Family traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate the feast. Jesus did not return with the company. Instead, he stayed in Jerusalem, sitting among the teachers while amazing them with his understanding and questions. When found by his concerned parents, Jesus reminded them that he must be in the house of his Father. Returning together, Mary kept these things in her heart.

**At St. Thomas More This Week:**

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
12/31	Group Baptisms	1:30 p.m.
01/01	Solemnity of Mary – Parish Office Closed	
01/02	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
01/03	Christian Meditation	5:45 p.m.
01/04	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
01/05	Exposition	12:45 p.m.
	Benediction	5:15 p.m.
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
01/06	Bl. Andre Bessette, religious	

**WEEKDAY BIBLE READING**

01/01	Nm 6:22-27, Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8, Gal 4:4-7, Lk 2:16-21
01/02 1	Jn 2:22-28, Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, Jn 1:19-28
01/03	Phil 2:1-11, Ps 8, Lk 2:21-24; or 1 Jn 2:29-3:6, Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6, Jn 1:29-34
01/04	Sir 26:1-4, 13-16, Ps 128, 1 Cor 13:4-13, Lk 10:38-42; or 1 Jn 3:7-10, Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9, Jn 1:35-42
01/05	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23, Ps 96, Jn 10:11-16; or 1 Jn 3:11-21, Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5, Jn 1:43-51
01/06	1 Jn 5:5-13, Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20, Mk 1:7-11, or Lk 3:23-38 or Lk 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

**FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** will begin after the 12:15 PM mass on Friday, January 5th and continue throughout the afternoon and conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:15 PM.

**Please commit yourself to an hour of adoration.** Church law requires the physical presence of people during hours of adoration. A Sign-Up Sheet is available in the rear of the Church.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burden... - Mt 11:28a

**The Christophers** have announced their Twentieth Annual Video Contest for College Students. Students are asked to create videos five minutes or less in length with the theme: "One Person Can Make a Difference." Entry deadline is June 8, 2007. For entry form and rules, contact The Christophers at 212-759-4050; e-mail [youth@christophers.org](mailto:youth@christophers.org) or visit [www.christophers.org/cotnests.html](http://www.christophers.org/cotnests.html).

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart." - Jer 1:5 –

"This is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more."

**The Priest and Staff of Saint Thomas More** wish all of our parishioners, families and friends a blessed New Year 2007. May Christ reign!

Please note that there is no 5:45 p.m. Mass on Monday, January 1.

**The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 1.**

**Special Mass Schedule for December 31 and January 1, 2007**

- On Sunday, December 31 the last Mass for the Sunday Feast of the Holy Family will be 12:30 p.m.
- On the same Sunday, the first Mass for the Monday Holy Day Solemnity of Mary will be 5:45 p.m. on December 31; the Holy Day Masses are 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
- **Please note: The Holy Day Mass obligation is removed this year because the Sunday Feast and the Holy Day Feast are adjacent to each other.**
- **The Parish Office will be closed All Day.**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 31ST**

Monday, January 1st

8:30 The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God  
 10:00 The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God  
 12:30 The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God  
 5:45 No Evening Mass

Tuesday, January 2nd

7:00 Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 8:00 Norah Quinn (I)  
 12:15 Craig Wert (d)  
 5:45 Elmer W. Gleich (d)

Wednesday, January 3rd

7:00 Michael Ramondo (d)  
 8:00 Sarah O' Shea (I)  
 12:15 Joseph Inglese, Jr. (d)  
 5:45 Charles H.G. Rees (d)

Thursday, January 4th

7:00 Joseph Brown (d)  
 8:00 Michael Brosnihan (I)  
 12:15 Sue & Gerald Knorr (d)  
 5:45 Susanne Cooley (d)

Friday, January 5th

7:00 Hilda Handal (d)  
 8:00 Dona Marucha Lopez (d)  
 12:15 Thelma & John Alleyne (d)  
 5:45 Ruth Patricia Adams (d)

Saturday, January 6th

8:00 Salvator Cino (d)  
 12:15 Peter Findlen (d)  
 5:45 -

***Celebrant Sunday Schedule***

<i>Mass</i>	<i>Dec. 31st</i>	<i>Jan. 7th</i>
Sat. 5:45 PM	Fr. Tentativa	Fr. Francis
Sun. 8:30 AM	Fr. Asebias	Fr. Asebias
Sun. 10:00 AM	Fr. Tentativa	Fr. Asebias
Sun. 11:15 AM	Fr. Boehning	Fr. Francis
Sun. 12:30 PM	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Diaz
Sun. 5:45 PM	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Tentativa

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by priest, deacon, religious, or lay person serving the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Monsignor Desmond O'Connor at 212-371-1000, ext. 2931 or Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000, ext. 2949. Both may also be reached via e-mail at [victimassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org). Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, <http://www.ny-archdiocese.org>. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

From the Pastor:

Dear Parishioners:

Thank you for the many cards, gifts and well wishing extended at Christmas this year. May our gracious Lord continue to bless you and your families in the New Year 2007.

Fr. Boehning

**World Marriage Day, February 11, 2007 - Longest Married Couple Search....**

Plans for World Marriage Day 2007 are underway. This annual celebration honors the vocation of marriage and family life, sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, the largest Catholic pro-marriage and family movement in the world. The search is on for the longest married couple in the Archdiocese of New York! To enter, the couple must be sacramentally married for a minimum of 65 years and live in the Archdiocese of New York. The winning couple(s) will be honored on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick's Cathedral at the 10:15 a.m. Mass. Send entries to: Brendan and Noreen McCormack, 3 Old Clave Rd., Congers, NY 10920. Deadline for entries is 02-01-07. For further information on the contest or reservations, contact Nancy Rizzi at 212-371-1011, ext. 3190.

March for Life in Washington, D.C.: Monday, January 22, 2007...Join us on pilgrimage to Washington, DC as we gather with hundreds of thousands from throughout our nation to pray and publicly witness so that hearts and minds may be opened to the Gospel of Life and laws may be changed to reverence all human life. Buses will be traveling to DC from all over the Archdiocese. If you are not able to make the trip please consider making a donation so that others can attend. For a complete listing of locations and buses and further information go to [www.FLRL.org](http://www.FLRL.org) or call Sr. Lucy at (212) 371-1011, ext. 3195, or [sr.lucy.marie@archny.org](mailto:sr.lucy.marie@archny.org).

Please note: January 22, 2007 is A Day of Prayer and Penance for Life - United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

***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](mailto:vocations@archny.org) or [www.archnyvocations.org](http://www.archnyvocations.org); Sr. Deanna Sabetta at (212) 371-1000 ext. 2803 (Religious), and Deacon Anthony Cassaneto at (914) 968-6200 ext. 8269 (Diaconate).

**The Leisure Luncheon Club** will enjoy a brief recess, then resume on Tuesday, January 16, 2007 immediately following the 12:15 p.m. Mass. All Seniors are welcome.