

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE
JANUARY 21, 2007
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ©

Theme/Call To Worship

Christians are a people who believe in the sacred and divine inspiration of the Word as it is recorded in both the Old and New Testament. In the aftermath of the Babylonian exile ("Restoration Period") the Jewish people longed for ways to return to their historic roots and religious identity.

Introduction To The Word

I. Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10. Ezra gathered the people and read to them from the book of the Law of God. He interpreted law clearly, so that everyone understood what he had read. He then told them to go and rejoice in the Lord.

II. 1 Cor 12:12-30. Paul explains that a body is composed of many different parts, and that each part has its' own purpose and is important. He compares this to the Church, describing how we are one body composed of many members. All members should show concern for each other and understand that we are all vital to the body as a whole.

III. Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21. Luke discusses his decision to write about the events he and the other disciples has witnessed. He begins by telling of Jesus reading a passage from the book of Isaiah, where the anointed one is portrayed. Jesus finished by telling the people that they had seen that passage fulfilled in their hearing.

At St. Thomas More This Week:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
01/21	Group Baptisms	1:30 p.m.
01/22	Parish Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
	CHADD Meeting	6:30 p.m.
01/23	Madison Avenue Bible Group	8:30 a.m.
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
01/24	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m.
	Christian Meditation	5:45 p.m.
01/25	Narnia Clubs 1 st Penance Reh.	4:00 p.m.
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
01/26	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
01/27	Narnia Clubs 1 st Penance	10:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

01/22	Heb 9:15, 24-28, Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6, Mk 3:22-30
01/23	Heb 10:1-10, Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11, Mk 3:31-35
01/24	Eph 3:8-12, Ps 37, Jn 15:9-17; or Heb 10:11-18, Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4, Mk 4:1-20
01/25	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22, Ps 117:1bc-2, Mk 16:15-18
01/26	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5, Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10, Lk 10:1-9
01/27	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19, Ps: Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75, Mk 4:35-41

The Leisure Luncheon Club will enjoy a meal immediately following the 12:15 p.m. Mass on Tuesday, January 23, 2007 in the Rochester Room. All Seniors are welcome.

Family Day Party...the Parish Council of the Church of St. Thomas More is sponsoring a Family Day Party to be held on Sunday, February 11th following the 10:00 a.m. Mass Coffee Hour. There will be entertainment and games for the children and lunch will be provided. For more information and reservations, please contact Christina Springer at 212-289-5635.

"Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth."

The Parish Council of the Church of St. Thomas More will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, January 22, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the Rochester Room. All members of the parish are cordially invited.

THOMAS MORE, CHRISTIAN STATESMAN...St. Thomas More, the patron of Catholic statesmen, was known for his integrity in political life. The program will focus on two key aspects of his life revealed in his book, *Utopia*, which describes his formation of conscience and the non-negotiable principles of morality for his use in public life. *The Sadness of Christ*, written in prison, shows us More reflecting on the sufferings of Christ and participating in the mystery of the Cross as he awaited his own martyrdom. His personal holiness of life and his devotion to his family are exemplary. Speaker: Rev. Joseph W. Koterski, S.J. is on the faculty in the Department of Philosophy and Chaplain and Tutor in Queens Court Residential College for Freshmen, Fordham University. Date: Saturday, January 27, 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon. Place: Center for Spiritual Development, Library At Stepinac High School, 950 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains, NY 10605. For more information and registration, please call (9 1 4) 9 4 6 - 5 7 2 9 . Website : www.centerforspiritualdevelopment.org.

The Real Presence...The Miracle of Lanciano. "In about the 700th year of Our Lord, in a monastery, a priest of the order of St. Basil was celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. He had been suffering from recurring doubts concerning the mystery of transubstantiation (The changing of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ). After he spoke the solemn words of consecration the host was suddenly changed into a circle of flesh and the wine transformed into blood. Many verifications of this miracle have been performed over the past 1,200 years, but the most convincing was made in November of 1970. The miracle underwent scientific scrutiny and the conclusions were presented on March 4, 1971 in detailed medical and scientific terminology. Both the flesh and the blood were found to be of human origin. The flesh and blood were found to belong to the same blood type, AB. The relics may be seen today in the Church of St. Francis, Lanciano, Italy."

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 21ST

Monday, January 22nd

7:00 Rev. Msgr. Robert Charlebois (l)
8:00 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
12:15 Mary Gillespie (d)
5:45 Richard H. Roberts (d)

Tuesday, January 23rd

7:00 Michael Gillespie (d)
8:00 James McManus, Sr. (d)
12:15 Seniors of St. Thomas More Parish
5:45 Celia McManus (d)

Wednesday, January 24th

7:00 James McManus, Jr. (d)
8:00 Edwin J. Wheeler (d)
12:15 Nora McManus (d)
5:45 Denis McManus (d)

Thursday, January 25th

7:00 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
8:00 Albert, Regina & Virginia Wojcik (d)
12:15 Mike Tutsumi (d)
5:45 The Robert M. Callagy Family

Friday, January 26th

7:00 Mary Gillespie (d)
8:00 Michael Gillespie (d)
12:15 A Special Remembrance
5:45 James McManus, Sr. (d)

Saturday, January 27th

8:00 Norah McManus (d)
12:15 Margaret McMorrow (d)
5:45 -

Celebrant Sunday Schedule

<i>Mass</i>	<i>Jan. 21st</i>	<i>Jan. 28th</i>
Sat. 5:45 PM	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Asebias
Sun. 8:30 AM	Msgr. Shelley	Fr. Francis
Sun. 10:00 AM	Fr. Francis	Msgr. Shelley
Sun. 11:15 AM	Fr. Boehning	Fr. Tentativa
Sun. 12:30 PM	Fr. Tentativa	Fr. Asebias
Sun. 5:45 PM	Fr. Asebias	Fr. Boehning

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 Saldaña 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).

More Hot Topics Series...Faith & Reason - How A Theological Virtue Impacts the Human Intellect; A presentation by Fr. Christopher M. Saliga, O.P., R.N.; Monday, January 29, 2007 at 7:15 p.m. in the Rochester Room of Church of St. Thomas More, 65 East 89th Street, New York. Visit with the Speaker and share light refreshments following the presentation. Free will offering accepted. Sponsored by: The Education & Communication Committee of the Parish Council.

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 11th 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 or call Sr. Lucy at (212) 371-1011, ext. 3195, or sr.lucy.marie@archny.org.

Join the Archdiocese of NY Family Life/Respect Life Office Bus leaving from the Catholic Center: 1011 First Ave. at 55th, on Monday, Jan. 22nd. Bus departs at 6:45 a.m. - Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 6:00 a.m.

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

Mass for the Feast of St. Ansgar...Saturday, February 3, 2007, 11:00 a.m.; The Lady Chapel St. Patrick's Cathedral. Buffet luncheon follows. For more information and reservations, please call 718-548-3048.

Wall Street Catholic Young Adults is hosting its St. Valentines Day Party on Friday, February 2, 2007 from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., at St. Maggie's Café, located at 120 Wall Street near South Street, NYC. For more information and reservations, please call (212) 517-1722 (24-hour voicemail).

"This is the testimony: God has given us eternal life;" - 1 Jn 5:11a -