

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE
JANUARY 28, 2007
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ©

Theme/Call To Worship

Like Jeremiah, Jesus found that the people “will fight against you”. And like Jeremiah, where God assured Jeremiah, “(they will) not prevail over you, for I am with you to deliver you,” Jesus found that God did not abandon him. “Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away.”

Introduction To The Word

I. Jer 1:4-5, 17-19. God tells Jeremiah that he was chosen to be a prophet to the nations before he had even been born. He also promises him strength and protection, providing Jeremiah does as God asks.

II. 1 Cor 12:31-13:13. Paul discusses the importance of love and claims that one who possesses any gift, but lacks love, has nothing. He explains that true love never fails, although knowledge and other talents can fail to endure in the same manner. Paul says that three things last: “faith, hope, and love, the greatest of these being love.”

III. Lk 4:21-30. Jesus spoke in the synagogue at Nazareth, at first appealing to all who were present. He reminded them of other prophets who had preached and gained acceptance in foreign places instead of their home towns. This angered the people, who expelled him from town.

At St. Thomas More This Week:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
01/28	Group Baptisms	1:30 p.m.
01/29	Parish Council Lecture	7:15 p.m.
01/30	Madison Avenue Bible Group	8:30 a.m.
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
01/31	Christian Meditation	5:45 p.m.
02/01	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
02/02	<i>Exposition</i>	12:45 p.m.
	<i>Benediction</i>	5:15 p.m.
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
02/03	<i>Feast of St. Blaise</i>	

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

01/29	Heb 11:32-40, Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24, Mk 5:1-20
01/30	Heb 12:1-4, Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32, Mk 5:21-43
01/31	Phil 4:4-9, Ps 103, Mt 18:1-5; or Heb 12:4-7, 11-15, Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a, Mk 6:1-6
02/01	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24, Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11, Mk 6:7-13
02/02	Mal 3:1-4, Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10, Heb 2:14-18, Lk 2:22-40
02/03	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21, Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6, Mk 6:30-34

BLESSING OF THROATS.....

The traditional blessing of throats on the Feast of St. Blaise (Saturday, February 3) will take place in our church at the masses of his Feast on that day (8:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.).

The Leisure Luncheon Club will enjoy a meal immediately following the 12:15 p.m. Mass on Tuesday, January 30, 2007 in the Rochester Room. All Seniors are welcome.

“The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.” - Thes 5:28 -

CARDINAL’S ANNUAL APPEAL 2007

Last year the Cardinal’s Annual Appeal was suspended in our parish because we conducted the Bicentennial Parish Campaign, but the Cardinal’s Appeal goal assigned to us of \$137,500 was included in our Bicentennial Campaign goal of \$750,000. This year the Annual Cardinal’s Appeal is back even though so many of our parishioners are still paying Bicentennial campaign pledges over a three-to five-year period. The focus of the Bicentennial Campaign was a Parish Reserve Fund for the 21st Century to enable us to cover the costs of necessary improvements and extraordinary repairs to our infrastructure. The focus of the Annual Cardinal’s Appeal is the support of the pastoral, charitable and educational endeavors of the Archdiocese of New York. Please be as generous as possible in contributing to these worthy ministries of our Archdiocese. Your contributions will enable us to achieve our assigned goal, once again \$137,500.

Thank you,

Fr. Boehning

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after the 12:15 PM mass on Friday, February 2nd 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.

“I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh.” - Ez 11:19 -

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 28TH

Monday, January 29th

7:00 Helen Risi (d)
 8:00 Dorothy Billia (d)
 12:15 Palmira Rodrigues (d)
 5:45 Palmira Rodrigues (d)

Tuesday, January 30th

7:00 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
 8:00 MaryAnn Donovan (d)
 12:15 Lee Davis (d)
 5:45 Lori Ciancaglini (d)

Wednesday, January 31st

7:00 Mary Gillespie (d)
 8:00 Michael Gillespie (d)
 12:15 Brenda Medina (l)
 5:45 James McManus, Sr. (d)

Thursday, February 1st

7:00 Celia McManus (d)
 8:00 James McManus (d)
 12:15 Norah McManus (d)
 5:45 Denis McManus (d)

Friday, February 2nd

7:00 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
 8:00 Mary Gillespie (d)
 12:15 Daniel Nugent (d)
 5:45 Margaret McMorro (d)

Saturday, February 3rd

8:00 Michael Gillespie (d)
 12:15 The Fuller Family
 5:45 -

Celebrant Sunday Schedule

<i>Mass</i>	<i>Jan. 28th</i>	<i>Feb. 4th</i>
Sat. 5:45 PM	Fr. Asebias	Fr. Francis
Sun. 8:30 AM	Fr. Francis	Fr. Francis
Sun. 10:00 AM	Msgr. Shelley	Fr. Boehning
Sun. 11:15 AM	Fr. Tentativa	Msgr. Shelley
Sun. 12:30 PM	Fr. Asebias	Fr. Asebias
Sun. 5:45 PM	Fr. Boehning	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 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.

***Saint Joseph's Seminary
 2007 Distinguished Lecture Series***

- His Excellency Most Reverend Celestino Migliore, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations; "Christianity and The Holy Land Today", Thursday, February 8, 2007
- Sister Sara Butler, M.B.S.T., Professor of Dogmatic Theology - St. Joseph's Seminary will offer a presentation based on her new book, "Women's Ordination - Is It Still An Issue?", Wednesday, March 7, 2007.

Time: 7:30 p.m.; Location: Prayer Hall, Saint Joseph's Seminary, 201 Seminary Avenue, Yonkers, NY, (914) 968-6200.

Hope 2007 is the annual counting of homeless people in New York City who unfortunately still call the streets their homes. NYC is seeking volunteers to participate this year on the night of January 29, 2007. Further information can be obtained from the website: www.nyc.gov/dhs.

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.

"May the Lord make your love increase and overflow." - Thes 3:12 -