



Born to us

Our
Savior

**Church of Saint Thomas More
New York City, New York**

Church of St. Thomas More

DECEMBER 21, 2008

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Theme/Call To Worship

Today we light again the candles of hope, love, and joy, and the fourth PURPLE candle, the candle of peace. Christ is the Prince of peace, who comes to reconcile us with God and others. Christ helps us to see that peace is possible.

Introduction To The Word

- I. **2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16:** In this reading from Second Samuel, we learn of the Prophet Nathan's vision to King David. In this vision God promises King David that his house will endure forever and that from his lineage God will bring forth the Son of God. "I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me".
- II. **Rom 16:25-27:** In this letter St. Paul reminds us of the purpose of ministry, "to bring about the obedience of faith to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ".
- III. **Lk 1:26-38:** Through the faith of Mary, the covenant between man and God became flesh. "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son and you shall name him Jesus".

At St. Thomas More This Week:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
12/21	Group Baptism	1:30 pm
12/22	Confessions	11:45 – 12:10 pm
12/23	Confessions	11:45 – 12:10 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
12/24	Confessions	11:45 – 12:10 pm
	Confessions	1:00 – 1:30 pm
12/25	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
12/26	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm

Celebrant Christmas Schedule

<i>Mass</i>	<i>December 24</i>	<i>December 25</i>
Wed. 4:00 pm	Fr. Boehning	
Wed. 5:45 pm	Msgr. Shelly	
Wed. 12:00 am	Msgr. Shelly	
Thurs. 8:30 am		Fr. Joy
Thurs. 10:30 am		Fr. Diaz
Thurs. 12:30 am		Fr. Francis

Celebrant Schedule

<i>Mass</i>	<i>December 21</i>	<i>December 28</i>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Joy
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Boehning	Msgr. Shelly
Sun 10:00 am	Msgr. Shelley	Fr. Diaz
Sun 11:15 am	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Joy
Sun 12:30 pm	Fr. Francis	Fr. Francis
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Joy	Fr. Boehning

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The clergy and staff of
St. Thomas More
wish you
and your family
a very Happy and Holy
Christmas,
and
a Blessed and Healthy
New Year

MASS INTENTIONS AT
ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
DECEMBER 21– DECEMBER 27

Monday, December 22

7:00 Beth Souzer (I)
8:00 Gloria Jenkins (d)
12:15 Edelberta Gomez (d)

Tuesday, December 23

7:00 Pamela Cecil Galli (d)
8:00 Elizabeth F. Cooper (d)
12:15 Elizapeth & Joseph Hughes (d)

Wednesday, December 24

7:00 Edison Palacio, Sr. (d)
8:00 Lillian Swanson (d)
12:15 Josephine Terzaghi (d)
4:00 Christmas Vigil - Children's Mass
5:45 Christmas Vigil
12:00 Christmas Midnight Mass

Thursday, December 25

8:30 Christmas
10:30 Christmas
12:30 Christmas

Friday, December 26

7:00 Celia McManus(d)
8:00 Norah Quinn (d)
12:15 Louis O'Connor (d)

Saturday, December 27

8:00 Maryann Delcastillo (d)
12:15 Peggy & Anthony Murphy (d)
5:45 Sunday Vigil

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

12/22 1 Sm 1:24-28, Lk 1:46-56
12/23 Mal 3:1-4, 23-24, Lk 1:57-66
12/24 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Lk 1:67-79
(Vigil) Is 62:1-5, Acts 13:16-17, 22-25, Mt 1:1-25
or 1:18-25,
(Midnight) Is 9:1-6, Ti 2:11-14, Lk 2:1-14
12/25 (Dawn) Is 62:11-12, Ti 3:4-7, Lk 2:15-20
Is 52:7-10, Heb 1:1-6, Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
12/26 Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59, Mt 10:17-22
12/27 1 Jn 1:1-4, Jn 20:1a and 2-8

CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York *St. Nicholas Project* is underway. This program provides gifts of necessity including coats, scarves, blankets, etc. to more than 2,000 needy individuals. Volunteers are needed from NOW until January 2009 to help with office work, accept donations, sort items for distribution and assist with the shopping day, scheduled for Saturday, December 13. If you are interested in volunteering at the program's main office in NYC or participating in the shopping day, please contact the Archdiocese.

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The Listening Eye: Seeing St. Paul

- Monday, December 22, 2008, 7:30 PM
- Church of the Epiphany- New York, NY
- Free

Presenter: Henry V. Artis, painter, sculptor, installation artist, and curator, will lead a discussion on images of the Apostle to the Gentiles. All are invited to attend.

Catholics in New York - 1808 through 1946 at
Museum of the City of New York

- Friday, May 16th, 2008 thru to December 31, 2008, Tuesday through Sunday 10 AM to 5 PM
- Museum of the City of New York - 1220 Fifth Avenue, New York City
- –Suggested Donation is \$9.00 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors and students and \$20.00 for a family.

Learn how the Catholic community grew over the course of a century and a half, gaining a political voice, creating a set of institutions that reshaped New York, and facing and overcoming prejudice.

Special Confession Times

Monday, December 22 and Tuesday, December 23
11:45AM to 12:10PM

Wednesday, December 24
11:45AM to 12:10PM and 1:00PM to 1:30PM

Special Christmas Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 24

4:00PM Children's Mass with Choir and
Blessing of the Christmas Crèche

5:45PM Solemn Mass with Choir

12:00AM Midnight Solemn Mass with Choir

A special Choir program precedes each of the above
Masses.

Thursday, December 25

8:30AM, 10:30AM and 12:30PM

(All masses with music)

No evening Mass on Christmas Day.

Our Parish Office will be closed after 2:00PM on
Thursday, Christmas Day.

"When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, His Mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh". - - Mt. 2:10-11