



# St. Thomas

THE Apostle

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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April 23, 2017

## Second Sunday of Easter

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"Do not be unbelieving, but believe."  
 ~John 20:27

## St. Thomas the Apostle Parish

### Mass Schedule

**Sunday**  
 8:30am & 11am

**Monday-Friday**  
 8:30am

**Saturday**  
 8:30am & 4pm

**Holy Days**  
 8:30am

### Confession

Saturdays, 3-3:30pm.

### Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office.

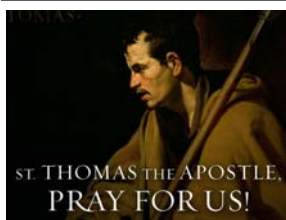
### Marriage

Please make arrangements eight months in advance.

### Membership

Please register at the Parish Office

Come visit us at [www.stapostleparish.org](http://www.stapostleparish.org)



**Today's Readings:** Acts 2:42-47 ♦ Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

1 Peter 1:3-9 ♦ John 20:19-31

†Curtis White, †Evelyn Rivera

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Acts 2:14, 22-33 ♦ Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

1 Peter 1:17-21 ♦ Luke 24:13-35

## Weekday Mass Intentions

Weekday Masses are held in the Daily Mass Chapel at 8:30 a.m.

### MONDAY, April 24

Readings: Acts 4:23-31 ♦ Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 ♦ Jn 3:1-8

*"Unless one is born from above, he cannot see the Kingdom of God."* Jn 3:3

†Maricar Frazer, †Dr. Herman Neal

### TUESDAY, April 25-St. Mark

Readings: 1 Pt 5:5b-14 ♦ Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 ♦ Mk 16:15-20

*Clothe yourselves in humility in your dealings with one another.* 1 Pt 5:5

†Joseph & Josephine Duncan  
Thaddeus Villarín (Birthday blessings)  
†Maricar Frazer

### WEDNESDAY, April 26

Readings: Acts 5:17-26 ♦ Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 ♦ Jn 3:16-21

*The men whom you put in prison are in the temple area and are teaching the people.* Acts 5:25

†Maricar Frazer, †Renee McCally,  
Ballard-Delmas Family

### THURSDAY, April 27

Readings: Acts 5:27-33 ♦ Ps 34:2 & 9, 17-18, 19-20 ♦ Jn 3:31-36

*The one whom God sent...does not ration his gift of the Spirit.* Jn 3:34

†Fr. Dan Mallette, †Maricar Frazer  
†Dcn-Knight Jan Ramirez

### FRIDAY, April 28

Readings: Acts 5:34-42 ♦ Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 ♦ Jn 6:1-15

*If this endeavor is of human origin, it will destroy itself. But if it comes from*

*God, you will not be able to destroy them.* Acts 5:38-39

†Maricar Frazer, †Elisa Estante  
†William & Susan Romell  
†Fr. Charles Payne, OFM  
†Florita Singson

### SATURDAY, April 29

#### St. Catherine of Siena

Readings: Acts 6:1-7 ♦ Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 ♦ Jn 6:16-21

*They wanted to take him into the boat but the boat immediately arrived at the shore to which they were heading.* Jn 6:21

Pat Waldorf (Birthday blessings!)  
†Maricar Frazer  
†Dcn-Knight Jan Ramirez

## Help Us Celebrate our 184th Birthday!

Sunday, April 30, the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVPD) will celebrate our 184th birthday by serving a dinner for the needy in the STA gym. We're looking for volunteers—age 16 or older—who can be on their feet for at least two hours. Volunteers are needed starting at 12:00 pm and ending at 4:00 pm. (We are happy to sign paperwork for high school community service hours.) For more information or to sign up to volunteer, contact Rita Sprudz at [rsprudz@yahoo.com](mailto:rsprudz@yahoo.com).



## This Week's Calendar

### SUNDAY, April 23

#### St. Thomas the Apostle Sunday!

9:30am: Sunday School

12:15pm: RCIA

12:30pm: Charismatic Prayer Group, 107

12:30pm: Knights of Columbus, WLT

12:30pm: St. Vincent de Paul, Gym

### TUESDAY, April 25

8:30am: School Mass

### WEDNESDAY, April 26

7:30pm: Contemporary Choir

### THURSDAY, April 27

9am: Bible Study Facilitator meeting, PH

### FRIDAY, April 28

5pm: First Communion Retreat, PH

### SATURDAY, April 29

9:30am: First Communion Retreat, Church

3pm: Confessions

3pm: Motet Choir, Church

### SUNDAY, April 30

9:30am: Sunday School

12:15pm: RCIA

12:30pm: Charismatic Prayer Group, 107

1pm: St. Vincent de Paul Dinner for the Homeless, Gym

## Prayer Vigil for Peace Resumes May 10

On Wednesday, May 10th St. Thomas will resume our weekly summer Prayer Vigil for Peace from 3:00 to 5:00 every Wednesday in the daily mass chapel. This will be the third summer that the STA Charismatic Prayer Group has sponsored this silent vigil for Peace in Our City before the Blessed Sacrament.

All are welcome to come for some or all of the time. We begin with a short, spoken prayer liturgy followed by silent prayer. You can pray the rosary, do centering prayer, pray using your Bible, or other spiritual reading as you wish. We will also provide written prayer aids. The vigil ends with a priest offering benediction with the Blessed Sacrament. There will be a sign-up sheet to schedule people to help with the simple tasks of setting up and closing and we will show people how to do this. For more information, you can call Lisa at 773-324-2626.

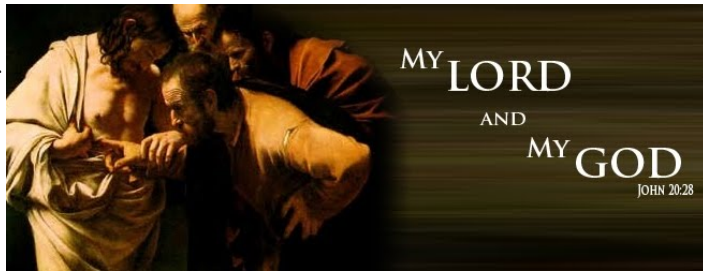
Visit [www.carmelites.net](http://www.carmelites.net) for more information on the Carmelites.

## A Letter from our Pastor

Dear parishioners and friends of Saint Thomas the Apostle,

Christ is risen! This Sunday (the Octave Day of Easter), we hear the account of the Risen Lord's meeting with Saint Thomas the Apostle, and you can read the story in the Gospel of Saint John (20: 19-31.) I always feel that this is a very important Sunday for our parish, who

look to the faith and ministry of Saint Thomas the Apostle with special care.



Though Saint Thomas met the Risen Christ after the other ten Apostles, he was the one who made his profession of faith so boldly, 'My Lord and my God'. We stand in this great tradition and profess the same faith as the apostles. Jesus Christ, crucified, dead and buried, has risen from the dead and lives no more to die. He is glorified eternally, and promises believers a share in his everlasting glory.

The Sundays of the fifty day Easter Feast are very full with celebrations and our parish has some very busy weeks coming up; there are so many events on the schedule, be ready and warned! We have come to the last full week of April. Last night (Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup>) was our School's annual gala, STArry Night. Next Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup> we will continue our Easter feast with the annual dinner for the homeless poor hosted by our parish and the *Society of Saint Vincent de Paul*. May 7<sup>th</sup> is our annual First Holy Communion Mass and May Crowning. May 14<sup>th</sup> is Mothers' Day, and May 21<sup>st</sup> is anointing Sunday. May 28<sup>th</sup> (Ascension Day) we will celebrate Prior Daryl's new assignment as Novice Master for the Carmelites and his move to Middletown, New York. Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> (Pentecost, the fiftieth day of Easter) is our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Mass.

We resume our Wednesday afternoon Vigils and prayers for peace, our prayer group, bible study group and youth

group continue to meet. Our Sunday School of Religion and catechists will conclude a very successful year of work for our younger parishioners. Our ministers of care are continuing their faithful service to those at home and in hospitals and nursing homes. Our 150<sup>th</sup> plans are well underway and volunteers are already planning the special events

and celebrations that will help us mark this great milestone in our parish life.

But all of this activity and all of these special events have a single source and inspiration. We are living out the profession of faith made by Saint Thomas the Apostle all those years ago. All that we do, and every good work and ministry of our parish, has its roots in our encounter with Christ, who is risen from the dead. We 'are what we are' and 'do what we do' because we too have visited the empty tomb; we have met the Lord and confess Jesus Christ to be alive. This is our faith and this is the heart of our community experience. This is what motivates us and drives us to continue the work of the apostles and witness to the truth here at the parish in Hyde Park that bears the name of the great apostle, faithful witness, and missionary: Thomas the Apostle.

On this Sunday (St. Thomas Sunday) there will be an expanded Sunday Hospitality. We will serve one another and share a morning meal that acknowledges the great title of our parish and the joy we share in the light of the Resurrection of Christ. Please stop over to the Hall, and continue the feast with us.

May our Lord God, who is risen from the dead and has appeared to Thomas and the other Apostles, grant you and your family great peace on the feast! May the Mother of God, the Mother of the Risen Savior, enfold you in the mantle of her protection! ~Elias



## Guests & Visitors

We're so glad you're here and invite you to journey in faith with us. We believe the church is the sacrament of God's saving presence in the world.

Our goal is to provide a spiritual home where all are welcome, where the healing, reconciling, liberating love of God flows through us to all people.

If you have any questions about our parish, look for the members of the Welcoming ministry. They are wearing blue sashes and are here for you!

Would you like to become a parishioner? Please call Lisa at the Parish Office, 773-324-2626.

Christ  
is  
Risen!

## Join Us after Mass for a Special St. Thomas Sunday Hospitality

Today, on St. Thomas Sunday, there will be an expanded Sunday Hospitality after Mass. We will serve one another and share a morning meal that acknowledges the great title of our parish and the joy we share in the light of the Resurrection of Christ. Please stop over to the Parish Hall, and continue the feast with us.



**Dates to Remember!**

**April 24-29**  
*Week of the Young Child*  
 Pre-k—2nd grades

**April 25-29**  
*Aspire Testing*  
 3rd—8th grades

**April 25**  
*All School Mass*  
 8:30am

**April 27**  
*Parent Coffee Klatch*  
 8:15am

**May 2**  
*All School Mass*  
 8:30am

*Poetry Café*  
 2:30pm

**May 3**  
*Invention Convention*  
 10:00am

*Are you interested in learning more about Catholic education at St. Thomas the Apostle School? Join us for one of our weekly tours!*

*Tours are every Wednesday and Friday at 8:30am and 9:30am.*

*Sign up on our website or by contacting our Admissions Coordinator, Tareema Jean-Baptiste  
 tjeanbap@stapostleschool.com*



**Thank you!**

Thank you to our whole school community for supporting our students through our STARRY Night benefit! To our committee, thank you for planning such a wonderful event for our guests to attend. To our volunteers, thank you for spending your time helping us make this event a success. To our honorary chairs, thank you for supporting and endorsing St. Thomas the Apostle School! To all of our guests, thank you for your generosity in supporting our school's mission to provide an extraordinary education to all of our extraordinary students. Again, thank you!

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## Our Sesquicentennial Anniversary

**Sesquicentennial** is such a long word to express our 150<sup>th</sup> year! We are eagerly preparing for the joyful commemoration of the anniversary of our church's founding in 1869. You are encouraged to take part in the festivities and to have a hand in the planning. Will you please accept the invitation to be on a committee? With your involvement, Grandma's old adage, "Many hands make light work," will ring true.

Please attend our **meeting on Thursday, April 27, at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall.** This is a call-out for those who have already signed up and those who have been considering what they might do. We will explain what is involved for each team that has a part in a delightful year of celebrations. The meeting is designed to *finish before 7:30 PM.* Just a few of the planning teams are listed here. Learn of more upcoming events on Thursday.

- \*Valentine Dance for adults on February 9, 2018
- \*Service Days (three of them) for all age groups
- \*Various Receptions throughout the year for area priests and ministers, former teachers and Religious Sisters of both the grade and high schools, alumni, and ministry groups.
- \*Lectures and small group study series
- \*Advent Music and Word Celebration for children
- \*A Gala event to honor, thank, and celebrate the congregation
- \*Parish History projects—a book, play, video
- \*Restoration of the church building.....and More!

We welcome your hands and hearts to our sesquicentennial planning!  
Steering Committee: Candace Scheidt, Paula Jones, and Gwen Anderson

## A Look Back in History...

*The early years of St. Thomas included some very devoted and clever pastors who were visionary builders.*

*Name the early pastors who enlarged the church building the first time and then turned it around to meet needs of a growing congregation?*

### ANSWER

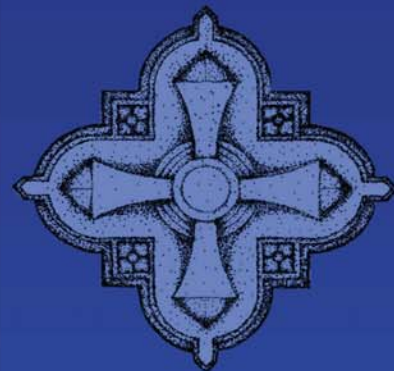
Father Dennis Tighe *enlarged the church building* during his tenure in 1878-1882. In 1886, Father W. A Horan *turned the church building* to face Kimbark. Just as St. Thomas had been a mission of St. James Parish for nearly ten years, Fathers Tighe and Horan reached out in missionary ministry to Catholics south of Hyde Park. In the 1950s, a parishioner recalled that as an altar boy, he "rode with the pastor by horse and buggy to the people in the territory as far south as South Chicago and Ainsworth."



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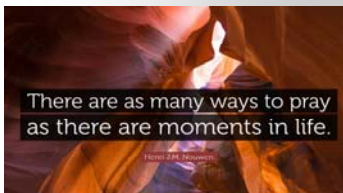
**Offerings**

April 9, 2017

Sunday	\$6,238.74
Sunday Give Central	\$2,147.75
Building Fund	\$235.00
Building Fund (GC)	\$75.00
Candles	\$212.56
Hospitality	\$106.90
Easter	\$1,037.00
Easter (Give Central)	\$525.00
Flowers	\$292.00
Flowers (Give Central)	\$190.00
<b>Sunday Total</b>	<b>\$289,830.12</b>
<b>Give Central</b>	<b>\$86,114.25</b>
<b>Less budget:</b>	<b>\$471,500.00</b>
<b>Under budget:</b>	<b>-\$95,555.63</b>

**THANK YOU!!**

**Please Remember in Prayer**



**Parishioners & friends who are ill:**

Estrella Alamar, Dorla Allen, Lucas Allen, Dorothy Bonds, Romy Crena, Sandra Dammons, Esther Dionisio, Marilyn Epps, Fr. Jack Farry, Lina Garcia, Pamela Graniczny, Stefan Hessing, Effie Hinton, Sr. Jean Marie Hobbs, Kathleen Holden, Gwendolyn Holliday, Wm. G. Howard, Carolyn Jones, Connie Jose, Charlie King, Pat & Tim King, Linda Loggins, Mankowski Family, Norma McCall, Theresa McDermott, Anastacia I. Mebane, Clara Morgan, Chris Mureiko, Caridad Neal, Jeffrey Paul, Edmond Peirre, Selwyn Revish, David Nathaniel Robinson, Elizabeth Ruyter, Melba Sales, Bobby Sims, Charles Walker, Sr., Jo Washington, Julia Washington, Richard West, Mavis Willis, Edward Wong, Jr., Marie Bijou Wong

**For those who have died:**  
Evelyn Rivera

	Apr 29, 4:00 PM	Apr 30, 8:30 AM	Apr 30, 11:00 AM
	Third Sunday of Easter	Third Sunday of Easter	Third Sunday of Easter
Eucharistic Minister	Dennis Johnston (BC) Denise Martin-Echols (CL) Teresa Vazquez (CL) Michael Wilson (CR) Rebecca Gray Smith (CR)	Jim Rydel (BC) Kirk Willis (CL) Jacqueline Callery (CL) Vida Benn (CR) Pat White (CR) Daryl Moresco (BL) Carla Kupe-Arion (BR) Curtrice Scott (CL) Sharon Dobbs (CR)	Enid Collins (BC) Judith Lake (CL) Yvonne Brooks (CL) Brittany McGhee (CR) Gwen Anderson (CR) Paula Jones (BL) Lena Williams (BR) Dorothy Bennett (CL) Betty Brewer (CR)
Lectors	Joseph Alulis (Lector 1)	Alva Batey-Stepancic (Lector 1) Ellen Dairyko (Lector 2)	Chris Chwedyk (Lector 1) BeLinda Mathie (Lector 2)
Altar Servers	Anna Stephanov Cecilia Renz Peter Renz	Matthew Lodato Gabriel Lodato Nicolas Lodoto	Lawrence Amadi Gwen Anderson Janise Harris



**Calvert House News**

Next month we will bid farewell to the Calvert House Chaplain, Msgr. Pat Lagges who has served so faithfully the Catholic Community at the University of Chicago. We will welcome Father Andrew Liaugminas as our new chaplain. We offer Fathers Pat and Andrew every blessing during this time of transition.

**The Food Pantry Needs You!**



The Hyde Park Kenwood Food Pantry needs able-bodied volunteers for carrying and distributing food, Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Minimum age to volunteer: 13; Maximum group size: 7. We will sign paperwork for high school community service hours. Contact Jan Deckenbach, 773-702-7034, [jdeckenb@uchicago.edu](mailto:jdeckenb@uchicago.edu).

**Archdiocese Launches Anti-Violence Initiative**

The Archdiocese of Chicago, its parishes and ministries, including Catholic Charities, Mercy Home for Boys & Girls, and Kolbe House, have launched an anti-violence initiative to increase the capacity and reach of current programs that address the root causes of violence and to identify and actively seek partnerships with like-purposed groups and individuals. The Archdiocese also announced it is seeking out and investing in new approaches and partnerships to breaking the violence-causing cycle of despair, racism and poverty in the city. As part of these efforts, the Archdiocese will create the *Instruments of Peace Venture Philanthropy Fund*, which will include funding from the Archdiocese and other donors. The Fund will be used to invest in new anti-violence approaches and expand promising programs. Pope Francis sent a letter to Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago, to express his support and encouragement for the efforts the Archdiocese and other Chicagoans are making to create peace. [To read Pope Francis' letter, visit: <https://www.archchicago.org/documents/70111/70579/Pope%27s+Letter/819bc1e7-a926-4717-991a-f545e488500d>.]

“The causes of the violence we are seeing in our city are complex and deep seated, but I have a strong belief, based on the good will and the many dedicated efforts of our civic and religious leaders, that these causes can be addressed and the suffering can end if we all work together,” said Cardinal Cupich.

## Domestic Violence Forum

The **Domestic Violence Ministry** of St Ailbe parish extends an invitation to you to join them for the **2nd Annual Domestic Violence Forum** on Sunday, April 30, 1:00 - 3:30 pm at St. Ailbe Church Hall, 9047 South Harper, Chicago. **Speakers:** Maiesha Baptiste, Cook County Assistant State's Attorney; The Honorable Steven G. Watkins, Judge, Criminal Division, Circuit Court of Cook County; Special Guest, Male Domestic Violence Survivor. *Light Refreshments.*

## Come Pray with Us!



The primary mission of the **Charismatic Prayer Group** is to praise and worship God, and to pray for the people of the parish. We speak to God through song and spontaneous prayer, and we listen to God through the charismatic gifts, our shared human insights, and scripture.

**We invite you to pray with us every Sunday after the 11am mass** in room 107 of our School. **All are welcome!**

## Receive Communion at Home or in a Nursing Home

If you or a loved one are homebound or in a Nursing Home and wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact the parish secretary (Lisa) at 773-324-2626. She will arrange for one of our dedicated and experienced Ministers of Care to visit you. If you need to see a priest, the Minister of Care will be able to help you with that as well.

# Bible Study

Make the connection.

Let the Word of God influence your busy life!



Come together for a vibrant experience of God's Word. Sign up today!

We invite you to join us for our Spring 2017 Bible Study Session which will focus on the plight of Job

that leads him to challenge the religious wisdom of his age as he begs God to explain his suffering and ultimate value of friendship with God. The session will start on Thursday, April 27 and complete on Thursday, June 15, 2017 (except no session on May 18, 2017 –Principals' Meeting). Meetings will be held weekly from 10am to 12pm in the Parish Hall.

The Book of Job is a vivid testimony to pain, plea for justice, and a wrenching theological debate about suffering and its causes. There are questions about the role of God and humans in causing human suffering and whether divine-human relationship can proceed in the midst of overwhelming anguish. Readers are invited to participate in Job's story and to work towards their own solution to the dilemmas of both Job and his friends.

This study includes individual study as well as weekly prayer and small-group discussions followed by a wrap-up lecture. (To watch a brief video introduction to Little Rock Scripture, visit <https://www.littlerockscripture.org/Programs/Index>).

### TO REGISTER CONTACT:

Marionette Phelps, 312-618-3532, [Netta1035@aol.com](mailto:Netta1035@aol.com); Sr. Jamie Phelps, O.P., [jthelpsxula@gmail.com](mailto:jthelpsxula@gmail.com); Miriam Gonzalzsles, [gonzams@aol.com](mailto:gonzams@aol.com).

### Contemporary Prayer to St. Thomas the Apostle

Almighty and ever living God, who strengthened your apostle Thomas with sure and certain faith in your Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that our faith may never be found wanting in your sight; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



## Assistive Listening Devices

are available from the ushers.