

St. Thomas

THE Apostle

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Serving Hyde Park's Catholic Community since 1869

January 19, 2020

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sunday: 9am-11am
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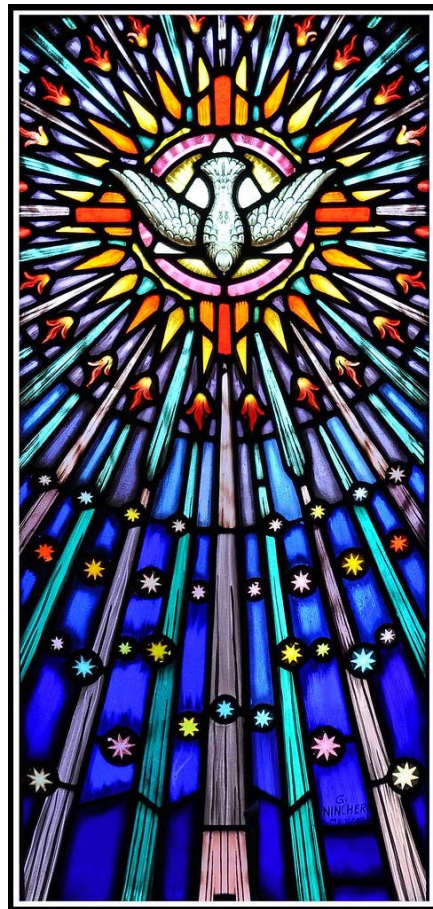
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Please don't forget the poor boxes.



"I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him."

~ John 1:32

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



Today's Readings:

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 ♦ Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 ♦ 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 ♦ John 1:29-34

Betty Jean Jackson (Birthday blessings!)

We encourage you to prepare yourself for next weekend's liturgy by reading and praying the scriptures (visit www.usccb.org).

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 8:23—9:3 ♦ Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 ♦ 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 ♦ Matthew 4:12-23

Weekday Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, January 20

1 Sm 15:16-23 ♦ Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 25 ♦ Mk 2:18-22

Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? Mk 2:19

Stephanie Bertuca (Speedy recovery)

TUESDAY, January 21-St. Agnes

Readings: 1 Sm 16:1-13 ♦ Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 ♦ Mk 2:23-28

The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath. Mk 2:27

✠**Barbara O'Connor**, ✠**Jokina Gomes**

WEDNESDAY, January 22

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 ♦ Ps 144:1b, 2,

9-10 ♦ Mk 3:1-6

Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath...to save life rather than destroy it? Mk 3:4

Jeffrey Gould (Birthday blessings!)

✠**Amelia Pascual**

THURSDAY, January 23

Readings: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 ♦ Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 ♦ Mk 3:7-12

I am bound, O God, by vows to you. Ps 56:12

✠**Dr. Herman Neal**, ✠**Lefty De Mesa**

FRIDAY, January 24

St. Francis de Sales

Readings: 1 Sm 24:3-21 ♦ Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 & 11 ♦ Mk 3:13-19

You are in the right rather than I; you have treated me generously, while I have done you harm. 1 Sm 24:18

✠**Peter Walsh**, ✠**Loretta Marsalis**

SATURDAY, January 25

Readings: Acts 22:3-16 ♦ Ps 117:1bc, 2 ♦ Mk 16:15-18

Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel... Mk 16:15

✠**Rudy Comeaux**, ✠**Andy Malden**

Hospitality Today Features Our Charismatic Prayer Group



The Charismatic Prayer Meeting at St. Thomas meets every Sunday after the 11:00 mass in room 110 of the school. The group encourages creative participation by all who attend, but it has a structure. The first 30 minutes are focused on praising and worshiping God through lively singing, mixed with periods of silence (similar to Centering Prayer) and use of the charismatic word gifts described by St. Paul. (See 1 Corinthians 12-14.) After praising God we take

15 minutes for people to share briefly, not only about their joys and needs, but also about what the Holy Spirit is doing in their lives. After sharing we do intercessory prayer for about 15 minutes. We pray for our families and friends, for St. Thomas parish and school, the parish staff and ministries, our city, nation and the whole world. For the last 8 years the group has been in charge of praying over and maintaining the Parish Book of Petitions. We also pray for intentions submitted with special offerings for Christmas and Easter, for the Deceased and for prayer requests from our Pastor and others at St. Thomas. After the body of the meeting we socialize or offer focused prayers for individuals in need.

Since it started 18 years ago, our membership has been very diverse in terms of age, race, national origin and occupations. We usually have 8 to 10 active members. We currently have members from Haiti, (Cont'd on page 5)

This Week's Calendar

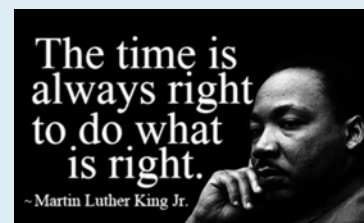
SUNDAY, January 19

Anointing

9:30am: *Sacramental Prep.*, 2nd fl.

9:45am: *Domestic Violence Outreach*, Parish Hall

2pm: *Knitting Guild*, Parish Hall



MONDAY, January 20

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY, January 22

7:30pm: *Contemporary Choir*

SATURDAY, January 25


3pm: *Confessions*

SUNDAY, January 26

9:30am: *Sacramental Prep.*, 2nd fl.

9:45am: *St. Vincent de Paul*, 100

12:30pm: *Charismatic Prayer*, 110




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 green sashes and are here for you!

Would you like to become a parishioner? Please contact one of our ushers or call Lisa at the Parish Office, 773-324-2626.



If you or a loved one wish to receive communion at home or in a nursing home, please call Lisa at 773-324-2626, & she will arrange for a Minister of Care to visit.

A Word from Fr. Chris: “Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”

Dear parishioners and friends of Saint Thomas the Apostle,

In the gospel, John the Baptist is quoted as having made one of the most remarkable professions of faith that is recorded in the New Testament. During his preaching, on seeing Jesus in a distance, John said to his listeners: *“Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world”* (Jn 1:29). But John’s profession of faith did not stop with that affirmation of Jesus. He elaborated further: *“Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God”* (Jn 1:24).

The Baptist’s reference to Jesus as the Lamb of God brings to mind several images. Like other people of that time, the Baptist would have been familiar with the prophecies about the future Messiah, so he could have been referring to the servant of the Lord in chapter 53 of the Book of Isaiah, where the servant was presented as the one who would bring salvation to God’s people by bearing their sufferings and sorrows.

In addition, there the servant was compared to a lamb being led to the slaughterhouse. So Jesus’ identity could be understood in that context. The first chapter of John’s Gospel focuses on the fulfilment of the Old Testament prophecies, all of which prepare for the Incarnation: *“The Word of God made flesh in Jesus.”* The Baptist undoubtedly would also have been referring to the paschal lamb in chapter 12 of the Book of Exodus, who had effectively saved the Israelites from annihilation at the time of their escape from slavery in Egypt.



And the Baptist too would have been referring too to the story of Abraham’s binding of his son, Isaac, in chapter 22 of the Book of Genesis, where God provided the sacrificial lamb thereby saving Isaac from death. The Baptist, who had long been preparing to announce the Messiah’s arrival, would have had all these scripture passages in mind when referring to Jesus as the Lamb of God. It is clear that John the Baptist had a definite understanding of Jesus’ identity by using the image of the lamb. Jesus would be the one to destroy sin and thus bring salvation to the world. The Baptist wanted to make clear the distinction between the Savior and himself, whose task was to prepare the people for the great saving work of Jesus.

In that context, we are reminded of the words spoken by the priest before the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass: *“This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.”* Thus John the Baptist describes himself as a “witness” of Jesus who is the Chosen One of God’ (Jn 1:34). The Baptist played a unique role in preparing the way for Jesus the Messiah to come into people’s lives. He did this by his faithful witnessing and his penitential lifestyle. We too are called to be witnesses to the Lamb of God and, by our convictions and lifestyle, to facilitate his arrival in the hearts and souls of those we meet and know. But to do that, we need to recognize Jesus as the Lamb of God. Let us pray that, like John the Baptist, we will always do so.

~Fr. Chris



Dates to Remember

January 20

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day—NO SCHOOL

January 21

All School Mass at 8:30 am

January 26—February 1

Catholic Schools Week!

January 26

Family Mass at 8:30 am

Current Family Open House from 9:30-10:45 am

January 28

All School Mass at 8:30 am

January 29

Prospective Family Open House from 6:00-7:30 pm

Visit STA!

Tours and shadow visits are offered for prospective families on Wednesdays & Fridays from 8:30-9:30 am & 9:30-10:30 am.

Please sign-up in advance on our school's website:

www.stapostleschool.com

***Facebook: @stapostleschool
Instagram: @stthomasapostle***



**Save the Date
STARRY Night 2020**

We hope you will attend STA's Annual STARRY Night Gala! Reservations will be on sale in the coming weeks!

Are you interested in sponsoring or making a donation to the silent auction? Contact Mrs. Howard—mhoward@stapostleschool.com.

Save the Date



"Fostering Seeds of Growth"

A benefit for the children of St. Thomas the Apostle School

Saturday, April 18, 2020

6:00-10:30 pm

Mount Carmel High School

6410 S. Dante Ave.
Chicago, IL 60637

<http://bidpal.net/starry2020>

Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres • Silent Auction
Dinner & Program • Paddle Raise • Entertainment

Open House

St. Thomas the Apostle School
5467 S. Woodlawn Ave.
Wednesday, January 29, 2020
6:00-7:30 pm

Sign-up on-line: www.stapostleschool.com



Prospective Family Open House

You are invited to learn about STA's faith-based environment and academic curriculum, as well as take a tour of the building. Sign-up today!

Save the Date for Our STA Holy Land Tour

Before our former pastor Fr Elias retired, he had begun to organize parishioners for a second pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Due to a few challenges, Fr Elias was unable to complete these plans to visit Holy Land.

Some parishioners have kept this dream alive and they would be very proud to make the dream come true. I know Fr Elias will be very proud if we make this dream come true.

To help this dream come true to, we have organized a pilgrimage committee that has come up with the following proposal:

“St Thomas the Apostle is planning a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in Honor of our former Pastor Fr Elias on September 14th to September 24th 2020.” With this pilgrimage we will have the opportunity to further our knowledge of the life and passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Registration for the Pilgrimage starts in this Month of January. No payments will be due until the month of March.



The following is the breakdown of the land tour:

10 to 11 passengers: \$3,772

13 to 15 passengers: \$3,522

16 to 18 passengers: \$3,442

19 to 21 passengers: \$3,322

The more people we get the lower the payments will be.

The following will be the major areas to be visited: Cana, Nazareth, Galilee, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Jericho, the Dead Sea, the Mount of

Olives, Mount Zion, the Passion of Jesus (last hour), and Samaria/ Jordan.

Please pray about it and if God is calling you to experience his divine love through a pilgrimage this year, register in our parish office anytime.

You may email Teresa Vazques who is in charge of the pilgrimage group at the following email: tervazma@aol.com.

Or Call Fr Chris during parish office hours.

We will be posting more information in the bulletin.

~Fr Chris

Charismatic Prayer Group (Cont'd from p. 2)

Korea, Italy, Nebraska and Chicago. Because many people from the University of Chicago and Chicago Theological Union have joined the group over the years, our membership has changed a lot. We continue to pray with former members who have moved to Papua New Guinea, Switzerland, Tanzania, Indonesia and China.

Many members see the group as not only a source of emotional and spiritual support, but also as a main source of social relationships that are like family. The group has attended charismatic conferences and retreats together, and we also attend one another's baby showers, baptisms, graduations, weddings, house warming parties and funerals. The Sunday before Christmas we had a caroling party at the

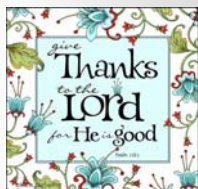
prayer meeting and invited family and friends. Our leadership is dispersed with no one or two individuals in charge.



The Catholic Charismatic Renewal started in the 1967 in Pennsylvania. It is now found in some 230 countries. The membership is estimated to be about 150 million people. It has repeatedly received the blessing of the Roman Catholic hierarchy and it is ecumenically oriented. If you are curious about charismatic prayer and the use of the charismatic gifts, come and see. You are welcome to drop in with special prayer needs or to come regularly. **We meet every Sunday at**

12:30, except for today, because we are hosting hospitality.

Please remember our Parish in your will. Your estate planning will enable us to maintain and develop programs for the good of our parish in the years to come. Please consult with your attorney, financial planner or tax consultant. Thank you for considering St. Thomas.



Offerings for 1/5/2020

Solemnity of Mary	\$552.00
Sunday Offertory	\$10,004.33
Give Central	\$1,053.00
Building Fund	\$2,126.00
Christmas	\$300.00
Mass Offering	\$130.00
Candle Offering	\$172.60
Rent	\$3,356.45
School Support	\$30.00
Total	\$17,719.38

Please Remember in Prayer: Parishioners & friends who are ill:

Estrella Alamar, Dorla Allen, Lucas Allen, Romulo Barreno, Dorothy Bonds, Romy Crena, Esther Dionisio, Marilyn Epps, Sebastian Farmer, Fr. Jack Farry, Joseph Foley, Joan Gallagher, Lina Garcia, David Giles, Pamela Graniczy, Kathleen Holden, Wm. G. Howard, Maria Jimenez, Olga Jimenez, Carolyn Jones, Connie Jose, Charlie King, Mary Lerps, Mark Lewis, Corrine Lipinski, Linda Loggins, Ruth Magana, Mankowski Family, Maridel Moffett, Norma McCall, Anastacia I. Mebane, Clara Morgan, Chris Mureiko, Maribeth Murphy, Caridad Neal, Carmen Orendain, Edmond Peirre, Agnes Pelt, Sr. Jamie Phelps, David Nathaniel Robinson, Dick Russel, Nelson R. Sample, Elizabeth Scott, Zahari Simmons, Bobby Sims, Olustee Smith, Coletta Tinley, Charles Walker, Sr., Jo Washington, Julia Washington, Richard West, Mavis Willis, Marie Bijou Wong, Joan Yedinak

For those who have died: Stella Kim,

Sister of Ki & Yang Kim

Louise Johnston,

Mother of Dennis Johnston

May God grant them eternal joy and peace.

	Jan. 25-26	Sat. 4:00 PM	Sun. 8:30 AM	Sun. 11:00 AM
Eucharistic Ministers	Bana Robeieh (BC) Michael Wilson (CL)		Sharon Dobbs (BC) Donald Ayers (CL) Wanda Castro (CR) Curtrice Scott (BL) Agatha Ngwueke (BR) Vida Benn (CL)	Villa Gordon (BC) Gail Mercherson (CL) Gwen Anderson (CR) Elizabeth Watson (BL) Lena Williams (BR) Dorothy Bennett (CL)
Lectors	Sandra Ham (Lector 1)		Tim Doody (Lector 1) Jim Rydel (Lector 2)	Joanne Glass (Lector 1) Stan Gonsalves (Lector 2)
Altar Servers	Anna Stephanov Kaylee Williams		Christopher Auguste David Auguste Matthew Lodato	Judith Lake Ulysses Marquez-Valerzuela
Ordinary Minister	Kurt Davis		Kurt Davis	Kurt Davis
Usher	Oscar Lanzi (1) Rebecca Smith (2)		Johnson Sinoiki (1) Athanasie Gahungu (2)	Nate Moffett (1) Allen Hawkins (2)

They Showed Us Unusual Kindness



January 18th-25th

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020

Join Us for the 2020 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

We invite you to join us and many faithful from Christian denominations around the world for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, 2020. This year's theme, "They Showed Us Unusual Kindness" finds its origins in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 27:18 – 28:10) and emphasizes that it is through this "unusual kindness" that Christians are united as one. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity began as an eight day period of prayer called the Church Unity Octave at Graymoor and was established by founders of the Society of the Atonement, Mother Lurana White, SA, and Servant of God Father Paul of Graymoor. Learn more about the Week of Prayer

here: https://geii.org/week_of_prayer_for_christian_unity/week_of_prayer_history.html. Find the available resources for this powerful week of unity and prayer here: https://geii.org/week_of_prayer_for_christian_unity/welcome/invitation.html.

Loving God, we ask that You would grant us the spirit of wisdom and unity, so that we may be one, even as You are one with our Lord Jesus Christ — and He with You.

Enable all the members of the body of Christ, to live together in unity and fellowship with one another, and lead us into the paths of peace and righteousness— so that we may be well pleasing in Your sight.

We ask You to teach us how to love one another as Christ loved us and help us to show one another the unusual kindness that can only come from knowing Your Son Jesus. May the Spirit stir up in our hearts a desire to be united as one, in the bond of peace and fellowship. This we ask in Jesus' name. ~Amen



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For more information, contact us at:
gala.acdvo@gmail.com



JANUARY 21-29, 2020

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4 WAYS TO JOIN



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"When evil men *plot*, good men must *plan*. When evil men *burn* and *bomb*, good men must *build* and *bind*. When evil men shout ugly words of *hatred*, good men must commit themselves to the glories of *love*. Where evil men would seek to perpetuate an *UNJUST* status quo, good men must seek to bring into being a real order of *justice*."

- Martin Luther King Jr

