



St. Thomas the Apostle

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



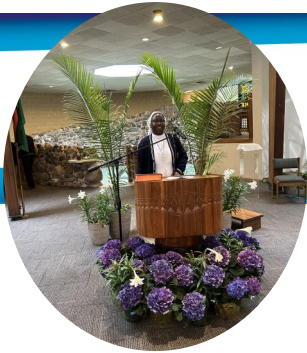
"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God
what belongs to God." - Mt 22:21

GOD'S PEOPLE IN EXTRAORDINARY VARIETY

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Welcome!

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, please call or email our parish office.



FROM

Sister Leontine CTU Intern

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Thomas the Apostle,

“He who thinks caught, is caught” says a proverb. This French proverb can be applied to Jesus’ interlocutors. The Pharisees and Herodians believed they were setting a trap for Jesus regarding the tax that should be paid to Caesar or not. The two generally opposed parties, come together today, to ask Jesus a trick question: “Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not? Jesus gives them this extraordinary response with a strong spiritual dimension:

Repay to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s”. In other words, with respect and obedience, fulfill your duties, follow the laws decreed by the temporal authority in order to maintain cohesion in society. Give glory and power to God who is above all authority, who can use all power to carry out his plans of love for men. God used Cyrus, king of Persia, to free the Jewish people who were in exile in Babylon (first reading). The psalmist sings: “Go and tell the nations, the Lord is King. He governs the people with righteousness.

Dear brothers and sisters, our whole life must be worship of God, loving him with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, with all our strength. Indeed, God has imprinted his image on us. He is above all authority in our life. “I am the Lord, there is no other”. What lesson for us today? How do we organize our lives? How much time do I give to society in my day? How much time do I dedicate to God during the day? Is my mind more occupied with the earthly things than the things of God?

God loves us and will leave us free, but it is up to each of us to make it our duty to honor him and give him priority, by listening to his Holy Spirit, meditating his Word, being assiduous with our personal prayer, regular attendance of the sacraments, especially, the Sacrament of Eucharist and reconciliation, lived and visible love for our neighbor, and commitment to serving him, by making of Jesus our Lord, the source and inspiration of all our actions. Thus, we will render to Caesar what is Caesar and to God what is God’s. May the Holy Spirit inspire us with the right attitude towards God, which he gives us as said Saint Paul in the second reading: an active faith, a hope that holds firm, a charity that works hard, so that our relationship with the Father, fertilizes all the acts of our personal and social life.

Blessing,

Sister Leontine

Sr. Leontine Faye is a graduate student intern from Catholic Theological Union and is ministering at St. Thomas the Apostle to gain practical pastoral experience as she finishes her Masters in Theology.



Worship

TODAY'S READINGS: TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 ♦ Psalm 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b) ♦ 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b ♦ Matthew 22:15-21

Diane Clarke (Speedy Recovery) ✝ Estrella Alamar

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: THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Exodus 22:20-26 ♦ Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2) ♦ 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10 ♦ Matthew 22:34-40

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please remember those listed below in your prayers this week.

MONDAY, October 23

Saint John of Capistrano, priest

Readings: Rom 4:20-25 | Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 | Lk 12:13-21

✝ Junis Sprudz

✝ Estrella Alamar

Diane Clarke (Speedy Recovery)

TUESDAY, October 24

Saint Anthony Mary Claret, bishop

Readings: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21 | Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17

✝ Thomas Levergood

✝ Pamela Pride Chavies

WEDNESDAY, October 25

Readings: Rom 6:12-18 | Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 | Lk 12:39-48

✝ Paulis Anstrats

✝ David Strawther

THURSDAY, October 26

Readings: Rom 6:19-23 | Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 | Lk 12:49-53

✝ Atilano (Tilo) Comara

FRIDAY, October 27

Readings: Rom 7:18-25a | Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 | Lk 12:54-59

✝ Jamesetta Price

✝ Helena Strods

SATURDAY, October 28

Saints Simon and Jude, apostles

Readings: Eph 2:19-22 | Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 | Lk 6:12-16

✝ Zinaida Stroda

✝ Carolina & Frank Bacik



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

parishioners and friends who are ill:

Dorla Allen, Lucas Allen, Rita Allen, Alexandria Banks, Romulo Barreno, Dorothy Bonds, Bradford family, Diane Clarke, Emil F. Coccaro, Thomas & Carol Cole, Patricia Comeaux, Romy Crena, Esther Dionisio, Sr., Jean Douglas-Washington, Sheldon Dugan, Barbara Dunn, Pat & Dick English, Marilyn Epps, Joan Gallagher, Lina Garcia, David Giles, Pamela Granicz, Albert Hines, Kathleen Holden, Maria Jimenez, Olga Jimenez, Carolyn Jones, Connie Jose, Terri Kilbane, Charlie King, Carol Landrum, Mary Lerps, Linda Loggins, Mankowski Family, Anastacia I. Mebane, Clara Morgan, Caridad Neal, Carmen Orendain, Edmond Peirre, Agnes Pelt, David Nathaniel Robinson, Dick Russel, Nelson R. Sample, Justina Sentino, Zahari Simmons, Bobby Sims, Olustee Smith, Ernest Talbott, Sheree Tilford, Ronald Spencer, Ed Vaughn, Charles Walker, Sr., Jo Washington, Julia Washington, Terrance Watson, Richard West, Mavis Willis, Marie Bijou Wong, Joan Yedinak.

For all who have died:

Arlene Alexander, mother of Jeremy Alexander

RECEIVE COMMUNION

At home, in a hospital, or nursing home

If you or a loved one are ill or homebound and unable to attend Mass, Ministers of Care are available to bring Holy Communion to your home, the hospital, or senior facility. The Ministers of Care are fully vaccinated, will wear a mask, and practice other safety measures. We ask that others present also wear a mask. To schedule a visit, call Lisa in the parish office at 773-324-2626.



COMMUNION WITH THE SAINTS

St. Teresa of Ávila, OCD: Virgin and Doctor of the Church

March 28, 1515–October 4, 1582

WHO IS ST. TERESA?

Known to her family as Teresa de Cepeda y Ahumada, she became the reformer of Carmel, mother of the Discalced Carmelite nuns and friars, "spiritual mother" (as is engraved under her statue in the Vatican Basilica), patron of Catholic writers (from 1965) and Doctor of the Church (1970), the first woman with Saint Catherine of Siena to ever receive this last title. She was born at Avila in Castile, Spain, on 28th March 1515 and died in Alba de Tormes, near Salamanca, on 4th October 1582 (a correction due to the Gregorian reform of the calendar that year, as the following day was officially 15th October). She was beatified in 1614, canonized in 1622 and her feast day occurs on 15th October.



Figure 1 Teresa of Ávila by Peter Paul Rubens

Her life needs to be understood in the light of the plan which God had for her, with the great desires experienced in her heart, with the mysterious illness to which she was subject in her youth (and with the ill health from which she suffered throughout her life), and with the "resistance" to divine grace for which she blamed herself more than she should has. Running away from home, she entered the Carmel of the Incarnation in Avila on 2nd November 1535. As a result, partly of the prevailing conditions in the community and partly from her own spiritual difficulties, she had to struggle before arriving at what she called her conversion at the age of 39. But, benefiting from various spiritual directors, she then began to make great strides towards perfection.

REFORM OF THE CARMEL

In 1560, the idea first emerged of a new Carmel, where the Rule could be followed more closely, and this was realized two years later when the monastery of St. Joseph was founded without any endowments and "following the Primitive Rule": a phrase that needs to be clearly understood because both then and later it was a notion which was more nostalgic and "heroic" than practical.

PROLIFIC WRITER AND MYSTIC

Saint Teresa is among the most important figures of all time for Catholic spirituality. Her works— especially the four best known—*The Life*, *The Way of Perfection*, *Interior Castle*, and *The Foundations*—together with her more historical works, contain a doctrine which encompasses the whole of the spiritual life, from the first steps right up to intimacy with God at the center of the Interior Castle. Her *Letters* show her occupied with a great variety of everyday problems. Her doctrine on the unity of the soul with God (a doctrine which was intimately lived by her) follows the Carmelite tradition which had preceded her and to which she herself contributed in such a notable way, enriching it as well as passing the tradition on, not only to her spiritual sons and daughters, but also to the whole Church which she served so unsparingly. When she was dying, her one joy was to be able to affirm that "I die a daughter of the Church".

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EUCCHARISTIC INTIMACY

Teresa grew in holiness through prayer, meditation, and frequent reception of the Eucharist. She was sustained by the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist; she fostered a deep devotion to the Eucharist. Here are a few quotes from her writings that illuminate her love for the Lord. They invite us to contemplate our love for sharing in our Eucharistic Lord.

"I cannot say this without tears and great joy of soul! How You desire, Lord, thus to be with us and to be present in the [Blessed] Sacrament ... You would be glad to be with us since You say that Your delight is to be with children of the earth."

—*Life*, ch.14, no.10.



"One day, after having received Communion, I truly thought my soul was made one with the most sacred Body of the Lord. He appeared to me and by His presence caused me to make much progress."

—*Spir. Test.*, 44.

"But after having received the Lord, since you have the Person Himself present, strive to close the eyes of the body and open those of the soul and look into your own heart. ... you should acquire the habit of doing this every time you receive Communion. ... Though He comes disguised, the disguise, as I have said, does not prevent Him from being recognized in many ways, in conformity with the desire we have to see Him. And you can desire to see Him so much that He will reveal Himself to you entirely."

—*Way*, ch.34, no.12.

These and many more quotes highlight the intimacy with Christ she experienced and desired in partaking in the Eucharistic liturgy. During this year of Eucharistic renewal, may our hearts, like St. Teresa, be opened to God's amazing

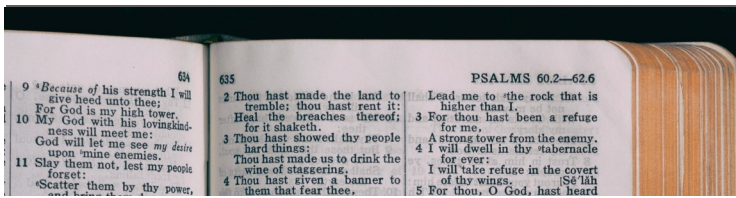
gift of love as it is poured out during the celebration of Eucharist.

Liturgical Minister Training

SATURDAY OCTOBER 28 📍 Church	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Lectors 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.	MONDAY OCTOBER 30 📍 Church	Altar Servers 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.
SUNDAY OCTOBER 29 📍 Church	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion 1:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Lectors 2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.	MONDAY NOVEMBER 06 📍 Church	Ushers/Greeters 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

All ministers are expected to attend one session for each ministry area in which they are involved.

Article is taken from <https://ocarm.org/en/item/220-st-teresa-of-jesus-virgin-and-doctor-of-the-church-feast> and <https://www.beautyofcarmel.com/eucharistic-life-of-carmelite-saints> and adapted by Timothy A. Johnston for this bulletin.



Faith FORMATION

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Social responsibility

At that [Jesus] said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's."

(Matthew 22:21)

Isaiah 45:1, 4-10

Rewards to Cyrus, king of Persia

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

A Model for Believers

Matthew 22:15-21

Paying tax to the emperor



ADULTS: How much responsibility do you feel the government should take for meeting the needs of the less fortunate in our society? How willing are you to contribute?

CHILDREN: Who needs help in your neighborhood or community? What could you and your family do to help?

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION MONTHLY THEME BISHOP, CATHEDRAL, DIOCESE

A cathedral is the principle church of a diocese, whose pastor is the bishop. While the bishop serves as pastor, he also appoints another priest to serve as rector of the parish, to provide and care for the daily needs of the parishioners. Major diocesan liturgies, such as the Rite of Election and Ordinations, will be celebrated in the cathedral.

Located within the cathedral is the *cathedra*, the seat or chair, which is reserved for the use of the bishop. The *cathedra* represents the teaching authority of the bishop and signifies his authority throughout the diocese.

Holy Name Cathedral, our cathedral church for the Archdiocese of Chicago is located downtown at 735 N State Street. Visitors are always welcomed to stop by the cathedral to pray, worship, and explore the art and architecture.

Oil of the Sick

THE OIL of the Sick is used for a sacrament in the Catholic Church. Traditionally it is olive oil, but any vegetable oil will suffice. The bishop blesses fresh oil each year, but in case of necessity, any priest may bless the oil for this sacrament within the celebration of the rite. In the distant past, lay people anointed the sick, but today only a priest or bishop may administer this sacrament.

The sick were anointed even at the time of Christ. In Mark 6:13, Jesus sent the disciples out to anoint the sick. James 5:14 urges the sick to send for the elders of the church for an anointing. The custom of anointing the sick continued, but for several hundred years only the dying were anointed. The priest prayed for their forgiveness and anointed them on seven different parts of the body.

The custom of blessing oil is ancient. One such prayer dates to fourth-century Egypt. In the Roman Rite, the oil came to be blessed at a Mass with the bishop. That Mass, established for the consecration of Sacred Chrism before the initiation rites at the Easter Vigil, attracted the blessing of the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick. Today, a bishop blesses all three oils at the Chrism Mass, held shortly before Easter each year in every diocese.

The priest anoints the forehead and the palms of the sick, while praying that God will save and raise them up. The anointing accompanies a prayer for physical and spiritual healing.

The Oil of the Sick is often kept in a container marked OI for *oleum infirmorum*, the Oil of the Sick. Almost every priest carries some in his car.

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UPCOMING FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS

PRESCHOOL FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, October 29, 2023 | 9:00 a.m.–9:45 a.m.

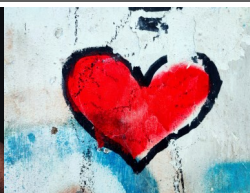
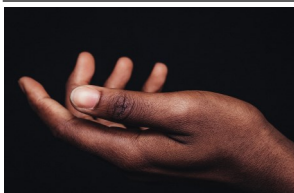
FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, November 5, 2023 | 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSIONS

Sundays, November 5 and 19, 2023 | 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

For more information, please email Rosina Hendrickson at rhendrickson@stapostleparish.org.



Stewardship

SHARING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

October 7 & October 8

Offertory	\$9,937.30
Give Central	\$3,612.00
St. Vincent De Paul	\$1,000.00
Building Fund	\$90.00
Mass Offering	\$75.00
Candles Offering	\$306.62
All Souls	\$150.00

Total \$15,170.92

Thank you!

Your generosity is essential to the life of our parish family.

OFFERTORY

October 14 & October 15

Offertory	\$4,690.47
Give Central	\$4,177.00
Funeral	\$500.00
Building Fund	\$10.00
Mass Offering	\$30.00
Candles	\$266.00
Hospitality	\$30.00
Misc.	\$260.00

Total \$9,963.47

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Has This Ever Happened to You?

The ushers come forward to begin the Offertory collection process. You lean over and ask your spouse if she has the envelope? She replies that she left it on the table for you to put in your pocket. Oops! No envelope to give this week! In the rush of getting off to church, we all forget the envelope once in a while. Check out an easier way to give. It's simple! It's safe! And it keeps God at the top of your giving list!

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THE HYDE PARK KENWOOD Food Pantry

is open to give out groceries from 10am until 1pm on Saturdays at the **Hyde Park Union Church** at 56th & Woodlawn.

For more information, contact Margaret Mitchell at mmm17@uchicago.edu.

Honoring Loved Ones through Endowment Gifts

Is it possible to honor a loved one by establishing an Endowment or Scholarship Fund or by giving to one that already exists? The answer is **yes**. Establishing an endowment or supporting an existing endowment is a wonderful way to provide a lasting and meaningful gift in remembrance of a special person and at the same time help others in need. Many people appreciate the opportunity to make a gift in honor of a special person, knowing that their donation honors the life of the deceased individual and also supports a purpose which the deceased held dear.

What should I do?

- Talk with (Father Michael Trail) as to which endowment at our parish would be the best for your circumstances.
- Contact the Office of Stewardship and the Annual Catholic Appeal at 314.792.7680 for information on existing endowments that may serve your needs the most.

If you would like to establish your own endowment or scholarship fund, please call the Office of Stewardship and the Annual Catholic Appeal at 314.792.7680 for more details.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council 17129

The Knights of Columbus are truly blessed to be surrounded by your abundant love and support. Our annual collection for Intellectual Disabilities exceeded our goal. We look forward to meriting your trust and confidence.





Events

COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

Holy Day of Obligation All Saints Day

Wednesday, November 1
8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

"The eucharistic liturgy for the feast is a celebration of the sanctity and holiness in the church . . . The solemnity of All Saints is both a look back at those who have gone before, as well as commitment to what we must become: a holy people united together by a common life in God. It is a hope of our future glory in the new and eternal Jerusalem."

-Fr. Michael Witzczak



VOLUNTEER for the

St. Thomas The Apostle CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday, Nov. 11th - 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 12th - 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

5467 S. Woodlawn, in the School Gym

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All Souls Evening Prayer For the Deceased

Let us gather to pray for all our beloved dead.

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THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 02, 2023
7:00 PM



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**Dates to Remember**

Spirit Day Snack
Friday, October 27th

Trunk or Treat
Monday, October 30th

Parent-Teacher
Conference/Half Day
Thursday, November 9th



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Looking for a spooky good time? Join our team of volunteers for Trunk or Treat for Church School! We're looking for enthusiastic individuals to help create a fun and safe Halloween experience for our **STUDENTS**. Whether you're a master of crafts or just love to dress up, we have a role for you.

Sign up now and let's make this year's Trunk or Treat the best one yet!
Scan the QR Code on the Flyer and we will see you on
Monday, October 30th at 12pm



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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday:	8:00 AM and 10:00 AM
Monday:	8:00 AM
Tuesday:	8:30 AM
Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday:	8:00 AM
Saturday:	4:00 PM VIGIL
Holy Days:	8:00 AM
Confession:	Sundays, 9:00-9:45 AM Saturdays, 2:30-3:30 PM or by appointment

BAPTISM: Visit our website for additional information or contact Rosina Hendrickson at rhendrickson@stapostleparish.org

MARRIAGE OR MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Contact Fr. Michael Trail at least six months before your wedding date.

TO SCHEDULE A FUNERAL: Email the parish secretary, Lisa Couch or call 773-324-2626

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE PARISH AS A MEMBER? Contact the parish secretary, Lisa Couch or visit our website for the registration form.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OR BECOMING CATHOLIC? Contact Rosina Hendrickson at rhendrickson@stapostleparish.org

Any school related matters or interested in having your child enrolled St Thomas the Apostle School? Email marketing@stapostleschool.com

IN NEED OF MATERIAL ASSISTANCE? St. Vincent de Paul Society is available to help. Call the parish office at 773-324-2626 and dial ext. 108. Please leave your name, phone number, and state your need and someone will return your call.