



St. Thomas the Apostle

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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My God,

why have you
abandoned me?

PSALM 22

March 24, 2024

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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 THE

Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Thomas the Apostle,

Today marks the beginning of Holy Week—the most sacred week of the year for Christians around the world. Together we commemorate the passion, death, and resurrection of the Lord. Each of the day's scriptures build upon one another to tell the story and remind us of Jesus' sacrifice so that we might have new life in Him.

I pray that these days ahead will be holy for you as we celebrate Christ's redeeming love. The text of the beginning of Palm Sunday and Holy Week from *The Roman Missal* are particularly fitting for reflection as we start holy week:

Dear brothers and sisters,
since the beginning of Lent until now we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works. Today we gather together to herald with the whole Church the beginning of the celebration of our Lord's Paschal Mystery, that is to day, of his Passion and Resurrection. For it was to accomplish this mystery that he entered his own city of Jerusalem. Therefore, with all faith and devotion, let us commemorate the Lord's entry into the city for our salvation, following in his footsteps, so that, being made by his grace partakers of the Cross, we may have a share also in his Resurrection and in His life. ("Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord," *The Roman Missal*, no. 5).

God's blessings to you this holy week and Easter.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Trail

NB: *This upcoming Easter we joyfully welcome many friends and new visitors to our parish for the celebration of Easter. If you see a new face, say hello! One of the great highlights of our community is that we are a welcoming and inclusive community that welcomes all of God's people.*



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Worship

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Mark 11:1–10 or Jn 12:12–16 ♦ Isaiah 50:4–7 ♦ Psalm 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24 ♦ Philippians 2:6–11 ♦
Mark 14:1–15:47 or 15:1–39

✠ Raymond Fenner ✠ Dr. Sarah Wright

*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: EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Acts 10:34a, 37–43 ♦ Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23 ♦ Colossians 3:1–4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8 ♦
John 20:1–9 or Mark 16:1–7

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please remember those listed below in your prayers this week.

MONDAY of Holy Week, March 25

Readings: Is 42:1–7 | Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13–14 | Jn 12:1–11
✠ Lee Appleton

TUESDAY of Holy Week, March 26

Readings: Is 49:1–6 | Ps 71:1–2, 3–4a, 5ab–6ab, 15 and 17 |
Mt 26:14–25

Fredricka Hobson (special intention)

WEDNESDAY of Holy Week, March 27

Readings: Is 50:4–9a | Ps 69:8–10, 21–22, 31 and 33–34 |
Mt 26:14–25

✠ Erica Maria Kast

Mildred Soriano (birthday)

THURSDAY of Holy Week, March 28

Readings: **Chrism Mass:** Is 61:1–3a, 6a, 8b–9 | Ps 189:21–22, 25
and 27 | Rv 1:5–8 | Lk 4:16–21

SACRED TRIDUUM

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Ex 12:1–8, 11–14 | 116:12–13, 15–16bc, 17–18 | 1 Cor 11:23–26 | Jn
13:1–15

Good FRIDAY of the Passion of the Lord, March 29

Readings: Is 52:13–53:12 | Ps 31:2, 6, 12–13, 15–16, 17–25 |
Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9 | 18:1–19:42

SATURDAY, March 30

Holy Saturday

Mass is not celebrated on Holy Saturday.

Today, the Church commemorates Jesus' descent into Hell.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord:

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Gn 1:1–2:2 or 1:1, 26–31a | Ps 104:1–2, 5–6, 10, 12, 13–14, 24, 35 or
Ps 33:4–5, 6–7, 12–13, 20–22 | Gn 22:1–18 or 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18
| Ps 16:5, 8, 9–10, 11 | Ex 14:15–15:1 | Ex 15:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 17–18 | Is
54:5–14 | Ps 30:2, 4, 5–6, 11–12, 13 | Is 55:1–11 | Is 12:2–3, 4, 5–6 | Bar
3:9–15, 32–4:4 | Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 | Ez 36:16–17a, 18–28 | Ps 42:3, 5;
43:3, 4 or Is 12:2–3, 4bcd, 5–6 or Ps 51:12–13, 14–15, 18–19 | Rom 6:3
–11 | Ps 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23 | Mk 16:1–7

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE ILL

Dorla Allen, Lucas Allen, Rita Allen, Alexandria Banks, Romulo Barreno, Dorothy Bonds, Bradford family, Bonnie Brendel, 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, Mavis Willis, Marie Bijou Wong, Maria Wooder, Joan Yedinak.

PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE DIED

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN THE LORD;
LET THEM REST FROM THEIR LABORS
FOR THEIR GOOD DEEDS GO WITH THEM.

Order of Christian Funerals, no. 118

GOOD FRIDAY



**Mar
29
7:00 PM**

C. Vanessa White, DMin
Associate Professor
of Spirituality and Ministry,
Catholic Theological Union



**Distinguished
Preachers Series 2024**



Worship

PALM SUNDAY



Promise of Life

Lord God,
you entered Jerusalem in triumph,
and we shouted, "Hosanna!"
As the Lenten journey closes,
may I continue to remember
your sacrifice and love.

Give me the strength
to follow your cross.
May my heart find serenity
and joy in your promise.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Never Alone



Today's readings: Gospel at the procession Mark 11:1–10 or John 12:12–16; Isaiah 50:4–7; Psalm 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24; Philippians 2:6–11; Mark 14:1–15:47. Today's readings leave us much to ponder. During the Gospel at the procession, a crowd welcomes Jesus to Jerusalem, singing, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" At the end of the Gospel from Mark, Jesus was not hailed but reviled as passersby taunted, "You who would destroy the temple in three days, save yourself by coming down from the cross."

In the last verses from Mark's Gospel, we witness the faith of the steadfast disciples, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of younger James and Joses, and Salome. These women had followed Jesus in Galilee, stood by until his

death, and watched where he was laid in a tomb. Apparent, too, is the faith of Joseph of Arimathea, who wrapped Jesus in linen and laid him in the tomb.

Also obvious in the Gospel is the wavering faith of those who had followed Jesus for three years. Not only did Judas betray Jesus, but Peter could not stay awake with him as he prayed in the garden, and later Peter denied him three times. The Gospel proclaimed today does not record the apostles' presence at the crucifixion.

During Holy Week, Christians have the opportunity to be with Christ as his last days are recalled. Take to heart Jesus' words to the apostles in Gethsemane: "Remain here and keep watch."



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 25

A Precious Offering

In today's Gospel we see how Mary, Lazarus' sister, takes what may have been her most precious possession and used it to anoint Jesus' feet. We are also given opportunities to give the very best of ourselves. Today, examine whether you have gifts within you that you hold back. Who would benefit from those gifts? *Today's readings: Isaiah 42:1-7; Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; John 12:1-11.*

Tuesday, March 26

Judas Is Humanity

Imagine how Jesus would have felt knowing that Judas was about to betray him. He surely was troubled but also hurt. Let us also imagine what may have been in the mind and heart of Judas. In Judas we can see all of humanity reflected: the emptiness of greed and envy, the alienation and loneliness of sin. However much we strive to be like Jesus, we will always meet our flaws and shortcomings. In Christ, however, we are strengthened to do good in the world despite our failings. As we approach the celebration of the resurrection and prepare for the renewal of our baptismal promises, resolve to let the new life that Christ gives to well up within you. *Today's readings: Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 7:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17; John 13:21-33, 36-38.*

Wednesday, March 27

Second Chances

Much can be learned from Judas' betrayal. Perhaps by examining Judas' actions, we can right our failings. Consider how you can explore and acknowledge what keeps you from God. This week reflect on the times you preferred a path other than God's. How did following another way disturb your relationship with God and others? Trust in God's promise of forgiveness for all who truly repent. *Today's readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 69:8-10; 21-22, 31, 33-34; Matthew 26:14-25.*

Thursday, March 28

Serving Others

Tonight, with the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Sacred Paschal Triduum begins. Humbling himself, Jesus washed and dried the feet of the disciples. Just as he washed their feet, by his resurrection, he washed away our sins. Perhaps you have an elderly parent, neighbor, or relative with impaired movement. How can you humble yourself and be of service to another? *Mass of the Lord's Supper: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15.*

Friday, March 29

Symbol of Love

During the Adoration of the Holy Cross in today's liturgy, the faithful are invited to process to the cross and offer a sign of reverence. Even when you are unable to attend this service, spend time in quiet contemplating Jesus' surrender of himself on the cross. How are you asked to surrender yourself to the crosses in your life? *Celebration of the Passion of the Lord: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42.*

Saturday, March 30

Beacon of Light in the Darkness

Jesus has died and descended into hell but the darkness surrounding us is only temporary. The light of the world will shine brightly once more, and soon enough it will defeat the darkness. *Today's readings: Genesis 1:1-2:2; Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Psalm 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22; Genesis 22:1-18; Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Isaiah 54:5-14; Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Isaiah 55:1-11; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ezra 36:16-17a, 18-28; Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Romans 6:3-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mark 16:1-7.*



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KEEPING THE SEASONS
LENT AND EASTER 2024



Worship

Q What happens during the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil?

A For those who were baptized as infants, the Sacrament of Baptism may seem far away and abstract. When we come to the Easter Vigil and witness full Christian initiation through Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist, we not only support those being initiated. We are drawn more deeply into our own sacraments of initiation.

For the Church, the Easter Vigil is the most essential celebration of the year—a deep plunge into the great mystery of the life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. We gather as a family and welcome new Christians. In the dark of Holy Saturday night, we await the Resurrection, entering into a time without time. As the Easter fire crackles and the Easter candle is prepared, the celebrant prays,

“Christ yesterday and today,
the Beginning and the End,
the Alpha and the Omega.

All time belongs to him and all the ages.

To him be glory and power through every age

and for ever. Amen.” (Roman Missal, Easter Vigil)

The Easter Vigil is unlike any other liturgy during the year. We bring out all our symbols to express the meaning of this moment: light, Cross, Word, water, oil, bread, and wine. We process into the dark church, following “the Light of Christ”—the Easter candle—and we light our tapers from it (Roman Missal, Easter Vigil). We listen to the compelling stories of God’s love and pursuit of us, generation after generation, culminating in Christ’s Resurrection and including St. Paul’s reminder of the inseparable connection between the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and our Baptism into Christ.

Now we bring newcomers to the font to be baptized, singing the Litany of the Saints to remind ourselves that the entire Communion of Saints is here to witness these Baptisms and intercede for these people. The water in the font is blessed with a beautiful long prayer remembering all the ways that water has brought God’s grace to us throughout history. The elect renounce sin and profess their faith; each is baptized (by immersion in the water or by pouring) with Jesus’ own instructions: “in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit.” The newly baptized Christians rise, drenched with the waters of new life. They are “a new creation,” and receive a white garment to express their newness. A candle lit from the Easter candle signifies that they are “enlightened by Christ.” Now they are confirmed: the celebrant lays hands on each head,

praying for the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and anointing each with the fragrant oil so that they will be “sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit” (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, 226, 229, 230, 235).

The assembly now renews its baptismal vows, renouncing sin and affirming the faith of the Church. To remind us of our own Baptisms, we are sprinkled with water from the font.



Finally the newly baptized and confirmed join us for the first time in the Universal Prayer and the great prayer of thanksgiving—the Eucharistic Prayer—and they receive the Body and Blood of Christ, tasting with us the eternal banquet of Christ’s redemption.

Joyfully, the Church calls us and witness all of this at the Easter Vigil! Our Christian family, born in the waters of Baptism, has a unique identity: we belong to Christ. We praise the God who created all things, and we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. We walk alongside newcomers to faith and welcome them beside us at the altar of the Lord. Together we are sent forth to share the good news that Christ is Risen, singing, “Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”

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Faith FORMATION

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Love and Betrayal

He began to curse and to swear, "I do not know this man about whom you are talking." (Mark 14: 71)

Mark 11: 1-10
Welcomed with Palms

Isaiah 50: 4-7
Salvation through the Lord's Servant

Philippians 2: 6-11
Imitating Christ's Humility

Mark 14: 1-15: 47
The Passion of Jesus



ADULTS: When have you felt that you betrayed the confidence of another, as Peter did when he denied Jesus?

CHILDREN: When have you let someone down who trusted you? How did you feel?

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

MONTHLY THEME

SIN AND REDEMPTION

This month Family Faith Formation explores the theme of sin and redemption. As we enter into this most Holy Week of our liturgical year, we are invited to reflect on the Paschal Mystery of Christ and acknowledge how he redeemed our sins, once and for all. This week, recall how God has given us the gift of Christ to redeem you from sin and death. Join us as we celebrate the great liturgy of the Triduum and journey with Christ from the Upper Room, to the cross and tomb, to the joy of resurrection.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSIONS

Sundays, April 7 and 21, 2024 | 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, April 7, 2024 | 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

PRESCHOOL FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, April 21, 2024 | 9:00 a.m.–9:45 a.m.

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

✠ Palm Sunday Commemoration

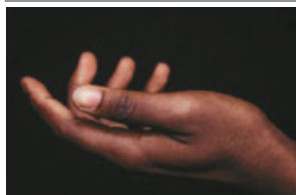
THE OPENING of the Palm Sunday Mass is a vivid expression of public worship. Catholic Churches offer a procession to begin the liturgy, and the faithful are invited to take an active part.

This opening is called "The Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem." The word *commemoration* implies more than a historical lesson. People are to do more than remember. They are to partake in the entry of the Lord.

The commemoration takes one of three different forms. The first is the procession, which begins outside the place where the Mass will be celebrated and moves toward the church. The second form takes place inside the church when an outdoor procession is not possible. Both these forms include the blessing of palm branches and the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. One of these two forms must be used at every parish church. If the first form is used at one Mass, it should not be repeated at other Masses. The second form, however, may be done as often as the parish wishes.

The third form is a simplified beginning that does not include the blessing of branches nor the proclamation of the Gospel of Palm Sunday. Mass begins in the usual way, and the entrance antiphon for the day is the only mention of the triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It is designed for Masses where insufficient number of ministers or a lack of time demands a simpler, shorter service. As long as one Mass includes the first or second form of the commemoration, others may observe the third. However, most Catholics take a strong interest in participating in a procession, which creates a bond among themselves and with their Lord and Christ, who enters as king of their hearts.

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Stewardship

SHARING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

March 9 and March 10

Offertory	\$5,837.21
Give Central	\$3,148.00
Grant Donation	\$10,000.00
Easter Donations	\$500.00
Flower Donations	\$266.00
Candle Donations	\$181.00
Building Fund	\$130.00
Fish Fry	\$944.00
Mass Offerings	\$20.00
Total	\$21,026.21

Thank you!

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

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.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for setting up on Fridays 3:00 pm–4:30 pm and food distribution on Saturdays 9:30 am–1:30 pm. For further information and to sign up, please contact Margaret

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STEWARDSHIP NOTE *for* PALM SUNDAY

“Pilate again said to them, ‘Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?’ And they cried out again, ‘Crucify him.’” – Mark 15:12–13

Jesus told us “whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me.” Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone’s prayer.

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NEWS FROM THE *Society of St. Vincent de Paul*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

♦ **Saturday, April 13, 2024 | 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Assistance setting up for our founder’s (Frederic Ozanam) birthday dinner for our friends.

♦ **Sunday, April 14, 2024 | 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Assistance serving the Birthday dinner for our friends and clean up and break down.



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was founded in 1833 by Antoine Frédéric Ozanam in Paris to assist the poor and marginalized. In the US, the Society was established in 1945 in St. Louis, MO and by 1857 had expand to Cook and Lake Counties. The society lives out the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy by feeding the hungry, housing the unhoused, rent assistance, and so much more. Today, the organization has a membership of 800,000 lay Catholics worldwide. If you would like to join or get more information, please contact the parish office.

St. Vincent de Paul, by Simon François de Tours (1606-1671),
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council 17129

- ♦ **ROSARY:** Fridays following the 8AM Mass. All are welcome!
- ♦ **JOIN** the KofC if you are a male 18+ and a practicing Catholic. This organization was founded in 1882 by Fr. M. J. McGivney.

Please contact Allen Hawkins, Grand Knight, at 630-945-4133 for more details.



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH

THE CENTENNIAL BUILDING BALL

Dear Parishioners and Friends
of St. Thomas the Apostle,

On **Sunday, October 12, 1924**, the sun was warm and shining on that beautiful morning as His Eminence, George Cardinal Mundelein, the Archbishop of Chicago came to Hyde Park to dedicate the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle. At the time, the parish was 55 years old and was finally moving into its final home.

One hundred years later we celebrate the foresight of Msgr. Thomas Vincent Shannon and the parishioners who, through their generosity and for the glory of God, gave us this beautiful space where all of *God's People In Extraordinary Variety* feel at home.

It is our honor to invite you to join us for the 100th anniversary celebration for the dedication of our church building at our gala **The Centennial Building Ball** which will take place on **October 12, 2024** at the David Rubenstein Forum on the campus of the University of Chicago. This event will be a chance for us to gather together 100 years to-the-day to thank God for the gift of our church in the same way our forebears did a century prior and to secure our future by supporting our beautiful campus.

Please save the date and be on the lookout for early bird ticket sales.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH

THE CENTENNIAL BUILDING BALL

David Rubenstein Forum
1201 E 60th St, Chicago, IL 60637
6:00PM - 10:00PM

SATURDAY **12** OCTOBER
2024



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Committee Co-Chairs

Erika Cabrera-Lopez and Chris Chwedyk,
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STA ENDOWMENT FUND

PRESENTS

COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS

St. Thomas the Apostle faith community has long been called God's people in extraordinary variety." We are a wonderful parish where some of our members have worshiped for decades, while others are short-term visitors who may only stay with us for a few months or years while they study or work in Chicago's historic Hyde Park. Many architecture buffs have toured STA church which is named in the National Register of Historic Buildings. Since 1886, this very special parish has also been blessed to have a fantastic parish school, educating God's children in extraordinary variety both in academics and in faith formation.

It is truly an honor to be a part of this special parish, and you can leave a permanent marker of your time here by purchasing a commemorative brick for one of our two brick walkways. Your engraved brick can commemorate a special event, honor a loved one, or celebrate a wedding, baptism, anniversary, graduation or other family milestone. The brick can be engraved with your name or that of someone you wish to honor, such as a special teacher, professor, or classmate. All net proceeds benefit the STA School Endowment Fund. (including spaces)

per line. Your purchase of a commemorative brick will help STA school to continue its tradition of excellence. For more information, please get an application from Lisa Couch at the parish office (773-324-2626) or from Commemorative Brick committee chair, Mary Kaess (773-924-6097) or mkkaess@sbcglobal.net.



THANK YOU

to all those who generously donated funds
for the following items:


Paschal Candle

Four baptismal candles for the newly baptized

Easter Flowers

New altar cloths/linens

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.
Your love and care for St. Thomas the Apostle
enriches the parish's liturgical life.



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

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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.

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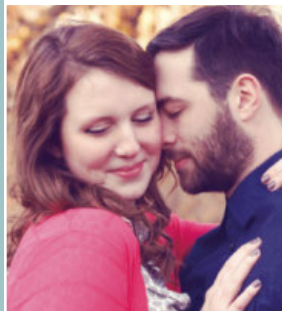
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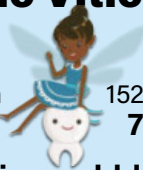
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