



St. Thomas More Mission

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday: NO MASS

Tuesday - Friday: 12:00 p.m.

First Friday Devotion

12:00 p.m. Mass, followed by Adoration, Prayers, Confessions and the Rosary

First Saturday Devotion

8:30 a.m. Mass, followed by Confessions, Marian Prayers and the Rosary

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday: 12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Saturday: 8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

(or by appointment)

Weekly Adoration

Thursdays: 12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Includes Exposition, Adoration and Solemn Benediction

CHURCH DOORS OPEN

Monday: CLOSED

Tues - Wed: 11:00 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Thurs - Fri: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

WEEKEND HYMNS

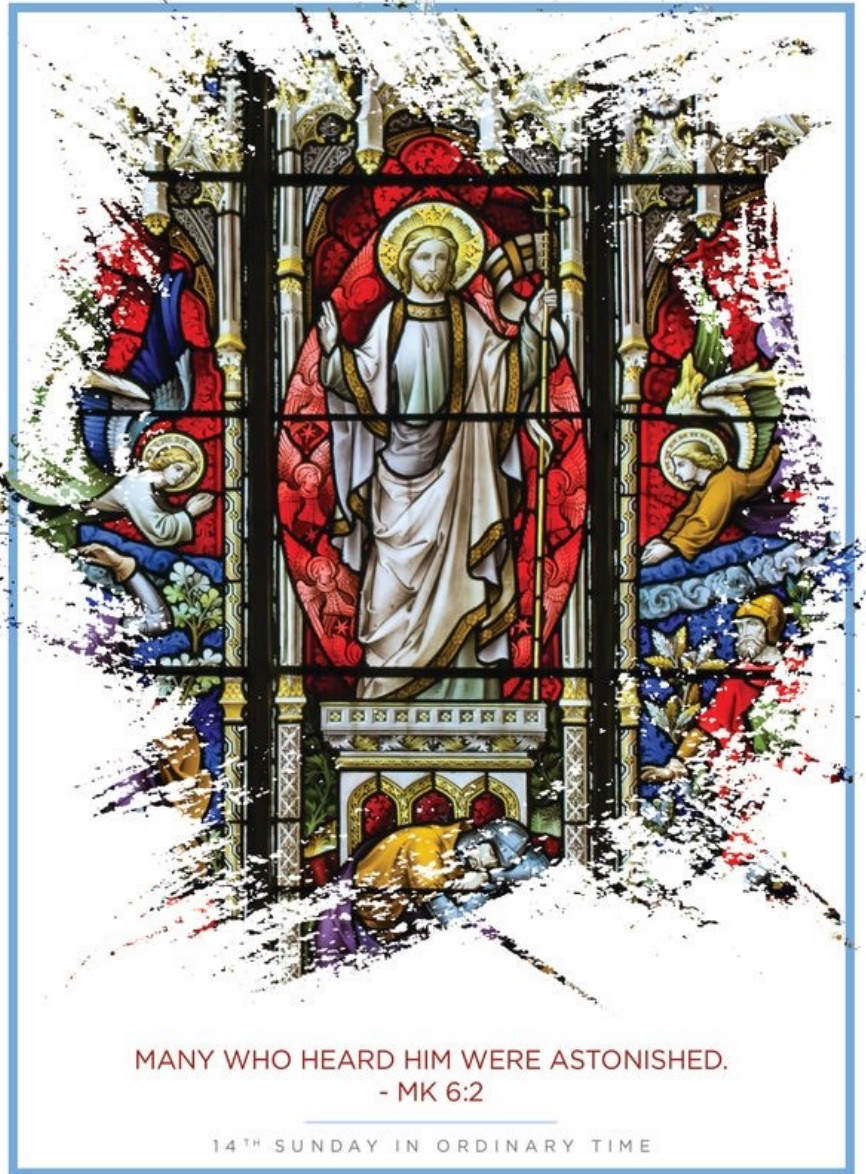
St. Augustine Hymnal

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Sunday, July 7th, 2024



MANY WHO HEARD HIM WERE ASTONISHED.
- MK 6:2

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SECOND COLLECTION

July 6th & 7th

Building Fund

August 3rd & 4th

Building Fund

Church Information

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Friday – Sunday Closed

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St. Thomas More Mission
Website Address:

<https://stthomasmoremision.org>

Registration for Church Membership

New parishioners should register at the Rectory Office.

Religious Goods Store

Open on the third weekend of the month.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Contact the rectory office to schedule a baptism.

Funeral

Contact the rectory office for funeral arrangements.

Marriage

Contact St. Bede-St. Denis for marriage preparation
Tel: 773-884-2000.

Sacramental Records Requests

Contact the rectory office for copies. Cost: \$10 each (cash/check)

Mass Intentions

Visit the rectory office or mail us your intentions (mark living/deceased) along with a check. Minimum Donation of \$10 each. (3 intentions per mass, cash/check)

Bulletin Announcements

Must be emailed to jfitzgibbons@archchicago.org before 12:00 p.m. on Thursdays in order to be approved and printed in the following weeks bulletin. (type "Bulletin Announcement" in the subject line)



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, July 7th

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. † Ekechukwu, Ugochukwu & Madu Families (Andrew Ugochukwu)
† Cora Caballes (Paz Family)
† Remedios O. Dy (Paz Family)

Monday, July 8th

*** NO MASS ***

TUESDAY, July 9th

St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs

12:00 p.m. † Mike, Ann & Marty Dwyer (Peggy Dwyer)
† Richard, Patricia & Dick Roberts (Jack Roberts)
Mary Tadda (Mary Tadda)

WEDNESDAY, July 10th

12:00 p.m. Peggy Dwyer (Peggy Dwyer)
Pamela Guana-Avellana - Birthday (Rosario Avellana)

THURSDAY, July 11th

St. Benedict, Abbot

12:00 p.m. Peggy Dwyer (Peggy Dwyer)
Dominick A. Warren - Birthday (Rosario Avellana)
Our Lady's Intentions (Sister Maria Paulina)

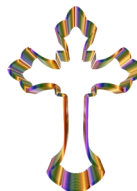
FRIDAY, July 12th

12:00 p.m. † Mike, Ann & Marty Dwyer (Peggy Dwyer)
† Jean Bugayong (Gina Cruz)
† Don Tadda (Mary Tadda)

SATURDAY, July 13th

St. Henry (Vigil Mass)

5:30 p.m. † Tricia Quasthoff (Jackie O'Neill)
† Mitchell J. Kogut (Phifer Family)
† Phyllis Billodeau (Phifer Family)





FROM THE MISSION DIRECTOR LOOKING BACK AND FORWARD July 7, 2024

There is no doubt in my mind that some wonderful things are happening here at St. Thomas More Mission! Since my arrival nearly two years ago, life and hope has returned to our faith community. In recent days we have had cause for celebration, as we joyously celebrated the priesthood anniversaries of Fr. Brankin and myself; but also we've had moments of sorrow as we laid to rest two of our active church members—Trish Quasthoff and Rosie Grieshaber.

The Ladies Altar Guild continues to remain active by sponsoring or co-sponsoring some of our social events, such as the coffee and doughnut reception; and they remain supportive to our Young Adult group. The Conscious Collective has come alive by hosting a Bible Study, a Book Club, and most recently a movie night in which adults young and old had participated. Many of us had the opportunity to enjoy the spaghetti dinner last week which was also successful.

Our food pantry, in cooperation with Pro Labore Dei-Feed My Lambs, is still going strong. Although volunteers are still needed for prepping and distributing the food, many people in our neighborhood and surrounding areas are aware of our Saturday distribution of food and other simple necessities. Informational flyers about the pantry and St. Thomas More are distributed by the volunteers every Saturday. The Legion of Mary also distributes the same flyer as they have returned going door to door in our neighborhood to evangelize.

Many of our worshippers have complemented on the improvements to our music ministry, including the additional instruments at holiday masses. People seem to be enjoying the new hymn books, our re-designed sound system, and the addition of a Sunday choir. The new organ that was purchased shortly before my arrival has been a major contribution to our quality of worship.

Yes, there have been some noticeable changes here at Tommy More, in terms of liturgical ministry, religious education/faith formation, and outreach, but we still have much more work to do in the areas of evangelization and adult faith formation. This September there will be some special announcements of new programs directed to evangelization inclusive of both internal and external changes. For example, the introduction of a monthly newsletter and a “weekly reader” with a new Mission Statement. Until then, I wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer.

Fr. Derran

Readings for the week of July 7, 2024

Sunday:

Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 (2cd)/
2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

Monday:

Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5,
6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday:

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8,
9-10/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday:

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Mt 10:1-7

Thursday:

Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/
Mt 10:7-15

Friday:

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14
and 17/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday:

Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Sunday, July 7th - 12 :00 pm to 1:00 pm: Book Club - Open to everyone - **Occurs Monthly on the FIRST SUNDAY** (Quigley Room)

Saturday, July 13th- 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm: Bible Study - Open to everyone - **Occurs EVERY SATURDAY** (Quigley Room)

Saturday, July 13th - 8:00 am: Food Pantry Volunteerism - Young Adults Group Only (Parking Lot)

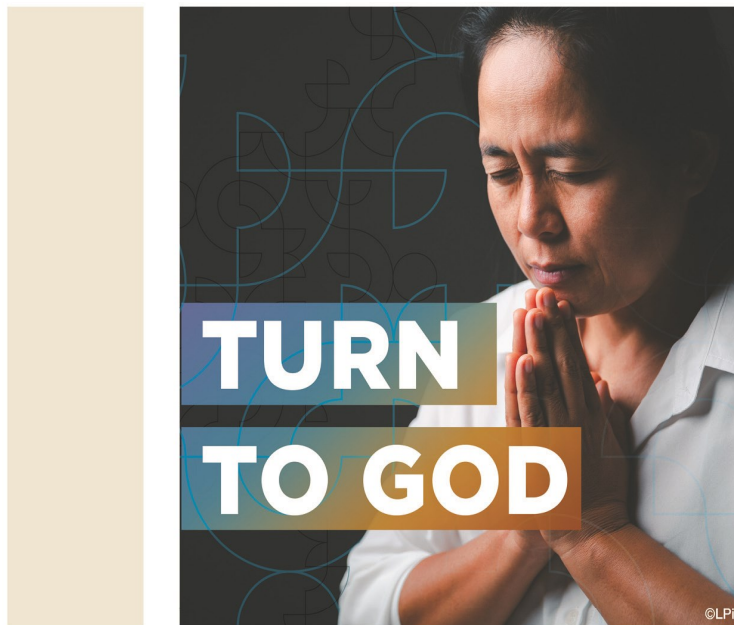
Sunday, July 21st: External Volunteer Event - Young Adults Group Only (Info TBD)

Thursday, July 25th - 6:00 pm: "Christmas in July" Movie Night - Movie TBD - Open to everyone (Rectory Yard)

Sunday, July 28th -12:00 pm: The Conscience Collective General Body Meeting - Young Adults Group Only (Mission Center)

For more information about any Young Adult Group event contact Greg Phifer (gphifer@archchicago.org or at 773-436-4444).

Worship & Meditation



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Recently I watched a bunch of YouTube videos on how to optimize willpower in the face of weakness. The message was: do not accept your weakness. Crush it. Dominate it. In one video, however, at the end of a rant by a willpower coach, the muscular stoic admitted, "You'll never actually get what you want, no matter how hard you try." Amazingly, he admitted that willpower alone is not sufficient for us weak-willed humans.

What does God want us to do with our weaknesses, if crushing them with willpower won't work? For example, what should I do with my tendency to arrogance and self-isolation? Or my procrastination? Or my intellectual and physical limitations? Or my selfishness?

The counter-intuitive answer is clear in this week's words from St Paul, "**I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses in order that the power of Christ may dwell in me** (2 Cor. 12:9)." Boast of our weaknesses? Paul isn't promoting weak-mindedness or laziness. Rather, he perceives that Jesus loves us not despite our weaknesses but because of them. Boasting of our weakness means claiming human will is not all we have. It means turning to God whenever we feel weak, which—let's face it—is almost all the time. When we do, we learn to love our weaknesses, because it's there that we meet the strength of Christ. This week, I challenge us to find ways to boast not in willpower but in weakness.

— Father John Muir

STMM - JULY 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---------------------|--|---------------------|--|---------------------|--|
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 2nd Collection for Building Fund 12-1pm Young Adults Book Club (Quigley Room) <i>(Fr. Combs)</i> | | 12:45pm Legion of Mary Meeting (Mission Center) <i>(Substitute)</i> | <i>(Substitute)</i> | <i>(Substitute)</i> | <i>(Substitute)</i> | 8am - Young Adults Group Food Pantry Volunteering 3-5pm Young Adults Bible Study (Quigley Room) <i>(Substitute)</i> |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| | | Beginning of Mission Center Renovation Project Building is Closed!! | | | | |
| <i>(Substitute)</i> | <i>(Substitute)</i> | <i>(Fr. Combs)</i> | <i>(Fr. Combs)</i> | <i>(Fr. Combs)</i> | <i>(Fr. Combs)</i> | 3-5pm Young Adults Bible Study (Quigley Room) <i>(Fr. Combs)</i> |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| Mission Center Renovation Project Building is Closed!! | | | | | | |
| | | | | 6pm - Young Adults Group - "Christmas In July" Movie Night Open to All (Rectory Yard) <i>(Fr. Combs)</i> | | 3-5pm Young Adults Bible Study (Quigley Room) <i>(Fr. Combs)</i> |
| <i>(Fr. Combs)</i> | | <i>(Fr. Combs)</i> | <i>(Fr. Combs)</i> | <i>(Fr. Combs)</i> | <i>(Fr. Combs)</i> | <i>(Fr. Combs)</i> |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |
| 12pm Young Adults General Body Mtg. For Members Only (Mission Center) <i>(Fr. Dawit)</i> | | 12:45pm Legion of Mary Meeting (Mission Center) <i>(Substitute)</i> | <i>(Substitute)</i> | | | |

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

A Prophet and His Native Place

“A prophet is not without honor except in his native place.” It could be the slogan of high school reunions everywhere.

I speak from experience — I didn’t go to my high school reunion, but I do live in the same area in which I grew up. Ghosts from the past lurk in every grocery aisle and gas station. Former classmates fill my prescriptions at the pharmacy. I am always sure to see an old teacher or two at the Fourth of July parade.

If my teenage self knew that this was her future, she would be horrified. She wanted to grow up and move away, not because she didn’t like living in this town, but because she wanted to reinvent herself. And you can’t reinvent yourself in your native place. In your hometown, you’ll always be exactly what you are — no more, no less.

The same was true for Jesus, who was probably the only person actually worthy of admiration at his high school reunion. When he returned to his native place, he was what he had always been — God and man, Messiah, miracle-worker. This is not something he became, it was always within him.

But the people of Nazareth cannot accept it. Why?

Well, probably for the same reason that I wanted to reinvent myself when I was 16. We don’t often see anything worth venerating in the “right now” of our lives. We think happiness is a promotion or a pay bump away. We think we’ll finally be holy when we find the time to take that silent retreat. We think we will be beautiful when we lose ten pounds.

The Nazarenes lived with God right under their noses, and they didn’t realize it. So, when he came in all his greatness, the dissonance was too much to bear, and they rejected him. They didn’t want that God — the one they had dismissed or overlooked or ignored. They wanted a different one. A shinier one. One that didn’t look like the “right now” of their lives.

But that’s where God is, folks. He’s in the right now, and nowhere else. He’s waiting there for you, with all the happiness, holiness, and beauty your life needs.

Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.”
— Mark 6:4

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

In Year B, we hear primarily from the Gospel of Mark. Since each Evangelist has a unique perspective, what are the key issues that Mark addresses in his Gospel?

Answer:

Gospels are a particular faith community’s reflection on Jesus. Each Gospel’s author reflected that community’s faith in Jesus. Jesus’ message is made relevant to the community’s situation and context. Mark was the first Gospel to be written. When Matthew and Luke wrote theirs, they imitated and adapted Mark for their communities.

Mark’s Gospel seems to be addressed to a faith community undergoing turmoil, rejection, and persecution—forces that threaten to overwhelm them. This provides the context around which Mark fashions the story of Jesus. He presents Jesus as the One sent by God to confront the forces of evil. That is the good news of Jesus.

Jesus’ struggle with the demonic forces leads to confrontation, rejection, outright opposition, and a conspiracy to do away with him. Realizing this, Jesus is not deterred. Rather Jesus calls for total faith in God who helps us to overcome the forces of evil. Suffering and even death seem to be the consequences of this struggle. Yet, that is not the end. The one who suffers for the sake of others, the suffering servant, will be the one through whom redemption and salvation will come to all. For Mark, this is what discipleship demands and what true faith in God can and will accomplish. See if you can detect these themes as you read Mark’s Gospel.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL FOR THE SICK



Johanna Adas
 Martha Anderson
 Nick Barraco
 Dave Carlson
 Sarah Dalton
 Peggy Dwyer
 Sandra Halper
 William & Theresa Jenzio
 Janice Mangan

James McCarthy
 Chris Oleksyn
 Walter W. Quasthoff
 Chuck & Barbara Richards
 Carol Rossi
 Sergio Rubalcava
 Brian Small
 Phyllis Spizzirri
 Joni Stawski

Sister Maria-Paulina Sterling

Omnipotent and eternal God, the everlasting Salvation of those who believe, hear us on behalf of Thy sick and their caregivers.

To add a name to the prayer list please contact the Rectory Office at (773) 436-4444.
 (Names will stay on list for only three months unless an extension is requested)

FOR ALL WHO SERVE IN THE MILITARY INCLUDING



PFC Michael Chesna, Marines
 MSG Kevin Daley
 Cpl. Brian Husum
 PO2. Marcellus J. Lane, Navy
 Cpl. Noah Mackiewicz, Marines
 PFC. Luis Rosales
 LCPL. Xavier Rosales



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Suicide Prevention

If you or someone you know is having thoughts of suicide or experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis, 988 provides 24/7 connection to confidential support. There is hope. You are not alone. **Just call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org**, 988 will connect you with a trained crisis counselor who can help.



Catholic Resources

Please view the following websites for daily Mass, prayers and spiritual support:

- www.archchicago.org
- www.DomesticViolenceOutreach.org
- www.usccb.org
- www.vatican.va
- www.ewtn.com
- www.relevantradio.com

SUNDAY COLLECTION

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BUDGET & FINANCE

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Sunday, June 16, 2024

Weekly Collection:

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| Envelopes: | \$2,150.00 |
| Loose Change: | \$3,985.00 |
| Retired Priest: | \$210.00 |
| Building Fund: | \$0.00 |
| Total: | \$6,345.00 |

Special Collections to Date:

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| Poor Box to Date: | \$308.48 |
| Building Fund to Date: | \$11,164.82 |

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