

ST. THOMAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of the Good Shepherd
Ecumenical Catholic Church+USA



ALL ARE WELCOME

November 2017

We the Catholic community of St. Thomas Parish, come together to be transformed by the Eucharist. We regularly help each other to hear the Sunday Gospel, serve those in need, and bring our lives to faith and bring faith to our lives. Parish mission Statement.

Father Brian P. Spencer, Pastor, Diocesan Chancellor, Vice-Rector, -Vilatte Theological Seminary

Deacon Imani Boyd, Associate Pastor

MASS TIMES: Saturday - 5:00 pm, Sunday -10:00 am, Wednesday 9:00 am
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PARISH COUNCIL: Father Brian P. Spencer-Pastor, Ellen Schunk-Senior Steward, Jan Moore-Second Steward, Allison Spencer-Secretary, Rich Weinmann-Building and Grounds, Betty Dymek, Lina Wickert, J

SACRAMENTS:

BAPTISM: Baptism class is held on the second Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm . Godparents are required to attend the same class . **MATRIMONY:** Please contact the Church office. It is not advisable to set a date before your first appointment with a priest. **SACREMENT OF RECONCILLATION:** For individual confession, contact Father Brian at the Church office. **ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please contact the Church office.

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING: Travis Noonan, Nancy Gabell, Mary Garban, Jennifer Naylor, Patrick Fernando, Christine Ford Enobakhare, Amadin [AJ] Enobakhare, Joe and Regina Klein, Edna Sloan, Eileen Forbes, Mike Pagano, Bianca Kleinebreil, Sara Perdoni, Ron Humphrey, Mrs. Williams, Lisa Hanks, Pat Gibbs, Maria Mills, Jason Kova, Adele Grigolo, Rich Weinmann, and all who have requested prayers. **To be added to our prayer list please, contact Carol Anderson. cmca1117@cox.net**

Dates to Remember

- **ALL SAINTS DAY MASS:** Wednesday, November 1st 9:00 am.
- **CHURCH YARD SALE:** Friday and Saturday, November 3rd and 4th.
- **BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS AND GOD PARENTS:** Thursday, November 9th 6 pm
- **YOUTH GROUP:** Prayer, Pizza, and Bowling. Friday, November 17th 6pm
- **THANKSGIVING DAY MASS:** 9:00 am

Sunday Mass Readings for November

November 5th, 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time- Mal 1;14b-2:b, 8-10, 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13, Mt 23:1-12

November 12th, 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Wis 6:12-16, 1 Thes 4:13-18, Mt 25: 1-13

November 19th, 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31, 1 Thes 5:1-6, Mt 25:14-30

November 26th, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Ez 34: 11-12, 1 Cor 15:20-26,28, Mt 25:31-46



BIBLE STUDY AND ROSARY: Wednesday, following 9:00 am mass.

Baptisms

Delilah Mae Ochoa

Isabell Gonzalez

10-14-17



Holy Matrimony

John Thomas Gentile and Nicole Smith

10-7-17

From the Desk of the Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters of Saint Thomas,

On November 1st, the Church celebrates the feast of All Saints. We give thanks to God for the lives of the saints, the men and women who showed us how to live a life of holiness. The lives of the saints, the official saints of the church and the unofficial saints in heaven, encourages us to take up our crosses daily and follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Furthermore, many saints because of their conversion from being great sinners, give us hope and reassurance that God's mercy and forgiveness is offered to all. It is never too late to travel the road of holiness. Who is your favorite saint? How does he/she inspire you to live the gospel?

On November 2nd, the Church Commemorates the Faithful Departed, All Souls Day. We remember our family, friends, and all who have died, and pray they may forever rest in the peace of heaven. The tradition of setting a day aside to remember the dead, goes all the way back to the second century with the church father Tertullian. Once again, we will remember our deceased family and friends through our Book of Life, which is now in the Narthex for you to list your loved-ones so we can pray for and remember them. November is a month to give thanks. We give thanks for the saints and all the faithful departed who are now our intercessors in heaven.

Our annual Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 9, at 6:00 pm. I am asking for a few volunteers to help me plan and organize this wonderful event. Please see me if you are interested.

Deacon Imani has safely returned from our annual church synod which was held in St. Louis last weekend. I was told it was a very informative gathering. Great enthusiasm was expressed toward the mission of our larger church, the ECC-USA. We are blessed to be a member of such a caring and gospel driven Church.

After both masses the weekend of November 12, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered. The sacrament is a powerful source of strength and grace for those who suffer from illness or advanced age. The sacrament is ancient in origin. We read in the epistle of James: "*Are there sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the Church and let them lay hands on them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick persons and their sins will be forgiven them.*" Those suffering from serious illness, those preparing for major surgery and those of a weakened condition due to age are suitable candidates for the reception of this sacrament. Likewise, those who suffer from emotional and psychological trauma should present themselves to receive the sacrament. I should add that the Sacrament of Anointing should never be confused with what was formerly referred to as "extreme unction" in the sense of "last rites." Due to ignorance, former clergy of Saint Thomas would refer to this sacrament of healing as the "last rites" leading to confusion. Also, the sacrament may not be administered to someone who has passed. The purpose of this sacrament is to offer the sacramental grace and prayer of the whole Church for those who are sick.

Please continue to keep St. Thomas Church in your prayers.

Blessings,

Fr. Brian

*****Thank you for your continued financial support*****

