

# Saint Thomas the Apostle Church



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## January 10th, 2021



### Mass Times (Beginning Next Week)

**Saturday**

5:00PM

**Sunday**

8:30AM

\*10:30AM (Family Mass)\*

**Monday-Wednesday**

\*6:30PM\*

No Mass 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>

**Thursday-Saturday**

\*9:00AM\*

### Rectory Office Hours

**Tuesday-Friday**

11:00AM-4:00PM

### Church Hours

**Monday-Friday**

8:30AM-9:00PM

**Saturday**

8:30AM-6:30PM

**Sunday**

8:00AM-2:00PM

### Sacraments

For questions regarding First Communion, Marriage, or Anointing of the Sick please call the Rectory

*\*Adoration and Confession\*  
to follow Masses*

## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020</b>
9:00AM	Bill Cosby
5:15PM	Catherine Hoey
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020</b>
8:15AM	Mary Lynn Chory
11:00AM	Catherine Murphy
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020</b>
6:30PM	Rachel Sterling [Private Mass]
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020</b>
6:30PM	Diane Ring [Private Mass]
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020</b>
6:30PM	Stuart Sterling [Private Mass]
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020</b>
9:00AM	Rita Murphy
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020</b>
9:00AM	Kelly Bassett
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020</b>
9:00AM	Whelihan Family
5:00PM	All Parishioners
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020</b>
8:30AM	Talabach Family
10:30AM	Eugene Zonghi

## Announcements

### Scripture Study and Lectio Divina –

There will be no scripture study this week. It will continue next week, Monday January 18th.

**Family Rosary** – Get your family to the screen and let's pray together with Fr. Sinisa every Thursday at 7:00PM! Let's offer everything to our Lady! Join us on Zoom with the meeting ID: 448-724-5156

### Red Zone –

The town of Millis is now in a Red Zone. Because of this, we are now required to take names, numbers, and temperatures before you attend mass. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Masses This Week** – Please be aware that Saint Joseph's has weekday masses Mon-Sat at 9:00AM

### How can my time on earth be used to the greatest possible good? –

Time on earth is brief, fleeting. We're here for a very short time because we're not meant to be here forever. The reason we are here is to prepare ourselves for afterlife. That is why God created us. Union with God on earth leads to union with Him in the next life to come. We call that Heaven. Our greatest time spent on earth is the time we spend with our Lord in prayer. A virtuous and saintly life is the fruit of prayer. Prayer is most powerful when we sit with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in Eucharist Adoration. To be in His presence and to recognize Him is to see and prepare for Heaven. Daily devotion to our Lady through the Rosary leads to a more intensified love for her Son in the Eucharist. Daily Scripture study and meditation is the daily food our soul needs to be fully alive. Every Christian should develop a habit to spend 30 minutes a day in prayer. That can happen through Eucharistic Adoration, reciting the Rosary (especially with one's own family), or reading the Sacred Word of God. If you desire Heaven, then you desire to be a saint, and to be a saint requires time spent in daily prayer, prayer that is consistent, intense, and filled with longing for the love of God!



## Weekly Parish Offering

Offertory	–	\$ 3,909
Online	–	\$ 2,295
Gifts	–	\$20,000
Maintenance	–	<u>\$ 535</u>
Total	–	<u><b>\$26,739</b></u>

*Thank you to a family who donated \$20,000 to the parish!*

## Reading I

Is 42:1-4, 6-7

Thus says the LORD:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,  
my chosen one with whom I am pleased,  
upon whom I have put my spirit;  
he shall bring forth justice to the nations,  
not crying out, not shouting,  
not making his voice heard in the street.  
a bruised reed he shall not break,  
and a smoldering wick he shall not quench,  
until he establishes justice on the earth;  
the coastlands will wait for his teaching.  
I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of  
justice, I have grasped you by the hand;  
I formed you, and set you  
as a covenant of the people,  
a light for the nations,  
to open the eyes of the blind,  
to bring out prisoners from confinement,  
and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

**R.** The Lord will bless his people with peace

## Reading II

Acts 10:34-38

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered  
in the house of Cornelius, saying:  
“In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.  
Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts  
uprightly is acceptable to him.  
You know the word that he sent to the Israelites  
as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who  
is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea,  
beginning in Galilee after the baptism  
that John preached,  
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth  
with the Holy Spirit and power.  
He went about doing good  
and healing all those oppressed by the devil,  
for God was with him.”

## Gospel

Mk 1:7-11

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed:  
“One mightier than I is coming after me.  
I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of  
his sandals.  
I have baptized you with water;  
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

It happened in those days that Jesus came from  
Nazareth of Galilee  
and was baptized in the Jordan by John.  
On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens  
being torn open  
and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him.  
And a voice came from the heavens,  
“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well  
pleased.”

### Questions to Consider:

1. What is the difference between the baptism of John and the baptism of the Holy Spirit?
2. If Jesus is sinless why does He get baptized?
3. What is the significance of the baptism taking place in a desert? What scene from the book of Exodus is this alluding to?
4. At baptism we are regenerated? What does regeneration mean?



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