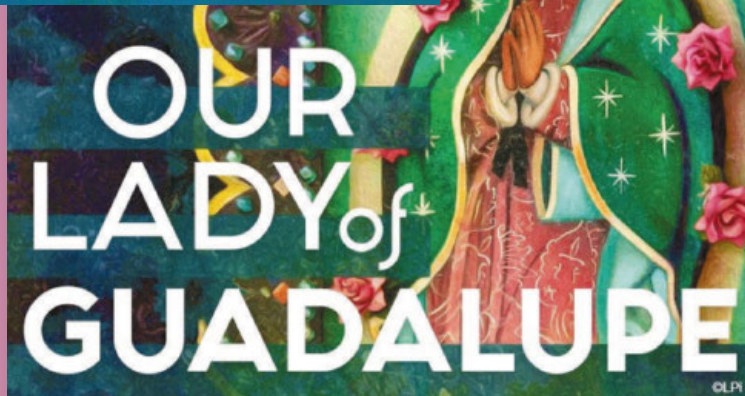


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Thursday, 8:00 AM
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Saturday, 4:30 PM

Sunday,
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
1:00 PM—Spanish

Reconciliation

Saturday
3:15 PM-4:00 PM

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Mission Statement

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Community exists to be a vibrant faith-filled community, proclaiming with our lives that God is deeply in love with us. Through open hearts, meaningful worship and compassionate service, we model the Spirit of Christ in the world today.

December 10, 2023 / 10 de Diciembre de 2023

Dear Folks,

Since the celebrations of Christmas are right around the corner, I wanted to share a couple of practical notes with you. Please take a green sheet (English) or a pink sheet (Spanish) located next to the bulletins and at the welcome desk. The sheets contain the schedule of all our Advent and Christmas Liturgies. I want to point out one particular item. Sunday, December 24 is the Fourth Sunday in Advent. The Mass schedule that MORNING will be 8:00am (English) and **10:00am (Spanish)**. **Mass at 10:00am will be in Spanish.** This is because the Christmas Eve Masses will begin at 4:00pm and then again at 11:00pm that same day. Be assured, there is still a Saturday evening Liturgy at 4:30pm. I will remind you of this often. Please help spread the word!



Many have expressed a desire to learn more about the Liturgy or Eucharist or the Mass: many names! On January 3, 6:30-8:30pm, Theological Reflection into Prayer and Praise: A Teaching Mass will be offered. Please come, even if you were not able to attend the first session in November!

Deacon Rich, Deacon Steve and I will be inviting you to fill out a survey regarding our preaching. These surveys are found here in the bulletin or at the welcome desk. We want to ensure that we are nourishing you with God's Word, and that our preaching is helping the Holy Spirit to bear fruit in your lives! We will be asking for volunteers of all ages to be a part of a group that will meet on Saturdays from 8-9:00am beginning on January 20 in the New Year, at the parish house (rectory). From all the volunteers, twelve(!) will be chosen (names drawn from a box) and invited to reflect on the Gospel and share feedback with us from the preaching on the previous Sunday. We are not choosing the names! Please pray and consider whether or not you would be interested in possibly being chosen for this sharing.

Remember: *real love is born in a manger...*

May we be slow to speak and listen even more quickly this Advent Season!

Godspeed,
Fr. Dave

St. Thomas the Apostle Homily Questions...



** Please keep in mind that the questions below are being asked of our parish family, "not to criticize", but to help us grow in bringing the message of the Lord to all who participate in our Liturgies.*

Some of the best things you like about the homilies you hear at St. Thomas?

Some of the things that you feel could be improved upon when giving our homilies?

Overall, do the homilies leave you feeling "nourished"; in other words, are they helping give you spiritual/moral guidance to grow more deeply in love with God and each other in your daily life after leaving Mass?

Please return completed questionnaire to the basket located at the Welcome Desk or Parish Office.



Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass Times



Saturday, Dec. 23rd
4:30 PM

Sunday, Dec. 24th
8:00 AM
10:00 AM SPANISH



Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve
4:00 p.m.
11:00 p.m.

Christmas Day
9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. Spanish

New Year's Day
Solemnity of Mary
9:00 a.m.

CALENDAR EVENTS

December

- 11th— Cleaning Day
9:00 PM— 1:00 AM Rosary
- 12th— 8:00 AM— 4:30 PM Church open for
private prayer time
- 13th— 10:30 AM Bible in a Year
6:15 PM **RE Grades 6-9**
7:15 PM Mass
- 14th— 8:00 AM Mass
6:00 PM Living Justice
- 16-17th— **OTIS** Bake Sale after all Masses
11:30 AM **RE— Spanish**
- 18th— Cleaning Day
- 19th— Men's Bible Study
- 21st— 8:00 AM Mass
- 22nd— OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON**
- 23rd— 4:30 PM Mass—4th Sunday of Advent
- 24th— 8:00 AM Mass— 4th Sunday of Advent
10:00 AM Spanish Mass— 4th Sunday of Advent
- 24th— 4:00 PM Christmas Mass
11:00 PM Christmas Mass
- 25th— 9:00 AM Christmas Mass
11:00 AM Spanish Christmas Mass
- 26th— **OFFICE CLOSED**
- 27th— Cleaning Day
- 28th— 8:00 AM Mass
- 29th— **OFFICE CLOSING AT NOON**
- ### January
- 1st— **OFFICE CLOSED**
9:00 AM Solemnity of Mary Mass
- 2nd— Cleaning Day
7:00 PM Men's Bible Study
- 3rd— 6:30 PM Catechist In-Service
6:30 PM Theological Reflection into
Prayer and Praise— Teaching Mass
- 4th— 8:00 AM Mass

Funds received the week of November 26th

Scrip profit for the week \$ 676.74

Tithing— Envelopes	\$4,885
Offertory	\$582
Total	\$5,467
Needed weekly	\$11,665
Short	\$6,198

If you have any end-of-year giving, please be sure to have it in by Sunday, December 31. Anything postmarked January 1 or later will not be accepted for 2023 giving, but will be applied for 2024. Thank you!

Volunteer Christmas Party

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BEYOND OTIS

(Ages 18+)

Wednesday, December 27th
6:30PM-9:00PM

December 10th, 2023

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8

With whom could you be more patient this week, as God has been patient with you?

Save the date

May 10th, 2024

Wine & Cheese Event

Franciscan Music Center



Liturgical Ministry Schedule December 16th & 17th

	4:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 PM
Server(s)	Isabella Jacky Ken Jacky	Kameron Schaefer Randy Bonde	Brady Hanson Bernard Holschbach
Hospitality	Mark Heinzen Debbie Heinzen Cindy Kalista JoAnn Krejcarek	Mike Miller Debra Miller Ron Boldt Trudy Boldt	Michele Vogel Jerry Vogel Bruce Schlei Barb Schlei
Cross Bearer	Dave Steltz	Lexi Bianchi	Ani Neuser
Proclaimers	Dick Glueckert Jason Hartman	Annette Backhaus Terry Burbey	Dale Birenbaum Joseph Oberbroeckling
Eucharistic Minister	Kathy Kaminski Bonnie Jacky Deacon Steve	Tony Binversie Gemma Ulness Deacon Steve	Alice Oberbroeckling Jamie Thomas Jane Thompson
Sacristan	Diane Hartman	Pat Zentner	

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, December 13th

7:15 PM Les Graebel

Thursday, December 14th

8:00 AM Deceased members of the
Backhaus & Damman Families

Saturday, December 16th

4:30 PM Tony Bonde

Sunday, December 17th

8:00 AM Diana Smith

10:00 AM Darlene Wagner

Sanctuary Light December 17th– 23rd

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Living Out the Advent Season

Week Three: Celebrating and Sharing Joy

As this third week of Advent begins, make a list of things that have brought you joy this past year. Rather than focusing on big personal wins or things that simply made you happy, call to mind the "awesome" joys. Think of moments that restored your faith in human goodness or things that inspired you to marvel at God's gifts, such as a thing of nature, a child's sweet smile, etc. Now challenge yourself to note something new each day of this week that sparks this kind of life-affirming joy, and share those inspirations with others. Pray each night in joyful thanksgiving for God's ever flowing goodness.

Homebound, Sick, or Elderly...

For a minister of care to bring Eucharist to your home, please call the parish office or refer to the information below.

Sunday Communion Minister for the homebound for the week of:

- December 17th-Kristin Waack
920-901-1441
- December 24th- Patti Schneider
920-758-2774
- December 31st- Sandie Fitzgerald
920-726-4753

Through the waters of Baptism, our parish welcomes...

Bryson Todd Terp
Son of Tyler & Kaylee

May you feel God's joy fill your heart every day, and know that he is deeply in love with you. Congratulations and many blessings to you and your family on this special day.



OTIS Did You Know?

Did you know that OTIS will be going to Lifest in Oshkosh, from July 11th -14th, 2024? OTIS Youth should get their tickets soon and plan to join us! OTIS has campsites for the entire event, or join us for just one day. Details will be out as the event nears.

OTIS Events

December 6th - 7:45PM-9:00PM Bubbl'r & Bible
December 7th - 6:30PM-9:00PM Christmas Painting (These will make a great gift!)
December 12th - 6:30PM-9:00PM Salvation Army Christmas Distribution
December 13th - 7:45PM-8:30PM OTIS
December 15th - 6:00PM-10:00PM Happy Birthday Jesus Party
(Young Friends 6:00PM-8:30PM)
December 16th - 1:00PM-4:00PM Cookie Decorating
December 16th & 17th Cookie Sale - All Masses
December 20th - 7:45PM-9:00PM OTIS Room Makeover Planning



The Finance Council met on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 6:00 PM. Laurie Jonasen led us in prayer. The minutes from October were approved as written. The Financial Report was reviewed. All bank accounts were reviewed and everything is in order. We received an update on the Roncalli Catholic Schools Capital Campaign. Father gave us an update on the Parish one by One Campaign investments. Father updated us on a Parish Picnic in 2024 and a 25th Anniversary celebration in 2025. Building and Grounds recommendations were reviewed. There is no December meeting. There will be a joint Pastoral/ Finance Council meeting on January 18, 2024 at 6:00 pm. The Finance Council's next meeting will be Thursday, January 18th after the joint meeting.

1.-Oracion:

Virgen Santísima de Guadalupe, Madre de Dios, Señora y Madre nuestra. Venos aquí postrados ante tu santa imagen, que nos dejaste estampada en la tilma de Juan Diego, como prenda de amor, bondad y misericordia. Aún siguen resonando las palabras que dijiste a Juan con inefable ternura: "Hijo mío queridísimo, Juan a quien amo como a un pequeñito y delicado," cuando radiante de hermosura te presentaste ante su vista en el cerro del Tepeyac. Haz que merezcamos oír en el fondo del alma esas mismas palabras. Sí, eres nuestra Madre; la Madre de Dios es nuestra Madre, la más tierna, la más compasiva. Y para ser nuestra Madre y cobijarnos bajo el manto de tu protección te quedaste en tu imagen de Guadalupe.

Virgen Santísima de Guadalupe, muestra que eres nuestra Madre. Defiéndenos en las tentaciones, consuélanos en las tristezas, y ayúdanos en todas nuestras necesidades. En los peligros, en las enfermedades, en las persecuciones, en las amarguras, en los abandonos, en la hora de nuestra muerte, míranos con ojos compasivos y no te separes jamás de nosotros.

2.-Oracion:

Virgen y Madre de Guadalupe
Dame tus ojos, para poder mirar;
Si miro con tus ojos jamás podre pecar.
Dame tus labios, para poder rezar;
Si rezo con tus labios Jesús me escuchará.
Dame tus manos, que quiero trabajar;
Entonces mi trabajo valdrá una eternidad.
Dame tu manto lleno de estrellas que cubra mi maldad;
Cubierto con tu manto al cielo he de llegar.
Dame a Jesús para poder amar, si Jesús está conmigo que más
he de desear.
Amén.



St. Juan Diego Feast Day: December 9th

Thousands of people gathered in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe July 31, 2002, for the canonization of Juan Diego, to whom the Blessed Mother appeared in the 16th century. Pope John Paul II celebrated the ceremony at which the poor Indian peasant became the Church's first saint indigenous to the Americas.

The Holy Father called the new saint "a simple, humble Indian" who accepted Christianity without giving up his identity as an Indian. "In praising the Indian Juan Diego, I want to express to all of you the closeness of the Church and the pope, embracing you with love and encouraging you to overcome with hope the difficult times you are going through," John Paul said. Among the thousands present for the event were members of Mexico's 64 indigenous groups.

First called *Cuauhtlatohuac* ("The eagle who speaks"), Juan Diego's name is forever linked with Our Lady of Guadalupe because it was to him that she first appeared at Tepeyac hill on December 9,

1531. The most famous part of his story is told in connection with the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12. After the roses gathered in his tilma were transformed into the miraculous image of Our Lady, however, little more is said about Juan Diego.

In time he lived near the shrine constructed at Tepeyac, revered as a holy, unselfish, and compassionate catechist, who taught by word and especially by example.

During his 1990 pastoral visit to Mexico, Pope John Paul II confirmed the long-standing liturgical cult in honor of Juan Diego, beatifying him. Twelve years later the same pope proclaimed him a saint.



"Keep Christ in Christmas"

The Knights of Columbus will have available a limited supply of "Keep Christ in Christmas" yard signs and car magnets at the back of church. A free will offering will be accepted.



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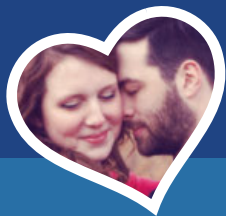
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Como las celebraciones navideñas están a la vuelta de la esquina, quería compartir contigo un par de notas prácticas. Por favor lleve una hoja verde (inglés) o una hoja rosa (español) ubicada al lado de los boletines y en el mostrador de bienvenida. Las hojas contienen el calendario de todas nuestras Liturgias de Adviento y Navidad. Quiero señalar un elemento en particular. El domingo 24 de diciembre es el cuarto domingo de Adviento. El horario de Misa de esa MAÑANA será a las 8:00 am (inglés) y 10:00 am (español). La misa a las 10:00 am será en español. Esto se debe a que las Misas de Nochebuena comenzarán a las 4:00 p.m. y luego nuevamente a las 11:00 p.m. de ese mismo día. Tenga la seguridad de que todavía hay una liturgia el sábado por la noche a las 4:30 p.m. Te recordaré esto a menudo. ¡Por favor ayuda a correr la voz!

Muchos han expresado su deseo de aprender más sobre la Liturgia o la Eucaristía o la Misa: ¡muchos! El 3 de enero, de 6:30 a 8:30 p. m., se ofrecerá una reflexión teológica sobre oración y alabanza: una misa de enseñanza. ¡Por favor venga, incluso si no pudo asistir a la primera sesión en noviembre!

El diácono Rich, el diácono Steve y yo lo invitaremos a completar una encuesta sobre nuestra predicación. Estas encuestas se encuentran en el mostrador de bienvenida. ¡Queremos asegurarnos de nutrirlos con la Palabra de Dios y de que nuestra predicación ayude al Espíritu Santo a dar fruto en sus vidas! Solicitamos voluntarios de todas las edades para formar parte de un grupo que se reunirá los sábados de 8 a 9:00 a. m. a partir del 20 de enero del Año Nuevo, en la casa parroquial (rectoría). De todos los voluntarios, se elegirán doce (!) (nombres extraídos de un cuadro) y se los invitará a reflexionar sobre el Evangelio y compartir con nosotros comentarios de la predicación del domingo anterior. ¡Nosotros no elegimos los nombres! Por favor ore y considere si estaría interesado o no en ser elegido para compartir.

Recuerda: el verdadero amor nace en un pesebre...

¡Que seamos lentos para hablar y escuchar aún más rápido en esta temporada de Adviento!

Dios los bendiga,

P. dave

