

# Church of Saint Thomas More

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## SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Evening:** 5:45 p.m.  
**Sunday Morning:** 8:30 a.m.  
10:00 a.m. (Family Mass)  
Families and children are encouraged to attend the  
Family Mass at 10:00 a.m.  
**Sunday Afternoon:** 12:00 p.m. (Choral Mass)  
**Sunday Evening:** 5:45 p.m.

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday thru Friday: 8:00 am and 12:15 pm  
Saturday: 8:00 am and 12:15 pm

## CONFESSIONS

Monday thru Friday  
12:00 pm - 12:10 pm (before Mass)  
Saturday 5:00 – 5:30 pm

## BAPTISM

1:00 pm on Sunday  
(Arrangements must be made in advance)

## MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made at least six months prior to the  
wedding

## VISITS TO HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Our clergy are happy to visit.  
Call the parish office to arrange.

## Parish Trustees

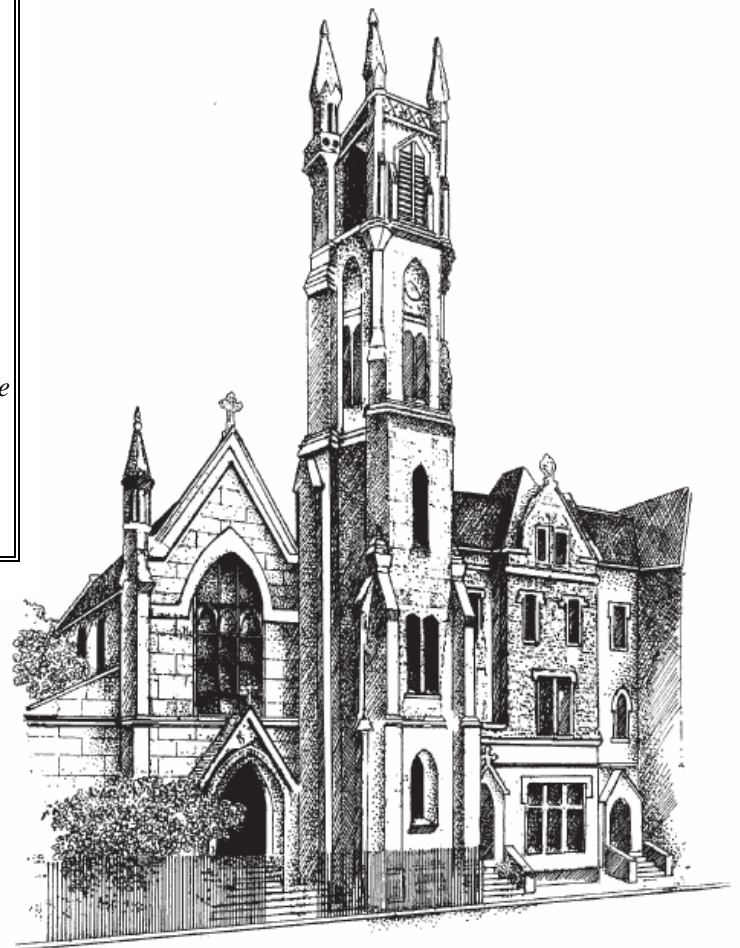
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### The Epiphany of the Lord

#### Theme/Call To Worship

On Epiphany Sunday, we celebrate that God's epiphany ("manifestation") is made known to the world, and Epiphany Sunday challenges us to resist the temptation to make Jesus conform only to our own culture and our own times. The divine gift of Jesus transcends all times and cultures.

#### Introduction To The Word

**Isaiah 60:1-6:** The first reading, taken from the prophet Isaiah was composed toward the end of the Babylonian Exile, a period of great hope for Israelites who had spent nearly two generations in captivity in a foreign land. Isaiah foresaw a new day and age for the city of Jerusalem and the people of Israel. Isaiah preached that all nations, including Israel, will see the light that has come into the world. No longer permitting the darkness and despair of exile, God would make manifest his glory for all to see.

**Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6:** In his Letter to the Ephesians Paul speaks of "the mystery ... made known to me by revelation ... that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise of Christ Jesus." Paul would have been criticized by many of his Jewish contemporaries for speaking in such terms. The idea that God planned the Gentiles to be "coheirs" in his covenant to Israel would have seemed absurd to many.

**Matthew 2:1-12:** Each Epiphany Sunday we hear the story of the visit of the Magi from the Gospel of Matthew. Embedded within this familiar story are some important theological assertions made by Matthew. First, God alone is lord of history. Second, in the birth of Jesus Jewish prophecy is fulfilled. Matthew himself tells us that the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem fulfills what the prophet Micah had foretold around 750 BC. And third, God's gift of Jesus is intended for *all nations*. The Magi who brought gifts to Jesus are traditionally identified as Melchior, Caspar, and Balthazar, three astrologers from the East, representing the other major nations of the world in the time of Christ.

*Adapted from Liturgical Publications Inc, Connect! Uniting Word & World, Dr. Daniel J. Scholz*

#### At St. Thomas More This Week

Date:	Event:	Time
01/04	Monthly Cocktail Hour after the 5:45 Mass	
01/05	CHADD	5:55 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
01/06	<b>No Leisure Club Lunch</b>	
	Religious Education	5:00 pm
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
01/07	Christian Meditation	6:00 pm
01/08	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
01/09	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
	Communion & Liberation	7:00 pm

#### Join the St. Thomas More E-Group

Send an email with your Name and the words  
Join the E-Group (Currently 321 members) to  
[stmbusiness@gmail.com](mailto:stmbusiness@gmail.com) receive the weekly Bulletin  
and other important information

#### Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule

Jan. 04	Celebrant	Lector
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	The Rosses
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Madigan	TBD
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Zimmer, SJ	Bednar Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Zimmer, SJ	Nilsa Santiago
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Jim Sterling

Jan. 11	Celebrant	Lector
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Nick Farnham
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Diaz	Louisa Martin
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Madigan	Kehoe Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Diaz	Jacqueline Ackerina
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Madigan	Chris Baldwin

### Holiday Break

### Leisure Club

### Luncheon

Next Luncheon - January 20, 2015

*He shall have pity for  
the lowly and the poor;  
the lives of the poor he  
shall save.*

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST  
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE  
FOR WEEK OF  
JANUARY 04 – JANUARY 10**

Mon. Jan. 05 *St. John Neumann*

8:00 Gary Chang (D)

\* 12:15 Maurice O'Connor (D)

Tues. Jan. 06 *St. André Bessette*

8:00 Colin A. Murphy (L)

\* 12:15 Dennis P. Murphy (L)

Wed. Jan 07 *St. Raymond of Penyafort*

8:00 Bernard E. Kuhn (L)

\* 12:15 Joseph T. Murphy (L)

Thurs. Jan. 08

8:00 Anton V. Fernaine (D)

\* 12:15 Fred Marchese (D)

Fri. Jan 09

8:00 Gumersindo Misa (L)

\* 12:15 Joseph Pash, Sr. (D)

Sat. Jan 10

8:00 Teresa Anagnostopoulos (D)

\* 12:15 Marina Antonia Grullon (D)

***Sunday Vigil***

5:45 Ilka Moreira (D)

\* **Rosary said after the 12:15 Mass**



**WEEKDAY BIBLE READING**

**01/05** Mon: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**01/06** Tues: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

**01/07** Wed: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

**01/08** Thurs: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Lk 4:14-22a

**01/09** Fri: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Lk 4:14-22a

**01/10** Sat: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

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**Christian Meditation**

January 7th – 6:00pm

Location: St. Thomas More - Chapel

65 East 89<sup>th</sup> Street – Manhattan

Group Facilitator: **Donald Main**

415-668-1430 - [costmny@christianmeditation.us](mailto:costmny@christianmeditation.us)

**Do you like to sing?** The Music Department of St. Thomas More would like to hear from parishioners who might be interested in dedicating their talents to sing chorally. Music reading ability is desirable as well as a clear voice with a good sense of pitch and the ability to blend with others. For more information, contact Christopher Candela, Director of Music by e-mail at [STMMusicOffice@gmail.com](mailto:STMMusicOffice@gmail.com)

**Sunday Coffee Hour:** Volunteer for this important Community Service. We extend our thanks to our volunteer **Jackie Morris** for hosting this gathering, which is a wonderful way for parishioners to meet and get to know one another as well as to share a sweet and a cup of coffee or apple juice for the children. We look forward to meeting you there **after the 10:00 am Mass**.

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The Catholic University of America is the only one founded by the US bishops and chartered by the Vatican. Because of this, this university belongs to each of us and we **each** have a share in the education of the future leaders of our Church. Your contribution will help many students to have access to quality academic and spiritual programs.

Also, through the Catholic Communications Campaign the bishops' conference is able to fund the production of spiritual and educational programs for radio and television, and half of your contribution will remain in New York to assist our own Office of Communications.

Assuring you of my gratitude for your participation in these two important collections and with prayerful best wishes for a holy, healthy and happy new year, I am.

Faithfully in Christ  
Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan  
Archbishop of New York

**This Sunday – January 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**after the 5:45 Mass, we will have our parish**  
**monthly Cocktail Hour.** Adults of all ages  
and their guests are welcome to attend.  
**No need for reservations.**