



St. Thomas of Canterbury

1522 McCoy Avenue

San Jose, California 95130

Following Jesus Christ in joy, gratitude and service



General Information

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptism is by appointment. New and expectant parents are invited to call the parish office to begin the process.

Sacrament of Marriage: Call the parish office at least six months in advance for an appointment with the pastor.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4:45 p.m. on Saturdays or by appointment.

Visitation of the Sick and Homebound: If you know of any parishioner who is ill at home or in the hospital, or unable to celebrate the Eucharist, please contact the parish office.

RCIA: Anyone interested in learning about and/or becoming a Catholic Christian is invited to call the parish office for information.

Membership: If you worship with us regularly and would like to become a member of St. Thomas of Canterbury, please contact the parish office to send you a registration form or register online at:
<https://www.stthomassj.org/stc-community>

Streaming Links for Saturday Evening Mass:
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/STCSJ/videos/>
<https://www.youtube.com/c/StThomasSJ/videos>

The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time **September 17th and 18th, 2022**

“No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon.” Luke 15:1-2, 10

Parish Office Information

Telephone: (408) 378-1595

Parish Office Hours

Monday and Thursday
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tuesdays and Fridays
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Or by appointment

Parish Staff

Reverend Andrew C. Nguyen
Pastor

Vicki Schwoob
Family Faith Formation

Linda Delescale
Office Manager

Anton Vu
Bookkeeper

Parish Website: www.StThomasSJ.org
Fr. Andrew: frandrew@StThomasSJ.org

Mass Schedule

Wednesday through Friday: 8:30 a.m.
Saturday: 5:15 p.m. (In Person and Live Stream)
Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Second Saturday each month: 7am-4:30pm
(Next Adoration: October 8, 2022)

Dear Families and Friends of St. Thomas of Canterbury,

It was great seeing everyone enjoying the Pancake Breakfast last Sunday. We had probably at least 130 people there. We were happy to have and serve you. Thank you very much to Jim and Al for organizing and working with their Knights of Columbus team: Carol, David, Ernie, Jimmy, Manuel, Mike Norm, Ruben, Steven, and Thomas. They worked very hard, and the pancakes were delicious! The bacon was tasty!

Our parish will also have a Fall Kick Off Picnic outdoors after Mass on Saturday, 9/24. Please come and enjoy each other's company and the food.

We will also have a Ministry Fair that weekend as well, so that you can see each ministry in our parish, what it does and if it fits your interest. All of those currently in various ministries really enjoy what they do and they receive much in return when giving – their faith, their friendship, and their joy.

Hope to see you there! *Fr. Andrew*

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat.	09/17/22	5:15p: Charlie Epolite† Kathy Cappello (L) St. Thomas Parishioners
Sun.	09/18/22	10:00a: Peter Thuy Han † Maria Lan Pham † Kimberly Lemon †
Wed	09/21/22	8:30a: Bob Delescale † Matthew Quilici (L)
Thurs	09/22/22	8:30a: For the unhoused
Fri	09/23/22	8:30a: For our Catechists

Join Us! September 24th after the 5:15 Mass Fall Kick Off Parish Picnic and Ministry Fair
Do you want to serve God? Yes, all of us through our baptism have been called to serve Him. One of the easiest ways of serving God is to volunteer in a ministry at your church! You are not too young or too old to serve Him. There are many ministries in STC where you can participate. We encourage you to stop by the Ministry Fair on Sept 24th and 25th after mass. Sign-up to serve Him, He is waiting for you!

Please Pray for ...

All Those Who Are Sick and those who care for them:

Elena Garcia, Aaron Hughes, Cecelia Manago and Cheryl Neves.

And for all Those Who Have Died and their families:

Scriptures to be Proclaimed Next Weekend:

September 24th and 25th, 2022:

The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time


Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31



Catechetical Sunday, Today, September 18:
Join us for Mass at 10am, followed by Hospitality!
Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 18, 2022, and the theme is: *“This is my body given for you”*. Those who the parish community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry

(Please take home a flyer located in the pews, so that you can pray for our catechists throughout the year!)

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The term “Eucharist” originates from the Greek word eucharistia, meaning thanksgiving. In the celebration of the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and the instrumentality of the priest. The whole Christ is truly present -- body, blood, soul, and divinity -- under the appearances of bread and wine, the glorified Christ who rose from the dead. This is what the Church means when she speaks of the "Real Presence" of Christ in the Eucharist. usccb.org/eucharist



Pray the Rosary with the St. Thomas community Monday through Friday at 7pm via Zoom. Visit our website under Prayer Request, then Pray-the-Rosary, for the zoom link: <https://www.stthomassj.org.pray-the-rosary>

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:
Adoration is on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Come and spend some time in prayer before the Lord in the Thomas Room – from 7:00am – 4:30pm. Our next adoration is **Saturday, October 8, 2022.**

For ALL Faith Formation inquiries, please contact Vicki Schwoob, Director of Faith Formation: (408) 766-3270 or Vicki@StThomasSJ.org
Youth Ministry: Lucy Chai, Youth Minister; Lucy.chai@gmail.com

Faith Formation and Sacrament Prep Classes start soon!

If you have not signed up your child for Faith Formation, there is still time to do so. Registration is on-line at our parish website under Family Faith Formation, Online Registration (or see link below).

- Weekly catechism classes for Grades 1-6 begin **this coming week** from 4pm to 5:15pm.
Grades 1-2: Mondays, Grades 3-6 Tuesdays
- Early Childhood Education (ECE)/Seedlings Returns: Catechism/Faith Formation for Pre-School and Kindergarten: Classes will take place the **First Sunday of every month** from 10am to 11am (during the 10am Mass). Please register your child through the Faith Formation program. Two catechists will be present for this class. Please contact Vicki Schwoob for details and questions.
- Sacrament Preparation: First Reconciliation/First Communion: First Sunday session is **Sunday, September 25** from 1:15pm to 2:30pm in Becket Hall for Parent & Child.
- Confirmation Classes: Two Sundays/month from 11:15am to 12:30pm in Becket Hall.
Confirmation Year ONE: **Sunday, October 2**
Confirmation Year TWO: **Sunday, October 9**

For information and details see the flyers posted in the Bulletin email, visit our website and register at: <https://www.stthomas.org/faith-formation-online-registration>

SACRAMENT PREPARATION: Baptism, First Communion and/or Confirmation:



For Baptism inquiries (infant to age 6), please contact Linda at the parish office or visit our website for information.

Sacrament Preparation for both First Communion and Confirmation are TWO Year programs. One year of catechesis is required prior to enrollment for First Communion and/or Confirmation. Children/teens (age 7 and up) who are unbaptized, will prepare through Rite of Christian Initiation adapted for children.

Adults seeking baptism or confirm, will prepare through the RCIA (see article for RCIA.)

Children’s Liturgy of the Word: CLOW or Time Travelers will return Sunday, October 2nd!

Children are dismissed right after the Gloria and the Collect Prayer, to begin the Liturgy of the Word, to listen and discuss the readings of the Sunday Mass at their level. They return to the assembly after the Prayer of the Faithful to celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

We are grateful to have Amy Trayer serve as catechist for this ministry. Since we only have one catechist to serve, CLOW will only be offered the first Sunday of every month. Once more catechists come forward to serve, we will be able to offer CLOW on subsequent Sundays

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)



RCIA Invitation: If you or someone you know has been coming to Mass for a while but is not Catholic, or are a baptized Catholic who hasn't received all of the sacraments of initiation (First Eucharist or Confirmation), or if you were baptized into another faith but are interested in becoming Catholic, we invite you to look deeper into the Catholic faith with the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

Contact **Barbara Louis**, RCIA Coordinator (408) 656-5244 or Linda at the parish office.

“Take Up Your Cross” Youth Rally:



Last Saturday, September 9th, some of our young parishioners had the opportunity to attend a Youth Rally at Church of the Resurrection in Sunnyvale with renowned Catholic

singer/songwriter, Youth Minister & Evangelist, **Steve Angrisano**. You might know him from praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy with him on YouTube or you might be familiar with some of his songs, Go Make a Difference, I Am the Bread of Life, and Sacred Silence to name a few.

We are thankful that some of our youth were able to encounter Jesus through the ministry of Steve.

Pray for all our youth!

(Featured LtoR; Front: Serge, Lucia, Sean Patrick, Mai-Han; Back: Steve, Lucy, Khang, & Theo.)

Our Sunday Offerings:

	09/11/2022	Month to Date
Needed:	\$4,500	\$9,000
Collected:	\$3,733	\$11,384
Variance:	-\$767	+\$2,384


THANK YOU for your generosity!

Today's second collection is for our Monthly Grocery Fund Offering.

Next weekend there is no Second Offering.

All collections are on WeShare. If you'd like to know more, please call Linda in the office.

<https://stcsj.churchgiving.com/ws/>



San Jose Cursillo invites you to Grow your Faith!
 A great opportunity to deepen your relationship with Jesus is coming up soon. Consider going on a Catholic Cursillo weekend. Described as a short course on Christianity, Cursillo combines prayer, learning, heartfelt talks, discussions, good food and fun. You'll meet people like you who desire a stronger Catholic Faith. Leaders and speakers have a passion for the Faith. A Catholic priest rounds out the team for each weekend giving some of the talks and celebrating Mass each day. St. Clare's Retreat House, in the beautiful Santa Cruz Mountains, is the setting for both retreats.


A Cursillo weekend retreat runs from Thursday after dinner through Sunday afternoon. We invite you to seriously consider this opportunity and encourage your spouse to do so as well. If you haven't yet made a Cursillo, decide to go this Fall. If you have made your Cursillo, invite a friend. There is a modest fee for the weekend; partial or full scholarships are available.

Men's Fall Cursillo Weekend: October 6-9, 2022
Women's Fall Cursillo Weekend October 20-23, 2022
<https://www.sanjosecursillo.org/cursillo-weekend/make-my-weekend>

Also available in Filipino, Vietnamese. Contact the office to be directed to their group pages or contacts. A Korean and a Spanish Cursillo Group may exist in San Jose, however, I don't have their contact info.

Scrip Program is taking special Scrip prepaid orders this weekend. Please stop by the Scrip table to fill out a blue Scrip form with your prepaid check. Have questions, stop by the Scrip table!

Happy Birthday to...



Ruby Dominguez, Anju Thomas, Paul Bangle, Kenneth Schieck, Sudeep Louis, Milan Varadarajan, Giovanna Logerfo, Sara Moe, Jannette Vizconde, Serge Minasian, Randhir Vieira, Anne Gadd, Bill Wright, Anela Bayona, Nicholas Diaz, Erik Nystrom, Jacob Wang, Ronak Menezes and Natalia Salcido
 And belated birthday to new parishioner Larry Hayes.

Happy Anniversary to...
 Todd and Amy Trayer

Is it your Birthday or Anniversary? - Please let the parish know so we can acknowledge it next year in this space.

Community Connections / (formerly: MHM):

Coming soon: An invite to "Coffee and Conversation" Relax, listen, and be heard in a small group or one on one. Preview this during our Parish Fall Kick-off Picnic!

Tuesdays in October from 4:30-6pm (on zoom):
 Cohort #6 with Barbara Zahner, "Listen with the Ears of the Heart". For more info: barbarazahner1@mac.com.

SEPTEMBER IS SUICIDE AWARENESS MONTH—
 A GOOD TIME FOR TRAININGS FROM SANTA CLARA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH.

Save these lifesaving numbers:
 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline:
 If you or someone you know may need support now, call/text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org for 24/7 access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing mental health-related distress

Suicide Hotline: 855-278-4204 (national)
 NAMI Warmline: 408-453-0400 (M-F, 10am-6pm)

The Pope's Prayer Intention for September: Abolition of the Death Penalty
 We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

Timely bulletin articles/announcements should be submitted by Wednesday evening each week. Thank you, Linda.