

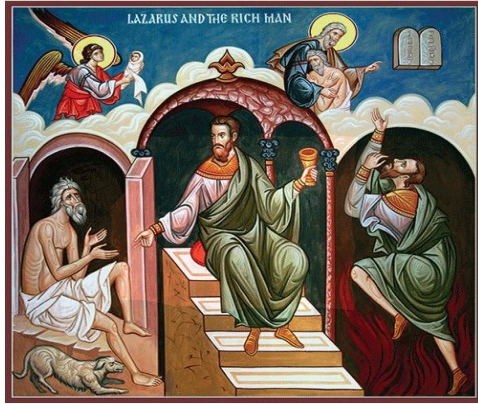


St. Thomas of Canterbury

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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time **September 24th and 25th, 2022**

'Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.'
"...Between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours."
Luke 16:24-26

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 beautiful and enjoying to be at the Ladies Tea, which has been organized by Marilyn Epolite for 17 years. As she retires from this ministry, I would like to thank her, on behalf of the parish, for her dedication and passion, for the generous amounts raised from these events over the years, and especially, for the meaningful and fun gatherings to share with each other one's blessings and of course, to enjoy the teas! Thank you very much for all the ladies who sponsored and decorated the tables, for those who donated to the raffles, and for those who were there enjoying the event. Thank you also to the men, who helped with the serving of the sweets and the teas. It was a great event!

We are blessed indeed to have each other in our community - a special character of our parish - caring for and supporting each other. As we give thanks to God for this, our parish has/had the Fall Kickoff Picnic and Ministry Fair to continue to nurture our relationship with God and with one another in our parish.

October is the month of Rosary, so I invite you to bring your rosary to Mass next weekend to be blessed. If you don't have one, one will be provided to you as a gift from our Knights of Columbus. We will, at all our Masses in October, end our Prayers of the Faithful with the Hail Mary as we ask her to intercede for us, her children.

Next Sunday, we will also be blessing animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi (Feast Day is on 10/4) at 11:15am. See you and your animals at the side entrance to the church.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Andrew

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat.	09/24/22	5:15p: Frank Militante† St. Thomas Parishioners
Sun.	09/25/22	10:00a: Peter Thuy Han † Maria Lan Pham † Al Mosier † Rachel Salcido † Bobby Ortiz † Beatrice Gomez †
Wed	09/28/22	8:30a: Victims of Violence and War
Thurs	09/29/22	8:30a: Tony & Tricia Quilici (L) Michael Quilici (L)
Fri	09/30/22	8:30a: All priests and religious

Please Pray for ...

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

Diane Boardman, Elena Garcia, Aaron Hughes and Cheryl Neves.

And for all Those Who Have Died and their families:


Donald Murphy

Scriptures to be Proclaimed Next Weekend:

October 1st and 2nd, 2022:

The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-24; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10




Priesthood Sunday!
This weekend is Priesthood Sunday. Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. At our masses this weekend you will be asked to take part in a special blessing of Father Andrew.


Join Us! after the 5:15 Mass for Fall Kick Off Parish Picnic and Ministry Fair or Sunday after the 10 am Mass for Hospitality 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 after mass this weekend. Sign-up to serve Him, He is waiting for you!

An invite to “**Coffee and Conversation**” with Community Connections.
Relax, listen, and be heard in a small group or one on one. Learn about this ministry in our parish. Visit with us during our Parish Fall Kick-off Picnic and Sunday's Ministry Fair.

Next weekend, in honor of the month of October being dedicated to the Holy Rosary, you are invited to bring your rosaries from home for a blessing. We will have available as a gift from our Knights of Columbus, rosaries and/or prayer cards for you to take home.





Also coming up next weekend, on Sunday October 2nd, in honor of the upcoming Saint Francis of Assisi Feast Day, you are invited to bring your animals for a blessing at 11:15 am Sunday in the parking lot.

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 have begun!

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).

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>

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.

PRAY FOR OUR CATECHISTS:

Last Sunday we celebrated Catechetical Sunday and all catechists were commissioned for their ministry to serve all those seeking faith formation. Please **continue to pray for them** in their vocation as catechist and pray for all those who seek to know God and the beauty and truth of the Catholic faith.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Amy Trayer
Early Childhood Education: Edna D'Souza & Arlene Sevilleja

Elementary Grades 1-6: Linda Beyer, Esmeralda Murillo, Shelly Tran & Vicki Schwoob

Confirmation: Angelica Bangle, Lucy Chai, Paul Dominic, Kishore Fernandes, Shari Smith, & Vicki Schwoob

Youth Ministry: Lucy Chai

Shared Scripture: Joyce Shannon

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.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL LADIES' TEA:

A heartfelt "Thank You" to all the wonderful women who volunteered countless hours of time to make our Seventeenth Annual Tea a huge success. Due to Covid we were unable to host a tea in 2020 & 2021. It was exciting to be able to come together to plan and prepare for the tea this year. A sincere and warm "Thank You" to the hostesses who always do an awesome job transforming their tables into exquisite masterpieces. Each year they surprise everyone with their creative and amazing work. Thank You to those who prepared the sandwiches, donated food for the tea, generously donated beautiful gift baskets, gift certificates, and other wonderful gift items to our raffle. "Thank You" to those who worked tirelessly behind the scenes. Our kitchen staff and side room helpers do a terrific job in making sure the yummy food is ready to be served to our wonderful guests and keeping us on schedule!! A special "Thank You" to the men who volunteered to serve our guests this year. It allowed our hostesses to sit with their guests if they wished. Also, a "Thank You" to Bobbie Wright who transformed our environment again this year with her beautiful tea table and chairs. This year she added some special enhancements to set the mood for our tea. Thank you to Joyce Archuleta who did a great job decorating the "ladies' restroom" and coordinating with the theme as well. In gratitude to Father Andrew who helped make sandwiches on Friday, blessed our meal, donated to our raffle, and spent the afternoon visiting with our guests. A special Thank you to our guests. If it weren't for you and your support our tea wouldn't be the success it is. Your fellowship, laughter, and fun make this event so joyful. As a result of all the generous and kind people we raised just over \$4,700.00 for our parish.

My heart is full of love and gratitude.

Many blessings to all of you.
 Marilyn Epolite

Our Sunday Offerings:

	09/18/2022	Month to Date
Needed:	\$4,500	\$13,500
Collected:	\$5,650	\$17,034
Variance:	\$1,150	+\$3,534

THANK YOU for your generosity!

There is no Second Collection today. Next week is our monthly Maintenance Fund Collection.

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

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

Happy Birthday to...

Zoe Castillo, Lucille Hayes, Cheryl Held, Holly Henry, Charlize Muyco, Zak Sellers, Sam Teresi, Brendon Wallis, Alice Doyle, Joseph Kwei, Cara Pham, Martin Procaccio, Austin Allen, Paul Boyer, Sandy Boyer and Bob Kennedy.



Happy Anniversary to...

Evan and Diane Linick
Anthony and Trisha Quilici

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):

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.

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)



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**

Guadalupe Hope Society will have their Annual Fall Fundraiser Dinner & Silent Auction on **Saturday October 29th, hosted at St. Frances Cabrini Hall. Bishop Oscar Cantu** will be joining us, along with guest speaker Dr. Anthony Lilles, S.T.D.
Tickets and Registration:
<https://guadalupehopesociety.org/gala-2022/>

Guadalupe Hope Society is also inviting you to their October Rosary & Faith Talk Luncheon on **Friday October 21st at 11:30am with Bishop Oscar Cantu.** Register to attend either in person or virtually at <https://rosaryoctober2122.eventbrite.com>
Call or email to reserve your seat at the Hall.
(408) 447-5433 admin@ghswomenscenter.com

Sacred Heart Church in Saratoga would like to invite you to their parish Carnival coming up October 14-16. See flyer in the bulletin attachments.

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.

The Catholic Church in the United States observes October as "Respect Life Month." This year, Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities invites Catholics to "practice radical solidarity and unconditional love" for pregnant and parenting mothers.

Read Archbishop Lori's full statement, "Building a Culture of Life in a Post-Roe World" here:
<https://www.usccb.org/resources/building-culture-life-post-roe-world>