



St. Thomas of Canterbury

1522 McCoy Avenue

San Jose, California 95130

Following Jesus Christ in joy, gratitude and service



The Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 1st and 2nd, 2022

The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

Luke 17:6

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>

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 to see our parish having some, what young people nowadays say, “bonding time” - spending quality time with each other at the Fall Kickoff Picnic. Our parish is blessed with a unique character of a caring community, so it was good to not only see each other at the Table of the Eucharist, but also at dinner table with food and drinks and great conversation. Thank you for being there. Thanks to our great team helping make this possible: Allison, Amy, Sandy, Stevie, Bill, Al, Shari and of course many who lent a helping hand. It was a meaningful and delicious outdoors dinner.

As our diocese continues our diocesan synod as we look forward to the future with dreams and with God’s guidance and blessings, our parish also participates in this process. Our parish had a consultation session with some of the leaders of the parish on Thursday and it was very fruitful hearing great ideas, dreams and solutions offered for our local Church addressing the needs and challenges we currently face. Let us continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and bless us in this process as the Church strives to meet and engage with people where they are. You will be given an opportunity as well to share your important ideas and dreams to the diocese in the near future. We will keep you posted when that happens.

Also, we ask God’s blessings, through the intercession of the Blessed Mother and all the saints and angels, on those involved in bringing life into the world - women, children and men and doctors, nurses and those who have been placed with the care of the lives of mothers and children. We ask God to guide us in voting yes to lives - the lives of children and mothers, not just lives, but lives of peace and joy and of fulfillment - by voting “NO” on Prop. 1. Please learn more about Prop. 1 here <https://www.dsj.org/evangelization/social-ministries/no-on-prop-1/>. Also, join all the faithful to pray for this effort of respecting God’s gift of life through the Novena to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary to Defeat Proposition 1. You can register for the reflection or view it here: <https://cacatholic.org/novena>. On behalf of the expectant mothers and future babies, thank you for lending a helping hand through your prayers and your vote.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Andrew

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat.	10/01/22	5:15p: Frank & Jennie Epolite† John Webber † Nani Quilici Leano Family
Sun.	10/02/22	10:00a: Dorothy and Fred Kramer † Joseph Arant † St Thomas Parishioners
Wed	10/05/22	8:30a: Bernadette Jensen † Gene Bray †
Thurs	10/06/22	8:30a: For our First Responders Those impacted by Hurricane Ian
Fri	10/07/22	8:30a: Lilia Frojelin † Maria Chau Huyuh †

Please Pray for ...

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

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

And for all Those Who Have Died and their families:

Joseph Arant

Scriptures to be Proclaimed Next Weekend:

October 8th and 9th, 2022:

The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

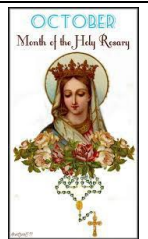
2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19



Priesthood Sunday!

Last weekend was Priesthood Sunday. We received prayer cards from the Serra Club for you to take home and pray daily for our pastor and other priests. The cards are at the exits. Please take one home.

This 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. If you need one, our Knights of Columbus, Fr Mark Catalana Council, will be giving out rosaries and/or prayer cards at end of Mass.



Also this weekend, on Sunday, in honor of the upcoming Saint Francis of Assisi Feast Day, you are invited to bring your animals (or a proxy) for a blessing at 11:15 am Sunday in the side parking lot.

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 next week, **Saturday, October 8, 2022**

October 1-2, 2022

The Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) has returned this Sunday, October 2nd!

All children grades 1-6 are invited to join! Children will be dismissed right after the Collect (prayer), to listen to and discuss the readings of the Mass (The Liturgy of the Word). Children will return to the assembly after the general intercessions.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is an opportunity for children to hear God's Word proclaimed at their level of understanding. CLOW will take place the First Sunday of every month led by catechist, Amy Trayer.

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.

**SAINT THOMAS OF CANTERBURY
TRUNK OR TREAT!**

Sunday, October 30th,

10 am Mass –

Join us for Mass in your costume (if you like)!

11 am – Join us for hospitality after Mass

11:15 am – Visit decorated cars in the parking lot and collect treats

12:00 noon – Prizes awarded for best costumes and best trunk decorations!

If you are able to volunteer to help in any way, please scan the QR Code for more information and to sign up!



Vote NO on Proposition 1

Did you know that Proposition #1 on the upcoming ballot allows for abortion through all nine months? Yes, up to the moment of birth!

The California Catholic Conference is opposed to Proposition 1: The California Catholic Conference vehemently opposes Proposition 1, which looks to enshrine the most extreme forms of abortion into the Californian constitution. The constitutional amendment...will legalize and protect abortion up to the point just prior to delivery."

We know that if all Catholics in California, regardless of party affiliation, vote against it (October 12-November 8), it will not pass.

Vote and Pray with us to save women and children from this terrible proposition.

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>

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

Our Sunday Offerings:

	09/25/2022	Month to Date
Needed:	\$4,500	\$18,000
Collected:	\$5,043	\$22,077
Variance:	\$543	+\$4,077

THANK YOU for your generosity!

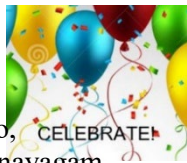
This week is our monthly Maintenance Fund Collection. No second collection next weekend.

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...

Dylan Curtin, Jose Tapia, Tobin Joseph, Angelica Bangle, Harvey Chuang, Jack Arango, Carol Aguilar, John Castillo, Joseph Stephen-Louis, Mariatra Maruthanayagam, Michael Derse, Bill Schlaefel, Katheerine McKinley, Paul Maruthanayagam, Caelyn Dyer and Giovanni Besio.



Happy Anniversary to...

Michael & Teresa Cunniff

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

Mass Supporting Mother's and Children & Workshop on Prop 1:

Please join Bishop Cantú **Saturday, Oct 8 at 8:30 AM** at **St. Frances Cabrini Parish** and pray for pregnant and parenting women and children as we build and promote the culture of life in our society. Fr. Angelbert Chikere will lead a Workshop on Proposition 1 after Mass with guest Christopher J. Bakes, Esq.



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>

**The Pope's Prayer Intention for October:
A Church Open to Everyone**

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

Community Connections:

Faithful Citizenship and Civil Dialogue:

Before you go to the polls, mail in or drop off your ballot, be sure to check out the resources available from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), especially, <https://www.usccb.org/offices/justice-peace-human-development/forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship>, and the California Catholic Conference, at <https://cacatholic.org/insights>.

In our own Diocese of San Jose, the Office of Life, Justice and Peace (LJP) is developing additional resources. Join us **Wednesday, October 26th** from 7 – 8:30 pm for the first Faithful Citizenship event at St. Martin of Tours, featuring the new director of LJP, Fr. Angelbert Chikere. As Catholics, we look to the church for guidance, not to tell us how to vote, but how to form our consciences in keeping with Catholic Social Teaching, as we discern how to cast our ballots on policy positions as well as candidates for public office.

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)

Catholic Professionals Meeting
Thursday, October 13
Member \$20, Non-member \$30
7:00- 9:00 am
Three Flames Restaurant
1547 Meridian Ave, San Jose



Bringing Faith To Your Ballot Box: Will be discussing Catholic Social Teaching, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, & Is there a "Catholic" Vote? This meeting's speaker will be Kathleen Domingo, Executive Director at the California Catholic Conference.

Register at:

<https://www.sjcatholicprofessionals.com/>