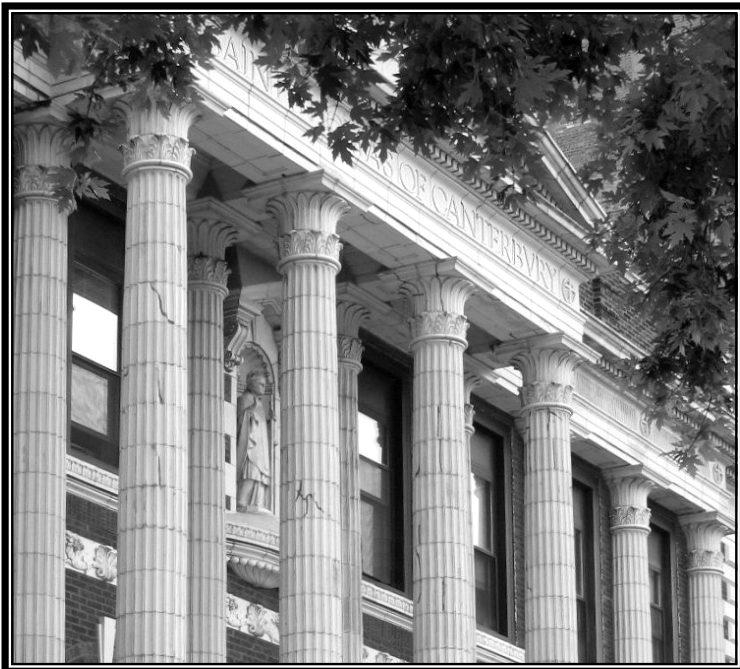


St. Thomas of Canterbury Parish

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December 16, 2018
Third Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS

SUNDAY December 16

8:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m.

MONDAY December 17

8:00 a.m. + Maureen Clancy
All Souls

TUESDAY December 18

8:00 a.m. + Louis E. Mikel
All Souls

WEDNESDAY December 19

8:00 a.m.

THURSDAY December 20

8:00 a.m. + Maureen Clancy

FRIDAY December 21

8:00 a.m. + Louis E. Mikel

SATURDAY December 22

8:00 a.m.

Baptisms and Marriages

Registered parishioners requesting Baptism should contact the Parish Office for an appointment at least **two months** prior to the Baptism.

Registered parishioners requesting Marriage should contact the Parish Office at least **six months** in advance.

Bautismos y Matrimonios

Feligreses registrados interesando en el bautismo necesitan contactar la parroquia a menos que **dos meses** antes del bautismo. Feligreses registrados interesando en el matrimonio necesitan contactar la parroquia a menos que **seis meses** antes de la boda.

Saint Thomas/Saint Ita Pastoral Staff

Fr. Robert Cook, OFM Conv., Pastor
Fr. Arturo Felix, OFM Conv., Associate Pastor
Fr. Robert Melnick, OFM Conv., Associate Pastor
Fr. Jim Barrett, Senior Priest in Residence
Rev. Mr. Jaime Rios, Deacon & Pastoral Associate
Rev. Mr. Antonio Rodriguez, Deacon
Rev. Mr. Ron Stricker, Deacon
Candido Reyna, Director of Religious Education

Saint Thomas of Canterbury Parish Staff

Christine Boyd, School Principal
Br. Joseph Schenk, OFM Conv., Director of Outreach
Jim Eder, Soup Kitchen
Nancy Martinez, Food Pantry/Clothing Room
Christine Pao, Business Manager

Parish Office: Mon–Fri 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
tel: (773) 878-5507
e-mail: STCUptown@yahoo.com

School: 5525 N. Magnolia Ave.
tel: (773) 271-8655

Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass:

8:00 a.m. Vietnamese/Laotian
10:00 a.m. English
12:00 p.m. Spanish
3:00 p.m. Eritrean (1st Sunday of the month)

Weekday Mass: Monday–Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mon-Sat following the 8:00 Mass at St. Thomas,
Sat-Sun at 4:30 p.m. at St. Ita, or by appointment

Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Tues. 6–7 p.m.
followed by Vespers and Mon-Sat 8:30–9:30 a.m.

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help –
Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m.

Outreach Ministries

Soup Kitchen – Tuesdays and Fridays at 5:30 p.m.

Food Pantry – Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.–12 noon
2nd and 4th Friday in December, 9:30–12 noon

Clothing Room – Thursdays 9:30 a.m.–12 noon
(please call ahead)

*Food/clothing donations may be dropped off at the
rectory during office hours. Volunteers welcome!*

Advent Penance Service

St. Ita Church
5500 N. Broadway
Wednesday December 19th at 7:00 pm

Volunteers Needed

The St. Thomas of Canterbury Soup Kitchen is looking for volunteers on every Tuesday and Friday from Tuesday, December 14th thru Friday, January 18th. Volunteers are asked to arrive at around 3:30 pm to assist with prep/setup and stay until 7 pm for cleanup. The meal itself runs from 5:30-6:30. If you would like to volunteer please contact Br. Joe Schenk at stcsoup@yahoo.com or call the St. Thomas of Canterbury office at 773-878-5507. Thank you!

Those who are ill or who have requested prayers: Los enfermos y los que han solicitado oraciones:

+Maureen Clancy, Guillermo & Gloria Cortez, Fernie Payan, Rosie Payan, Mario Avila, Silver Alfonso Guzman, Mary Lou D., Mary Rose & Ann Leonard, Hilda & Ernesto Duarte, + Michael Comer, Jesus Dacuma

Names will remain on our prayer list for 30 days unless prior arrangements are made. Please send prayer requests to stcparish@yahoo.com or call the parish office.

Sunday Collection / Ofrenda Dominical

| | Week | Month | Fiscal YTD |
|-------------------|---------|---------|------------|
| Christmas Flowers | \$698 | | |
| 12/9/2018 | \$1,671 | \$3,528 | \$36,475 |
| Retired Religious | \$480 | | |
| YTD Budget | \$1,600 | \$3,200 | \$38,400 |
| 12/10/2017 | \$1,618 | \$2,912 | \$36,967 |

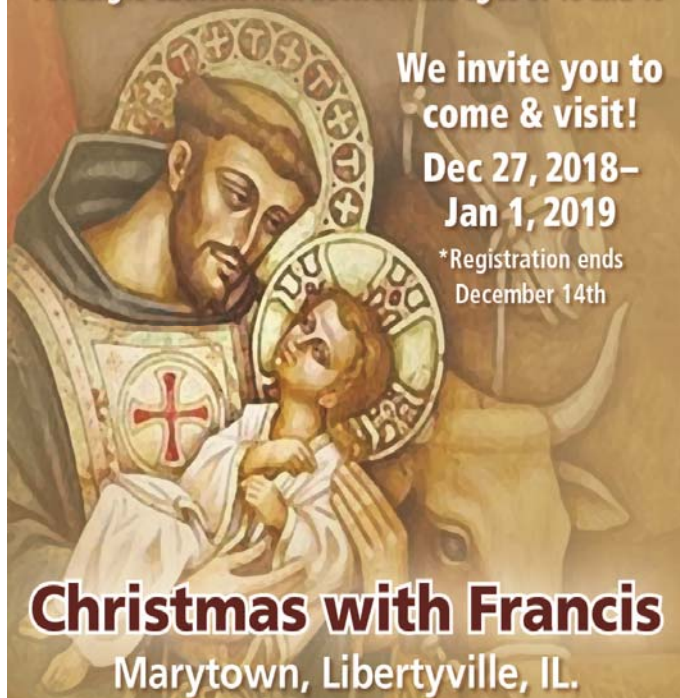
Thank you for your generous support of our church.
Gracias por su apoyo generoso a nuestra iglesia.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;
Mt 1:1-17
Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;
Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab,
16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;
Lk 1:46-56
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;
Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO THE FRANCISCAN LIFE?

For single Catholic men between the ages of 18 and 40



We invite you to
come & visit!

Dec 27, 2018-
Jan 1, 2019

*Registration ends
December 14th

Christmas with Francis
Marytown, Libertyville, IL.

To Register, contact Fr. Hans Flondor, OFM Conv., at
847-367-6316 or friarvocations@gmail.com
Visit Us at franciscancommunity.com

Saturday, February 2, 2019

6:30PM



Spaghetti
DINNER

ST. ITA FUNDRAISING EVENT

Let's celebrate St. "ITA"liano style!

SAVE THE DATE

On February 2, 2019 after the 5:30PM Mass, the Special Events Committee will host the Spaghetti Dinner. This is a fun event for the entire family! Tickets will be on sale after Mass the weekends in January. This event is very popular, so be sure to buy your tickets after Mass at one of the Masses. Mark your calendar now!

De los Frailes

Nosotros pedimos que Santa Ita y Santo Tomás de Canterbury se conviertan en una parroquia el 31 de mayo (la Fiesta de la Visitación de la Bienaventurada Virgen María), antes de la fecha en la que termina el año fiscal. En las próximas semanas, exploraremos la espiritualidad rica de este momento de la vida de María en lo que se refiere a nuestra unión.

Como Nuestra Señora y su prima Santa Isabel, las dos parroquias tienen mucho en común: Congregaciones diversas, una comunidad que habla español, la arquitectura de Henry Schlacks bajo la dirección del Cardenal Mundelein.

También hay una gran complementariedad entre las dos parroquias, que suplementa la otra. Santo Tomás se conoce a través de la Arquidiócesis por su alcance en el corazón de Uptown. Santa Ita conocida por su diversidad, belleza y vida rica parroquial. Y ahora, ustedes pertenecen el uno a la otra.

Santa Ita, su parroquia ahora tiene una cocina de sopa, un cuarto de ropa, una despensa de alimentos, escuela parroquial con 250 estudiantes, una Misa Dominical Trilingüe en Vietnamita, Lao e Inglés, una misa mensual en el antiguo Rito Ge'ez para Católicos de Etiopía y Eritrea, y una Oficina de Restablecimiento de Refugiados de Caridades Católicas.

Santo Tomás, ahora es parte de una de las más diversas parroquias con 1100 parroquianos cada domingo. El mayor número de personas crea una vida parroquial vibrante, con todo desde conciertos y cinco coros/grupos musicales, una Sociedad para el Altar y Asociación de los Servidores del Altar a los Caballeros de Colón y Franciscanos Seculares; dos programas de Educación Religiosa y oportunidades para catequesis regular a devociones diarias y Adoración Eucarística; de la hermandad del Festival anual Sabores de Verano y comidas de espaguetis, desayunos de panqueques y un desfile de modas, a las Guadalupanas, la Asociación de Nuestra Señora de la Caridad, los Comités de Filipinos y de Nigeria.

Igual que la Bienaventurada Madre trajo a Cristo a Santa Isabel, así también nuestras parroquias traen a Cristo una a la otra con más oportunidades de servicio, alabanza y hermandad.

Padre Bob y Los Frailes

From the Friars

We asked that Saint Ita and Thomas of Canterbury become one parish on May 31 (the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary), rather than the date that ends the fiscal year. In the coming weeks, we will explore the rich spirituality of this moment from Mary's life as it relates to our merger.

Like Our Lady and her cousin Saint Elizabeth, the two parishes have much in common: diverse congregations, a Spanish-speaking community, the architecture of Henry Schlacks under the direction of Cardinal Mundelein.

There is also a great complementarity between the two parishes, which supplements the other. St. Thomas is known throughout the archdiocese for its outreach in the heart of Uptown. St. Ita is known for its diversity, beauty and rich parish life. And now, you belong to each other.

Saint Ita, your parish now has a soup kitchen, clothing room, food pantry, parish school with 250 students, a trilingual Sunday Mass in Vietnamese, Lao and English, a monthly mass in the ancient Ge'ez Rite for the Catholics of Ethiopia and Eritrea and Catholic Charities' Refugee Resettlement office.

Saint Thomas, you are now part of one of Chicago's most diverse parishes with 1,100 parishioners every Sunday. The larger number of people creates a vibrant parish life, with everything from concerts and five choirs/musical groups, an Altar Society and Altar Servers' Guild to the Knights of Columbus and Secular Franciscans; from two Religious Education programs and regular catechesis opportunities to daily devotions and Eucharistic Adoration; from the fellowship of the annual Taste of Summer Festival and spaghetti suppers, pancake breakfasts and a fashion show, to Las Guadalupanas, the Society of Our Lady of Charity, the Filipino and Nigerian Committees.

Just as the Blessed Mother brought Christ to Saint Elizabeth, so too do our parishes bring Christ to each other in more opportunities for service, worship and fellowship.

Fr. Bob and Friars

CHRISTMAS AT ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

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| Monday, Dec 24, 2018 | Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, Dec 25, 2018 | Christmas Day Masses 8:00 a.m. (Viet/Lao) 10:00 a.m. (English/Spanish) No 12:00 Mass |
| Saturday, Jan 5, 2019 | 8:00 p.m. Eritrean Christmas Mass |

NAVIDAD EN STO. TOMÁS DE CANTERBURY

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| Lunes, 24 Diciembre | Misa de Nochebuena 4:00 p.m. |
| Martes, 25 Diciembre | Misas de Navidad 8:00 a.m. (Viet/Lao) 10:00 a.m. (Ingles/Español) No hay Misa de 12:00 p.m. |
| Sábado, 5 Enero 2019 | 8:00 p.m. Misa de Navidad Eritrea |