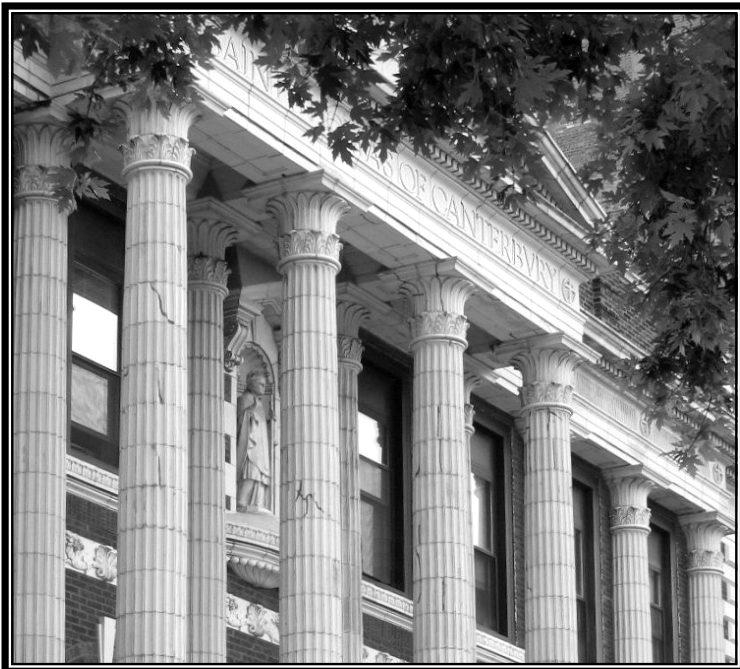


St. Thomas of Canterbury Parish

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January 13, 2019
The Baptism of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS

SUNDAY January 13
8:00 a.m. St. Thomas Parish
Community
10:00 a.m. Cynthia & Samantha
MBulo - intentions
12:00 p.m. + Zonia Sanchez

MONDAY January 14
8:00 a.m.

TUESDAY January 15
8:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY January 16
8:00 a.m.

THURSDAY January 17
8:00 a.m.

FRIDAY January 18
8:00 a.m.

SATURDAY January 19
8:00 a.m. + Walter Kachmaryk

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
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
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School: 5525 N. Magnolia Ave.
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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 January 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!*

Food Pantry Collection Sunday January 13th
Colecta para la despensa de comida Domingo 13 de enero

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

**Coffee, Creamer, Sugar, Oil, and
 Mayonnaise**



Thank you for your generosity!
 ¡Gracias por su generosidad!

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, January 20, there will be a second collection for the Church in Latin America. Thank you!

SEGUNDA COLECTA EL PRÓXIMO DOMINGO

El próximo domingo el 20 de enero, habrá una segunda colecta para la Iglesia en Latinoamérica. ¡Gracias!

Sunday Collection / Ofrenda Dominical

	Week	Month	Fiscal YTD
12/30/2018	\$1,882	\$10,651	\$43,597
1/6/2019	\$1,665	\$1,665	\$46,017
Christmas/Navidad	\$755		\$3,242
TTWCI	\$578		
YTD Budget	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$47,800
1/7/2018	\$1,794	\$1,794	\$47,548

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

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

+Maureen Clancy, Guillermo & Gloria Cortez,
 Fernie & Elean Payan, Rosie Payan, Mario Avila, Silver Alfonso
 Guzman, Mary Lou D., Mary Rose & Ann Leonard, Hilda &
 Ernesto Duarte, + Michael Comer, Jesus Dacuma, Josh Garcia,
 Brenda Kay & Family, Casey & Tyler Callahan, Ramon Frutos,
 Arceli Karanuskas, Josh Garcia, Alice Lopez, Isabel Perez, Gene &
 Juanita Garcia, Auggie Sanchez, Casey Callahan, +Naomi Brown
*Names will remain on our prayer list for 30 days unless prior arrangements
 are made. Please send prayer requests to steparish@yahoo.com or call the
 parish office.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9;
 Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8;
 Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
 Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10;
 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Please join us downstairs
 for Coffee Hour today
 after the 10 am Mass!



ST. ITA PARISH MISSION
Responding to Domestic Violence
in Our Community
Fr. Charles W. Dahm

Although, largely unseen, domestic violence is rampant in the United States, including in our community. Calls about domestic violence are the most frequent received by local police in our community.

**On Monday, January 14 at 7:00 p.m.,
 Fr. Dahm will speak at Jubilee Hall** with those parishioners interested in learning more about domestic violence and/or helping our parish respond to the needs of victims in our community as sensitively and compassionately as we can.

Tax Credit Scholarship - Matching Gift Program

You can receive a 75 percent Illinois state income tax credit for donating to needs-based scholarships through the Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship program. Scholarships can be designated to support a particular school, and St. Thomas of Canterbury School is qualified to receive scholarship funds.

To encourage others to take advantage of this great program, a group of generous donors have agreed to pool their resources and offer a 2-for-1 matching gift program to schools run by the Archdiocese of Chicago. For every dollar designated to a qualifying school through Empower Illinois between December 1, 2018 and February 28, 2019, the school will receive two dollars in matching funds. The donations are capped at \$100,000 per school.

For more information please visit
www.archchicago.org/tcs or call 312.534.2617.

De los Frailes

La imagen de la Bienaventurada Virgen María visitando a Santa Isabel—llevando a Jesús con ella en su vientre—es un gran símbolo para la unificación de nuestras dos parroquias. Cada parroquia es como la Santísima Madre, trayendo a Cristo a la otra. A medida que continuamos llegar a conocer unos a otros, empezaremos a entender ¡cuán benditos son estos dones!

Un regalo que Santo Tomás trae a Santa Ita es su Comunidad de la Sagrada Familia de Eritrea. Santo Tomás es la Iglesia madre de estos Católicos Eritreos que tienen su propio antiguo rito litúrgico (llamado Ge'ez). Semejante al Rito Bizantino (y parte del Rito Alejandrino), el rito Ge'ez usa un lenguaje litúrgico antiguo para sus oraciones, mientras partes de la lengua vernácula (en este caso, tigrigna para eritreos y amárico para etíopes).

Esta comunidad—compuesta de cerca de 60 familias de Chicago y Milwaukee—han llamado a Santo Tomás su hogar desde principios de los 80 cuando los primeros refugiados eritreos comenzaron a llegar a Uptown. ¿Por qué STC? La mayoría de los recién llegados no sabían conducir y STC estaba a poca distancia. La comunidad de STC estaba feliz de darles la bienvenida y han sido parte de la familia desde entonces.

Mientras que el resto de nuestras dos iglesias estaban celebrando la Epifanía este fin de semana, la Comunidad de la Sagrada Familia estaba celebrando su ¡Vigilia de Navidad! Esto es porque el Rito Ge'ez usa el Calendario Juliano y no el Calendario Gregoriano (utilizado por los Ritos Latinos), que calcula la fecha del nacimiento de Jesús de una manera diferente.

Somos la única parroquia en el Medio Oeste que celebra la liturgia Ge'ez una vez al mes. Su sacerdote—Padre Awte Weldu—es Fraile Capuchino Franciscano de Eritrea ¡viviendo en Chicago! Qué alegría es ser parte de una parroquia tan diversa, solo se hizo más diversa por nuestra unificación.

Padre Bob y Los Frailes



From the Friars

The image of the Blessed Virgin Mary visiting St. Elizabeth—carrying Jesus with her in her womb—is a great symbol for the unification of our two parishes. Each parish is like the Blessed Mother, bringing Christ to the other. As we continue to get to know each other, we will begin to understand how blessed these gifts are!

One gift that St. Thomas brings to Saint Ita is its Eritrean Holy Family Community. St. Thomas is the mother Church to these Eritrean Catholics who have their own ancient liturgical rite (called Ge'ez). Similar to the Byzantine Rite (and part of the Alexandrian Rite), the Ge'ez rite uses an ancient liturgical language for its prayers, while parts of the vernacular (in this case, Tigrigna for Eritreans and Amharic for Ethiopians).

This community—made up of about 60 families from Chicago and Milwaukee—have called St. Thomas their home since the early 1980's when the first Eritrean refugees began arriving in Uptown. Why STC? Most of the new arrivals did not know how to drive and STC was in walking distance. The STC community was happy to welcome them and they have been part of the family ever since.

While the rest of our two Churches were celebrating the Epiphany this weekend, the Holy Family Community was celebrating its Christmas Vigil! This is because the Ge'ez Rite uses the Julian Calendar and not the Gregorian Calendar (used by the Latin Rites), which calculates the date of Jesus' birth in a different way.

We are the only parish in the Midwest that celebrates the Ge'ez liturgy on a monthly basis. Their priest—Fr. Awte Weldu—is a Capuchin Franciscan friar from Eritrea living in Chicago! What a joy it is to be part of such a diverse parish, only made more diverse by our unification.

Fr. Bob and Friars

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

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 at St. Ita the weekends in January. This event is very popular, so buy your tickets today!