



ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA

A CATHOLIC PARISH FAMILY - PALATINE, IL

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January 1, 2023 | Mary, the Holy Mother of God



Mary
kept all these things,
reflecting on them
in her heart.

~ Luke 2:19



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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

Saturday
English: 5:00pm

Sunday
English: 7:15am & 10:00am*
Polish: 8:30am* & 11:30am
* Livestreamed

WEEKDAY

8:00am (Including Saturday)

1st FRIDAY

Polish: 7:00pm

COMMUNION SERVICE

Friday
6:30am

ADORATION

Thursday
After 8:00am Mass—7:00pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday
After 8:00am Mass,

1st Friday
5:30pm—6:45pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
9:00am—5:00pm

Thursday
9:00am—8:00pm

Friday
9:00am—1:00pm

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

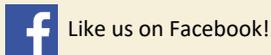
Monday, 1/2/2023

Parish Information



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WWW.STOV.ORG
for the latest STV information, resources and
our PARISH CALNDAR!



Saint Thomas of Villanova Parish- STOV

NEW PARISHIONERS: All are welcome! Visit our website www.stov.org to download our registration form or call the Parish Office for more information about our Parish.

BAPTISM: Visit our website www.stov.org to fill out a request form for a baptism or call the Parish Office for more information.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements for the celebration of marriage should be made at least six (6) months prior to your planned wedding date. Call Deacon Tom Dunne for more info.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC: Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Process is for adults who were never baptized in any faith, who were baptized in another Christian faith but wish to become Catholic or who were baptized Catholics but never received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Contact Deacon Mark Duffey at rcia@stov.org for more info.

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND: Ministers of Care are available to bring Communion to the homebound. Contact Deacon Tom Dunne for information.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Contact the Parish Office to add your name to the sick list. Due to patient privacy (HIPAA Law,) only the ailing person, or in case of their incapacitation, the person delegated for the medical care, can add their name to the sick list.

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL: Contact the Parish Office to add a name of someone serving in the military, so our faith community can pray for their safety and service.

FUNERALS: Please contact our Parish Office for more information to plan a funeral service.

PARISH STAFF

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Rev. Marcin Zasada, Assoc. Pastor
Msgr. John Canary, Weekend Assoc.

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Deacon Mark Duffey
Deacon Tom Dunne
Deacon Bill Karstenson
Deacon Len Marturano
Deacon Derek Oliver

Pastoral Council

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Karen Pawlak
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Tomm Smithe

Deadlines: Bulletin and Flocknote articles due on Fridays—9 days before publication date.

Presider Schedule for January 7 / 8

	Presider	Deacon
ENGLISH: Saturday—5:00pm	Fr. Marcin*	Len Marturano
ENGLISH: Sunday—7:15am	Fr. Marcin*	Tom Dunne
ENGLISH: Sunday—10:00am	Fr. Marcin*	Bill Karstenson
POLISH: Sunday—8:30am	Fr. Kris*	
POLISH: Sunday—11:30am	Fr. Kris*	

* Preaching



Our Weekly Prayers



FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Gene Marcelo Vivado

FOR OUR SICK

Lou Akins
Lisa Antonelli
Baby Aubrey
Helene Behrman
Anthony Benecik
Alex Bingham
Mary Carlson
Lauren Clark
Carmen Cline
Jason Dean
Ramil Diaz
Dan Diewald
Nona Dix
Jeanne Formanski
Jaime Forseth
Steve Fortunski
Michael Gerambia
Bill Gerl

Philip Giuntoli
Tommy Glaser
Grace Gorska
Judy Gott
Patti Grabowski
Timothy Griffin
Jean Haen
David Hicks
Deacon Bill Karstenson
Barbara Kerlin
Mary King
Mary Alice Kobler
Susan Kordell
James LaCapra
Louis LaCapra
Sue Langowski
Gene Lazich
Mary Margaret Lazich

Robert C. Lee
John Lenz
Harold Lewis
Rosa Lopez
Ron Magnuson
Alexa Rae Mang
Eva Mannina
Elayne Maruska
Brunilda Melendez
JoAnn Moser
Jeff Moskala
Lana Murley
David Jace Paprocki
Amie Parisi
Emily Piscitelli
Joe Roberts
Brad Rohrsen
Jane Samojla

Adam Serena
Eric Serena
George Serena
Amy Sloma
Sue Sloma
Virgilio Sotto
Kristina Sromek
Richard Steelman
Joseph Suchowski
Robert Szott
Sharon Tadsen
Luke Wilberding
Susan Wilberding
Charmaine Zuchel
Erin Zwadoo

IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

Lord, bless the men and women of our military as they answer the call to serve our nation and defend our freedom. Protect and heal them-- body, soul, mind and spirit--especially those in harm's way. Most of all let them know your love; that you are with them, and that you will never forsake or abandon them. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

U.S. Air Force

- A1C Arick Duffey
- 1LT Kirsten Eissman
- MSGT Dan Fialek
- MSGT Matthew Grelck
- 1LT Brad Hutchison
- Lt Col Ross A. Mol
- SrA Joshua Olszak
- MAJ Matthew Walz

U.S. Army

- Lt. Col Bernadette O'Shea Bland
- SFC Brian J. Dankowski
- SPC Jack Davis

- SSG Raymond Dickinson
- SSG Christopher M. Fedrick
- MAJ Jon Meier
- CWO2 Timothy O'Cain
- MAJ James Ruetsche, Ranger

U.S. Coast Guard

- CPO Nick Gaines
- LT Kevin O'Brien

U.S. Marine Corps

- LCpl Nicholas G. Dean
- WO2 Thomas Grygowski
- SSGT Cameron Miller
- SGT Kyle Rich

- CAPT Jake Schlenbecker

U.S. Navy

- LT Jeremy Adams
- LCDR Kevin Brandwein
- CMDR John-Paul Falardeau
- PO3 Caleb Harrington
- PO2 David Holley
- PO1 Konrad Otachel

And all those serving in the Middle East.

FOR ALL CLERGY IN FORMATION

Pray for Justin, Jack and all Seminarians as they continue their priestly formation.

PRAYER SUPPORT

STV Prayer Ministry can provide Healing Prayer via phone or Zoom. All prayer is confidential. Email stv4prayer@gmail.com with your prayer requests. A Prayer Ministry member will respond to set up a prayer time with you. *NOTE: Healing Prayer does not replace the Sacraments of Reconciliation or Anointing of the Sick.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 2

8:00am All Who Are Sick

Tuesday, January 3

8:00am ☩ Katy & Jim Tracy

Wednesday, January 4

8:00am All Medical Personnel

Thursday, January 5

8:00am ☩ David Sladky

Friday, January 6

8:00am ☩ Irene & Ray McNamee

7:00pm Mass—POLISH

Saturday, January 7

8:00am ☩ Roman & Virginia Barski

5:00pm ☩ John Permantier

☩ Ann Cheatham

Intention for Justin, Jack & Fellow Seminarians

Saturday, January 8

7:15am For Peace, Especially In Ukraine

8:30am Mass—POLISH

10:00am ☩ Felicia Letkiewicz

☩ Virginia Palen Long

☩ Barbara & Michael McGrath

11:30am Mass-POLISH

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:22-27).

Psalm — May God be merciful and bless us (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).

Gospel — The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).

DAILY READINGS

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;

Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



ON A NEW NAME, A NEW YEAR, A NEW RESOLVE

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The first time I heard “Mary, Undoer of Knots,” I was on the Unification Team as my home parish--St. Constance--and St. Robert Bellarmine were merging into one. The team had asked parishioners at both locations for potential names for the new, combined parish that we’d then send to the Cardinal, and the names shouldn’t include “Our Lady of ” or “Mother of,” as these were already in play around the archdiocese.

Accordingly, when someone submitted the name “Mary, Undoer of Knots,” it qualified. I quickly Googled it--as did others--and we all learned that the title relates to a Marian devotion going back to 17th century Germany. Seems a nobleman and his wife were having marital problems. The nobleman met with a local priest for advice. The priest sought Mary’s intercession to “untie the knots” of the marriage, and after a while, the nobleman and his wife reconciled. The story didn’t end there, though...

Years later, the man and his wife’s grandson became a priest, and he commissioned a painting of Mary--this Undoer-of-Knots--to be displayed in a German church. While the artist painted Mary akin to the woman described in Revelation (“...a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet...”), differences exist. For one, the artist’s Mary is holding a white ribbon, knotted at one end, but free-flowing after passing through her hands. Nice.

Which, perhaps, is what St. Irenaeus, our most recent Doctor of the Church (per an article on oursundayvisitor.com) had foretelling-ly in mind centuries earlier when he said, “The knot of Eve’s disobedience was untied by the obedience of Mary; what the virgin Eve bound by her unbelief, the Virgin Mary loosened by her faith.” Nobody on the Unification Team knew any of this, of course, but in our defense, neither did Father Jorge Bergoglio. Until he was studying in Germany in the 1980’s, I mean.

That’s when the future Pope Francis learned of Mary, Undoer of Knots. Later (per another site), a reproduction of the painting was enshrined at a Buenos Aires church, and later still, Cardinal Bergoglio said, “We all have knots or deficiencies in our hearts. God, our good Father...wants us to trust her, to entrust to Her the knots of our sins...that prevent us from uniting ourselves with God, to allow Her to untie them and bring us to Her son Jesus.” I’ve prayed the MUoK novena myself. It’s beautiful.

Our priests spoke of MUoK after the Cardinal approved the name, but I’m re-visiting her on this Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin. Why? Because many of us make JAN 1 resolutions to be a better person, and I know from experience that such resolve is difficult. For each of us, though, MUoK is ready to intercede on our behalf if we but ask her. In today’s Gospel, Mary listens to the shepherds’ story about the angels’ message, and “she kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.” I like to think she keeps us there, too. Got knots? This is the woman we should all want on our side. Happy New Year. Happy Resolve. Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for us.

Links to Fr. Kris' homilies on YouTube for January 1:

- ◆ English: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lyA_jk1RdLE
- ◆ Polish: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AOXU-8VVARM>





ANGELS FOR ANGELA'S THANK YOU!

While the weather on Saturday was cloudy and chilly, our Gathering Area was filled with the warmth and generosity of our parishioners as you filled the area with so many gifts. We were able to celebrate our 31st year of being “angels” to our sister school. The representatives from St. Angela were, once again, overwhelmed and so very appreciative of the generosity of the people of St. Thomas. They wanted to make sure that we conveyed their appreciation and thank you’s to all of you. I, too, want to express my gratitude and appreciation for your help in making this another successful year! God Bless! - Tom Dunne

Donations from our Religious Ed Families



"Angels On Wings" that delivered the gifts



After a 3-year hiatus, the STV Couples Bags Tournament is returning!

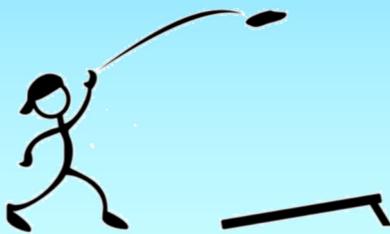
SAVE THE DATE!

When: Saturday, January 28th, 2023 after 5pm Mass

Where: Rowley Activity Center

Who: All dating, engaged, or married couples

Watch the bulletin for further details!



If you would like to help with this event, please call Steve (847-436-5992) or Lisa (630-945-7753) Korney.



INSTITUTE FOR DIACONAL STUDIES

The Institute for Diaconal Studies (IDS) invites all men who feel the gentle nudge of the Holy Spirit to attend an Exploring the Diaconate session. Please join us, with your wives, if married, as we explore the potential of a vocation, engage in dialogue and pray in search of the next step. All are welcome to attend any of the sessions.

RSVP REQUIRED Contact Sr. Caroline Onuoha, DMMM at 847.837.4563 or conuoha@usml.edu

7:30–8:30 P.M.

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| Thursday, January 5, 2023 | Zoom |
| Monday, February 6, 2023 | Zoom |
| Tuesday, March 7, 2023 | Zoom |
| Monday, April 24, 2023 | Our Lady of Ransom, Niles |
| Tuesday, May 9, 2023 | Our Lady of Ransom, Niles |

For more information contact Deacon Bob Puhala, bpuhala@usml.edu or 847.837.4564 or visit us at usml.edu.

Application deadline for 2023–2024: July 15, 2023.

Parish News & Events

PARISH OFFICE—CLOSED

- ◆ NEW YEARS: Monday, January 2

GOLDEN VILLANOVANS

The Golden Villanovans monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 11 at 1:00pm in Meeting Rooms A & B. Presentation from Addolorata Villa.



NEW MATERIAL IN MULTI-MEDIA RACK

Take a look in the Gathering Area Faith Formation rack. There are many options to help grow your faith, including the following new material:

⇒ **Book: *Mercy and Hope*; MIKE PACER**

- Flowing forth from the Heart of Jesus is a torrent of mercy that is the source of much needed hope for our world. Discover how in God's mercy we find a reason for joy here on earth and a reasonable expectation for eternal joy in Heaven. Hope is not merely a feeling, but also an action through which our lives are transformed. Mike provides practical suggestions on how we can live more joyful lives through being merciful to others and receiving mercy ourselves.

⇒ **Book: *The Case for Jesus*; DR. BRANT PITRE;**

⇒ **Book: *Jesus & the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist*; DR. BRANT PITRE**

- For well over a hundred years now, many scholars have questioned the historical truth of the Gospels, claiming that they were originally anonymous. Others have even argued that Jesus of Nazareth did not think he was God and never claimed to be divine. Dr. Brant Pitre goes back to the sources—the biblical and historical evidence for Christ—in order to answer several key questions.
- As *The Case for Jesus* will show, recent discoveries in New Testament scholarship, as well as neglected evidence from ancient manuscripts and the early church fathers, together have the potential to pull the rug out from under a century of skepticism toward the traditional Gospels. Above all, Pitre shows how the divine claims of Jesus of Nazareth can only be understood by putting them in their ancient Jewish context.
- In *Jesus & the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist*, Dr. Brant Pitre uses the Hebrew Scriptures and Jewish tradition to frame the actions of Jesus at the Last Supper, and to provide a fresh look at the heart of Catholic practice — the Eucharist. By taking us back to the Jewish roots of our faith, Dr. Pitre gives us a powerful lens through which to see anew the bread of the presence, the manna, the Last Supper, and ultimately the meaning of the Eucharist.



Are you Pregnant or Parenting in Difficult Circumstances?

YOUR CHURCH IS HERE TO HELP!

All of the resources you need on ONE website!

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| – Pregnancy Help | – Abortion Pill Reversal |
| – Domestic Abuse Help | – Mental Health |
| – Food & Clothing | – Healing after Abortion |
| – Substance Abuse Help | – Natural Family Planning |
| – Housing | – Infertility Support |
| – Prenatal Diagnosis | – What to say to a friend considering abortion |
| – Legal Help | |



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STV News & Events



ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN &
ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

FIRST WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH
JANUARY 7 / 8

BRING YOUR ITEMS TO MASS & PLACE
IN OUR FOOD COLLECTION BIN
LOCATED IN THE GATHERING AREA

**NEEDED: Cereal, Canned
Tomatoes & Laundry Soap**

STV partners with All Saints Lutheran Church - Food Pantry that operates out of the Community Resource Center located at 1585 N Rand Road in Palatine. Questions about our partnership, donations or volunteering? Email foodpantry@stov.org.



LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR
ST. JOSEPH'S HOME

**SECOND COLLECTION
JANUARY 14 / 15**

The Little Sisters of the Poor will be at the Masses at St. Thomas of Villanova on the weekend of January 14th and 15th to share information about our mission, which is to welcome the neediest elderly, regardless of race or religion, into our home as we would welcome Christ himself, and care for them as family until the moment when Our Lord calls them to himself. There will be a second collection at all Masses or you can donate online at www.littlesistersofthepoorpalatine.org. You can also submit a prayer request on the website, which will go directly to a sister.

We look forward to seeing you and would be grateful for your support!

Confirmation for Baptized Adults



Register by February 20, 2023 for Adult Confirmation Formation Sessions that begin Monday, March 6, 2023.

Bishop Jeffrey Grob will confirm adults on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at St. Edna Parish, Arlington Heights.

For information and registration, visit <https://vic1chicago.org/> (Find Faith Formation on ribbon, then choose Adult Confirmation) or email questions to Lorie Crepeau, lcrepeau@stedna.org.



Our 8:00 am Mass intentions have many openings. The most common Mass intention is in memory of someone who has died; however, a 'special intention' can be offered for many reasons such as a birthday, anniversary, special need, etc.

To have a Mass offered, stop by or call the Parish Office 847-358-6999 or email sosheal@stov.org or ugallus@stov.org **TWO WEEKS** prior to the date you are requesting. Thank you!

Parish Financial Report



On the adjacent page, you will find our St. Thomas of Villanova Annual Financial Report for the financial year ending June 30, 2022. As always, the St. Thomas Parish Family continues to generously contribute to the ongoing mission and operations of our parish. Despite the impact that COVID-19 may have had on our parishioners, your contributions are continuing to support our Parish Mission. Mere words of deep appreciation never seem to be enough to express how I feel about the unfailing generosity of our parishioners.

This year we ended our fiscal year with a parish surplus of \$ 89,732. The major contributors to the church surplus were a rise in total collections of almost \$ 34,000, and in misc. income (stole fees and donations) of \$ 37,000; however, we had a drop in REC tuition and fees of \$(- 5,400).

The school shows a deficit for last year of \$(- 279,054), which the parish covered. The major factor contributing to the school deficit was our school income did not cover all the school expenses. The parish continues to support the school, because we see it as a part of our mission as well as our heritage, too. We feel it is our responsibility to provide a great Catholic education to those families who want to send their students to our school. Under the Fundraising Income, we received various funds. Our school was once again the recipient of Empower Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship funds which many of our own parishioners support. The school received \$ 174,500 from this program. We also received an additional \$ 110,000 from various Archdiocese scholarship programs and other grants including FOSTOVS. Without these funds, the parish could not have sustained the school. The good news is that the school enrollment and tuition is in a growing dynamic.

The Church, Religious Education and the School staff worked hard on their expenses, resulting in a 1.3% reduction from the year before. Once again, St. Thomas elected to continue to pay all employees a fair wage. Fortunately, we have submitted the second loan forgiveness document to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), and they have approved our loan forgiveness application. The Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loan for \$ 268,509 has been forgiven by the SBA. In this position of expenses, we made a great success because you know how prices have increased, and we keep continuing a strict discipline. In total, we were able to raise our revenue 6.24% versus a 2.25% rise of our expenses. It gives us hope to balance our incomes and expenses in the close future.

Your great generosity gave us opportunity to support our community outside of the parish and school. A total of \$ 59,692 were collected for a variety of Archdiocesan purposes, and similarly we were able to support our food pantry, St. Vincent de Paul sources, homeless children in the area, and other charities, including Mission San Juan Diego.

I encourage you to take some time to study the report and become familiar with our funds on deposit with the Archdiocesan bank and our parish and sacramental statistics. If you have any questions at all, feel free to call myself or Deacon Robert Cyran, our Director of Operations or any of the Finance Committee members.

Thank you,
Fr. Kris

COMING IN JANUARY!

St. Thomas of Villanova Scripture Study is pleased to offer:

Revelation

The Kingdom Yet to Come

11 Week Study

Dates - Times - Location

THREE SESSIONS TO CHOOSE FROM

Friday mornings (in-person):
9:30-11:30am, beginning January 13th,
2023

**Saturday mornings (in-person or via
Zoom—your choice!):** 8:45am-10:45am,
beginning January 14th, 2023

Tuesday evenings (via ZOOM): 7-9pm,
beginning January 17th, 2023

Cost - Registration

\$29.95/person + tax and shipping

**To register, contact Nancy Hulsebosch at
nhulsebosch@gmail.com**

An intriguing look at one of the most talked-about books in Scripture, *Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come* shows how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven.

Presenter Jeff Cavins pulls back the veil on the rich symbolism present in Revelation. Discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean and see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the “end times.”

“Once you start learning, he makes you hunger for more. Jeff pulls everything you need to know out of the Bible, and it all starts to make sense like it never did before.”

—Margaret T.





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to new heights in 2023

- *Vital New Leadership
- *Strategic Plan for a promising future
- *Enhanced Technology
- *New Testing Program



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Stewardship

FISCAL YEAR SACRIFICIAL GIVING

(7/1/2022—6/30/2023)

Date	Weekend Collection	On-Line Giving	Weekly Total	Over / Under Budget: \$20,800.00
Dec 4	\$ 21,130.00	\$ 4,495.00	\$ 25,625.00	\$ 4,825.00
Dec 11	\$ 17,057.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 20,257.00	(\$ 543.00)
Dec 18	\$ 16,244.70	\$ 4,196.00	\$ 20,440.70	(\$ 359.30)
Dec 25	<i>Not available due to early deadline.</i>			

YTD Totals	
YTD Budget	\$ 520,000.00
YTD Actual	\$ 485,444.64
Over / (Under)	(\$ 34,555.36)

THANK YOU!

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

PLEASE CONTINUE YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR CHURCH!

Our weekend collections are vital to provide the income which pays our Parish Family's operational expenses and the salaries of our STV staff. We definitely need and appreciate your sacrificial offerings. Here are various ways to contribute:

1. If you attend Mass, place your donation in the offertory basket or box at the church entrance or exit.
2. Sign up online using GiveCentral. www.givecentral.org.
 - Click "**FIND YOUR CHARITY**"
 - Type *St. Thomas of Villanova* in the search box and click on our picture.
 - Choose a fund to donate, entering the frequency, date range and dollar amount, then click "**ADD TO MY GIFT BASKET.**"
 - You may click "**CHECKOUT**" at any time, or add more donations.
 - Click "**CONTINUE,**" then "**COMPLETE PROFILE**" to register.
3. Complete the registration form, then click "**REGISTER AND CONFIRM GIFT.**"
4. *You're registered!* Look for a confirmation email from GiveCentral.
3. Use the Archdiocese of Chicago Universal Offertory Program online. Visit our website: www.stov.org and click on the GIVING PAGE to find this link. Please be sure to select "St. Thomas of Villanova" to credit your gift.
4. Mail your sacrificial offering envelope directly to our Parish Office: *1201 E Anderson Dr, Palatine, IL 60074*



Parish Christmas Gift

THANK YOU for your special **SACRIFICIAL Christmas** gift to your Parish Family.

Forgot your Christmas gift? We still gratefully accept your Christmas gift until **Monday, January 2, 2023.**

Christmas checks dated December 31, 2022 can still be included in your 2022 charitable donations.

Gratefully, *Your STV Finance Committee*

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UROCZYSTOŚĆ ŚWIĘTEJ BOŻEJ RODZICIELKI MARYI, 1. stycznia – Cud przemiany

Jezus jest potomkiem króla Dawida. Został on powołany od owiec, prosto z pola. Bóg go wybrał, mimo że był najmłodszym spośród synów Jessego. Był on dobrym królem – pasterzem swego ludu, choć nie ustrzegł się upadku. Nawrócił się jednak i już na zawsze pozostał wielki. Jezus też jest pasterzem, ale nieporównywalnie większym – Bożym Synem, Królem królów. Urodził się nie wśród możnych w Jerozolimie, lecz w ubogim Betlejem; wybrał nie pałac królewski, a stajnię dla zwierząt. Jego pierwszymi gośćmi nie były elity, lecz pogardzani przez wszystkich i uważani za grzeszników pasterze... Co to dla nas oznacza? Co oznaczają te zadziwiające, po ludzku sądząc – nierozumne i nielogiczne – Boże wybory? Jezus wie, że nasze serca częściej przypominają brudną stajnię niż czysty pałac. Jego przyjście na świat możemy odczytać jako wyraz nie tylko uniżenia, ale przede wszystkim miłości. Nie zwalnia to nas z obowiązku przygotowania się na Jego przyjście, a raczej uświadamia nam, że o własnych siłach nigdy nie będziemy w stanie stać się świętymi. Pasterze z Betlejem pozostali pasterzami, lecz w ich sercach dokonał się cud przemiany...

Dlaczego 1. stycznia zamiast odpoczywać po nocy sylwestrowej chodzimy do kościoła?

Dzień 1. stycznia wydaje się najbardziej leniwym dniem w kalendarzu. Powrót do rzeczywistości po szaleństwach nocy sylwestrowej bywa niełatwy. Tymczasem w ogłoszeniach duszpasterskich księży przypominają nam, że jest to tzw. święto nakazane. Co oznacza, że kolejny rok kalendarzowy powinniśmy rozpocząć od uczestnictwa w mszy świętej. Dlaczego?

Koniec oktawy i obrzezanie

Od najwcześniejszych wieków 1. stycznia był w kalendarzu liturgicznym Zachodu i

Wschodu dniem zakończenia świętowanego praktycznie przez cały tydzień (stąd wywodzące się z języka łacińskiego określenie 'oktawa' oznaczające okres 8 dni) Narodzenia Pańskiego. Zgodnie z prawem żydowskim, któremu podlegała cała Święta Rodzina, ósmego dnia po narodzinach dziecka płci męskiej z narodu wybranego należało dokonać obrzędu jego obrzezania. Było ono znakiem przymierza Boga z praojcem Abrahamem i jego potomkami (Księga Rodzaju 17, 10-1; Księga Kapłańska 12, 3).

W czasie obrzezania urodzonemu w Betlejem dziecku nadano imię Jezus. Obrzezanie i obecna podczas obrzędu krew stanowi daleką zapowiedź jego doskonałej ofiary na krzyżu. Obrzezanie przypomina również, że chrześcijanie zawarli nowe przymierze z Bogiem, otrzymując 'nowe obrzezanie' – już nie z ręki ludzkiej, lecz poprzez łaskę Chrystusa nadającą nam nowe, przebóstwione oblicze.

Od mniej więcej IV wieku chrześcijański Wschód mocniej akcentował w liturgii z 1. stycznia wspomnienie wywodzące się ze Starego Testamentu zwyczaju obrzezania, podczas gdy Zachód zaczął kłaść nacisk na samo zakończenie oktawy Bożego Narodzenia.

Macierzyństwo Matki Bożej

Obydwe wielkie tradycje chrześcijańskie nie zrezygnowały jednak ze wspominania w tym dniu Maryi, która jako matka Boga i Człowieka (z greckiego 'Theotokos') – zgodnie z nauką soboru w Efezie z 431 r. – zrodziła ze swojego ciała odwieczne Słowo Boże, które przyjęło w sobie także naturę ludzką.

Starochrześcijańska tradycja wspomina, że ból obrzezania u Dzieciątka Jezus miał swój odpowiednik w sercu Rodzicielki Maryi, która później towarzyszyć będzie swojemu Synowi pod krzyżem oraz wraz z apostołami oczekiwać na zesłanie Ducha Świętego.

Z kolei w liturgii wschodniej tuż po zakończeniu kanonu eucharystycznego

wychwala się Bogurodzicę jako 'radość całego stworzenia, Świątynię Ducha Świętego i Raj Duchowy, chlubę dziewic, z której Bóg przyjął ciało'.

Doceniając rolę, którą Maryja odegrała w historii zbawienia, Kościół docenił również rolę każdego macierzyństwa, widząc w każdej kobiecie przynoszącej na świat dziecko odbicie zbawionego macierzyństwa Bogurodzicy.

Nadzieja Nowego Roku

Chcąc jeszcze bardziej zaakcentować miejsce Matki Bożej w wydarzeniach, które miały miejsce tuż po Narodzeniu Pańskim, w 1931. roku ustanowiono w łacińskim kalendarzu liturgicznym wspomnienie Macierzyństwa Najświętszej Maryi Panny. Do czasów posoborowej reformy liturgicznej obchodzono je rokrocznie 11. października, jednak papież Paweł VI nawiązując do najstarszych tradycji chrześcijańskich, połączył je z ostatnim dniem oktawy Bożego Narodzenia i wspomnieniem Obrzezania Pańskiego.

Ten sam papież w liście skierowanym w 1967 roku nie tylko do katolików, ale również wszystkich ludzi dobrej woli zaproponował, by 1. stycznia był również obchodzony jako Światowy Dzień Pokoju. Paweł VI zwracał często uwagę, że tak jak dla Matki Bożej dzień Obrzezania Chrystusa stał się pełną nadziei zapowiedzią wypełnienia Bożych obietnic, tak dla świata, początek świeckiego roku kalendarzowego i cały okres świąteczno-noworoczny jest czasem wielkiej nadziei na pokój, pojednanie i wzajemne przebaczenie. Stąd od 1968 roku tradycją Stolicy Apostolskiej stało się kierowanie w tym dniu orędzi do całego świata z okazji Światowego Dnia Pokoju.

Bogata i wielowątkowa symbolika dnia 1. stycznia w tradycjach chrześcijańskich zachęca nas, byśmy pierwszy dzień Nowego Roku spędzili nie tylko na wygodnych, domowych kanapach ale przede wszystkim – w naszych świątyniach.

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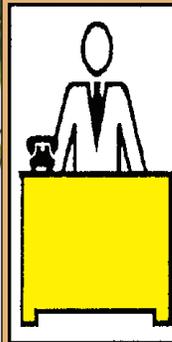
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