



DECEMBER

25

2023

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY  
OF THE LORD

*"You have brought them  
abundant joy and great  
rejoicing ..."*

– Isaiah 9:2

**ST. THOMAS THE  
APOSTLE CATHOLIC  
CHURCH MISSION  
STATEMENT**

*Led by the Holy Spirit, rooted  
in the Eucharist, St. Thomas  
the Apostle strives to be an  
inclusive servant community  
– to be Christ in the World.*

*We bear the Good News  
of God's unconditional love  
to all generations through  
worship, faith formation,  
witness and service.*



JOHN 1:14

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Liturgy Schedule**

**Daily**

Mass: 8:30 am, Monday–Saturday

**Wednesdays**

Communion Service: 6:30 am

**Weekend**

Saturday Mass of Anticipation: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am  
and 6:00 pm\*

The Saturday 4:30 pm Mass is livestreamed with an outdoor communion option.

\*No 6:00 pm Mass during the Summer months.

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For this week's Opening the Word, please visit [stapostle.org](http://stapostle.org).



## Lessons and Carols

Scenes from Lessons and Carols held Friday, December 8 featuring guest artists John Angotti and Meredith Augustin and the St. Thomas Music Makers.

Thanks to all who joined us for this seasonal offering.



## Daily Readings



Please visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website at [bible.usccb.org](http://bible.usccb.org) for the daily readings.



St. Thomas the Apostle  
*Homily Series*

## Mark your Calendars for the Winter Homily Series!

### Life-Giving Choices

**January 20–21: Consistency**

**January 27–28: Solidarity**

Please scan the QR code to watch a 1-minute video invitation and share it with a friend.



### Homily Series is:

- a quarterly outreach to the parish and beyond, where we explicitly invite others to join us at St. Thomas;
- growth in discipleship as a parish, by focusing on one topic together, pairing Scripture with the needs of the time; and
- community building and engagement with receptions following each service, plus other opportunities to dive deeper into the message.

## Presider Schedule December 30–31

### Saturday, December 30

4:30 pm: Fr. Alex Lorang

### Sunday, December 31

8:00 am: Fr. Bob Colaresi, Deacon Joe Cuzzone

9:30 am: Fr. Bob Colaresi

11:15 am: Fr. Alex Lorang

No 6:00 pm Mass Sunday, December 31

*Presider schedule is subject to change.*



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## Christmas Wishes from the Liturgy Office

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of **YOU** who make our Sunday celebrations come to life week after week here at St. Thomas.

From all those who serve in liturgical ministries to all who join us for liturgy on Sundays: You are the Church, the Body of Christ, and it's a privilege and honor for us to serve you in ministry. St. Thomas is truly a place where all are welcome and all belong. If we can do anything to help you feel at home here, please don't hesitate to contact us. May this Christmas be one of blessings and peace for you and your loved ones!



Love, Scott, Lori and Kay

## Worship and Liturgy News

For more information on the activities listed below, please contact Scott Knisley in the Liturgy Office at sknisley@stapostle.org.

### Join Us!

Has it been a while since you've graced the doors of St. Thomas? St. Thomas is a spiritual home, a place where people can form relationships, sink roots, grow and be supported in their lives and in their relationship with God and one another. Please join us, and realize that you belong to us, for you belong to Christ! Come back to us and find once again a place to bring your burdens and find love and mercy. Now and always, all are welcome here!

### Adoption Blessings

A blessing for all parents and families who have recently adopted a child or who are in the process of adopting will be offered after all Masses on the feast of the Holy Family – December 30–31.

### NO 6:00 pm Mass

There will not be the 6:00 pm Mass Sunday, December 31. This Mass will resume Sunday, January 7.

### New Year's Liturgy Schedule

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God takes place January 1. This is a not a holy day of obligation this year. As such, there will only be one Mass January 1 – at 8:30 am.

## Help Wanted at St. Thomas Business Manager

Seeking an energetic individual experienced in finance, accounting and administration for this full-time benefited position as Business Manager. Join the committed staff of this vibrant faith family. A bachelor's degree is required, CPA preferred. Submit your resume and cover letter to jsimmons@stapostle.org.

## Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

### Intentions for this weekend

### Sunday, December 24, 2023

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*  
†Florence Pattermann by Dick and Kay  
†William Worden by Ann Worden

8:00 am

9:30 am

No 11:15 am Mass

### Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

*Christmas Eve: Sunday, December 24*

4:00 pm †Bill and Griffin McCarthy  
†Jenni Anderson by Mom, Dad and Kerri  
†Bartusiak/Madden Family

7:00 pm †Tim Updike by Mom and Dad

10:30 pm

### Christmas Day, Monday, December 25, 2023

8:30 am

11:15 am

### Tuesday, December 26, 2023

*Saint Stephen The First Martyr*

8:30 am †Ruth Gayol by Fernando Gayol

### Wednesday, December 27, 2023

*Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist*

8:30 am †Vito Battisto by the Battisto Family

### Thursday, December 28, 2023

*The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

8:30 am †Dan Casey by MaryLu

### Friday, December 29, 2023

*Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*

8:30 am †Nick Furibondo by the Lucado Family

### Saturday, December 30, 2023

*Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*

8:30 am †Greg Allnutt by Mary Wright

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*

†Peggy and Chuck Stanislaw by Family

†Tim Updike by Mom and Dad

†Patricia and Karen Batten by Mary Bartusiak

### Sunday, December 31, 2023

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

8:00 am

9:30 am †Nick Furibondo by Loretta and Bob Kurland

†Tim Updike by Mom and Dad

11:15 am †Mary Growney by John Growney

No 6:00 pm Mass on December 31



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## C.A.R.E CORNER

And so as we move ever closer to the end of our current calendar year of 2023, we bring to closure this long series on the Jewish roots of our Catholic faith. If you have stayed with us for the whole series, you have been reminded of how many of our Christian beliefs, values and practices originated with our Jewish ancestors in faith. The list covers our worship rituals, including time and place; the adornment of our worship spaces including colors, candles, basins and altars; what we even consider to be worship, especially as it relates to the concept of sacrifice; the major players in our liturgies, including priests and music ministers; objects we use and actions we undertake that we consider to be holy; practices such as fasting, ashes, anointings, waving palm branches, going on pilgrimages and observing special holy days; and numerous types, examples and occasions of prayer.

If we stop to think about it, we have such a rich religious history inherited from those who went before us and recognized the importance of preserving all that they had been gifted with. Now it's our turn to do the same. As we celebrate the birth of Christ into the world, we too have so many opportunities to keep our long-standing, historical, rich, faith traditions alive and well, especially as we head into a new year. In the meantime, a very Merry Christmas season to all!

### In the Image of God A Weekend Retreat for Men

Co-Sponsored by St. Thomas Men  
for our 23<sup>rd</sup> year.

Friday, January 26 at 5:00 pm –  
Sunday, January 28 at 12:00 pm

Carmelite Spiritual Center

We are all  
created in  
the Divine  
Image and  
Likeness in our  
unique ways.

This men's  
weekend will focus on the gift of  
self-understanding, inviting us to  
deeper holiness, and living from  
our true selves as God sustains us.

For more information please visit  
<https://carmelitespiritualcenter.org/workshops-spiritual-retreats/>



64 women joined presenter Jenny Krumdrick (back row center) in "Embracing the Mindset of Mary" December 6 at our annual Advent by Candlelight celebration.

### The Mass: Bread of Life – Word of Love – Hope for All

Is the Mass so familiar that you just do it by rote? Did you ever wonder how it came to be and why it is the way it is? Why does/should it matter to our lives? For answers to these questions (and bring your own!), meet with Chari Rosales in the Chapel from 7:00–9:00 pm Monday, January 29 for Part I and Monday, February 5 for Part II. Come to explore, interact mindfully with and pray the Mass step-by-step.

To reserve your seat, or for more information, contact Chari Rosales, Director of Adult Faith Formation, at 630.355.8980, x138 or crosales@stapostle.org.

## Jesus and the Eucharist Study

As we continue this year of Eucharistic Revival, you are invited to a multi-part opportunity to dive deeply into the richness of our Eucharistic faith. Sessions will be held Wednesdays in the Lighthouse from 7:00–8:30 pm with hospitality provided. Each is full of rich theological content, powerful testimonies and timely messages from bishops across the country. Opportunities for prayer and table discussions are built in.

2024 dates are: January 17 – Am I Saved?; February 21 – Why A Church?; March 13 – God Is with Us; April 17 – The Story of the Eucharist; May 22 – Bread for the Journey.

Please contact Deacon Joe Cuzzzone at [deaconjoecuzzzone@gmail.com](mailto:deaconjoecuzzzone@gmail.com) in order to sign up or with questions. Though walk-ins are always welcome, prior registration allows for better preparation.



## Help Needed for Religious Education

Help is still needed for Liturgy of the Word with Children. Adult facilitators are still needed to help walk children out of Mass, direct them to their rooms and then direct them back to the church.



If you attend 9:30 am Mass regularly please consider volunteering. Please email Laura Kmec, Director of Elementary Religious Education, at lkmec@stapostle.org for more information.

Help is also needed for Religious Education classes on Tuesdays from 4:30–5:45 pm. Additional aides are needed to help in the classroom. If you enjoy working with youth students and are available during this time, even as a sub, please email Laura Kmec, Director of Elementary Religious Education, at lkmec@stapostle.org for more information.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders Save the Date

Third grade Religious Education students will celebrate their grade-level Mass Sunday, January 14 at 9:30 am. Liturgy of the Word with children will therefore be for children age 4 through grade 2.

Following Mass, families are invited to a reception for third grade families in the Gathering Area.

## Teens with Character

Middle school students ... do you want to get the new year off to a great start? Please join us at the January Teens with Character meeting Sunday, January 7 from 4:30-6:00 pm at St. Thomas. Games, faith-sharing, building friendships and pizza are all part of the Teens with Character experience. All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome!



## RE Tuition Angel

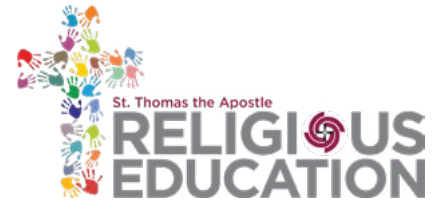
Would you like to be a tuition angel for a family attending Religious Education (RE) classes? For some of our St. Thomas families, it is a struggle to pay RE tuition. If you can help, the fees are: \$175 for one child, \$290 for two children or \$380 for three children. Please make checks payable to St. Thomas the Apostle Church with 'tuition angel' in the memo line. Send your donation to the Faith Formation/Religious Education Office. Thank you for your generosity. It is greatly appreciated.



### Question of the week



The Holy Spirit was a part of Jesus' birth story. How has the Holy Spirit been with you since the earliest days of your life?



### Middle School RE

- Upcoming Saturday session: January 13, 20
- Upcoming Monday session: January 8, 22

*Mark your calendars: On February 3 and 5, our classes will meet at St. Thomas to hear from our guest speaker, Fr. Alex!*

### New Students

New students are welcome to register for the second half of Middle School Religious Education classes already in session on Saturday mornings or Monday evenings. Please contact Ann Cotner in Middle School Faith Formation at acotner@stapostle.org for more information.

### Elementary RE

- All First Communicants to attend first Prayer Service January 11, 7:00 pm
- Third grade Mass Sunday, January 14, 9:30 am
- 2024 Saturday sessions will resume January 13
- 2024 Tuesday sessions will resume January 23

### Liturgy of the Word with Children Holiday Schedule

There will be no Liturgy of the Word with children Sunday, December 31. It will resume Sunday, January 7 at the 9:30 am Mass for kids age 4 through kids in grade 3.



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## Mangia! Mangia!

### Save the Date for the Knights of Columbus Family Pasta Dinner

- Saturday, January 20, 2024, from 5:00–7:00 pm
- Dine-in seating in the Gym
- In person registration after all Masses the weekend of January 13–14

More details to follow.



## Haiti Twinning Report on Rectory Repairs

*Fr. Frantzdy is the Pastor of Ste. Marie-Madeleine, our Twinning parish in Duchity, Haiti. He recently sent the following update on earthquake repairs to the rectory and the John Ball house.*

Please receive the report of the funds received to repair the damaged rectory after the earthquake. In fact, we repaired two buildings: the

guest House and John Ball building. We couldn't finish the guest house because of the inflation of prices. John Ball building is 95 percent repaired and was very helpful to host people during the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary big feast of Saint Mary Madeleine. For the guest house, which is considered as the main rectory, we still have a long way to go in order to finish it completely. However, even though it is not done yet, it was used to host some of the guest during the big feast last July. The pictures attached to this email show how it was then and how it is now. In another email, I will send you some pictures of the John Ball building.

Thank you very much and may God bless you! In Jesus, Fr Frantzdy Joseph, c.s.c.



## Words of Peace

*"Peace is the language we must speak." (Pope Francis)*

As you think about situations in our world where conflicts exist and peace is needed, what are your hopes? What is your prayer?

It is the hope of the Inclusive Justice Initiative Ministry that the Race Card board can now contain your hopes and prayers for peace. Simply take a Race Card – Peace Edition card, share your hope/prayer for peace in a few words and post your card on the Race Card board.

We thank you for adding your voice and for speaking the language of peace.



## Christmas Message from the Outreach and Social Justice Office

May angel joy be abundant in your celebration of the birth of Jesus. You bring joy to others all year through your Outreach Justice and your Social Justice actions. We send a prayer for peace. May the Light of the Christ Child guide your path and fill you with rejoicing.



Peggy, Nicole, Sally



## Christmas Swaddling Project

The St. Thomas Respect Life Ministry Swaddling Project is ongoing through mid-January. Multiple area pregnancy centers will benefit, including Birthright, Waterleaf and Avenue Women's Center.

Swaddling Bags with a list of items most needed are available in the Gathering Area — or you can provide your own bag. Items requested include: diapers (newborn, sizes 1-6), pull-ups, baby wipes, baby wash or shampoo, diaper cream, baby board books, pacifiers and onesies.

Gift cards to Walmart, Target and Grocery Stores in denominations of \$20 or \$25 also accepted, as well as monetary donations. Make checks out to St. Thomas OSJ with "Swaddling Project" in the memo.

Please return all donations to the playpen in the Gathering Area by Sunday, January 14. Thank you for your support!



## Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

Many thanks to St. Nicholas Parish in Aurora for sharing their spirit and devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe and for helping us to celebrate her feast day with song, dance and a special re-enactment of the story of Our Lady's appearances to Juan Diego. It was beautiful!

### Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe for Justice

*Most merciful mother, you came to tell us of your compassion through St. Juan Diego, whom you called the littlest and dearest of your sons. Give strength and protection to all who live in poverty today, especially the young, elderly, and vulnerable. Plead for them to God that they might experience the Divine Love tangibly in their daily lives and that all who work for justice on behalf of the poor might grow in fortitude and humility. In these ways, manifest your charity and concern in our lives, that the weeping of humanity may be heard, and all our suffering, pain, and misfortune may be filled with divine comfort and healing. May we always know the peace of being in the cradle of your arms, and bring us safely home to your Son, Jesus, Amen.*

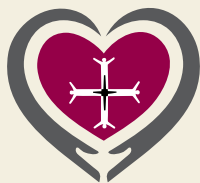
Catholic Campaign for Human Development, [www.povertyusa.org](http://www.povertyusa.org)



## Thanksgiving Collection and Hessed House Family Shelter

The Thanksgiving collection gathered \$1175.75 to help Hessed House PADS continue their good work. Larry Hjorth, representing St. Thomas, delivered the check. Hessed House's mission is to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless and give people the chance to hope again.

They are the second-largest homeless shelter in the state of Illinois and the largest shelter outside the city of Chicago. To learn more go to [www.hessedhouse.org](http://www.hessedhouse.org). Thank you for your generosity.



**PASTORAL CARE**  
St. Thomas the Apostle

## Pastoral Care at a Glance

### Blood Pressure Screening

January 6–7 after 4:30 pm, 9:30 and 11:15 am Masses

### Grief Support Group

January 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25  
10:45 am, Library

### St. Peregrine Cancer Support Group

January 8, 7:00–9:00 pm,  
St. Elizabeth Seaton

### Caregivers Support Group

January 11, 7:30 pm,  
St. Elizabeth Seaton

### PrimeTime

January 16, 10:00 am, Lighthouse

### Wellspring – Activities for Adults

Saturday, January 27, 10:00 am,  
Lighthouse, Art as Reflection of  
our Soul's Journey with Sr. Mary  
Southard CSJ

## Merry Christmas from the Pastoral Care Ministry

We have the beauty of this night, tomorrow and always to celebrate and honor the Gift that became ours at Jesus' birth. Jesus spent His life advocating for peace, forgiveness, wellness and healing for all. The Pastoral Ministry wishes to share with you the Glory, the Wonder, the Miracle of this Holy Season. Blessings ...

### Here are some Christmas wishes from various people:

*"God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. If he gives us a gift of Christmas, it is because we all have the ability to understand and receive it."*  
~ Pope Francis

*"The only real blind person at Christmas-time is he who has not Christmas in his heart."* ~ Helen Keller

*"Christmas is best pondered, not with logic, but with imagination."* ~ Max Lucado

*"Christmas is joy, religious joy, an inner joy of light and peace."* ~ Pope Francis

*"I truly believe that if we keep telling the Christmas story, singing the Christmas songs, and living the Christmas spirit, we can bring joy and happiness and peace to the world."* ~ Norman Vincent Peale

*"A people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death, light has arisen."* ~ Isaiah 9:2,

### Our Prayer:

*Dear Jesus, we thank you for the Blessings of Christmas. Open our hearts to your loving and forgiving presence, that we may be transformed by the new birth of this holy night. Inspire us in unity and peace and welcoming. Let us give thanks for all our loved ones. Nourish our families with your faith and your love. May you Bless those who struggle during this time in body, mind or spirit, providing hope and peace for all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen*

## "Grief to Growth" Grief Support Group begins January 28, 2024

Consider joining a grief support group at this most vulnerable and sensitive time. Our group at St. Thomas meets to share stories of their loved one and their struggles with grief, to pray and reflect on scripture, and to learn ways of healthy grieving. Sharing one's journey with others in a safe, confidential and non-judgmental setting can be healing.

The group is for adults who have lost a spouse, significant other, parent, sibling, grandparent, adult child or friend. The group is limited to 8 participants to give ample time to share and discuss. You do not have to be a St. Thomas parishioner to participate. We do ask everyone to make a commitment to attend all 6 sessions on Sundays from 10:45 am–12:15 pm January 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25 and March 3. Participants of all the groups in past years said they felt confident or very confident about their ability to begin to move forward by Week 6. They most appreciated feeling less alone and learning how others are handling their loss, giving them hope

for moving forward while continuing to honor their loved one.

This is a ministry group, not a therapy group. The facilitator is parishioner Paula Kosin, a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor, Certified Grief Educator, hospice vigil volunteer and author of the new book, *"Grieving: A Spiritual Process for Catholics."*

### Individual Bereavement Support

You are the best judge of what you need for healing from the loss of your loved one. If you would prefer to talk one-on-one, by phone or in person, please let us know. We have also done Zoom meetings with two or more family members who are in different locations. Just let us know what you would find helpful.

If you are interested in the group or talking individually with someone, please call Annette Kubalanza, Director of Pastoral Care, at 630.355.8980, x124. All are welcome!

# STEWARDSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION



Thank you for supporting St. Thomas the Apostle. To learn more about online giving, please visit our website and click on the Giving tab in the top menu bar.

## Weekly Sunday Offertory

**December 10, 2023**

Sunday Collection Offering*	\$10,641
Credit Card Online Giving (reported monthly)	none this week
Automatic Direct Debit (5 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> each month)	\$20,680
Mailed in and stock donations	\$20,635
Total for the week	\$51,956
*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$851,871
Weekly Average 7/1/2022 to date	\$35,495
Sunday Growth Goal Year to date	\$843,360
Over/(short) of Growth Goal to date	<b>\$8,511</b>
<b>Sunday Growth Goal for Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)</b>	<b>\$1,862,396</b>
% of Annual Sunday Growth Goal to date	46%
Remaining for this fiscal year Sunday Growth Goal	\$1,010,525

So far this year, the Sunday collection is **\$8,511** above the Growth Goal. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$4,508 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

## Caregivers Support Group

All caregivers, relatives and friends of those who struggle with anxiety, depression, bipolar, eating disorder or self-injury, please join us for an evening of prayer, discussion and reflection.

The upcoming meeting will be January 11. Meetings are held at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 2220 Lisson Rd. Naperville. Enter in the back as the main entrance may be locked. Check the "event board" by the lower level entrance for the room number.

Please email [welisten2017@gmail.com](mailto:welisten2017@gmail.com) or call Joe at 630.569.1635 with any questions.

## Cashless?

### Support St. Thomas Using Your Smartphone to Access Online Giving

Look for this QR code in your printed weekend worship aids and check it out using your phone's camera. We are grateful for your financial gifts enabling us to continue all of God's good works here at St. Thomas!



## The Week Ahead

### Monday, December 25, 2023

*Merry Christmas!*

9:30 am Mass  
11:15 am Mass

*Offices Closed*

### Tuesday, December 26, 2023

8:30 am Mass, Chapel

*Offices Closed*

### Wednesday, December 27, 2023

6:30–8:30 pm IJL, Senior Center

### Thursday, December 28, 2023

9:15–11:15 am Thursday AM Bible Study, Senior Center

7:00–8:30 pm Thursday PM Bible Study, Zoom

### Friday, December 29, 2023

### Saturday, December 30, 2023

9:00–10:30 am Ensemble Rehearsal, Lighthouse

9:00–10:30 am Saturday Men's Group, Cana

3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Chapel

4:30–5:30 pm Mass, Church

### Sunday, December 31, 2023

8:00 am Mass

9:30 am Mass

11:15 am Mass

## St. Peregrine Cancer Support Group

The group meets monthly with the next meeting January 8, 7:00–9:00 pm at St. Elizabeth Seton, 2220 Lisson Rd., Naperville, IL.

The journey through a struggle with cancer can be lonely and painful — let's help each other make it manageable. This group is intended to provide a place where we can support each other and engage the patron saint of cancer patients, St. Peregrine. The conversations will be led by Rebecca Hamilton, LCSW and Deacon Gerard Erickson, a cancer survivor.

The only fee is \$20 for the book we will use. Registration is not mandatory but we encourage you to email us at [StPeregrineGroup@gmail.com](mailto:StPeregrineGroup@gmail.com) to let us know you will be attending so we have enough material for everyone.

You may also contact Deacon Gerard with questions at [FunDeacon@yahoo.com](mailto:FunDeacon@yahoo.com).

## Need a compassionate listener, consultation or a referral to community services?

The services of the Pastoral Care staff include 1–3 session Consultation Services. Through compassionate listening and reflection, our staff can assist you in clarifying your concerns and needs and, when desired, work with you to find professional resources in our community. Contact Annette Kubalanza, Director of Pastoral Care, at 630.355.8980, x124 for more information.



## PARISH INFORMATION



# Welcome

Thank you for joining us.

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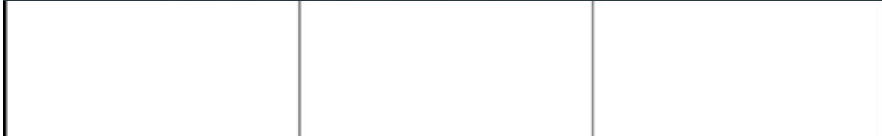
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