

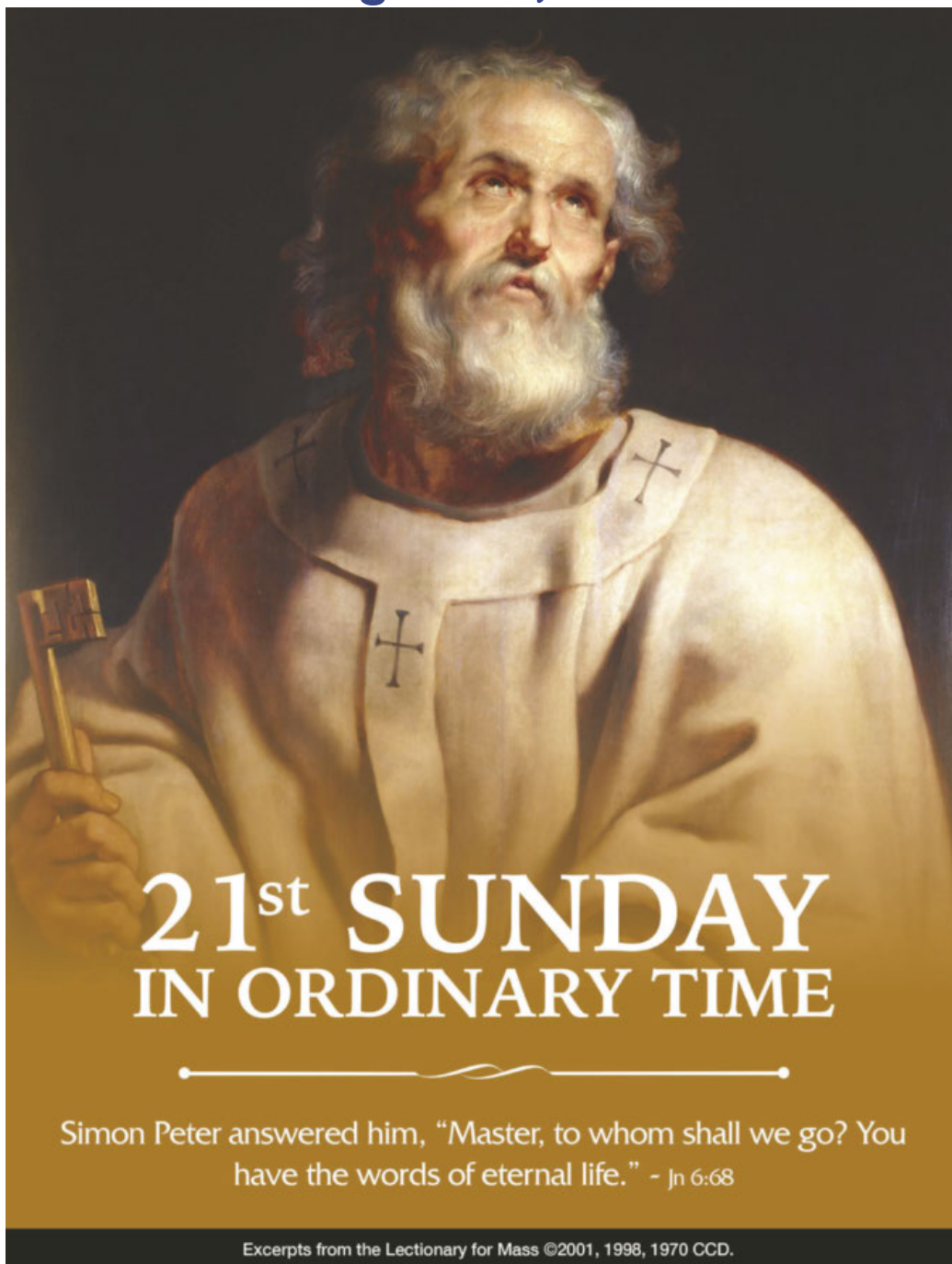


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# ST. THOMAS

## THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 25, 2024



### 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." - Jn 6:68

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Family Mass Every Sunday at 9:00AM.  
Adoration Every Monday 6:00PM - 8:00PM

### Daily Mass

#### Monday, August 26

7:00 AM† All Souls  
5:30 PM† Bertha Ballard

#### Tuesday, August 27

7:00 AM Intentions of Mary Scott Grimaldi  
5:30 PM NO MASS

#### Wednesday, August 28

NO MASS

#### Thursday, August 29

7:00 AM NO MASS  
5:30 PM† Rebecca McGinnis

#### Friday, August 30

7:00 AM† Carmella Pagliano  
5:30 PM Intentions of Mary Scott Grimaldi

#### Sunday Vigil, Saturday, August 31

5:15 PM† Shirley & Nick Cutrone

#### Sunday, September 1

7:30 AM Intentions of Mary Scott Grimaldi  
9:00 AM† Robert LeBlanc  
11:30 AM† James & Shirley Muro & Dr. Jayme Rolls  
5:00 PM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2024	2023
<b>August 18</b>		
Collection	\$2,976.00	\$3,636.00
On-Line	\$2,542.00	\$2,393.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,547.00)	(\$1,506.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$3,971.00</u>	<u>\$4,523.00</u>
 Votives	 \$ 113.00	 \$ 139.47
<b>Feast of the Assumption</b>		
Collection	\$ 604.00	\$ 587.00
On-Line	\$ 454.00	\$ 476.00
Total	<u>\$1,058.00</u>	<u>\$1,063.00</u>

### Diocesan Assessment

The assessment is used to cover the cost of Diocesan operations and schools. The formula is based on all gross receipts. For our 2025 fiscal year, the annual Cathedralium Assessment is \$80,448. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,547. This represents an annual increase of \$2,124.00 from the prior year.



### Pray the Rosary in the Church

Monday - Friday:  
Before Any Scheduled  
Morning Mass at 6:30am  
Monday: 7:00pm  
Saturday: 4:45pm



The Sanctuary Candle burns  
August 25<sup>th</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup> in memory  
of Domenic & Ralph Cocchia.

## Are you entering Kindergarten or 1<sup>st</sup> Grade?

Then, now's the time to start your religious education, too. Please contact the Religious Formation Office for more information or go to our website for a link to our registration page. Classes are on Sundays starting in September. Kindergarten is not required but serves as an introduction and is free to all.

Phone: (203) 866-1189  
Email: stthomasreledoffice@gmail.com

## LABOR DAY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>

All Parish Offices are Closed  
One Mass - 9:00am  
No Monday Night Adoration  
Enjoy the last unofficial day of summer!!

## Confession in Church

Every Saturday  
4:00pm until 4:30pm  
by Appointment

### Rectory:

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Cathy Lauder  
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Monika Piascik

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## TAG SALE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Now's the time to join the list of volunteers for our 2024 Giant Tag Sale. This is our biggest fundraiser for our parish. We need pre-sale help as well as the sale weekend (September 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>) and post-sale help. The pre-sale drop off hours are listed below.

**Any amount of help you can give us is greatly appreciated!**

Please email or call the office with your availability & we will add you to our list.

### Drop Off Dates

<b>Mondays:</b>	<b>August 12, 19, &amp; 26</b>	
	<b>September 9</b>	<b>6 pm - 8:30 pm</b>
<b>Tuesdays:</b>	<b>August 13, 20, &amp; 27</b>	
	<b>September 3 &amp; 10</b>	<b>6 pm - 8:30 pm</b>
<b>Saturdays:</b>	<b>August 17</b>	
	<b>September 7</b>	<b>9 am - 12 Noon</b>
<b>Sundays:</b>	<b>August 18 &amp; 25</b>	
	<b>September 8</b>	<b>9 am - 12 Noon</b>



# SEPTEMBER 14TH & 15TH

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*FROM THE PASTORAL CONSTITUTION ON THE CHURCH IN THE  
MODERN WORLD OF THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL  
(GAUDIUM ET SPES. N. 39)*

We do not know the time when earth and humanity will reach their completion, nor do we know the way in which the universe will be transformed. The world as we see it, disfigured by sin, is passing away. But we are sure that God is preparing a new dwelling place and a new earth. In this new earth righteousness is to make its home, and happiness will satisfy, and more than satisfy, all the yearnings for peace that arise in human hearts. On that day, when death is conquered, the sons of God will be raised up in Christ; what was sown as something weak and perishable will be clothed in incorruption. Love and the fruits of love will remain, and the whole of creation, made by God for man, will be set free from the frustration that enslaves it.

We are warned indeed that a man gains nothing if he wins the whole world at the cost of himself. Yet our hope in a new earth should not weaken, but rather stimulate our concern for developing this earth, for on it there is growing up the body of a new human family, a body even now able to provide some foreshadowing of the new age. Hence, though earthly progress is to be carefully distinguished from the growth of Christ's kingdom, yet in so far as it can help toward the better ordering of human society it is of great importance to the kingdom of God.

The blessings of human dignity, brotherly communion and freedom—all the good fruits on earth of man's co-operation with nature in the Spirit of the Lord and according to his command—will be found again in the world to come, but purified of all stain, resplendent and transfigured, when Christ hands over to the Father an eternal and everlasting kingdom: "a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace." On this earth the kingdom is already present in sign; when the Lord comes it will reach its completion.



## Holy Hour for Vocations

Second Thursday of every month

7:00-8:00pm, St. Theresa Church

August 8th

September 12th

October 10th

November 14th

December 12th

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203 218 6882

## IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS ED!

If you are entering kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade in September and have not received an email from Rel. Ed, please go to our website homepage and click the link to the Religious Ed Registration page. Kindergarten is not mandatory and is free for all who attend. Please sign up ASAP so we can plan our class sizes and teacher needs.

*If you are entering a Catholic school Second/Sixth Grade, you also need to sign up for First Communion/Confirmation through the St. Thomas program.*



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CPL Larry Joyce, US Marine Corps



**2024 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL**  
We have raised 146 gifts worth \$39,113 bringing our parish to 62.28% of its \$62,800 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated.

Thanks to all who have already given or pledged! To make a gift, or for more information, please visit [2024 Bishops Appeal.org](https://2024BishopsAppeal.org), call (203) 416-1470, or scan with your phone.



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If you would like to add or removed a name from this prayer list, please email or call the office.

Please pray for the sick of our parish that may be restored to health and that all who ASSIST and CARE for them will be given the strength to continue their Christian service. Please remember the following in your prayers:

Debbie Reddock	James Amrich	Theresa Buono	Linda Lima	Merina Deluc	George Travers
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### ***Procedure for Baptisms & Weddings***

*Please go to the homepage of our website, click on Parish Registration and Sacramental Requests. Choose the fillable form that you need and follow the instructions at the top of the webpage. To reserve the church for your desired wedding date, please contact the parish office at least 9 months to 1 year in advance.*

### ***Anointing of the Sick***

*Please call the Rectory anytime.*

### ***Reconciliation***

**Saturdays:** 4:00 - 4:30 PM      **Weekdays:** By appointment

### **Prayer Requests!**

Please contact the St. Thomas Prayer Ministry. Call Sue Wegiel at (203) 838-4088 with your prayer request or email her at [wegiesj@hotmail.com](mailto:wegiesj@hotmail.com). If you cannot reach Sue, please call the office at (203) 866-3141.

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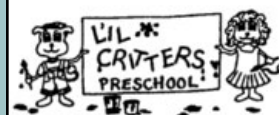
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