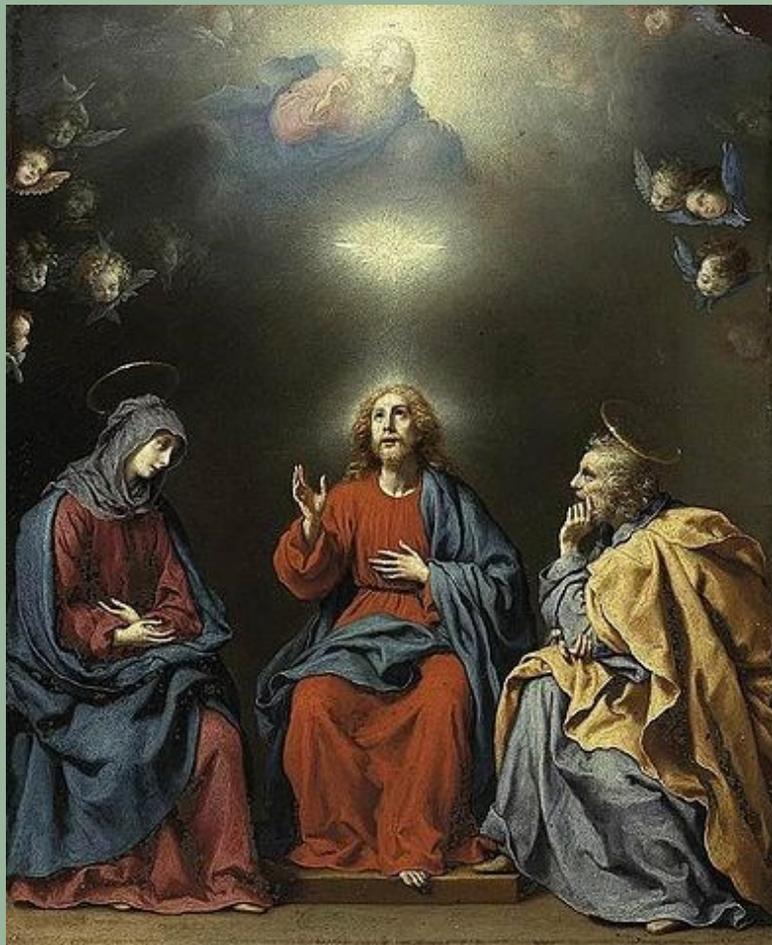


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MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE MISAS

Vigil Mass: Saturday at 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

Misa en Español: Domingo 12:15 PM

Weekdays 8:00 AM Monday to Friday

CONFESSIONS / CONFESIONES

Saturday / Sábado:

3:15 to 3:45 PM

First Friday/Primer Viernes:

7:15 to 7:45 AM

or by appointment

JANUARY 27, 2019
THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: NEHEMIAH 8:2-4A, 5-6, 8-10

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-30

GOSPEL: LUKE 1:1-4; 4:14-21



WELCOME TO ST. KATHARINE DREXEL!

We at Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic Church pray and worship God as a community of faith through the celebration of the Eucharist and the Sacraments of the Church. Our purpose is to nourish our Christian community with Gospel values and works of charity. We dedicate our efforts to proclaim the good news through evangelization, teach the message of Christ through education and formation, and to serve the needs of all people in our community. We ask God to guide and bless our efforts through the intercession of Mary, Joseph, Saint Katharine Drexel, and all the Saints.

St. Katharine Drexel Parish warmly welcomes visitors and new members at all times. If you are not worshiping with another parish community or you are new to the area, we encourage you to fill out a registration form available at the entrance of church. Perhaps you are not Catholic and are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church; all you have to do is ask or call us. Don't put off what your heart is telling you to do. Jesus left the Church behind to continue His work here on earth and we are all called to be His disciples and to follow him *together*.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 27TH, 2019 MASS INTENTIONS

4:00 PM Vigil	In Thanksgiving to <i>God Our Creator</i>
8:30 AM	<i>Helen Workman</i>
10:30 AM	<i>June Fitts</i>
12:15 PM	<i>Parishioners of St. Katharine Drexel</i>
Mon., Jan. 28	ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
8:00 AM	<i>Ronald Goldberg</i>
Tues., Jan. 29	
8:00 AM	<i>Francis & Mary Pileggi</i>
Wed., Jan. 30	
8:00 AM	<i>Zbigniew Jaskiewicz</i>
Thurs., Jan 31	ST. JOHN BOSCO
8:00 AM	<i>Fr. Thomas Whittingham</i>
Fri., Feb. 1	
8:00 AM	<i>Dr. Luis Antonio Fraguada Pérez</i>

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 2ND and 3RD, 2019 VIGIL MASS: 4:00 PM

Extraordinary Ministers: Yolanda Schweikert, Linda Rabon (Alternate)
Lector: Carol Burk
Ushers: Ed Larkin, Al Willis, James Ianni
8:30 AM
Extraordinary Ministers: Judy King, Candy Bantum, Sue Ramberg (Alternate)
Lectors: Paul Forsyth, Judy King
Greeter: Mary Stock
10:30 AM
Extraordinary Ministers: Catherine Murray, Gail Brown, Dan Kennedy (Alternate)
Lector: Rikkaya Dennis
Ushers: Rick Dennis, Gus Lugay, Dan Kennedy, Marlin Hunter
Greeters: Gail Brown, Sue Kennedy

MASS INTENTIONS ARE AVAILABLE!

The 2019 Mass Intention book has available Masses if you would like Masses said for someone (living or deceased) or for a special intention (for yourself or someone else). Please contact the Office. An offering of \$10/intention is requested. Thank you!

	<p>RECENTLY DECEASED Eternal rest grant unto <i>Florence Kostascki,</i> O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.</p>	
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A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR...

JANUARY 28: FEAST OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

BETH HAILE, CATHOLICMORALTHEOLOGY.COM

Tomorrow is the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church and patron saint of students and Catholic universities. Born in Roccasecca (1225), Thomas entered the famous Benedictine abbey of Montecassino at the age of five, where he began his studies. As a young teenager, he first made contact with the new mendicant order known as the Order of Preachers, or Dominicans. In opposition to his family, Thomas became a Dominican and went to study in Cologne with Albert the Great, where he was immersed in the new (and highly questionable) philosophy of Aristotle. He went to the University of Paris to finish his studies, became a Master (our equivalent to a Doctor of Philosophy) and within three years occupied one of the Dominican chairs of the University as Regent Master. Thomas would hold this chair again later in life, and the university would close down in protest, largely over the disputed use of Aristotle in the curriculum. Thomas traveled widely throughout Italy over the course of his life (walking, nonetheless, which is why you should question those who say he was obese). He was, first and foremost, a Dominican. He led a disciplined life of prayer and worship, living in community and saying Mass every morning. We often forget about Aquinas as an exemplar in prayer, but he wrote a number of prayers and songs that we still use (*Tantum Ergo*, for example, is typically sung after Eucharistic adoration). He had a great devotion to the Eucharist. One story is that during times of real intellectual struggle, when he was working on a problem he just couldn't resolve, Thomas would go and lay his head on the tabernacle and pray for inspiration. The words of *Adorate Devote*, especially as translated by Gerard Manley Hopkins, reveal not only his keen intellect, but also, this profound faith in the sacrament of the altar.

Godhead here in hiding, whom I do adore,
Masked by these bare shadows, shape and nothing more,
See, Lord, at thy service low lies here a heart
Lost, all lost in wonder at the God thou art.
Seeing, touching, tasting are in thee deceived:
How says trusty hearing? that shall be believed;
What God's Son has told me, take for truth I do;
Truth himself speaks truly or there's nothing true.
On the cross thy godhead made no sign to men,
Here thy very manhood steals from human ken:
Both are my confession, both are my belief,
And I pray the prayer of the dying thief.
I am not like Thomas, wounds I cannot see,
But can plainly call thee Lord and God as he;
Let me to a deeper faith daily nearer move,
Daily make me harder hope and dearer love.

Despite his profound spirituality, we know St. Thomas primarily as an intellectual, author of the *Summa Contra Gentiles* and *Summa Theologica*, among numerous other treatises. Thanks to Matthew Levering and others, scholars are now starting to attend to Aquinas scriptural commentaries as well. Despite their difficulty, Thomas' texts reveal him to be primarily a teacher, as we see especially in the Prologue to the *Summa Theologica*:

Because the doctor of catholic truth ought not only to teach the proficient, but also to instruct beginners (according to the Apostle: As unto

little ones in Christ, I gave you milk to drink, not meat—1 Cor. iii. 1, 2), we purpose in this book to treat of whatever belongs to the Christian religion, in such a way as may tend to the instruction of beginners. We have considered that students in this doctrine have not seldom been hampered by what they have found written by other authors, partly on account of the multiplication of useless questions, articles, and arguments, partly also because those things that are needful for them to know are not taught according to the order of the subject-matter, but according as the plan of the book might require, or the occasion of the argument offer, partly, too, because frequent repetition brought weariness and confusion to the minds of the readers.

Endeavoring to avoid these and other like faults, we shall try, by God's help, to set forth whatever is included in this sacred doctrine as briefly and clearly as the matter itself may allow.

It is this integration of faith and intellect, of worship and study, and of humility and intellectual rigor that makes Thomas such an important figure for today, at a time when so many think faith is opposed to reason. Thomas is also an important exemplar for theologians as well as a reminder that the life our studies and our teaching is grounded in a life of faith. For a theologian, regular prayer and worship are indispensable, because it is from these fonts that we draw our life and grow in true wisdom. Theology is, accordingly, a work of love: "In the fervor of their faith, Christians love the truth that they believe. They examine it and reflect upon it, and they embrace it while searching according to their ability for the reasons and the love that are a part of faith" (II-II, 2.10).

Thomas should appeal to theologians today who struggle with how to live in a church they so deeply disagree with at times. Though the 13th c. church of Thomas' day was different than our own, it too was often divided, and Aquinas was often at odds with the larger church authority. In fact, only a few years after his death, he was condemned by the bishop of Paris Stephen Tempiers for holding certain unorthodox positions. Yet, Thomas never left the church or put himself above his authorities. He knew what it was to submit to authority in obedience, and yet still to work to reform the church, bring the tradition alive, and hand on the tradition ("tradition" literally means "to hand on") to future generations. Aquinas' sacramental spirituality is what allowed him to navigate this path. As Marie Dominique Chenu notes:

Thomas' reflection on the Church both as institution and sacrament is developed within his theology of Christ and of the incarnation. The Church is the body of Christ, animated (given life) by the Spirit. Its organs are the apostolic institutions of various members under the leadership of the sovereign pontiff. At one and the same time, the Church is a body, a corporation in the sociological sense of the word, and the very mystery of Christ mystically and sacramentally extended in time and place (*Aquinas and His Role in Theology*, 71).

If Thomas is about anything, it is unity and synthesis, or as we often call it, finding the "both-and" in what seems like an "either-or" situation: faith *and* reason, the Church as institution *and* the Church as Mystical Body of Christ, humble obedience to ecclesial authority *and* creative and progressive engagement with the tradition. St. Thomas, pray for us.

PRO-LIFE NEWS

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



January is the 46th Anniversary of the legalization of abortion in our country. We are supporting our local Delaware County Pregnancy Center in Chester to help those who choose life. Please take a bottle and fill it with your change. Return it during the weekend Masses, or to the Rectory during the week by January 31st. Please pray for an end to Abortion. Thank you!

MONTHLY FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR



Every first Friday at 6:30 PM, our parish hosts a Holy Hour with Adoration and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Please stop by to spend some quiet time with the Lord Friday, February 1st.

MONTHLY FIRST FRIDAY CONFESSION



We will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation Friday, February 1st from 7:15-7:45 AM.

MEN OF SKD - FEBRUARY 9

All men are invited to our next men's group meeting on **Saturday, February 9th** at 9:00 AM in the rectory. We meet every 2nd Saturday. Join us!!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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We thank St. John Chrysostom, our sister parish, for their ongoing generosity to us here at St. Katharine Drexel. We are most grateful for their continued support.

Please remember our brothers and sisters at St. John's in your prayers for their kindness!

WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT FIRST FRIDAYS?

EXCERPTED FROM

ALETEIA.ORG, BY PHILIP KOSLOSKI

Our parents grew up going to church every First Friday of the month and taking part in Sacred Heart devotions, but in recent decades the pious practice has fallen out of practice and is dismissed by some as an "old-fashioned" anachronism.

A main reason for the decline in interest in this devotion is probably rooted in simple ignorance: people don't know what First Fridays are all about; families and parishes may not have adequately passed down their importance to the next generation. Here are five things to know.

How did the First Friday Devotion begin?

While some saints referenced the Heart of Jesus in their writings even centuries earlier, in 1673, a French Visitandine (Visitation) nun named Margaret Mary Alacoque had visions of Jesus, wherein he asked the Church to honor His Most Sacred Heart. In particular, Jesus asked the faithful to "receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months." The request was connected to a specific promise made to all who venerated and promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart. After Margaret Mary's death, the First Friday practice steadily spread in the Church — endorsed by popes and promoted by saints — but it greatly increased in popularity when Margaret Mary was canonized a saint in 1920 by Pope Benedict XV.

What am I supposed to do on First Fridays?

Go to Mass and receive Holy Communion with the intention of honoring Christ's Sacred Heart. If you are not in a state of grace, and thus unable to receive, you will also need to go to confession.

What are the "promises" connected to this devotion?

Jesus said to St. Margaret Mary, "In the excess of the mercy of my heart, I promise you that my all powerful love will grant to all those who will receive communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour." This means that if a person faithfully receives communion for nine consecutive months on First Fridays, Jesus will grant that person extra graces at the time of their death, making it possible to repent of their sins and receive the last rites (if needed).

This promise is the last of 12 promises connected to the Devotion to the Sacred Heart, particularly attached to the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in one's home:

- (1) I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
- (2) I will establish peace in their homes.
- (3) I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
- (4) I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
- (5) I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
- (6) Sinners will find in my heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
- (7) Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
- (8) Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
- (9) I will bless every place in which an image of my heart is exposed and honored.
- (10) I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
- (11) Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in my Heart.
- (12) I promise you in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

USCCB LISTENING SESSION ON RACISM

Monday, February 25, 2019

7:00PM Bishop Shelton Fabre

Saint Joseph University Chapel of St. Joseph

5600 City Avenue

Philadelphia, PA 19131

For more information about events contact:
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MONTHLY HOLY HOUR OF REPARATION

All Catholics of the greater Philadelphia area are invited to attend a monthly holy hour of prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to ask for His mercy upon His Church in this moment of profound crisis. We come to make reparation for our own sins and those of our bishops and priests. We come also in confident hope that from Christ's superabounding mercy will come the purification, healing and restoration of holiness for which we long.

Confessions will be available beginning at 5:30 PM. Each holy hour is followed by 6:30 PM Mass.

Location: Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, 18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Free parking is available in the Cathedral parking lot accessed via 17th Street.

February 17

March 10

April 7

SPIRITUAL SUPPORT FOR ADDICTION:

HOPE IN CHRIST

Seeking spiritual support in the journey towards recovery? Many parishes around the Archdiocese are extending God's merciful and loving hand to those who have an addiction as well as their families and loved ones. The Hope in Christ: Spiritual Support for Addiction webpage provides a central location for resources, ongoing support, events, and testimonies that are happening throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Visit archphila.org/hope for new postings for Catholic resources available to you or a loved one.

MAN UP PHILLY 2019

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

March 9, 2019, 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM



Now in its 11th year Man Up Philly Men's Spirituality Conference seeks to encourage men to be better fathers, husbands, brothers, and Catholics through enlightening and energizing talks, prayer, Eucharistic adoration, along with the reception of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist. Location: Neumann University Mirenda Center 1 Neumann Way, Aston PA 19014 Speakers include: Eagle star Ron Jaworski, Matthew Kelly, Evangelist Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Irish tenor Mark Forrest. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Timothy Senior. For more information or to register visit our website: www.manupphilly.com.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Bernie Brill, Olivia Weatherly, Jeannette Platt, Pat McGarvey, Patty Hackett, Alice Walton, The King Family, Emily Ochrymowicz, Patricia Brown, Paula DiMaio-Reczek, Mary Ann Vail-Etzler, Ralph Langdale, Carmen London, Julie Forcielli, Patricia Jones, Brielle Barbara, Catherine Kimes, John A. Smith, Linda Garcia, Christine, Gordon Sookrae, Aiyanna Fredericks, James Robinson, Yoselin Rivera, Matthew Woods, Gabby Dillon, Francis Seeley, Julie White, June Maguire, Elizabeth A. Young, Robert McFarland, Regan Kauf, Cassidy Jane Johnson, Hernán García, Jack Klotz, Pearlina Taylor, Emma Clare M., Madeline Divinny, Andrew Perkins, Bill Epp, Peggy Diggins, Roberto Rivera, Luis A. Martínez, Clara Mifflin, Maria Polilli, Michael & Kathy Murphy, Carmen Ramos, Bill Buckley, Kevin Houseman, Elaine Palagruto, Ruth Ann Mullen, Mark Reczek, Jack Sekel, Renee Elliot, Barbara Kertis, Carole Duncan, Tanya Boscher, Crystale Diaz and family, Alyssa DiMaio, Adele Koch, Al Perry, Vicky Berry, Sally Staats, Sam Auman, Christine Cavaliere. Names on the Sick List will be on for Five Weeks. If you wish to leave them on longer, please call the rectory. No names will be published unless we have approval.

