

# Mary, Mother of God Parish

February 19, 2023

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time



## SAINT ITA

5500 North Broadway  
Chicago, IL 60640  
office@saintita.org  
(773)561-5343 ext. 10

### Mass Schedule

#### Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil: 5:30PM  
Sunday: 8:30AM, 10:30AM,  
12:30PM (Spanish), 5:30PM

#### Weekdays and Saturdays

8:00AM *(live cast and in church)*

#### Mondays through Thursdays

4:45PM (Adoration), 5:15PM (Vespers)  
and 5:30PM Mass

#### Confessions

After daily 8AM Mass and  
Saturday: 3PM - 5PM

## SAINT THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

4827 North Kenmore Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60640  
office@saintita.org  
(773)878-2114

### Mass Schedule

#### Sunday Mass

8:00AM (Vietnamese/Laotian Mass)  
11:30AM (English)

#### Weekdays

8:30AM

#### Outreach Ministries Schedule

##### Food Pantry

Mondays and Thursdays  
9:00AM-11:30AM & 1:30PM-3:00PM

##### Soup Kitchen

Tuesdays & Fridays: 5:30PM-6:30PM

## SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

5545 North Paulina Street  
Chicago, IL 60640  
officestgregorythegreat@gmail.com  
(773) 561-3546

### Mass Schedule

#### Saturday Vigil: 4:30PM

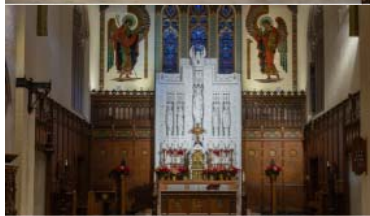
**Sunday Mass: 9:30AM** *(live cast  
and in church)*

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### Live-cast Masses on Facebook

**From Saint Ita**  
facebook.com/  
SaintItaCatholicChurch  
Weekdays - 8:00AM  
Sunday - 10:30AM  
12:30PM (en español)



**From Saint Gregory**  
facebook.com/  
stgregschicago  
Sunday - 9:30 AM



**23 de febrero: Hora Santa**

**En Santa Ita (5500 N. Broadway)**

**7-9 PM**



**Donations can be made online via GiveCentral:**



St. Ita: <http://bit.ly/3d1hrxh>

St. Thomas: <https://bit.ly/3a6Jvh4>

St. Gregory: <http://bit.ly/3p2GX7H>



## Upcoming Events and Meetings

### Second Collection

The Second Collection this Sunday will benefit the Outreach Ministries at St. Thomas of Canterbury. Thank you for your generosity to our soup kitchen and food pantry!

### Segunda Colecta

La Segunda Colecta de este domingo beneficiará a los Ministerios de Alcance en Santo Tomás de Canterbury. ¡Gracias por su generosidad a nuestra cocina de sopa y despensa de alimentos!

### February 26:

#### Socials at St. Gregory and St. Thomas of Canterbury

Monthly socials at St. Gregory the Great and St. Thomas of Canterbury will be next Sunday. Feel free to bring sweet treats to share!

St. Gregory: After 9:30 AM Mass

St. Thomas: After 11:30 AM Mass

### Sundays, February 19-April 2

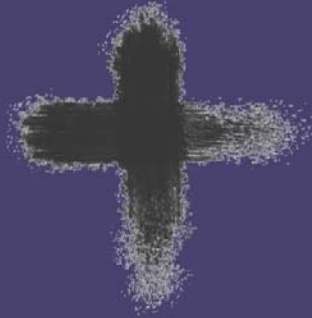
#### 7:30 p.m. Sung Compline at St. Thomas of Canterbury

Canterbury House invites you to join for the praying of the hour of Compline (night prayer) for Lent. We will use a simple, easy-to-follow form of chant inspired by Trappist monks. The service will last about 15 minutes. All are welcome! Contact James Murphy at [jimurphy@archchicago.org](mailto:jimurphy@archchicago.org) with any questions.



**Our Parish youth choir, with its director Dan Lagacy at Mass this Sunday.**

Mary, Mother of God's three churches has six choirs! If interested in being a part of this choir or any others, please contact the Parish office.



# ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 22, 2023

## Saint Ita

8:00am (English)  
12:00pm (English)  
5:30pm (English)  
7:30pm (Misa en español)

## Saint Gregory

8:30am (English)  
12:00pm (Communion Service)  
7:00pm (English)

## Saint Thomas

8:30am (English)

## Upcoming Events



St. Gregory's Hall presents:

### T.S. Eliot's "Four Quartets": Itinerary for a Lenten Journey

Wednesdays, March 1-29, 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

Jubilee Hall, St. Ita Catholic Church (5500 N Broadway)

*Classes will begin after the 8:00 a.m. daily Mass. Taught by Fr. Bob Sprott, OFM.*

## T.S. ELIOT'S FOUR QUARTETS

Itinerary for a Lenten Journey

WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 1-29

T. S. Eliot's last and perhaps greatest work is a series of four poems written before and during World War II. A "quartet" is a musical group, but it is also a type of musical composition. Each poem is divided into five "movements," or sections, a structure that Eliot had used earlier in both "The Waste Land" and "The Hollow Men." But in this poem he brings to perfection and endows it with a greater musical quality. The theme is time and eternity, experience and wisdom, and how the redemption wrought by Christ has lifted up and transformed our very human nature.

There is no better accompaniment to our Lenten journey than the music and poetry of this work.

## Conozca al P. Bob Sprott, OFM.- académico residente en St. Gregory's Hall



El P. Bob Sprott, OFM es el nuevo sacerdote de María, Madre de Dios. Llegó unos días después de Navidad. Sacerdote franciscano, fue ordenado en 1980 como miembro de la provincia franciscana de Cincinnati. Sus primeros años de trabajo fueron en el suroeste de Estados Unidos, la mayor parte de ese tiempo en una parroquia mixta de pueblos indígenas e hispanos, al noroeste de Albuquerque, Nuevo México.

En 1986 inició estudios de doctorado en lingüística en la Universidad de Chicago, doctorándose en 1992. Tras un par de años más en el suroeste, pasó tres años en el Ártico canadiense, trabajando en la diócesis de Churchill-Bahía de Hudson. Le siguieron dos años en Guatemala, enseñando y haciendo dirección espiritual en un seminario menor dirigido por los monjes benedictinos cerca de la ciudad de Quetzaltenango. También trabajó como capellán auxiliar en el centro médico regional cercano al campus del seminario.

En 2000 regresó a Estados Unidos y pasó diez años en Chicago, todos menos dos en St. Peter's, la iglesia franciscana de servicio en el centro de la ciudad. Tras otro año en el suroeste, esta vez en el norte de Arizona, regresó al norte de Canadá y a la diócesis de Churchill-Hudson Bay, para trabajar como párroco y como director del programa diocesano de formación de diáconos permanentes. Terminada su labor allí, regresó a Estados Unidos en mayo de 2021, y tras un año y medio en la diócesis de Gary ha llegado de nuevo a Chicago, a la parroquia de María, Madre de Dios. Gran parte de su trabajo será en St. Gregory's Hall.

## Mary, Mother of God Spaghetti Dinner

Scenes from our annual Spaghetti Dinner. Thank you to all our volunteers and organizers, and all our guests!

Escenas de nuestra cena anual de espaguetis. Gracias a todos nuestros voluntarios y organizadores, y a todos nuestros invitados.



## Zoom Rosary Lunch!

The Parish Zoom Rosary Group recently met up for lunch! This prayer group began during the COVID-19 pandemic as a way to stay together virtually, and has continued ever since. If you would like to join in prayer, email Staci Davidson for the Zoom link at [staci.davidson@yahoo.com](mailto:staci.davidson@yahoo.com)



## Our Prayers

### Prayer List

### Mass Intentions

George and Edith Aguda  
Elliott Aguilar  
Leonel Almandariz  
Dorothy Behof  
Irene Buchbinder  
Patricia Christenson  
Michael Davidson  
Bruce Dominick  
Mercedes Fitzgerald  
Judy Frederickson  
Lucille Goodman  
Christine Herman  
Elias Jesús  
Ed and Mary Kulik  
Carmen Lopez Nevarez  
Debra Melbye  
Annette Myrick  
Lucesia Ochoa  
Janice Raymond  
Altha Reed  
Rende Family  
Mary Scheub  
Linda Sibio  
Stasik Family  
Jerry and Anna Vance

### Memorial Fund

†Herminia Cortes  
-Lilia Acena  
†Craig Fischer  
-Debra Melbye  
†James Fischer  
-Carol Hanson  
-Debra Melbye



*We pray for those who have  
passed away, especially:*

Aurora Alvarez  
Jim Eder  
James D. Fischer  
William Harmon  
William thomas Hart  
Barbara Lagacy  
Fidelis Lazaro  
Leonarda Lopez  
Robert O'Toole  
Aquilés Pido  
Juan Rebollar Diaz

### SATURDAY, February 18 - Saint Simon

8:00am - †Felipe Escobedo Lopez (16<sup>th</sup> death anniversary)  
†Laureano and †Adoracion Cataluna and deceased family members  
4:30pm - †Francis Corbett  
5:30pm - †Theresa Liem Le • Sally Espectacion • Christopher and Cristine Rivera

### SUNDAY, February 19 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am - Deceased members of Fan family • For God's favor  
9:30am SGG - †Martin and †Alice M. Dungan • All Souls  
10:30am - †Fe Bautista Garcia • †Zeke Rachwal • Percival Cariaga  
Tom Squires (health)  
11:30am STC -  
12:30pm - †Sacerdote Cándido Moran Vélez • †Leticia Martínez  
†Juan Rebollar Diaz • †Aurora Álvarez • †Elvin Francisco Molina  
5:30pm -

### MONDAY, February 20 - Saint Jacinta Marto

8:00am - †Celso and †Isabel Lazaro • Jocelyn Acierto (birthday)  
8:30am - All Souls  
5:30pm - In thanksgiving for favor received

### TUESDAY, February 21 - Saint Damian

8:00am - †Sarah Manriquez  
8:30am - †Helen Dillon  
5:30pm - All Souls

### WEDNESDAY, February 22 - Chair of Peter

8:00am - †Melquiades Borres (death anniversary) • †Donald Hoffman  
All Souls  
8:30am - †Jerzy and †Andrzej Mirka  
5:30pm - †Woldemariam Kebron • †Michael and †Catherine Christy

### THURSDAY, February 23 - Saint Polycarp

8:00am - Enzweiler/Hopkins and Nell (Richard and Jean) families  
Special intentions  
8:30am -  
5:30pm - All Souls

### FRIDAY, February 24 - Bl. Florentina Nicol Goni

8:00am - †Perla Segovia  
8:30am - All Souls

## Latest scout news

The MMOG Scout troop, Troop 39, just completed a trip to the Boundary Waters in Northern Minnesota. The boundary waters are a 12 mile wide international park that runs along both sides of the border between the United States and Canada. The Scouts have one of their 5 high adventure bases located there, with year round access to Scouts. Our troop was up there about 4 years ago, and some of the Scouts who weren't able to go then, decided to make the trek this year.

If you know of a boy age 11 through 17 who might like high adventure opportunities like this, Troop 39 would welcome them at one of their weekly meetings at the St Gregory the Great meeting room, located just off the West end of the little internal parking lot on any Monday evening between 6:30 PM and 8 PM, holidays excluded. We're trying to provide at least one high adventure excursion every couple of years, as well as our annual trip to, Owasippe Scout Reservation each summer. Come and check us out!



## Parish - School Information and Services

### FRANCISCAN FRIARS

Fr. Robert Cook, OFM Conv., **Pastor**  
Fr. Thomas Fetz, OFM Conv., **Associate Pastor**  
Fr. Romert Morales, OFM Conv., **Associate Pastor**  
Friar Jason Warrer, OFM Conv., **Pastoral Associate**

Fr. Robert Melnick, OFM Conv., **Resident Priest**  
Fr. Bob Sprott, OFM, **Resident Priest**  
Deacon Bede Thigpen, OFM Conv. In residence

*-To speak to a Friar, please call the parish office at 773-561-5343 x10*

### DEACONS

Deacon Ubaldo Muñoz, Deacon Juan Ramirez, Deacon Paul Spalla and Deacon Ronald Stricker

*-To speak to a Deacon, please call the parish office at 773-561-3546*

### PARISH STAFF

Mr. Stuart Boldry, Operations Director  
Mr. Edwin Prause, Director of Facilities  
Mrs. Dorothy W. Julian, Director of Stewardship  
Mr. Daniel Lagacy, Director of Music and Liturgy Coordinator  
Ms. Soledad Andrade, Administrative Assistant at St. Ita  
Ms. Yasmin Hernandez, Administrative Assistant at St. Gregory  
Ms. Maggie Flynn, Administrative Assistant for Communications  
Mr. Candido Reyna, Religious Education Coordinator  
Ms. Jennifer Franco, Outreach Volunteers Coordinator  
Ms. Kitty Welter, Sacramental Records

*-To speak with a member of Parish Staff, contact the parish office at 773-561-5343, x10 or [office@saintita.org](mailto:office@saintita.org)*

### ST. GREGORY'S HALL-PARISH CULTURAL CENTER

Mr. Mark Franzen, Director  
Ms. Elizabeth Blanke, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Coordinator  
Mr. James Murphy, Canterbury House Coordinator  
Fr. Bob Sprott, OFM, Scholar in Residence  
Prof. Scott Moriengiello, Scholar in Residence  
Mr. Kevin Allen, Artist in Residence  
Ms. Sara Crow, Artist in Residence

### SCHOOLS

#### **Saint Thomas of Canterbury School**

5525 N Magnolia Ave.  
Ms. Christine Boyd, Principal  
Tel: 773-271-8655  
[www.stmary-stthomas.org](http://www.stmary-stthomas.org)

#### **Northside Catholic Academy (NCA)**

Admissions Office: 773-743-6277

### SACRAMENTS

**Baptisms:** First Saturday 10:30AM (English) and 12:00PM (Spanish). **Preparation Classes/Clases de Preparación:** Fourth Saturday at 10AM (English) and 12:00PM (Spanish). Contact Parish Office to schedule class and Baptism. *Póngase en contacto con la Oficina Parroquial para programar la clase y el Bautismo.*

**Weddings:** Arrange at least six months in advance of wedding date. Approval from Pastor is needed before date confirmation. *Planifique al menos seis meses antes de la fecha de la boda. Aprobación del Párroco es necesaria antes de confirmación de fecha.*  
SI: Phone: 773-561-5343 x10 Email: [ssitaandthomas@gmail.com](mailto:ssitaandthomas@gmail.com)  
SGG: Phone: 773-561-3546  
Email: [officestgregorythegreat@gmail.com](mailto:officestgregorythegreat@gmail.com)

**Reconciliation:** Each Saturday at St. Ita from 3-5 PM, and after daily 8AM Mass at St. Ita.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Contact Religious Education Coordinator, Mr. Candido Reyna, at [ccdprogram.saintimt@gmail.com](mailto:ccdprogram.saintimt@gmail.com) or 773-443-7263 to enroll.

### ST. GREGORY CREDIT UNION

1609 W. Gregory St., Chicago, IL 60640 ; 773-561-5493  
Sunday 9:30 AM-12:00 PM & Wednesday 7:00 PM -9:00 PM

### REGISTER AS A PARISHIONER

Visit: [www.motherofgodchicago.org](http://www.motherofgodchicago.org)

## 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal: Walking on the Road with Jesus

Our parish is conducting our campaign for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

The new Annual Catholic Appeal theme, "Walking on the road with Jesus," is an important theme as we prayerfully consider our support for the Appeal but also important for embracing the life that the Lord wants us to live. Each pledge makes a difference! All parish communities participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our parishes, schools and ministries to deliver needed services. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response. To make your gift, you can complete the mail-in giving envelope available at church or make a gift online at [annualcatholicappeal.com](http://annualcatholicappeal.com).

### **Apelación Católica Anual 2023: Caminando con Jesús**

Nuestra parroquia está llevando a cabo nuestra Campaña Católica Anual. Por favor recuerde que la Campaña Católica Anual es muy diferente a una colecta especial. Es una campaña de compromiso en la que usted puede hacer un regalo pagadero en cuotas. El nuevo tema de la Campaña Católica Anual, "Caminando con Jesús", es un tema importante para considerar en oración nuestro apoyo a la Campaña, pero también es importante para abrazar la vida que el Señor quiere que vivamos. ¡Cada contribución marca la diferencia! Todas las comunidades parroquiales participan en la campaña y los donativos de muchos hacen posible que nuestras parroquias, escuelas y ministerios presten los servicios necesarios. Gracias por su consideración y generosa respuesta. Para hacer su donación, puede completar el sobre de donación por correo disponible en la iglesia o hacer una donación en línea en [annualcatholicappeal.com](http://annualcatholicappeal.com).

