

*The Rite of Dedication of
the
Monsignor James Gacquin
Youth and Religious Education Center*

*Presider
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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

*All who heard it were amazed by what had been told
by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her heart (Luke 2:16-21)*

The Angelus

The Angelus is traditionally recited at 6:00 a.m., noon and 6:00 p.m., throughout the year except during Easter, when the Regina Coeli is recited instead.

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary....

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.
Hail Mary...

V. And the Word was made Flesh.

R. And dwelt among us.
Hail Mary.....

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

BISHOP - LET US PRAY

ALL: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

The parish as a community is a home where people who relate to one another grow spiritually. It is where people profess their faith and in so doing support the faith of one another. It is where the baptized glorify and praise God, where they give proof of their communion with Him and with one another. It is where they come to hear the story of Jesus Christ and His Good News. It is a place of hospitality where sojourners and pilgrims in the Lord assemble to be nourished by the living Word and the celebration of the sacraments. It is the place where Christians are inspired to serve and minister to all who hunger and thirst for justice and who need the healing ministry of Jesus.

Vision Statement

Bishop Frank J. Rodimer

Immaculate Mary

Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing;
You reign now in splendor with Jesus our King.
Ave, ave, ave, Maria! Ave, ave, Maria!

In heaven, the blessed your glory proclaim;
On earth we, your children, invoke your sweet
name.

Ave, ave, ave, Maria! Ave, ave, Maria!

We pray for the Church, our true Mother on earth,
And beg you to watch o'er the land of our birth.
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A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zechariah

Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion,
Shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem.

See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he.

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Homily: Bishop Rodimer

Rite of Dedication and Blessing

(After the initial prayers the Bishop will bless the room we are in which will be used primarily for religious education, then accompanied by children and teenagers of the parish he will go downstairs to bless the prayer space and the Youth Center. He will then return upstairs for the conclusion of the Dedication)

Prayers of the Faithful

BISHOP:
All that is good comes from God and so we offer our prayer with faithfulness and trust.

Response after each prayer: Lord, hear our prayer.

BISHOP:
Let us give glory to Christ who was born of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit, and let us pray to the Father in the words our Savior gave us:

Our Father....

Remarks and recognitions – Fr. Richard Carton.

BISHOP:

Father, source of light in every age, the virgin conceived and bore your Son who is called Wonderful God, Prince of Peace. May her prayer, the gift of a mother's love, be your people's joy through all ages. May her response, born of a humble heart, draw your Spirit to rest on your people. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

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Monsignor James Gacquin in whose honor this Youth and Religious Education Center is named was the pastor of St. James the Greater and St. Thomas the Apostle from 1976 to 1996. Known for his love of God and his dedication to the people of God we are delighted to honor him in this fashion. Remember him in prayer that he may know of our continuing gratitude.



Mrs. Joan Spoolstra was a faithful parishioner of St. Thomas the Apostle parish for many years. Joan was called to her eternal reward on May 4, 2004 by the Christ whom she loved so deeply. It is through her generosity that we have this beautiful building where current and future generations will come to be formed in the truths of Christ. Please remember to pray for Joan who will receive from the Lord the reward of her goodness. A portrait of Joan hangs at the ground level entrance.