



**TECH CATHOLIC**  
community

**January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**Third Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time / A**  
**see hymnal # 1098**

**Mass and Confession Schedule**

(in MIT Chapel)

Sunday 9:30 AM, 1:00 PM, 5:00 PM

Monday & Wednesday 7:30 PM\*\*

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 12:05 PM\*\*

Confession after Mass - except Mon. (7 PM)

\*\*When classes are in session

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(2 hours before 1 PM Mass)

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**Joining TCC**

TCC registration go to

http://tcc.mit.edu/about-us/contact-us

TCCM is a moderated announcement list for the Tech Catholic Community.

To subscribe or unsubscribe, go to

http://mailman.mit.edu

/mailman/listinfo/tccm

To post a message in the bulletin or

on the TCCM list, send an email to:

tcc-updates@mit.edu

Receive emails about all our activities

by signing up for our other lists at

http://tcc.mit.edu/www

/getinvolved.html#email

**Winter Weather Closings:** Whenever MIT closes, or whenever the roads are unsafe for Fr. Moloney to make it into campus, it is likely that Mass or other activities will be cancelled. To receive notice that Mass is cancelled, it is important that everyone subscribe to [TCCM@mit.edu](mailto:TCCM@mit.edu), our main mailing list. To add yourself to the list go to: <http://mailman.mit.edu/mailman/listinfo/tccm>.

**TCC Winter Retreat:** TCC Winter Retreat: February 14-16, 2020. TCC is planning the Winter Retreat at the Betania II Spiritual Life & Marian Center in Medway, MA. Bus transfer to and from the retreat center, lodging, and food at the retreat center are free. The bus departs MIT W11 on Friday, February 14 at 7 PM. We will leave from the Betania II on Sunday, February 16 at 11 AM. Space is limited! *Please sign up in the back of the Chapel or email [catholic@mit.edu](mailto:catholic@mit.edu).*

**January/February**

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**Melchizedek Group for Priestly Vocations:** *Will resume with the Spring semester.*

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and Course in the Fundamentals of the Catholic Faith:**

Fr. Moloney will be offering a class in the fundamentals of the Catholic faith on Sundays @ 11:15 AM in W11/SDR.. It is required for those in becoming Catholic, being Baptized, receiving First Communion, or being Confirmed (who should also reach out to Fr. Moloney to set up a time to talk individually ([dmoloney@mit.edu](mailto:dmoloney@mit.edu))). *Resumes with the Spring semester.*

**Announcing the St. Monica Society** to pray for family members who are not close to the faith.

Contact [tcc-pc@mit.edu](mailto:tcc-pc@mit.edu) for details.

**Women's Marriage Discussion Group.** This group meets every other week to discuss marriage as a vocation. It is open to all women (i.e. you do not need to be married). Please email [tcc.marriage.vocation@gmail.com](mailto:tcc.marriage.vocation@gmail.com) for additional details or to be added to the group's listerv. Dinner will be served and kids are welcome!

**Integrity@MIT:** Do you have trouble staying chaste? Are you tired of failing to live up to your virtues? Join a peer support group of Catholic men struggling for chastity. Contact [integrity@mit.edu](mailto:integrity@mit.edu) for more information and times of weekly meetings.

**Are you a Graduate Student or Young Professional interested in deepening your Catholic faith and understanding of Scripture?** The grad men's and women's groups will be holding weekly Bible studies during the semester. Contact Brandon Roach ([roachb@mit.edu](mailto:roachb@mit.edu)) or Aileen Devlin ([amdevlin@mit.edu](mailto:amdevlin@mit.edu)) for more info.

**Small Group Bible Studies:** Graduate and undergraduate students are invited to join one of the many groups that meet to open the Scriptures and discuss the faith. Contact.. [catherine.alex@focus.org](mailto:catherine.alex@focus.org) or [phillip.wullschleger@focus.org](mailto:phillip.wullschleger@focus.org)

**Spaghetti Suppers:** Join the TCC every Friday night from 7-9 PM in W11 Comm. Rm for a free spaghetti supper!

**Prison Ministry in Boston:** MIT Student OPS (Operation Prisoner to Soldier) is an MIT outreach program partnered with TEJI (The Educational Justice Institute). More info and questions contact Jacqueline Pedlow ([jpelldow@mit.edu](mailto:jpelldow@mit.edu)).

**Drop-in Grief Support Group:** Tuesdays from 5–6pm in W20-303. Open to students of all religious, spiritual, moral, and ethical viewpoints. See [http://calendar.mit.edu/event/life\\_after\\_loss\\_drop-in\\_support\\_group](http://calendar.mit.edu/event/life_after_loss_drop-in_support_group)

## Ten years of ordination

*It was ten years ago this week that I was ordained a deacon, on January 30, 2010. I was ordained a priest a few months later, on May 22. In Acts 6:6, we read about how the people of God in Jerusalem prayed before the ordination of deacons that the HS would guide them to choose upright and pious men worthy to be ministers. The Holy Spirit is behind vocations to the priesthood, but he comes only when the faithful pray that he comes. I'm confident that my vocation to the priesthood in Boston came because many people here in Boston were praying that more vocations come. Acts 13:1-3 also tells us how the seven prophets and teachers in Antioch were fasting and praying in the liturgy when the HS picked Saul and Barnabas to be missionaries to the Gentiles. Which means that those whom God is calling to be priests also need to be among the faithful who are praying for priests.*

*My vocation is the result of your prayers and mine, your asking that the Spirit send more priests, and my asking what it is that God wants me to do. Why he chose me for Boston, when I grew up in Ohio, is a mystery. But I'm happy that he did, and I thank all the people in this archdiocese, and all over the world, for praying that the Spirit send somebody, and that I had the grace to hear a call. Please keep praying! That there be more good Fathers, in the sense of priests, and in paternal sense.*

Upon my ordination to the priesthood, people started calling me Father. I became a dad! To a lot of people older than myself, even. Obviously, I'm not called Father because of anything I did—I'm a Father because of the sacrament of Holy Orders, in which Cardinal O'Malley laid his hands on me and configured me to Jesus Christ. That is a great mystery.

It was a little after my ordination that Pope Benedict XVI released *Youcat*, the catechism for youth that was especially intended for that year's World Youth Day. In the preface of *Youcat*, reflecting on the priest abuse scandals, the Holy Father asked his young readers not to be scandalized by the fact that in the very heart of the Church the Evil one has entered. Later, in a discussion of the Our Father, the *Youcat* asks whether those who have no father figures can pray to God our Father. The response is really graphic: even those who have been abused by their fathers can continue to pray to God the Father. The reason is that, although human fathers can through sin be bad images of fatherhood, God is the perfect Father, who loves us as His children, and wants us to be with Him. He is constant, the paradigm of fatherhood; human fathers can only imperfectly approach His perfection, and we shouldn't let sin obscure His glory.

It was frightening, as a new Father, to think that my sins could be magnified by virtue of my ministry, that failures in my personal holiness could lead people away from God. A similar line of thinking led St. John Chrysostom to refuse ordination for many years; he was scared that his salvation would be at risk by accepting responsibility for the souls of others. St. Augustine agreed that being ordained was a risk to the priest's (or bishop's) salvation, but argued that, while being bishop made him at great danger of damnation, being a baptized Christian meant that he was still a son of God, and so could be saved through the mercy God shows His children. Even Fathers are sons... and God loves His sons..

*Please pray for priests. Pray that there be more, and that we be holy. Pray for all fathers, whether spiritual or natural, that they be close to God the Father, so that they can help their children pray the Our Father with understanding, rather than fear. If we all pray that the Holy Spirit comes, He will, and the whole church—laity, clergy, and religious—will grow as one.*

*Come Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.  
And You shall renew the face of the earth.*

*Fr. Moloney*