Mass Schedule
[in MIT Chapel]
Sunday 9:30 AM, 12:05 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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list for the Tech Catholic Community.

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To post a message in the bulletin or
on the TCCM list, send an email to:
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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, our main mailing list. To add yourself to the list go to:

TCC Winter Retreat: February 16-18, 2018. 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 February 16 at 7 PM. We will leave from the Betania II on February 18 at 11 AM. Space is limited! Please sign up in the back of the Chapel or email catholic@mit.edu.

Spaghetti Suppers: Join the TCC every Friday night from 7-9 PM in the W11 Community Room for a free spaghetti supper! This is a time for food, fellowship, and fun.

“The Philosophy of God of Thomas Aquinas”: 10 AM–noon on MWF Jan 22 - Feb 2 in PDR 3 / Student Center. Taught by FOCUS missionary Eddie Lazzari (edmundo.lazzari@focus.org). Walk-ins are welcome, but if you can, please email Eddie to let him know that you will be attending!

Spouses/Parents Bible Study: Open to all parents and married people, the group meets Fridays from 10–11 AM in the W11/Community Room to prepare for the upcoming Sunday’s readings and support each other in fellowship and prayer. Drop in when you can - you do not need to attend every week. Children welcome! Questions - email turnerts@alum.mit.edu

Bible Studies will continue during IAP!
- Undergraduate Men’s Study will meet on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays beginning from 8:15 - 9:30 PM. in W11/SDR (except 1/29 W11/ComR., 2/2 CFL/W11 downstairs)
- Undergraduate Women’s Study will meet on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays beginning from 8:15 - 9:30 PM in the Student Center - PDR 1 (except: 2/2 in PDR3)
- Graduate Student Studies will continue - men, please contact Eddie Lazzari at lazzari@mit.edu, Women, please contact Judy Beaudoin at judy.m.beaudoin@gmail.com.

For more info contact the FOCUS missionaries at lisa.driscoll@focus.org or 720-938-7692.

Register for FORMED.ORG: The TCC has received a grant to provide access to FORMED.org — the Augustine Institute’s online gateway to a whole bunch of Catholic formational content, including podcasts, videos (many pitched at children), and e-books. (Think of it as a Catholic version of Amazon Prime). To register for free, go to tcc.formed.org.

Graduate Student Email List: Join the tcc-grads email list (go to MIT’s WebMoria list manager) to hear about upcoming events for TCC graduate students.

BBMSK (Back Bay Mobile Soup Kitchen): We serve homeless communities in Back Bay and Cambridge giving out socks, sandwiches, and a friendly presence to folks we come across on the street. When? 6:00 PM on Tuesdays at W11 or 6:00 PM on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays in front of St. Clement’s Shrine. For more info, visit bbmsk.org!

The following programs will resume with/in the new semester:
• Melchizedek Group
• RCIA
• Tech Catholic Talk

January/February

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Pope Francis: Today’s Marriage Culture Needs the Grace of Matrimony

After asking bishops from all over the world to gather in Rome for a synod to discuss the state of marriage today, in 2016 Pope Francis wrote “The Joy of Love” as a summary of what the bishops studied and as an exhortation to respond to the difficulties of today’s culture with the grace of Christian marriage:

The current reality of the family. 32. Faithful to Christ’s teaching we look to the reality of the family today in all its complexity, with both its lights and shadows… It is evident that individuals, in personal and family life, receive less and less support from social structures than in the past. Furthermore, …extreme individualism weakens family bonds and ends up considering each member of the family as an isolated unit… The tensions created by an overly individualistic culture, caught up with possessions and pleasures, leads to intolerance and hostility in families. Here I would also include today’s fast pace of life, stress and the organization of society and labor, since all these are cultural factors which militate against permanent decisions. We also encounter widespread uncertainty and ambiguity… Freedom of choice makes it possible to plan our lives and to make the most of ourselves. Yet if this freedom lacks noble goals or personal discipline, it degenerates into an inability to give oneself generously to others… The ideal of marriage, marked by a commitment to exclusivity and stability, is swept aside whenever it proves inconvenient or tiresome. The fear of loneliness and the desire for stability and fidelity exist side by side with a growing fear of entrapment in a relationship that could hamper the achievement of one’s personal goals.

As Christians, we can hardly stop advocating marriage simply to avoid countering contemporary sensibilities, or out of a desire to be fashionable or a sense of helplessness in the face of human and moral failings. We would be depriving the world of values that we can and must offer. It is true that there is no sense in simply decreeing present-day evils, as if this could change things… This is hardly to suggest that we cease warning against a cultural decline that fails to promote love or self-giving… of a “culture of the ephemeral”. Here I think, for example, of the speed with which people move from one affective relationship to another… We treat affective relationships the way we treat material objects and the environment: everything is disposable; everyone uses and throws away, takes and breaks, exploits and squeezes to the last drop. Then, goodbye. Narcissism makes people incapable of looking beyond themselves, beyond their own desires and needs… Breakups often occur among older adults who seek a kind of “independence” and reject the ideal of growing old together, looking after and supporting one another. In some countries, many young persons postpone a wedding for economic reasons, work or study. Some do so for other reasons, such as the influence of ideologies which devalue marriage and family, the desire to avoid the failures of other couples, the fear of something they consider too important and sacred, the social opportunities and economic benefits associated with simply living together, a purely emotional and romantic conception of love, the fear of losing their freedom and independence, and the rejection of something conceived as purely institutional and bureaucratic…

Jesus restores and fulfils God’s plan. 62. Jesus, in speaking of God’s original plan for man and woman, reaffirmed the indissoluble union between them, even stating that ‘it was for your hardness of heart that Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so’ (Mt 19:8). The indissolubility of marriage… should not be viewed as a ‘yoke’ imposed on humanity, but as a ‘gift’ granted to those joined in marriage… God’s indulgent love always accompanies our human journey; through grace, it heals and transforms hardened hearts, leading them back to the beginning through the way of the cross… Jesus, who reconciled all things in himself, restored marriage and the family to their original form (cf. Mt 10:1-12). Marriage and the family have been redeemed by Christ…

72. The sacrament of marriage is not a social convention, an empty ritual or merely the outward sign of a commitment. The sacrament is a gift given for the sanctification and salvation of the spouses… Marriage is a vocation, inasmuch as it is a response to a specific call… Consequently, the decision to marry and to have a family ought to be the fruit of a process of vocational discernment… In accepting each other, and with Christ’s grace, the engaged couple promise each other total self-giving, faithfulness and openness to new life. The couple recognizes these elements as constitutive of marriage, gifts offered to them by God, and take seriously their mutual commitment, in God’s name and in the presence of the Church… The sacrament is not a “thing” or a “power”, for in it Christ himself “now encounters Christian spouses… He dwells with them, gives them the strength to take up their crosses and so follow him, to rise again after they have fallen, to forgive one another, to bear one another’s burdens.