Mass and Confession Schedule (in MIT Chapel)
Sunday 9:30 AM, 1:00 PM, 5:00 PM
Monday & Wednesday 12:05 PM
Tuesday & Friday 12:05 PM
Confession after Mass - except Mon. (7 PM)
**When classes are in session

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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:
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Tech Catholic Talk: Have you been thinking about ethics and war since our last Thomistic Institute talk? Join us for free pizza and a follow-up discussion on our TI talk from last Friday on Just War Theory: Catholic Ethics and the STEM Career on Monday Feb. 25 at 8:15 PM in the W11 Main Dining Room.

TCC Grad Student Dinner: Meet Wednesdays at 7:15 PM on the first floor of the Student Center (outside Anna’s Taqueria). Feel free to bring your own meal, or get something from the food court, and share in conversation and fellowship! For any questions, please contact Brandon Roach (roachb@mit.edu, cell 734-787-8727).

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and Course in the Fundamentals of the Catholic Faith: Fr. Moloney is offering a class in the fundamentals of the Catholic faith on Sundays from 2:45-3:45 PM in the Small Dining Room of W11. For more info contact Fr. Moloney: dmoloney@mit.edu.

Melchizedek Group for Priestly Vocations: Fr. Moloney will lead a discussion group about the nature of the priestly vocation and how to discern if God is calling you to the “order of Melchizedek” (Heb. 5:6, 7:17) using the book To Save a Thousand Souls. We meet on Mondays 5-6PM. Our Spring 2019 meetings begin tomorrow, February 25. To attend doesn’t mean that you are thinking about entering the seminary, or even that you’re not dating. It can simply mean that you’re interested in supporting others think about the priesthood. If interested, contact Kyle James (kbjc2711@mit.edu). Books are available from Father’s office in W11.

Women’s Discernment Group for Religious Life: Tuesdays at 6PM. Do you think God might be calling you to religious life? Do you want to know more about the nature of religious life and the call to it? Father Moloney will be leading discussion centered on religious life and how to discern if God is calling us. If interested, contact Mariah Mullen mmullen@mit.edu. Copies of the book Discerning Religious Life are available in the office in W11-012

Bible Study: Interested in a small group setting where you can read, pray with, and discuss the Word of God and its application to your life? Then please consider joining a Catholic Bible Study!

Graduate: contact: Brandon Roach-Men’s study leader roachb@mit.edu
Charolette Ong-Women’s study leader oyong@mit.edu

Undergraduate – contact: Gregory Giangiordano-Men’s study Coordinator gregory.giangiordano@focus.org
Lisa Driscoll-Women’s study Coordinator lisa.driscoll@focus.org

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.

Want to join the Choir? For details, visit http://mit-tcc-choir or email Piotr Suwara (suwara@mit.edu)

BBMSK (Back Bay Mobile Soup Kitchen): For more info, visit bbmsk.org

“What do I live for? : Reflect on our daily experience and on our values/needs. Italian food will be provided! Tuesdays from 7pm to 8pm @ the Student Center, Private Dining Room #3. For more info: Elisa: elisas@mit.edu

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Integrity@MIT: Contact integrity@mit.edu for more information and times of weekly meetings.

FIAT: A group for single women interested in learning more about a vocation to religious life in the Catholic Church. Next meeting on March 27, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Little Sisters of the Poor, 186 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA. Topic: “Personal Vocation.” For more info, contact S. Marian Batho, CSJ at mariann.batho@cshboston.org or 617-746-2025. Check out the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/FiatForDiscerningWomen. If you plan to attend, please rsvp smms@littlesofthepoor.com.

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February 24th, 2019
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time / C
see hymnal # 1112
St. John Chrysostom on the Spiritual Steps to Loving One’s Enemy

When one considers all the injustice in the world, and all the wrongs that can be done to us, it can make us angry at those who cause the injustice. If we have been victimized or mistreated, we can have a hard time forgiving the person who has sinned against us, as our Lord teaches we must. St. John Chrysostom (349-407), the great Father of the Church, suggests that Jesus’ series of teachings on forgiveness, found both in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew’s Gospel and in the Sermon on the Plain in Luke’s, guide us more and more deeply into the kind of love that God has even for sinners, and which Christians should have even for those who hurt them. (From Homily 18 on Matthew’s Gospel, #4-5.)

1. Don’t retaliate to an injustice with a greater injustice. This is the import of the Old Testament rule (also found in other middle eastern legal systems) of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. Don’t let vengeance lead us to escalate our response.
2. It’s better to respond to injustice with a proportionate response. (Leviticus 24:19-20: “Anyone who inflicts a permanent injury on his or her neighbor shall receive the same in return: fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth. The same injury that one gives another shall be inflicted in return.”)
3. Rather than respond with a proportionate response, it’s even better not to respond at all. (“Offer no resistance to one who is evil”—Matthew 5:39; “From the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back”—Luke 6:30)
4. Rather than not responding, respond by giving oneself up to more suffering (“To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well”—Luke 6:29)
5. And offer more than your enemy asks (“From the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic”—ibid.)
6. Do not hate those who injure you. This summarizes the above.

Together, these first six stages only get rid of anger against those who have injured us. But as Chrysostom points out, our Lord keeps pushing us to follow him more deeply. The goal is not to be without emotion towards those who have hurt us, not merely not to hate or be angry… but to love them, as Jesus loved even those who killed him. And so, he notes, the Gospel continues with three more steps:

7. Love those who injure you. Our Lord repeats this for emphasis. (“Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you…Love your enemies and do good to them.”—Luke 6:27, 35)
8. Also, do good to those who injure you. Our love for our enemies has to issue forth in actions.

Chrysostom addresses the obvious objection, that this is too much to ask: “‘But how,’ one might ask, ‘is it possible for this to take place?’ Having seen God become man, and descend so far, and suffer so much for our sake, do you still inquire and doubt, how it is possible to forgive your fellow-servants their trespasses? Don’t you hear Him on the cross, saying, ‘Forgive them, for they know not what they do?’ Or St. Paul, when he says (Rom. 8:34), ‘He who is gone up on high, and is sitting on the right hand intercedes for us?’ Don’t you see that even after the cross, and after He had been received up, He sent the apostles to the Jews who had slain Him, to bring them His ten thousand blessings, and this, though Christians were to suffer ten thousand terrors at their hands?”

Chrysostom reminds us that Jesus promises the greatest of all the rewards to those who love their enemies—greater than inheriting the earth, or being comforted or being shown mercy, greater even than being given the kingdom of heaven. We will be like God, insofar as it’s possible for men to be like God in this life. [“Then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”] So we should be thankful to those who hurt us, for giving us the opportunity to love them and win such a wonderful reward!