

Third Sunday of Easter

Lord, let your face shine on us.

19 April 2015



Saint Thomas More Parish Parish Ministries and Organizations

To contact any of the following groups call the Parish Office
at 850.456.2543

Rev. Father Nicholas Schumm, Pastor

Finance Council

John Godlewski, Chairperson
Keith Elijah, Representative to Parish Council
Mort O'Sullivan

Parish Pastoral Council

Maureen Hanna, Chairperson, 850.377.5201
Jason Danley, Vice-Chairperson
Pam Clyde, Secretary
Grace Amell
Jim Davis
James Donovan
Becky Edmondson
Kathleen Elijah
Sharon Mandel
Norman Nalepa
Anne Smith
Alan Tschirgi

Other Parish Groups and Ministries

Sacred Liturgy — Father Schumm
Organist & Sacred Music — Susan Henderson
Ushers — Charlie Dickin
Religious Education — Rachel Avery
RCIA — Father Schumm
Ladies Altar Society — Grace Amell
Knights of Columbus — Jim Davis
Communion to the Sick — Father Schumm
Bereavement — Charlene Grant
Outreach -- Lynn VanNatter
Respect Life — Kathleen Elijah
HOPE Ministry — Nelson Ortiz
Burse Club — Regina Booth
Book Club — Mary Williams
American Heritage Girls — Kathleen Elijah
Prayer Chain — Susan Soule

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY — April 19th - 8:00 AM
Dennis J. Dempsey †
Req. by John & Mary Ann Godlewsky

SUNDAY — April 19th - 10:00 AM
Pro Populo (For Parishioners)

MONDAY — April 20th - 6:40 AM
No Mass

TUESDAY — April 21st - 6:40 AM
Harry Johnston †
Req. by Richard Johnston

WEDNESDAY — April 22nd - 6:40 AM
Rita Elizabeth Dunham †
Req. by Her Family

THURSDAY — April 23rd - 6:40 AM
Claude Earl Schudel †
Req. by His Family

FRIDAY — April 24th - 6:40 AM
Nguyen Mai
Req. by The Watsons

SATURDAY — April 25th - 4:00 PM
Thomas Voisinet †
Req. by His Family

VICTIMS ASSISTANCE

The Catholic Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is committed to healing the hurting hearts of sexual abuse victims and has established Victims Assistance Coordinators who are experienced and trained counselors. They are available to help persons who have been sexually abused. The Coordinator for the Pensacola/Fort Walton area is Louis M. Makarowski Ph.D., P.A. at (850) 477-7181.

Parish Events:

Parish Pastoral Council

Next Meeting will be held on Thursday, **May 21st**, starting at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Council members sit at the table. Other parishioners are welcome to attend and sit in the row of chairs provided. For more info call Maureen Hanna (850) 377-5201.

STM Ladies Altar Society

Next Meeting will be this Sunday, **May 10th**, after the 8:00 AM Mass in the Parish Hall. They usually meet on the second Sunday. All women of the parish are welcome. For more info call Grace Amell at (850) 458-3557.

Knights of Columbus

Father Keating Council #15836

Next business meeting will be on Tuesday, **May 12th**, at 6:00 PM in Parish Hall. For more info call Grand Knight Jim Davis at (850) 380-3993.

American Heritage Girls Troop

invites Catholic Girls ages 5-18 to join a Christ-centered scouting program. Our troop meets two times per month on a Monday at 6:30 PM in our Parish Hall. For more information contact Kathleen Elijah at (850)457-0358 or Email: ashersmom99@yahoo.com

Book Club Meeting – The next meeting will be on Tuesday, **May 5th**, at 9:30 AM in the Parish Office and Activities Center. The book for May will be “Burying Father Tim” by Tom Robertson.

HOPE Ministry stands for “Helping Our Praying Elders.” Nelson Ortiz has been authorized to sit with those who are in hospital or homebound to relieve care-givers for a few hours. 456-2543

Religious Education classes are held Sundays from 8:50 AM until 9:50 AM. Parents should bring children to R.E. classrooms in the Parish Office and Activities Center at 412 Bayshore Drive.

Weekly Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal will be said here at Saint Thomas More Parish **every Wednesday morning** at 7:00 AM following the 6:40 AM Daily Mass.

Prayer Chain is a group of parishioners who, upon request, pray for the intentions of others. Requests are communicated to the group via email. If you have a prayer request or would like to join the group please contact Susan Soule. 455-1690 or 4susu8@gmail.com

MARTYRDOM It is not the suffering but the cause that makes the martyr. —English proverb

Bayou Chico Neighborhood Watch

Will be meeting here at

Saint Thomas More Parish Hall this

Tuesday, April 21st at 6:30PM

This group is still forming and everyone is invited to come and bring a neighbor. Learn how you can help make and keep our neighborhood a safer place. David Craig of ECSO will be speaking to us about crime prevention.

Saint Thomas More Outreach

Anyone interested in volunteering for a diocesan service agency, can contact the agency as follows: *Alpha Center - 850-479-4391
*Washburn Center - 850-435-7427 *St. Vincent's - 850-434-1456
*St Joseph's Clinic - St. Joseph Parish 850-436-6461
*Catholic Charities – Assistance, Adoption, Immigration
<http://ccnwfl.org/>

*Guardian Ad Litem Program, Joan Irby Volunteer Coordinator 1800 W. St. Mary Ave., St 3, Pensacola, FL 32501, 850-595-3729

Any parishioner interested in serving on the Saint Thomas More Outreach committee, please contact Lynn VanNatter, 850-456-1070 or lynnvannatter@yahoo.com. Thank You.

Saint Thomas More Outreach News, April, 2015

Our parish outreach will support Warrington Emergency Aid Center (WEAC), 4 W Sunset Avenue by providing volunteer support and donations of food staples, good condition clothes and linens, particularly blankets and towels. For more information regarding volunteering and/or donations, contact Lee Ann Sylves, Committee Chair for WEAC, 723-4974.

Our parish outreach will support Warrington Elementary School, kindergarten through second grades, by donations of school supplies in July and ‘Happy Birthday Jesus’ packages for the children at Christmas. Anyone interested in participating can call Lynn VanNatter, 456-1070. All Saint Thomas More parishioners are welcome to join the St Thomas More Outreach group.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: Catholic Charities Outreach Volunteers

Matthew Knee, Director, Pensacola & Fort Walton Beach

Kneem@cc.ptdiocese.org (email with name, phone number, your parish and area of interest and you will be called)

Volunteer Positions Open: (Positions open to men and/or women)

***Catholic Charities, Sixth Ave** - Front Desk, answering phones, meeting people, screening, etc. - COA Accredited so these positions require completion of online courses

****Catholic Charities, Caring Coach** - Show up and distribute food with the mobile food pantry to feed the poor, Escambia and Santa Rosa County – No special training required

*****Catholic Charities, Circles** - Occupy/babysit children while parent(s) participate in class - Volunteer to assist with career planning, Allies (assist in job placement), training, education requirement, budgeting, etc
Tues evenings, weekly, at Sacred Heart Cathedral, lasting 1 ½ to 2 Hrs

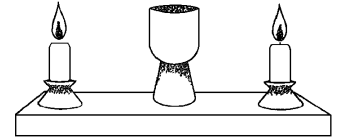
******Guardian Ad Litem** - Guardian Ad Litem Program, Joan Irby Volunteer Coordinator - 1800 W. St. Mary Ave., St 3 Pensacola, FL 32501 850-595-3729

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

With the Easter season well under way, we now resume our survey of the sacrament of the sick. The pastoral care of the sick will be misunderstood if we start from the vantage point of the sickroom. Begin with the Sunday assembly, from which the sick person has been separated by the crisis of illness, and whose absence is given expression in prayer and service. The goal is to extend the consolation of the Lord's presence at the table to those who are apart from it, and for the assembly to enfold them in prayer.

Secondarily, the goal is to teach people what the Church desires for all those who are sick. Seeing ministers dispatched to the sick from Mass every Sunday might help a caregiver realize that their dear one can also receive Communion. Witnessing the anointing of a woman facing surgery might help another person to overcome hesitation and ask for the sacrament's healing and strength. Society's impulse may be to marginalize the sick, but the tradition of our community is to see them at the center of our life.

When Roman persecutors ordered St. Lawrence the Deacon to hand over the jewels of the church, he assembled a motley crew of the sick and the infirm and announced with all humility, "Behold, my lord, the treasures of the church of Christ." —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



PRAYER IN DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE

God our Father, we give you thanks for the gift of marriage:
the bond of life and love, and the font of the family.

The love of husband and wife enriches your Church with children
fills the world with a multitude of spiritual fruitfulness and service,
and is the sign of the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, for his Church.

May your Holy Spirit enlighten our society to treasure the heroic love of husband and wife,
and guide our leaders to sustain and protect the singular place of mothers and fathers in the lives of their children. *Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.*
(<http://www.marriageuniqueforareason.org/>)

Catholic Home Missions

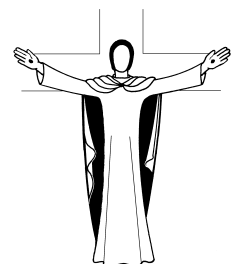
The Catholic Home Missions Appeal will take place next week April 25/26. One way that this appeal works to strengthen home mission dioceses in the United States is by funding seminarian formation in poor dioceses. The blessing of seminarians places a financial burden on these dioceses, where educating each seminarian costs \$35-40K per year. Your support is needed for these young men so that they might go back and serve their parishes. Please **strengthen the Church at home** by making a generous gift to next week's appeal.

St. John School Sunset Run:

The 32nd annual St. John Catholic School (Pensacola) Sunset 5k Run will be held Sat., May 9, 2015. The 5:30 pm race follows the shoreline of Bayou Grande on a USATF certified course for runners and walkers, followed by a one mile fun run. Registration for the run is available on active.com or by visiting/contacting the school at 325 South Navy Blvd., (850) 456-5218.

SAVORING THE EXPERIENCE

One of the wonderful things about vacations is the time we spend two or three weeks afterward savoring the experience, sharing vacation photos and memories with our family and friends. This kind of reflection puts us back in touch with the original experience and reminds us of the relaxation and wonder the vacation afforded us. Today, on the Third Sunday of Easter, the Church blesses us with reminders of what we celebrated two Sundays ago. All three readings are reflections on the meaning of the death and resurrection of Christ. One of the threads running through these reflections is that the purpose of the Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection was to save us, to forgive our sins. We are given fifty days to ponder this reality—fifty days to savor the experience of Christ's dying and rising for us. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.





READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a,
17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20;
Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;
Mk 16:15-20

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29;
1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

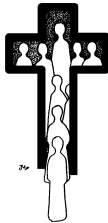
SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter
Tuesday: St. Anselm
Thursday: St. George; St. Adalbert
Friday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen;

“A Church Fully Alive”

CSA - Catholic Sharing Appeal 2015
Our Parish Goal for this year is
\$40,391.39.

Any overage after we reach the goal will come back to the parish for use in programs and improvements. Please return your pledge card as soon as possible or you can make your pledge online by visiting the Diocesan Website at www.ptdiocese.org.

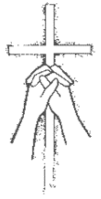


Safety Concerns at Saint Thomas More Parish

- Please do not park in any areas marked red on the curbs. These spaces are kept clear for emergency vehicles only.
- Please secure your vehicles when parking on church property. In your parked cars do not leave purses or items within view.
- The side doors of the church (near the statues of St. Joseph and Our Lady) are locked a few minutes before Mass begins. If one arrives late use the front doors of the church (come through the vestibule). This is a recommendation by the Diocesan Insurance and Safety Program.
- Parents: please do not let little children go to the restrooms unattended. Be watchful of your children at all times.

Please, pray for our sick parishioners:

Alberta Clarke
Ricky Crowds
Aloha Georges
Murphy Greene
Charles Hanson
Catherine Henderson
Susan Henderson
Xavier Holm
Margaret Lambert
Barbara Lough
Helen Manley
Albert Mayfield
David Segers
Frank Sylves
Leanne Sylves
Edna Thompson



If you want a name to appear or to be removed, please call the **parish office 456-2543**.

If someone needs the *Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick*—please call the parish office. If no one answers, please leave a message with name and phone # and the priest will call you back.

WELCOME
to **Saint Thomas More**
James Bowen

Nick and Ellen Nassar

New to the parish? We Welcome You!
There are Parish Registration forms in the vestibule, please fill a form out and give it to an usher/greeter, place it in the offertory collection, or stop by the parish office to register .

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AVAILABLE FOR
JULY 2015 -- DECEMBER 2015



Our parish website:
www.sainthomasmore.net
Did you know that we have a
Facebook page?

On Facebook look up:
“**Saint Thomas More Parish**”

You may use your smartphone
to scan this QR Code
to donate for offertory, maintenance, and gifts for
Saint Thomas More Catholic Church.

