

## **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  
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

## *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord* 29 March 2015



*Christ Jesus humbled himself,  
becoming obedient to the  
point of death, even death on  
a cross. — Philippians 2:8*

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

*SUNDAY – March 29th- 8:00 AM*  
**Colleen Coburger +**  
Req. by Jim & Mary Fortney

*SUNDAY – March 29th- 10:00 AM*  
**Pro Populo (For Parishioners)**

*MONDAY – March 30th- 6:40 AM*  
**No Mass**

*TUESDAY – March 31st- 6:40 AM*  
**Clara Townsell**  
Req. by The Voisinets

*WEDNESDAY – April 1st- 6:40 AM*  
**Trang Nguyen Mattha +**  
Req. by Sam Eckhardt

### **SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM** **THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** **AND EASTER TIME**

*HOLY THURSDAY – April 2nd - 5:30 PM*  
*GOOD FRIDAY – April 3rd - 5:30 PM*

*HOLY SATURDAY*  
*EASTER VIGIL – April 4th - 8:00 PM*



### **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.

**MASS INTENTIONS ARE  
AVAILABLE FOR  
JULY 2015 -- DECEMBER 2015**

## Parish Events:

### **Parish Pastoral Council**

Next Meeting will be held on Thursday, **April 16th**, 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 Sunday, **April 12th**, 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, **April 14th**, 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](mailto:ashersmom99@yahoo.com)

**Book Club Meeting** – The next meeting will be on Tuesday, **April 7th**, at 9:30 AM in the Parish Office and Activities Center. The book for April will be “The Dollmaker” by Harriette Simpson Arnow.

**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 caregivers for a few hours. 456-2543

**STM 10 AM Choir:** If you’d like to join the choir please talk with our organist and music director, Ms. Susan Henderson.

**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.

## Lenten Events:

- **Rice Bowl Collection:** “For Lent, For Life.” What you give up for Lent changes lives. For more information: [csrricebowl.org](http://csrricebowl.org)
- **Stations of the Cross:** Every Friday, during Lent at 12 Noon in the church. On “Fish Fry” days, Stations of the Cross will also be prayed at 5:30 PM (only on 03/27).

**Food Drive for Lent** sponsored by the Ladies Altar Society, inviting all parishioners to bring canned goods and non-perishables to re-stock the Catholic Charities pantries. Please, bring your donations and drop them off at the vestibule.

**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](mailto:4susu8@gmail.com)

### **SUFFERING**

*Jesus did not come to do away with suffering or remove it. He came to fill it with his presence.*

—Paul Claudel



## **FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE**

### ***This Sunday***

**Saint Thomas More Parish is sponsoring March 29th, Palm Sunday**, the last day of the 40 Days for Life.

Day to Pray from 6 AM to 6 PM **March 29th** in front of abortion clinic at 6115 Village Oaks Drive in Pensacola.

## **Chrism Mass**

Bishop Gregory Parkes will celebrate the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart on Tuesday, March 31, at 10:00 AM CDT. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this Mass.

## **Clean-up Day**

Please join your fellow parishioners for our Easter Clean-up on **Wednesday, April 1st**.

Please bring rakes and garbage cans for the leaves. We will have coffee, doughnuts and fellowship to share, it all starts at **9:00AM**. If you have questions call Charlie Dickin at 455-7935 Looking forward to you joining us.

## **Divine Mercy Sunday**

### **Second Sunday of Easter**

**April 12, 2015**

### **Celebration at Saint Thomas More**

Our celebration will be as follows:

Confessions at 2:00PM

Eucharistic Holy Hour 2:30PM

Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3:00PM

Benediction 3:30PM

All are invited to join us for coffee and dessert in the parish hall.

Please bring a dessert to share if you can.

**RE**

**No RE Classes- Palm Sunday March 29th  
And Easter Sunday April 5th**

## "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](http://www.ptdiocese.org).

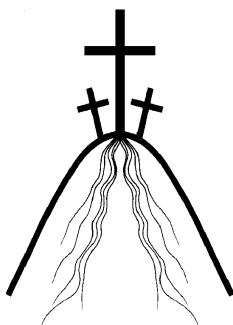
**Thank You** for any support you can give our Parish.

### CSA Prayer:

LORD, hear our prayer as we seek to be good stewards of the many gifts You have bestowed on us.

Give us wisdom to discern Your will for us, strength to meet the challenge, and the grace to be steadfast in our commitment to You.

Let us use our time, talent, and treasure for Your greater honor and glory. In Your name we pray. Amen.



## Upcoming Collections

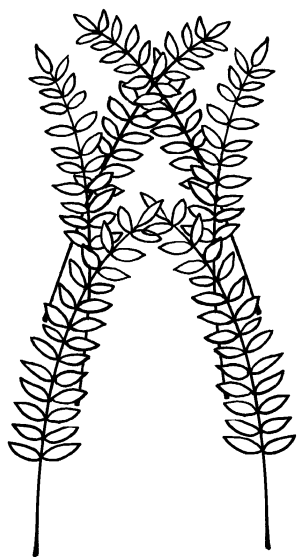
**Holy Thursday** is the anniversary of the Institution of the Sacred Priesthood. The spiritual formation and education of future priests for the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee are of the utmost importance. A collection will be taken on Holy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, for this purpose.

**On Good Friday**, April 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be a second collection for the maintenance and restoration of the Shrines in the Holy Land. Bearing in mind, the hardships of so many inhabitants in the Holy Land, your generosity will help to maintain a Catholic presence. Thank you and God Bless.

**Televised Mass** is available in the Pensacola area at 10:30 a.m. Sundays on Cox cable channel 12, (WJTC/UPN Mobile). Following the Mass, Catholic in America, produced by the television ministry at St. Dominic Parish in Panama City, will air. This program uses a newsmagazine format to promote the activities and ministries found at our parishes. Tune in at 11 a.m. (Central) to channel WJTC44. The program is available in the Pensacola, Mobile and Fort Walton Beach areas on local cable networks.

**Theology Classes**, Wednesdays, 7 p.m. St. Stephen Parish hall, Pensacola. With Father Héctor R.G. Pérez, STD. This year's topics: the Liturgy of the Eucharist in both Roman Rites, . Sacrosanctum Concilium after fifty years.. For more information, call 850-432-9362 or request by [e-mail](mailto:).

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION



Is today "Palm Sunday" or "Passion Sunday"? Though now known officially as Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, confusion is understandable, since before the 1969 reform of the calendar two separate Sundays bore these titles. Passion Sunday was a week before Palm Sunday. To add to the confusion, the Gospel accounts of the Passion of the Lord were not read on Passion Sunday, but on Palm Sunday! On Passion Sunday, the cross and statues were veiled in full purple drapes. The organ had fallen silent at the beginning of Lent, and now the sanctuary bells were replaced by wooden clappers. The introit (opening chant) for the old Mass of Passion Sunday hints at a reason for reform: "Do me justice, O God, and fight my fight against a faithless people" (Psalm 42). This liturgy was laden with references to the "infidelity" of the Jews, a theme that gave rise to inflammatory preaching and, in some places, attacks against the persons and property of the Jewish people. This does not stand as a "treasure" of any sort in our tradition. Our authentic tradition, rather, is the ability to reflect and repent and to seek reconciliation with the Jews, our brothers and sisters in the love and service of God.

**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 is available on [active.com](http://active.com)

**Did you know?**

**There are four active regions for Young Catholic Adult activities. For Pensacola Catholic Young Adults:**  
 Third Thursday Theology on Tap at Goatlips Deli at 7 pm;  
 First Friday Camp Fire Rosary at St. Anne, Belleview at 7 pm  
 Every other Tuesday; Bible Study  
 First Saturday Service at Alfred Washburn Center;  
 Exalt and Praise and Worship  
 Monthly Social activities.  
 Facebook: Pensacola Catholic Young

**Saint John Catholic School Open Registration**

For new students registration has begun for the 2015-16 school year. Come and join our Saint John family by enrolling your child in our K4-8th grade school. Scholarships are available that may cover all or most of the tuition fees. Class size is limited and registration will secure a student's place. Come visit us at 325 S. Navy Blvd, call (850) 456-5218,

**Lawn, Garden & Crafts Show**

**The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart Sanctuary Society is holding its annual Lawn, Garden & Crafts Show** on Saturday, April 11, 2015, from 8:00 am-2:00 pm on the Cathedral grounds at the corner of 12th Avenue & Mallory Street in Pensacola. Vendors will showcase beautiful plants and flowers, yard art, and pots and planters, as well as many different types of crafts and garden items. Admission is FREE and there will be raffle prizes, a baked goods sale, and food will be available for purchase. All proceeds will go to the numerous charities supported by the Sanctuary Society. For further information, contact Kay Hale at the Cathedral at [438-3131](tel:438-3131) ext. 13 or e-mail [sanctuary-](mailto:sanctuary-)

**The 40th Annual Convention**

**of the Pensacola-Tallahassee Diocesan Council of Catholic Women** will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Pensacola. The theme is "Our Family- Our Future." Dr. Tom Neal, Academic Dean at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, will be the keynote speaker. His address is entitled "Hearth of Mercy: Welcoming Divine Compassion into the Family." Also featured will be Sister Margaret Kuntz, ASCJ, Diocesan Office of Faith Formation and Sheila Hopkins, NCCW President-elect. All women of the diocese are invited. For more information, please contact Cynthia Lacour at 492-9911. For reservations, please contact Kay Hale at Sacred Heart at 850.438.3131, ext.13 or [Lkhale@bellsouth.net](mailto:Lkhale@bellsouth.net)

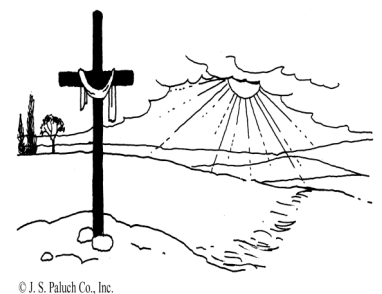
**The Passion of the Christ** Little Flower School Cafeteria (PNS)  
**Holy Tuesday, March 31, 2015 7:00 P.M.**  
 A Play Presented by PACK (People Aiming for Christ's Kingdom)  
 The Little Flower High School Youth Group

**Little Flower Catholic School will be performing Disney's Jr. "Aladdin"** Thursday April 24 and Friday April 25. Ticket prices for these two shows will be \$5.00. The performance Saturday April 26 will be a dinner theatre and will cost \$15.00 a person. Reserve your seat now by calling [850-455-4851](tel:850-455-4851).

**Little Flower Catholic School is accepting applications for the 2015-2016 school year** Please contact Mrs. Harden, Principal, at 455-4851 with questions or to schedule a tour.

**PROPHETIC ANOINTING**

The solemnity of today's readings invites us into silent contemplation of the mystery of our redemption. There are so many levels on which to understand the events of the Passion. The woman who anoints Jesus acts prophetically in a way that the other disciples do not yet grasp. Anointing is for priests, prophets, and kings, and also for the preparation of the dead. It is for healing and for holiness. Her action acknowledges the imminent events of the passion and death of the Lord, and points toward his resurrection and triumph over evil and death. He is priest and victim, prophet and God, King and Lord. All these things are acknowledged in her prophetic anointing.



## HOW TO FAST

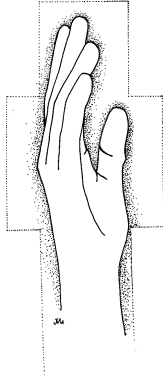
### Celebrate God's Mercy!

#### Confession

Cathedral of the Sacred Heart— Monday of Holy Week, March 30th at 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM

\*\*Every Saturday at Saint Thomas More Parish at 3:00 PM until 3:45 PM or by appointment

\*\*\*Also, everyday Monday through Friday at Saint Joseph Parish at 4:30 PM un-



Fast from judging others; Feast on Christ dwelling in them.  
Fast from apparent darkness; Feast on the reality of light.  
Fast from pessimism; Feast on optimism.  
Fast from thoughts of illness; Feast on the healing power of God.  
Fast from words that pollute; Feast on phrases that purify.  
Fast from anger; Feast on patience.  
Fast from worry; Feast on Divine Providence.  
Fast from unrelenting pressure; Feast on unceasing prayer.  
Fast from negatives; Feast on positives.  
Fast from complaining; Feast on appreciation.  
Fast from hostility; Feast on non-resistance.  
Fast from bitterness; Feast on forgiveness.  
Fast from anxiety; Feast on hope.

## Holy Week

**HOLY WEEK will be March 29th through April 5th.** Some special events and liturgies to mark your calendar:

- \* **Palm Sunday of the Passion**, March 29th, Masses at 8 AM and 10 AM and the Mass in anticipation at 4 PM on Saturday, March 28th, 2015
- \* CHRISM Mass at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart on Tuesday, March 31st, at 10 AM. All the oils used for Sacraments will be blessed by our Bishop and priests will renew their promises.
- \* Serra Club for Vocations will meet at STM Parish Hall 11 AM —1 PM on Wed, April 1st, for their annual luncheon. Call the office for more information about how to join the Serrans of Pensacola.

#### SACRED TRIDUUM:

- \* **Holy Thursday**, April 2nd, No Morning Mass and we will have Mass of the Lord's Supper at 5:30 PM (with incense) and Adoration at the altar of repose until 11 PM.
- \* **Good Friday**, April 3rd, FASTING & Abstinence, No Morning Mass, Stations of the Cross at 12 Noon followed by SILENT Prayer in the church until 3:30 PM. The Sacred Liturgy of the Lord's Passion will begin at 5:30 PM.
- \* **Holy Saturday**, April 4th, No regularly scheduled Mass at 4 PM. The Sacred PASCHAL VIGIL will begin at 8 PM with the blessing of the new fire, new Paschal Candle, extra readings and sacraments (with incense). We should be finished by 10 PM; this is the first Mass of Pascha (Easter).
- \* **Easter Sunday of Resurrection**, April 5th, Mass at 8 AM without incense and Mass at 10 AM with incense.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11  
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38  
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34;  
Mt 26:14-25  
Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9;  
Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21  
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;  
Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26;  
Jn 13:1-15  
Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25;  
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42  
Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10,  
12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;  
b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;  
c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;  
d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;  
e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;  
h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;  
Mk 16:1-7  
Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;  
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9  
or Mk 16:1-7 or (at an afternoon)

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

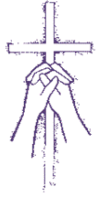
Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
Monday: Monday of Holy Week  
Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week  
Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week  
Thursday: Holy Thursday; Paschal Triduum begins  
Friday: Good Friday of the Lord's Passion;  
Fast and Abstinence;  
Passover begins at sunset  
Saturday: Holy Saturday; Vigil of Easter

### 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 Crowdus  
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 our newest parishioners:

**Carolyn Hoffmann**  
**Dorothy Parkison**

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 call the parish office to register  
yourself. 456-2543

## Our parish website:

[www.saintthomasmore.net](http://www.saintthomasmore.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.**

