

# *Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*

## **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



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### **MASS INTENTIONS**

*SUNDAY – April 5th - 8:00 AM*

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***Pro Populo (For Parishioners)***

*MONDAY – April 6th- 6:40 AM*

***No Mass***

*TUESDAY — April 7th - - 6:40 AM*

***Sick and Homebound of the Parish***

Req. by The Ladies Society

*WEDNESDAY – April 8th- 6:40 AM*

***Nguyen Luc***

Req. by The Watsons

*THURSDAY – April 9th - 6:40 AM*

***Catherine Jones***

Req. by Mary Ann Kunselman

*FRIDAY – April 10th- 6:40 AM*

***Edward Townsell +***

Req. by The Voisinets

*SATURDAY – April 11th - 4:00 PM*

***Mont Buehler +***

### **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, **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 care-givers 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.

**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.

Upcoming Collection  
April 25/26  
Catholic Home Mission Appeal



## **April 12, 2015 Next Sunday 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.

## **Saint Thomas More Outreach**

Anyone interested in volunteering for a diocesan service agency, can contact the agency as follows:

Alpha Center 850-479-4391 [www.alphacenterinc.org](http://www.alphacenterinc.org)

Washburn Center 850-435-7427

St. Vincent's 850-434-1456

Catholic Charities – Assistance, Adoption, Immigration  
<http://ccnwfl.org/>

St Joseph's Clinic St. Joseph Parish 850-436-6461

Any parishioner interested in serving on the St Thomas More Outreach committee, please contact Lynn VanNatter, 850-456-1070 or [lynnvannatter@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnvannatter@yahoo.com). Thank You.



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## **Prayer for Conscience Formation**

*I praise you Lord for creating me in your divine image. Thank you for giving me a free will to know you and love you. Open my heart to your teachings and help me to form my conscience according to your will.*

*Please strengthen me with the virtues of faith, hope, love, and especially prudence. Grant me your loving guidance each day and send me the graces to always do your will, even when most difficult.*

*Amen.*

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

# Easter

Our tradition has a way of honoring age-old customs, and is patient with how practices unfold in different places. The name of today's feast illustrates this well. English is a Germanic language, and our word "Easter," or German "Oester," points back to the pagan goddess Eoestre, the star of the vernal equinox feast. The Greek title "Pasch" reaches back in a more helpful manner to the Hebrew "Pesach," or "Passover." "Paschal Triduum" may be slow to replace "Easter" in our vocabulary, but it is clearer about the mystery we celebrate today, the culmination of three days laden with mystery and meaning.

You can hear the older term, and the resistance to English influence, in the Irish "Casca" and Scottish "Pask." Romance languages stay close to the deep paschal tradition, with the French "Pâques," Spanish "Pascua" and Italian "Pasqua." Memories of our pagan past with "Oester" will not soon fade away: even Japanese Christians are under her spell, for today's feast is called "I-suta." Swahili, a young language, takes the more traditional route with "Pasaka." Each language yields a rich insight into the feast. Spanish includes a sense that today is a "big Sunday" by adding the designation "Pascua" to the greatest feasts, such as "Pascua de la Natividad" (Christmas). Once Christ is risen, every step of life's journey is illuminated by the light of the Pasch!

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### "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.



### Our Easter Mission

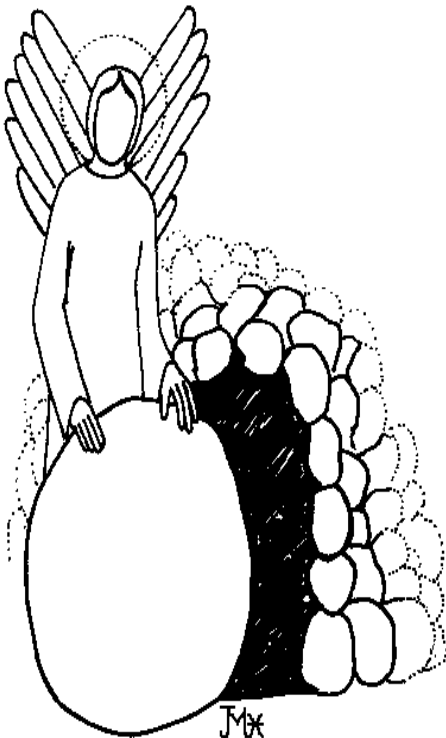
"Have no fear. The outcome of the battle for life is already decided, even though the struggle goes on against great odds and with much suffering... "Christ is now raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep ... so in Christ all will come to life again" (1 Cor. 15:20-22). The paradox of the Christian message is this: Christ - the head - has already conquered sin and death. Christ in his body - the pilgrim people of God - continually suffers the onslaught of the Evil One and all the evil which sinful humanity is capable of. "The liberating message of the Gospel of life has been put into your hands. And the mission of proclaiming it to the ends of the earth is now passing to your generation. Like the great apostle Paul, you too must feel the full urgency of the task: **"Woe to me if I do not evangelize" (1 Cor. 9:16). Woe to you if you do not succeed in defending life.** The church needs your energies, your enthusiasm, your youthful ideals, in order to make the Gospel of life penetrate the fabric of society, transforming people's hearts and the structures of society in order to create a civilization of true justice and love." – Saint Pope John Paul II to Youth, August 15, 1993, Denver, Colorado.

### 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 run is available on active.com

### 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, or visit our website at [www.stjohnpensacola.com](http://www.stjohnpensacola.com).



### Lawn, Garden & Crafts Show

The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart Sanctuary Society is holding its annual **Lawn, Garden & Crafts Show** on **Saturday, April 11th** 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** 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)

**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**.

*Little Flower Catholic School is accepting applications for the 2015-2016 school year Please*

### Young Catholic Adult activities Pensacola:

Third Thursday Theology on Tap at Goatlips Deli at 7 pm;  
First Friday Camp Fire Rosary at St. Anne, Bellevue 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 Adults

## SEEKING

Easter Sunday is a day all about seeking. The early Christian communities gathered around the Apostles, seeking more about the life and ministry of the Lord Jesus. Saint Paul told the baptized Colossians to "seek what is above." Mary of Magdala went to the tomb, seeking to find the Lord's body so that she could anoint it. We come to church on Easter Sunday seeking many things. For some of us, this is a once a year journey, when we seek connection with the foundations of the Christian faith. For others, this day is the culmination of a long journey of Lenten repentance. For the newly baptized, this is the first day of a new life filled with promise and expectation. Whatever it is that we seek, let us be inspired by the disciple whom Jesus loved who, when he saw the wrappings of cloth inside the empty tomb, "saw and believed."





## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;  
Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;  
Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a;  
Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21;  
Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;  
1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31  
or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord;  
Julian Calendar Palm Sunday

Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter

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Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Friday: Friday in the Octave of Easter;  
Julian Calendar Good Friday

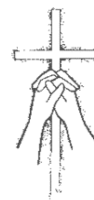
Saturday: Saturday in the Octave of Easter

### 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 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

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



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

## Our parish website:

**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.**

