

Saint Thomas More Parish

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ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Bible Study Group – 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month. (Sept.-June)

Men's Fellowship Group—2nd Saturday of each month at 9 a.m.

Parish Council — 2nd Tuesday of January, March, May, September, and November, at 7:00 p.m. All Parishioners are welcome!

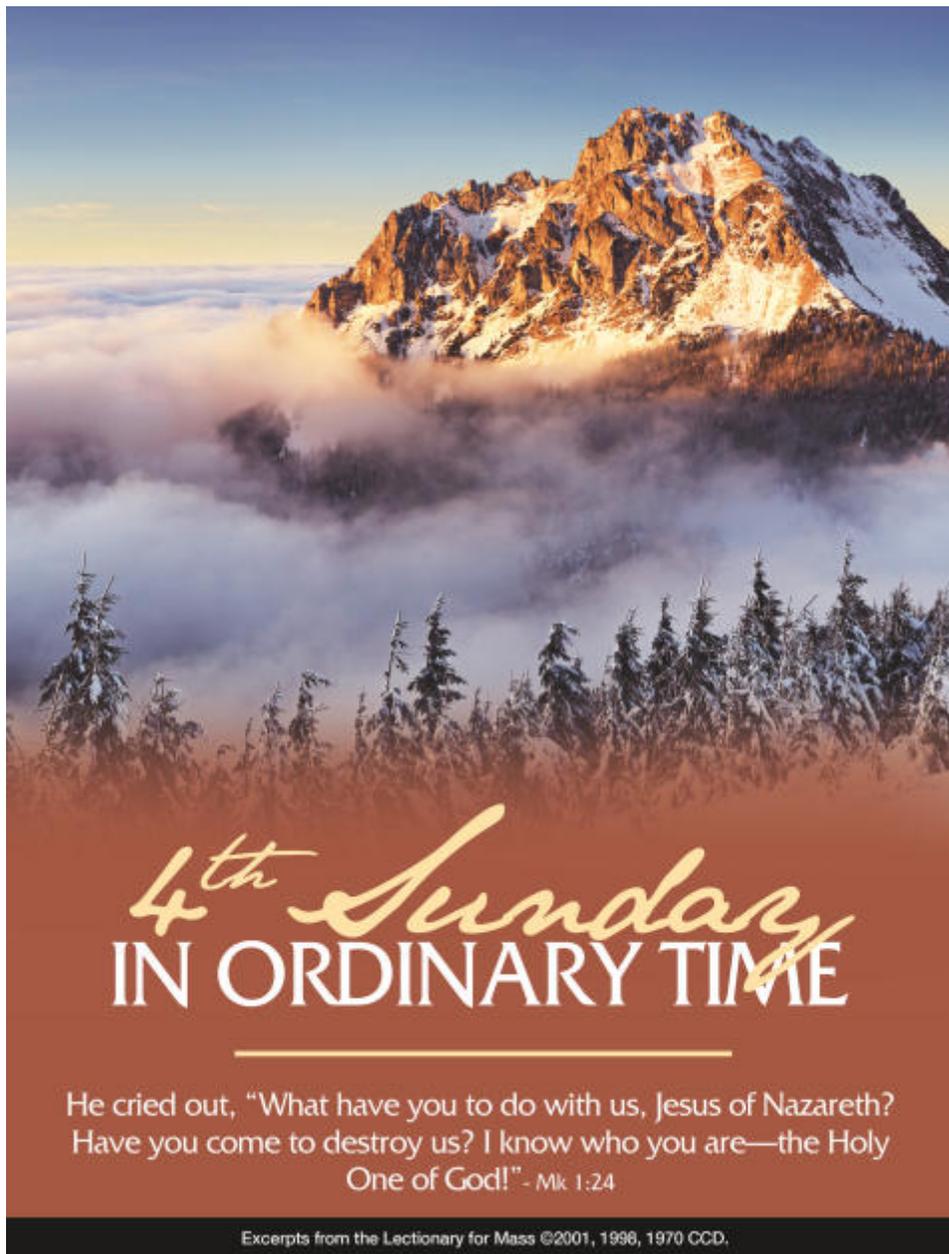
Religious Education

— **Grades K-12** classes are held on Saturdays from Sept-May 3:00 to 4:15 p.m.

— **Why Catholics (for Adults)** Sundays from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m.

Rosary Group—after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

PLEASE JOIN US!



“NEW” Mass Schedule



**WE ARE OPEN FOR
INDOOR MASS**

FACE MASK IS REQUIRED

**Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and
Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**

Please join us!

Rev. Msgr. James P. Farmer, Pastor

Rev. Mr. Michael P. McCoy, Deacon

Rev. Mr. Michael Baxter, Deacon

Mrs. Jane G. Brown, Music Minister

Mrs. Ana R. Trujillo, Coordinator of Religious Education

Ms. Maria A. Boling, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

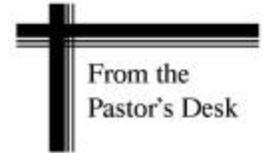
Mrs. Carole Small-Charles, Receptionist

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Dear Parishioners,



“Every friend declares his friendship but there are friends who are friends in name only. Is it not a sorrow unto death when your bosom companion becomes your enemy? Alas, my companion! Why were you created to blanket the earth with deceit? A false friend will share your joys, but in time of trouble he stands afar off. A true friend will fight with you against your enemies he will be your shield-bearer. Forget not your comrade during the battle, and neglect him not when you distribute your spoils.”

Sirach 37:1-6

Friendship is an essential need for everyone. We all need friends. Friends support each other in difficult times. Friends celebrate with us in times of joy and comfort us in times of sorrow.

Spiritual friendship is also very important. Jesus is a friend. He is a special friend. He is a Divine Friend.

Friends spend time together. They talk to each other, and they listen to each other. Communication is necessary is friendship.

How much time do we spend with Jesus? Do we talk to Him? Do we listen to Him. Do we have a good relationship with Jesus?

A true friend will make sacrifices for his or her friends. A true friend is concerned about what is best for the other person. A true friend is not self-centered.

Jesus sacrificed for us. He suffered for us. He gave up His life for us. He is a true friend.

Let us spend more time with Jesus. Let us thank Him. He is our best friend.

In Christ

January 24, 2021

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Readings for February 7, 2020

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7

Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Mk 1:29-39

PRAYER REQUESTS



Please pray for our Parishioners

and Friends, especially: Jim Gay, Clare Doyle, Charlie Bailey, Rita Petrucci, Gloria Gonzalez, Leslie Vitrano (Barbara Peach's daughter), Blessings Lewis, Gertrude Eromosele, Maureen Maguire, Bill Kahler, Dolores Kelly, Joe Rupinski, Washington Gonzalez, Nicholas DiLiello (Lillian's brother), Tyler Rush (Lillian's Grandson), Josette George (Lillian's cousin) and Bishop W. Francis Malooly.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	02/01	
8:30 a.m. Mass		Girlie Castro Cuenca
Tuesday	02/02	
8:30 a.m. Mass		William & Estella Woods
Wednesday	02/03	
8:30 a.m. Mass		Robert Johnson
Thursday	02/04	
8:30 a.m. Mass		Brian West
Friday	02/05	
8:30 a.m. Mass		Anne Hicks
Saturday	02/06	
4:30 p.m. Mass		For the Parishioners
Sunday	02/07	
10:00 a.m. Mass		For the Intentions of Msgr. James P. Farmer

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: I get annoyed with myself when I am distracted while I pray. Is it a sin? How can I be more attentive?

Answer: The mind is a marvelous and complex thing, producing amazing thoughts, images, wisdom and inspiration. Yet at times it is like a two-year-old: it does not follow directions, does what it wants and loves to tell us “no!” This is probably the oldest and most common problem in the spiritual life-dealing with distraction. It comes in all forms: good intentions forgotten, wandering thoughts at Mass, daydreaming, etc. A little poem says it all: When the soul begins to pray, the brain always wants to play!

There are many ways to handle distractions. If we are distracted by thoughts about our families or friends, we should pray for them. If we lose our focus, we need just “re-collect” ourselves. If some worry or concern just won't leave our mind, then we deal with it and come back to prayer or make it part of our prayer. And when words just won't come, the only prayer we might offer is our presence, our suffering, and our desire to be close to the Lord. Most importantly, we need to be patient with ourselves. These things are not sinful, but reminders of our human frailty. Our weaknesses and good efforts are all acceptable to God, who reads the love in our hearts and the good intentions of our minds. ©LPi



We Pray in Faith that all who have died, especially James Haughey (Sister Kathleen's Brother), may be welcome into the peace of God's Kingdom.

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Space!



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Most of us are not trail blazers. Throughout history though, there have been many folks who tirelessly and persistently pursued the promptings of their hearts without giving any care to what others thought or trends dictated. Jesus is one of them. St. Teresa of Calcutta and St. Francis of Assisi are examples of others. The rest of us are people who take a more measured look at things, want to test the waters, and take our time choosing what path or person to follow. We need credible witnesses of faith. We need the Moses people in our lives to show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose-driven life looks like. They are the pointers to truth, who even though they struggle themselves, seem to embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and caught the attention of the greatest of skeptics. They were astonished. Even though we need our human prophets we can also be somewhat prophetic ourselves by putting integrity and conviction behind our embrace of the Gospel. Perhaps much to our surprise, we all have the power to be a credible witness. Are you willing to give it a try? ©LPi

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