Eucharistic Liturgies
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM and 5:30 PM
Saturday: 4:30 PM
Monday—Friday: 8:30 AM (Chapel)

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 3:00 - 4:00 PM or by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
The first Friday of each month from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Parish Office Hours
Sunday: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Monday—Thursday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Closed for lunch from 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Community Center Office Hours
Monday—Thursday: 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM
Closed for lunch from 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Chapel Hours
Monday—Thursday: 7:30 AM - 7:30 PM
Friday: 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Sunday: 7:00 AM - 7:30 PM

Church Hours
Monday & Tuesday: 12:00 - 7:30 PM
Wednesday & Thursday: 7:30 AM - 7:30 PM
Friday: 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Sunday: 7:00 AM - 7:30 PM

Gift Shop Hours
Sunday: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Monday—Thursday: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

September 8th, 2019
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:27
BECOME A REGISTERED MEMBER OF THE PARISH
In order that we may better serve you, please register with the parish by visiting www.stmlv.org or downloading our St. Thomas More App. Forms are also available in the parish office and in the gathering space of the church.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Call the Parish Office at 702-361-3022 if you need to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at home or in a hospital. The Sacrament is also offered communally within the Mass. Announcements will be made about upcoming Anointing of the Sick Masses.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK
If you are homebound, please call Patti Sabo at 702-269-3110 and an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will visit you. In case of hospitalization, inform the hospital staff that you are Catholic and would like to receive Communion.

FUNERAL MINISTRY
In the event of a death of a loved one, please contact Lisa Fairweather at 702-361-3022 ext. 104 before making arrangements with any of the professional services.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Baptisms for infants and children up to 7 years of age are celebrated on the weekend. Parents and Godparents are required to attend the baptism preparation class on the first Wednesday of the month (unless otherwise announced) at 7:00 PM in the church. Please contact the Parish Office at 702-361-3022.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY
Please contact Pamela Trendell at 702-361-3022 ext. 109 to discuss availability and the preparation requirements.

VOCATIONS
Please consult with one of the priests.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: WWW.STMLV.ORG AND CONNECT WITH US ON OUR MOBILE APP AND ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES!
Dear Friends,

Now that all of the local grade schools and colleges have gone back into session, we, at St. Thomas More, officially begin the start up of our own programs and ministries here as well. Some groups have already begun meeting, but many others, including our Faith Formation classes, our Middle School Program; More Youth, and all of our Music Ministry groups, kick off next week. You will find more details on those start dates/times for meetings and gatherings in this bulletin. If you are curious about getting involved in any of the programs or ministries that we have, please visit our website at www.stmlv.org for more information. We have great opportunities for all ages. Since I am still fairly new and I came during the summer when our calendar was less active, I am excited to observe, be a part of everything and continue to meet all of our wonderful parishioners. It is truly the parish life kicking off for a new year and I know it will be a great one!

As I mentioned last weekend, a full financial report is being worked on right now and it will be available in next weekend’s bulletin. I appreciate the consistent support and generosity of time and treasure that our parishioners show.

Yours In Christ,

Fr. Bede Wevita
Pastor

We are planning our Parish Festival— “MORE Festivities” and we need some help! We are currently collecting Raffle Prize Donations and Monetary Donations. We are also looking for new & appealing high-ticketed items, such as TVs, Apple products, Disney or Airline Gift Cards, Game Consoles, etc. Letters will be given to those who donate. We would also like to recruit some volunteers to be a part of the planning committee. If you are interested in helping or would like to donate, please contact the Parish Office at 702-361-3022. More details about the event coming soon!

September 26th will mark the 23 year anniversary of the dedication of our church. We will celebrate with Mass at 8:30 AM followed by a reception in the Community Center. Everyone is invited!

On September 15th, we will recognize our catechists with a special blessing at the following Masses:
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 5:30 PM

“YOU DON’T CHOOSE YOUR FAMILY. THEY ARE GOD’S GIFT TO YOU, AS YOU ARE TO THEM.”
- Desmond Tutu
The two-sided cards above are available at our parish or by mail. The overall goal of CSA this year remains at $2,700,000.00. Each parish shares in that goal, and once the individual parish goal has been reached, 100% of the funds beyond that goal are rebated back to the parish.

Here is the breakdown of CSA funds:
- Vocations and Education & Care of the Priests (51%)
- Faith Formation (18%)
- Campus Ministry at UNLV (10%)
- Pastoral Outreach (15%)
- Leadership and Oversight of Catholic Education (6%)

Please join us in realizing “in your light we see light,” by helping to fund these many ways in which the light of Christ is shared. Thank you for your generosity. You enable care for and ministry to people all over the Diocese of Las Vegas.
Due to offices being closed for Labor Day, we had to transmit our bulletin early, so we do not have the figures from September 1st to publish. They will be in next weekend’s bulletin.

**ST. THOMAS MORE GIVING**

We are happy to offer these electronic giving options:

**ONLINE GIVING** is easy to set up and allows you to schedule recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have internet access. Simply follow these easy steps:

1) Visit our website at www.stmlv.org
2) Click “Online Giving”
3) Click on the Create Profile button
4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions. If you give by credit card and have recently received a new credit card, please be sure to update your account information. Thank you!

**GIVE BY TEXT** is a quick way to make a donation by using your smart phone to send a text message to 702-903-2248 with the amount you would like to give. Make sure to include the dollar sign before the amount and within seconds you’ll receive a text with a link to register.

**SCAN OUR QR (QUICK RESPONSE) CODE** which was created specifically for our community. When you scan this image with a Smartphone’s QR decoder, it will instantly connect you to the mobile version of our web page. These QR Code Signs are also being installed in our church foyer for your convenience.

**ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

**WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY**

**ST. THOMAS MORE GIVING**

We currently have 6,574 families registered

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**ADRIAN JIMENEZ**
**GLORIA LOPEZ**
**THE MALDONADO FAMILY**

**STANLEY TUCZAKOV & MARY SCIALAABBA**

Our parish community offers our sincere congratulations to those celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony.

**BLESSILDA BARBA**
**DENNIS NOTO**

Let us all keep them in our thoughts & prayers.

**Celebration of Marriage**

**In Remembrance**

**Sacred Heart Retreat House**

Women’s Silent Retreat
September 27-29, 2019

Located in the beautiful and serene grounds of the Sacred Heart Retreat House Alhambra

Retreat Master
Rev. James Livingston

Come Holy Spirit
“He will guide you to all truth” Jn 16:13

CHARTER BUS TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE
SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2019
23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY’S READINGS:

FIRST READING:
Who knows God’s counsel, or who can conceive what the Lord intends? (Wis 9:13)

PSALM:
In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge. (Ps 90)

SECOND READING:
Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you would have him back forever, no longer as a slave, but more than a slave, a brother. (Phmn 15:9-16a)

GOSPEL:
“Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.” (Lk 14:27)


gospel meditation
encourage deeper understanding of scripture

It’s said that upon reading the Gospels, Gandhi commented that he very much liked Jesus Christ. It was Christ’s followers he found troublesome. One wonders who Gandhi had met and if these Christians had truly counted the cost of their faith. Following Jesus, really following Jesus, is much more challenging than we may think. He emphasizes this with strong language in this Sunday’s Gospel. He compares discipleship to the carrying of one’s own execution device - "his own cross" - and for the need even to "hate" what could disrupt one’s commitment. Some of this is standard hyperbole, exaggeration for effect common to the time period. Some of this should make us wonder how deep our discipleship goes.

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost?" Jesus imagines this construction project gone wrong. Someone may lay the foundation but not have enough resources to finish. We’ve received the firm foundation of the sacraments - our baptism, for one, along with weekly Mass attendance and regular confession. Yet how often do we find ourselves too distracted, exhausted, or uninterested to truly build our lives on our faith? We have all met such Christians. Some days, we may be those Christians ourselves. We become the incomplete tower that confuses and baffles the onlookers. "This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish!"

For some of us, our cross may feel heavier than we expected upon the first lift. Building a tower means laying stone upon stone. It’s a process. We don’t arrive at completion overnight. Grace is always sufficient to provide the resources, but we need to keep saying yes to the task. This week, consider your own discipleship. What is one area where you’ve become distracted or discouraged? How can that improve this week? Let God lay another brick on the tower.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8TH:

SUNDAY:
Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 [1]/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

MONDAY:
Col 1:24-2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11

TUESDAY:
Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19

WEDNESDAY:
Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab [9]/Lk 6:20-26

THURSDAY:
Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38

FRIDAY:
1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42

SATURDAY:
Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

LIVE THE LITURGY
inspiration for the week

Hearing and listening are two different things. Even in our human relationships, people can hear what we are saying, but are they really listening? This is true with God as well. We hear God’s word as it comes to us through Sacred Scripture, but are we really listening to it? Listening requires a good dose of humility and openness to the one who is speaking. It requires that we free up some of our personal space so that we can be available and receptive to another person and to God. Listening does not require the use of words. We can listen to God through art, creation, the unfolding of life, and the human story. Truly listening to God provides us with the direction of where we need to go, how we are to live, what we are to choose, and what we must avoid. Listening prepares and anchors us. Are you listening?
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2019
JOSEPH R. DUCO III (4:30 PM)
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2019
MILO PILIO (8:00 AM)
EDUARDO VISAYA JR. (10:00 AM)
REV. ANTHONY ESPOSITO (12:00 PM)
MEMBERS OF THE PARISH (5:30 PM)

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH
8:30 AM  Mass
6:00 PM  Sandwiches (More Youth)
6:30 PM  MoMS: New Group
6:30 PM  MoMS: St. Anne, Mother of Mary
7:00 PM  RCIA Inquiry

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH
8:30 AM  Mass
9:00 AM  Piecemakers
9:30 AM  Bible Study (AM Session)
6:30 PM  Bible Study (PM Session)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH
8:30 AM  Mass
6:00 PM  Faith Formation Parent Meeting
6:30 PM  MoMS: New Group
6:30 PM  MoMS: St. Faustina
6:30 PM  MoMS: St. Margaret of Scotland

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH
8:30 AM  Mass
9:30 AM  Small Church Communities
12:00 PM  Senior Games
6:30 PM  Bereavement
6:30 PM  MoMS Core Team
6:30 PM  Silent Meditation Group
7:00 PM  Couples Club

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH
8:30 AM  Mass

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH
8:30 AM  Engaged Experience
3:00 PM  Reconciliation
4:30 PM  Mass

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH
8:00 AM  Mass
8:30 AM  RCIA
9:00 AM  Faith Formation Classes
9:30 AM  MoMS Meeting & Registration
10:00 AM  Mass
11:00 AM  Faith Formation Classes
12:00 PM  Mass
2:00 PM  More Youth
3:30 PM  Faith Formation Catechist Meeting
3:30 PM  Life Teen Young Disciples
4:15 PM  Life Teen Core Team
5:30 PM  Mass
6:45 PM  Life Night

PLEASE NOTE: THERE MAY BE CHANGES THAT DO OCCUR TO THIS SCHEDULE. WE SUGGEST ALWAYS CHECKING WITH THE HEAD OF YOUR MINISTRY/ORGANIZATION.
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### FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

**Start the Week of September 15th**

(Calendars are available online)

### First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

An important meeting for parents whose children will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this year, will take place on **Wednesday, September 11th, 2019** from 6:00—7:30 PM in the main space of the Community Center.

If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please contact Juliann Dwyer at 702-361-8840 ext. 203.

### More Youth Starts on September 15th

(Calendar is available online)

The STM Music Ministry is excited to announce and invite you to join them for their liturgical year. If you enjoy singing and praising God this is the perfect ministry for you. We have a group for almost everyone! There are limited spaces available, so please email Lisa to save your spot in the group that meets your re"choir"ments!

- **Children's Choir:** 2nd grade through 6th grade
- **Teen Choir:** 7th grade through 12th grade
- **Adult Choir:** 18 years old and up

Again, please contact Lisa to reserve your spot at Lisaf@stmlv.org or at 702-361-3022 ext. 104.
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Fall New Groups Meeting and Registration

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH FOLLOWING THE 10:00 AM MASS

THE FALL 10-WEEK GRACE WITHIN SESSION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 24TH OR 25TH (TBD) AT 9:30 AM & SEPTEMBER 24TH AT 6:30 PM. TO SIGN-UP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT Lynne Sherlock AT 860-227-2397 OR Kathleen Walters AT KCWNC@aol.com