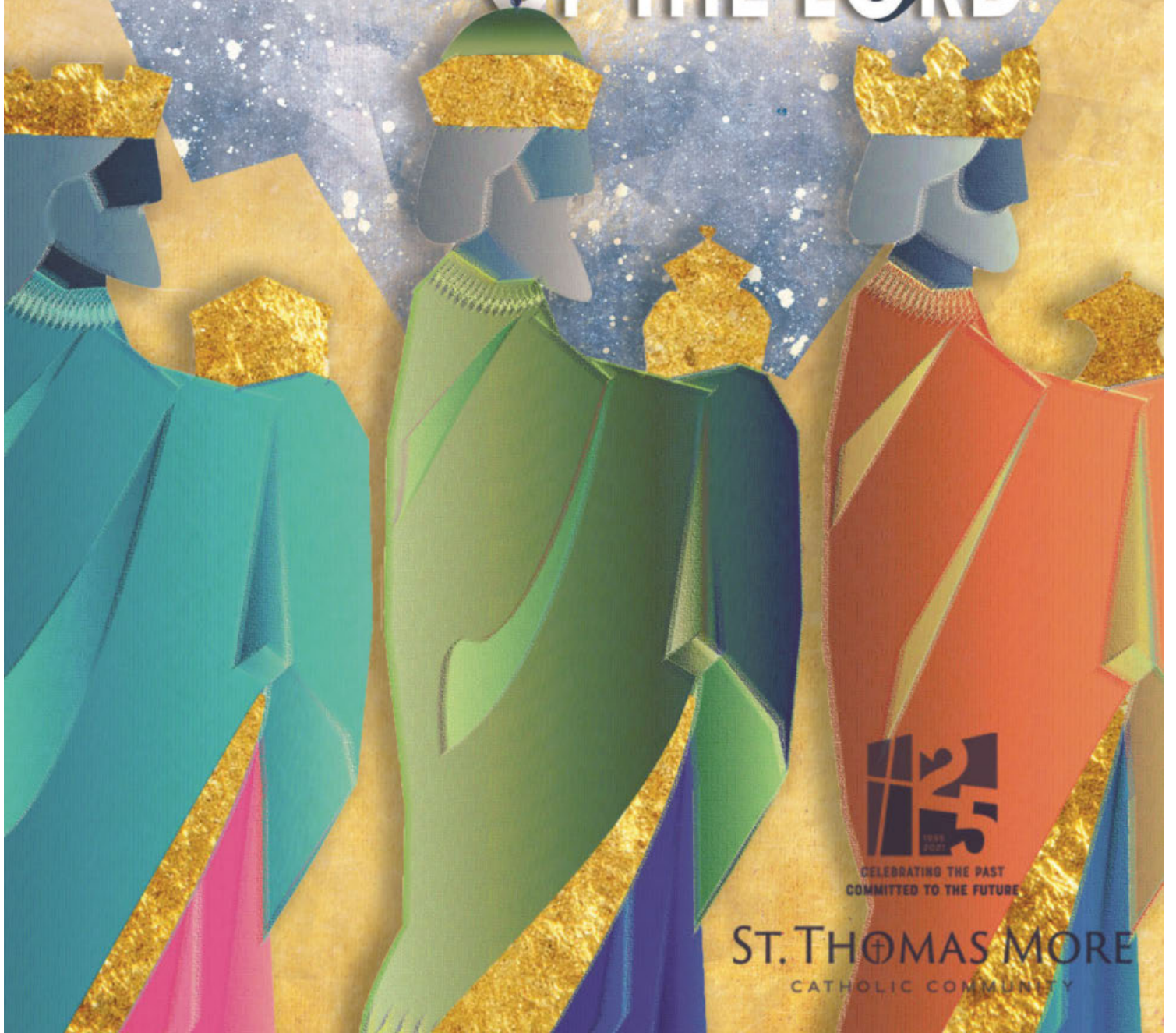


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GENERAL PARISH INFORMATION

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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm, and 5:30 pm.
Weekdays (Monday-Friday): 8:00 am
The Rosary & Chaplet of the Divine Mercy are prayed after weekday Mass on most days.

Confessions

Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 pm
You can also call the Parish Office at 702-361-3022 make a weekday appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On the first Friday of the month (unless otherwise announced): 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Parish Office Hours

Sunday: 9:00 am to 1:30 pm
Monday-Thursday: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
*Closed for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 pm
The Office is not open on Friday and Saturday

Community Center Office Hours

Sunday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Monday-Wednesday: 10:00 am to 5:30 pm
*Closed for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 pm
The office is not open on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Church/Chapel Hours (for personal prayer)

Monday-Thursday: 7:30 am to 4:00 pm
Friday: 7:30 am to 9:00 am

Gift Shop Hours

Sundays: 9:00 am to 1:30 pm
Monday-Thursday: 8:30 am to 12 noon
The Gift Shop is not open on Friday and Saturday

Food Pantry

We have a food pantry on our property with non-perishables that are available to our parishioners, families and friends. Please contact Cheryl Schwarz at 725-205-0606 to schedule a time to visit the pantry. If you would like to contribute, please drop off donations in the labeled, grey bin outside of our back Community Center doors.

Become a Registered Member

In order that we may better serve you, please register with the parish by visiting www.stmlv.org and fill out the online Registration Form. If you prefer to not register online, you can also pick up a registration form in the Parish Office.

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.

Funeral Planning

In the event of a death of a loved one, please call 702-493-1767 before making arrangements with any of the professional services.

Sacrament of Baptism

Our Baptism Preparation session, which is required, is offered on the first Wednesday of each month (unless otherwise announced) in the Community Center at 6:30 pm. This session can be attended at any time (even before the baby is born). More information, the required forms, and the class dates are available on our website.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please visit our website for detailed information. You may also contact Pamela Trendell at 725-214-7069 to discuss availability and the preparation requirements.

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.

Vocations

Please consult with one of the priests.

Connect With Us

We have many options for our parishioners and guests to connect with us online. We encourage you to visit our website at www.stmlv.org, download our app, and "like" or "follow" us on:

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome To Our Newly Registered Members

Weston and Sharon Fitzpatrick

The Lizada Family

Quinn Panem

Joseph and Diana Skore

We currently have 6,000+ registered households. Keeping our parish data system updated is very important to us. Please contact the Parish Office at 702-361-3022 to update your information.

Baptism Blessings

Sebastian Alexander Citores

Easton Shakur Rhea

We recently welcomed these children into the Catholic faith. May our community embrace them and may our word and example be a reflection of God's love for them.

Marriage Blessings

Oswaldo Sanchez and Jamie Holladay

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

In Remembrance

Epifanio Capistrano

Vicente Villena

Let us all keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Baptism Preparation

Our next Baptism Prep Session is scheduled for Wednesday, January 5th at 6:30 pm in the Community Center. More information, the required forms and the class dates are available on our website at <https://www.stmlv.org/baptism>

Engagement Experience

We offer a two-day program for engaged couples called Engagement Experience. This event is required for all couples getting married at St. Thomas More. It is also available for couples who are planning to get married at another Catholic Church. For more information and to sign-up, visit our website at www.stmlv.org/engagement

Welcome/Donut Sunday

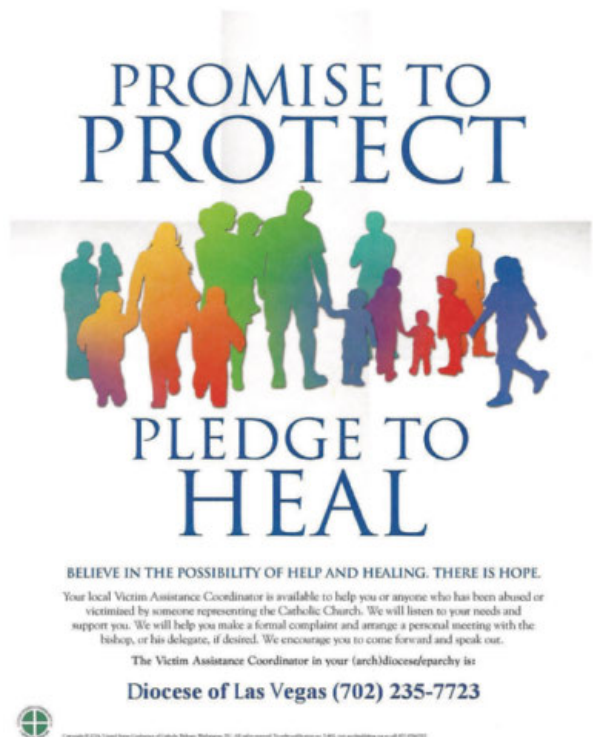
Hospitality and Community Building are the goals of the Welcome/Donut Sunday. On the first Sunday of each month (unless otherwise announced), donuts and coffee are provided after the 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and the 12 Noon Masses in the Community Center. All parishioners are invited to join in meeting and greeting one another, especially those who are newly registered in the parish. If you're interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact CJ Campagna at 702-768-3862.

Stay Informed

We have teamed up with a professional email and online marketing system called Constant Contact, to create a more efficient and quicker way of reaching out to our wonderful parishioners with news and information. If you have not signed up to be a part of our email database or you need to provide an updated contact, please visit our website and click the "connect" icon on the homepage.

Scam Alert

We want to remind everyone of an ongoing scam that has taken place here and at other parishes. Someone sends emails and/or text messages to parishioners claiming to be one of the priests. They request help by asking for money and/or gift cards. Please know that no matter what the email address looks like or how convincing the email/text sounds...this is not Fr. Bede, Fr. Joseph or anyone else on staff. We care so much about our parishioners and do not want to see anyone get caught up in this.



A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear friends,

A Prosperous New Year to everyone! I hope that as you welcomed in 2022 you celebrated with joy and anticipation of what is possible and what you plan to accomplish in the days ahead. Many people make New Year's resolutions that do not last. This year could be different.

Instead of turning your entire life upside down, try choosing one small improvement in your life – one that will draw you closer to God in some way.

Developing your spiritual life with the Lord is the most important improvement you can make. If you are able to make even a little improvement each year, imagine what you can accomplish over a lifetime. I wish you much success with this.

Thank you to those who were able to join us in-person and online for the Christmas and New Year's Masses—including the many visitors and some who have not been to church in quite some time. Their experience was made all the more memorable by the beautiful way our parish was decorated. I extend my deepest gratitude to all who donated to the Christmas flower collection, and to all the staff members and volunteers who helped decorate the church. And to all the Liturgical Ministers; Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Sacristans, Altar Families, Hospitality Ministers, and Music Ministers, many of whom served at multiple Masses, I thank you. Without you we would not have been able to serve the large number of people who came to share in this joyous occasion.

Let me also thank all those who were so thoughtful as to send cards, delicious baked goods and gifts to me and the parish staff. And thank you for the prayers and well wishes as my announcement regarding my health was made public. Your kindness and support are greatly appreciated.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany as proclaimed in the gospel; a festival older than Christmas itself. The first Epiphany was to the shepherds, and now it is to the whole world. If we are willing to search for Christ, we too can find him as the magi did. But we cannot search for him among the rich and powerful. We must search in the least and most undesirable places. It was said when the magi returned to their homes, they were unrecognizable because they had been transformed by their experience. We too can be transformed if we open our hearts and let the love of Christ in. That is our wish for the new year; that each of us can be transformed by the love of the baby in the manger.

Another thing we should all be wishing for and praying for this new year is for the pandemic to end. We need everyone well and ready as we plan to continue our 25th Dedication Anniversary through September with more community building events.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Bede".

Fr. Bede Wevita
Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 1st

4:00 pm † Jesse Smith

Sunday, January 2nd

8:00 am † Bruce Heller
10:00 am † Charlie Alaimo
12:00 pm † Clarita Perucho
5:30 pm Members of the Parish

Monday, January 3rd

8:00 am † Tommy Jagers
† Joe Guastella

Tuesday, January 4th

8:00 am † Vincenzo Paradiso
† Jun Alcantara

Wednesday, January 5th

8:00 am † Emiliana Vergara
† Ellen Harding

Thursday, January 6th

8:00 am † Melanio Vergara
† Bernice Resch

Friday, January 7th

4:00 pm † Gloria Javier
† Jessie Wallace

Saturday, January 8th

4:00 pm † Fleurette Johnson

Sunday, January 9th

8:00 am Members of the Parish
10:00 am † Sarah Wallace
12:00 pm † Paul Farrell
5:30 pm † Christopher Schwarz

If you're interested in reserving a Mass Intention, please visit our Parish Office during business hours. These intentions are prayed for silently by the priest at Mass and are not announced during Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Arlene Borski
Athena Gam Lake
Barbara Livingston
Bob Starbird
Brian Cross
Bruce & Darlene Zombory
CarolAnne Kardash
Ceferino Arboleda
Charlie Hensel
Danny Jacobs
Darryl & Ginny Abelt
Dave Wirshing
Delores Brown
Diana Stater
Dr. Nick Fiore
Elizabeth Martano
Franny & Jimmy Reyes
Felix Aguto Jr.
Fred & Bea Guidry
Jean Siriani
Jeanne Amlund
Jerry Thiele
John Edward Rice
John Matthew Suzuki
† Julia Cruz
Justin Askari
Kaiden Cruz
Katie Dillon
Laura McManus
Lenny Tanchala Jr.
Lenny Tanchala Sr.
Leona Marquez
Librada Arboleda
Linda McDonell
Linda Murtaugh
Linda Steward
Liz A. Delsignore
Loren Kiner
Lorenzo Kneesel
LuAnn Ferron
Margaret Watson
Marguerite Viola
Mark Van Bavel

Marty Marino
Mary Berndt
Mary Gallagher
Mary Solares
Maureen Fawcett
Michael Crisci
Michael David Gam
Michael Stanziale
Michelle Natale
Minerva Ciccarelli
Nelly Macahilas
Nicole O'Neill
Pasquale Amatulli
Pat Amatulli
Patrick Arboleda
Peter Selman
Raymond & Marion Lewis
Reiner Staffa
Reseth Oberg
Richard Fellrath
Rita Grillo
Ruth Ochoa
Selma Sikes
Simona Dye
Stella Van Aken
Stephanie Fiore
Suzanne Lutter
The Carranza Family
The J. Ferry Family
The LaMonte Family
The Mlagan Family
The Nuguid Family
Verilyn Bona
Virginia Guglielmo
Walter Gudaitis
Wendy Dwyer
Wilrose Robles

If you would like to add someone to the Pray For List, please contact Amanda Dwyer at amandad@stmlv.org or 725-214-5789. Names remain published for three months, unless otherwise requested. Thank you.

Men's Prayer Group:

Join us on Wednesdays at 9:00 am in the Community Center as we grow in faith and fellowship through prayer and studying the weekly Liturgy. The content is week to week...not a multi-week class, so drop in any time! If you're interested in learning more, please call or text Mark at 708-287-7120 (not 702). New members are always welcome!

Virtual Parish Book of Prayers

We have a virtual page for prayer requests. You can submit a prayer request or spend some time praying for the other public requests. It is a great way to stay connected. The direct link to this page is: www.stmlv.org/virtual-book-of-prayers/

Book of the Names of the Dead

We invite you to write names of those who have gone before you in our *Book of the Names of the Dead*. It will be available throughout the month of November next to the glass doors in the back of the church.

Altar Flowers

Would you like to honor a loved one, give thanks for an anniversary or accomplishment, or commemorate a loved one's birthday or death by sponsoring flowers on the altar? Please visit the Parish Office during business hours to discuss details and secure your preferred date.

Novenas

Our Perpetual Mass Cards are now a 9 month Novena, which are said the last Friday at our morning Mass for nine consecutive months. A novena is a form of a traditional Catholic prayer that is prayed over nine days. A novena may be prayed nine days in a row, on the same day of the week for nine weeks, or on the same day of the month for nine months (for example, the First Friday). A novena may consist of prayers, intercessions, hymns, and readings from Scripture.

These are for the living and deceased and the suggested donation is \$20.00. If you're interested, please visit our Parish Office.

Masks Are Required

Masks are required by all individuals regardless of vaccination status. Thank you for your cooperation. If you are interested in purchasing one of our STM masks, please visit our Gift Shop during business hours.



WEEKLY CONTENT

Today's Readings:

First Reading

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalm

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

Second Reading

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

Gospel

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."
(Mt 2:2)

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Readings for the week of January 2nd:

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc,
17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a
and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Observances for the week of January 2nd:

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Wednesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop

Thursday: St. André Bessette, Religious

Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Saturday:

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Live The Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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Gospel Meditation—Gain A Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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Why Do We Do That?—Catholic Life Explained

Question: What happens to a consecrated host if it accidentally falls to the ground?

Answer: This a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled.

Another question we might ask is: How should the ministers respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled?

Answer: If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacrarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.).

Questions of the Week—We Encourage You To Reflect & Respond To Scripture

First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah foresaw a time of great joy for Israel when nations and kings would come to Israel praising the Lord. How do you show gratitude to the Lord for the great joys of your life?

Second Reading:

It was revealed to Paul that God intended to save all people (*Jews and Gentiles*) through his Son, Jesus Christ. Paul tried to convey the significance of this revelation to the Ephesians by using the language of "coheirs" and "copartners." What does this language signal to you?

Gospel:

The visit of the magi is one of the most well-known stories from the Gospel infancy narratives. It was an event that manifested God's revelation of His newborn Son to the world. It also foreshadowed the threat that some would experience because of Jesus. How does Jesus challenge the status quo even today?

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Everyday Stewardship—Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, *MTS*

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A Simple Prayer—The Epiphany of the Lord

Jesus, we know that your light shines for all to see. Help us to be trusted companions to those searching for you, whether or not they know where the journey will lead. Give us direction, keep us humble, and fill us with joy.

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Saint of the Week—Examples of our Faith

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton | January 4

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

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OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith Formation Opportunities For All Adults

Here at St. Thomas More, we provide opportunities for you to continue your own faith journey and growth. On our website is a schedule of different formation sessions for you to consider. Each event is a one-off formation session that does not require you to have attended any previous session (with a few exceptions as indicated). You can drop in anytime that works for your schedule. The sessions are open to **ANY adult**. Registration is not required and there is no cost. For more information, visit our website at www.stmlv.org/adults

Adult Confirmation

The 2022 Spring Session begins in March! More information can be found on our website at www.stmlv.org/adult-confirmation

RCIA

Interested in becoming Catholic and receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist? Want to find out more about the Catholic faith? Join us!

The R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), also called the Baptismal Catechumenate, is a process of initiation into the Catholic Community of Faith for persons who are experiencing a conversion in their lives and seeking either Christian baptism in the Catholic Church or full Communion with the Catholic tradition of Eucharist and Confirmation.

The first step is to attend our Inquiry sessions. They take place on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month in the Community Center. There is no beginning or end to Inquiry and will continue all year round. You are welcome to drop in at any time to join us.

More information can be found on our website at www.stmlv.org/rcia

Senior Groups

If you are an active single senior (55+), looking to meet new friends in our community...then join us on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am in the Community Center. For more information on these gatherings, please contact Carol Capino Sturm at 702-606-3900.

Our seniors games group gather for lunch (provided by the church) and games in our Community Center the second Thursday of each month at 11:30 am. Anyone 55+ is welcome!

GriefShare Bereavement Ministry

It may be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future right now. If you've lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before.

"Going to GriefShare feels like having warm arms wrapped around you when you're shivering."

GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life.

St. Thomas More will be launching its 13-week GriefShare Bereavement Ministry beginning on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 from 9:30 am-11:00 am in Room 9 of the Community Center. Pre-registration is required and costs \$20 to purchase materials for the ministry.

All meeting dates are available on our website. You can also register and pay online as well. Go to www.stmlv.org/bereavement

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE LITTLE KINGDOM COORDINATOR, GERALDINE AT 702-236-4332

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

High School Youth Ministry

The STM Youth Ministry is open to all high school teens in grades 9-12 (no registration needed). This ministry is for all teens—whether they are committed to growing in their Catholic faith, are still seeking answers about the faith, or are just simply looking for a fun and safe place to hang out.

Join us on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Community Center!

We encourage you to check the calendar for our meeting dates before coming. The full calendar is available on our website at www.stmlv.org/youthministry

As long as they are also in high school, teens may bring a friend with them.

Our primary goal as a youth ministry is to create a safe, positive, faith-based environment for teens to learn about and grow closer to Christ, all while building fellowship and community. Our mission is to guide our youth to become the disciples they are all called to be because they are all made for greatness!

"Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity." – 1 Timothy 4:12

For more information on Youth Ministry, please contact Rolyssa at rolyssa@stmlv.org or at 725-204-9995

Faith Formation (Religious Education)

The Faith Formation Team at St. Thomas More welcomes you and your family. Our mission is to help you grow in your Catholic faith, regardless of age or where you are on your journey. We have opportunities for ALL AGES. Our K-8 programs have classes on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. If you're interested in more information about any of our programs or if you'd like to volunteer, please visit our website at www.stmlv.org and click on Faith Formation, contact us by phone at 725-204-9995, email us or stop by the Community Center to see us in-person!

All calendars, required workshop dates for parents/guardians, and other forms are available on our website at www.stmlv.org/downloads



Closed for New Year

Our Parish Offices and Community Center Offices will re-open on Tuesday, January 4th.

Current Information

For all the latest information on events, meetings, etc., be sure to visit our newly designed website at www.stmlv.org/current-announcements

Bulletin Deadlines

All remaining bulletins in December, as well as the first week of January have an early transmission deadlines from our publisher. Please note this for prayer list requests and other items. If you have any questions, contact Amanda at amandad@stmlv.org.

Men's Club

Hey men! Guess what, if you are over the age of 21, you are a member of the Men's Club. Have you been struggling with your faith? Would you like to help others and share in some Fellowship with other like-minded men? Then come to our next meeting on January 3rd at 6:00 pm in the Community Center. Our Men's Club concentrates on having fun while learning and helping. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Dave Libby at 702-808-3589 or stmoremensclub@gmail.com

Women's Guild

All women are invited to join our Women's Guild for their monthly meetings. For more information, please contact Marie at 702-501-2638 or Pat at 702-283-8926.

Piecemakers

We have beautiful, scripture quilts available for anyone that sick, going through treatment, grieving, etc. If you'd like more information on joining the group or you're interested in receiving a quilt, please contact Pat Burkitt at 702-376-5410.

If you are able to donate, we encourage you to utilize one of the options below:

Online Giving is secure, easy to set up and allows you to schedule recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have internet access. We use an online company called Vanco (which may also say eservicepayments). You can visit our website for more information.



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 Code which was created specifically for our community. When you scan this image here (simply open your phone's camera and direct it toward the QR), it will instantly connect you to the mobile version of our online giving web page.

In-person Options If you are attending Mass, you can participate during the offertory with cash, checks or your weekly envelopes. If you are a registered parishioner and you want to start receiving envelopes, please contact the Parish Office. We also have a drive up option for parishioners to drop off their donations. This dropbox is also a secure and easy option.



The weekly financial reports for December 24th-26th were not available at the time of this bulletin's early transmission.

We are very grateful for your continued support for this great community. Thank you!

Weekly Financial Report for December 18th/19th

Received (mailed in, dropbox, loose, etc.)	\$7,702.00
Vanco (online giving)	\$10,451.60
Total Mass Collection	\$19,177.20
Total Combined Collection	\$37,330.80
Weekly Collection Goal	\$32,500.00
Over/(Under)	\$4,830.80
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2021 Catholic Stewardship Appeal Report as of December 12th

Assessment Goal	\$251,945.00
Parish Goal	\$351,945.00
Pledged	\$305,053.00
Received to date	\$292,621.00
Current Balance (from parish goal)	\$59,324.00
Number of Participating Households	708

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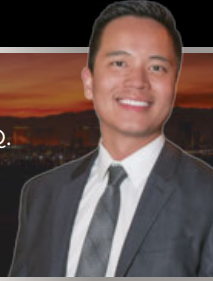
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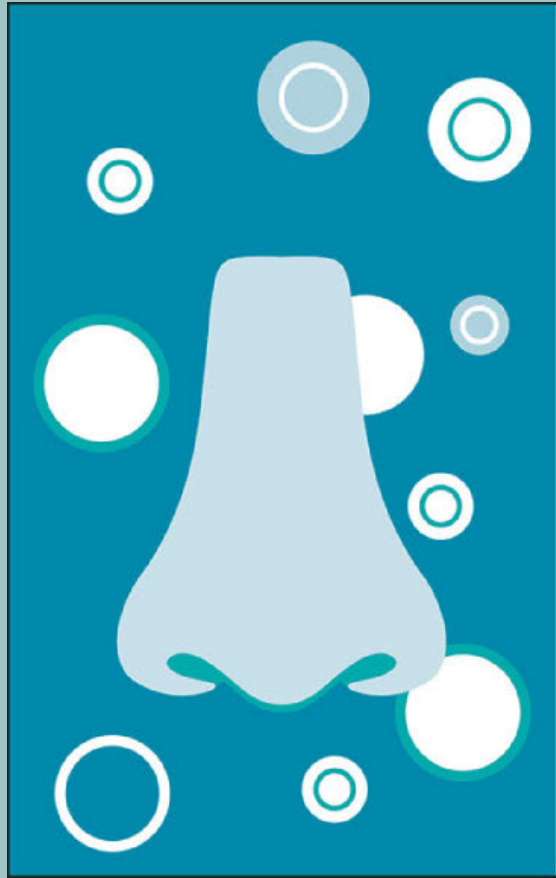
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