

“I encourage you, then, to confront the challenging issues of our time. Ever present within each of them is life as gift and responsibility. The future freedom and dignity of our societies depends on how we face these challenges. The innocent victim of abortion, children who die of hunger or from bombings, immigrants who drown in the search for a better tomorrow, the elderly or the sick who are considered a burden, the victims of terrorism, wars, violence and drug trafficking, the environment devastated by man’s predatory relationship with nature – at stake in all of this is the gift of God, of which we are noble stewards but not masters.”

*Pope Francis
Address to the U.S. Bishops
at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle
Sept. 23, 2015*

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Gathering Song

Holy, Holy Holy, Lord God Almighty

Reginald Heber, b. 1783; John B. Dykes, b. 1823

1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al -
 2. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! all the saints a -
 3. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! though the dark - ness
 4. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al -

might - y! Ear - ly in the morn - ing our
 dore thee, Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a -
 hide thee, Though the eye made blind by sin thy
 might - y! All thy works shall praise thy Name in

song shall rise to thee: Ho - ly, Ho - ly,
 round the glass - y sea; Cher - u - bim and
 glo - ry may not see, On - ly thou art
 earth, and sky, and sea; Ho - ly, Ho - ly,

Ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
 God ev - er - last - ing through e - ter - ni - ty.
 Per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

GLORIA (Sung)

Glory to God in the highest,
 And on earth peace to people of goodwill.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
 We glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
 Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
 You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
 Have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord.
 You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the
 Holy Spirit, In the glory of God the Father. Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Responsorial is Psalm 33

Let Your mercy be on us, O God, as we place our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation (Stand) *The son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

Gospel and Homily

Profession of Faith (*Nicene Creed*)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,

and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

General Intercessions

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation Hymn

I Will Choose Christ

Tom Booth

I will choose Christ, I will choose love, I choose to serve.
I give my heart, I give my life, I give my all
to you. to you. I give my all to you.

PLEASE KNEEL or BE SEATED during the EUCHARISTIC PRAYER.

Memorial Acclamation

*Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection,
you have set us free.*

The Priests request that all of our Faithful return to their seats after receiving the Holy Eucharist for silent reflection and thanksgiving. The celebration of Mass is not complete until the Presider has given the Final Blessing.

gath - ered at ta - ble as one in the Lord. We are
 (*to - geth - er)
 gath - ered as peo - ple who are liv - ing the Word. Our
 hearts and our spir - its are nur - tured by grace. It is
 Je - sus who fills us. He is here in this place.

Refrain
 And I will raise you up, and I will raise you
 up, and I will raise you up on the last day.

“I am for you, I am for you, I am for you is my name.”
 I am for you, I am for you, I am for you: let it be.”
 “I am for you, I am for you, I am for you to the end.”
 I am for you, I am for you, I am for you ev - er - more.
 I am for you, I am for you, I am for you: We are one.

Thank you for your support of our Parish Ministries.
 Donations may be placed in the baskets, by the doors or by the baptism font, as you leave.

1. To Je - sus Christ, our sov - 'reign King, Who is the
 2. Your reign ex - tend, O King be - nign, To ev - 'ry
 3. To you, and to your church, great King, We pledge our
 world's sal - va - tion, All praise and hom - age do we bring And
 land and na - tion; For in your King - dom, Lord di - vine, A -
 heart's ob - la - tion; Un - til be - fore your throne we sing In
 thanks and ad - o - ra - tion.
 lone we find sal - va - tion. Christ Je - sus, Vic - tor!
 end - less ju - bi - la - tion.
 Christ Je - sus, Rul - er! Christ Je - sus, Lord and Re - deem - er!

Go out in the world, got-ta go— out in— the world.

Go out in the world, tell ev- 'ry-one the Good News!—

Go out in the world, got-ta go— out in— the world,

go out in the world, tell ev- 'ry-one the Good, Good News!

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Mass Intentions Oct. 16-24

Saturday	8:00 am	Fr. Gordon	+Elias Lopez
	4:00 pm	Fr. Gordon	+Charles Gigante
Sunday	8:00am	Fr. Lawton	+Bill Ryan
	10:00am	Fr. Gordon	+John & Lottie Zarzycki
	12noon	Fr. Lawton	+Trino Mollo
Monday	8:00am	Fr. Lawton	+Marina Pennacchino
Tuesday	8:00am	Fr. Gordon	+Marie Thompson
Wednesday	8:00am	Fr. Gordon	+Ester Smith
Thursday	8:00am	Fr. Gordon	+Barbara Lynn
Friday	8:00am	Fr. Lawton	+Roger Roettiger
Saturday	8:00 am	Fr. Lawton	+Carol Pirog
	4:00 pm	Fr. Lawton	+Chris Hosh
Sunday	8:00am	Fr. Henry	+Roger Roettiger
	10:00am	Fr. Lawton	+Terry Reid
	12noon	Fr. Adrian	+Anthony Lingrosso, Sr.

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As a part of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission,” Pope Francis has invited every Diocese in the world to inaugurate the beginning of the Synod with an opening Mass. In the Diocese of Venice, this opening Mass will be celebrated at **2:30 pm, Sunday, October 17, at Epiphany Cathedral 350 Tampa Avenue in Venice.** All are welcome and encouraged to attend this Mass. In this Diocesan Phase of the Synod, Catholics in the Diocese of Venice are encouraged to participate in listening sessions, which will be announced in the coming weeks.



In the Gospel today Jesus tells his disciples: “Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest; whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all.”

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Prayer for Those Who are Sick

Our Book of the Sick is located inside the sanctuary, to the left upon entering. You may write your intentions in it, and be assured that names entered are prayed for daily.



Twelve Baskets Food Pantry

This week's pantry needs: cooking oil, white rice, pancake syrup, jarred spaghetti sauce.

Please **do not** donate oversized items, as there is no shelf space for larger items. We **do not** need empty egg cartons.



Bible Study: The Sermon on the Mount

Would you like to take the first step of starting to get deeper meaning out of the Bible? Join us **Friday mornings, beginning Nov. 5, 9:30 - 11:00 am.** We use Little Rock Scripture series, a Catholic study program, and books will be available for purchase at a nominal fee.

This will be a five-week class entitled, “The Sermon on the Mount.” It will challenge us to hear the sermon once again as Christ intended it, as our call to follow Him, whose life illustrated its every ideal. We will hear the sermon as a message for each of us, a challenge that is our constant call to renewal. For more information/register, please call the Parish Office at 941-923-1691.

St. Thomas More Women's Club News

Thanksgiving Dinner

Members and their guests are invited to our annual Thanksgiving Dinner, catered by Sarasota Catering Company, Thursday, Nov. 11, 6:00 pm in the Chelsea Center. At that time, we will also honor Veteran's Day.

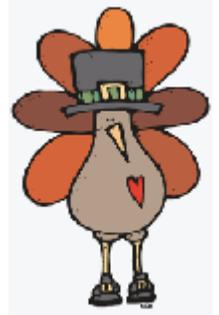
Dinner includes ALL the holiday favorites plus pumpkin pie and whipped cream! Cost: \$20 per person. Consider bringing a canned good donation to the parish food pantry when you come. It would be greatly appreciated!

Send your check to St. Thomas More Women's Club (to the Parish Office): 2506 Gulf Gate Drive, Sarasota, FL 34231. You may mail or drop in the offertory basket. Questions? Call Carol McKeone 708-363-1023.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Number attending _____ (@ \$20 per person)



Reservation deadline is a *firm* October 31

Reminders:

- October 19 Jazz night/Dinner at Café Allegro, 1740 E. Venice Ave, Venice.
Please text or email Carol McKeone to attend: carol@cmckeone.com or 708-363-1023
- November 9 *Death Comes for the Archbishop* by Willa Cather
- December 2 Christmas Luncheon at Prestancia
- December 14 Book Club – *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens



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To see differences in perspective as opportunities for creative tension which can yield solutions for the common good.

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Save the Date

Parish Christmas Party
December 5

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via email: greygoose1@frontier.com to
volunteer.

2021 Catholic Faith Appeal

Our Parish needs your immediate help to reach our assessment from the Diocese of Venice on CFA – by December, 2021.

The Diocese of Venice requests of all parishes, an annual assessment to support the Catholic Faith Appeal. This year, St Thomas More Church's assessed amount is \$290,000 and we in need an additional \$100,000 to-date to make our goal. We are required to pay this assessment whether or not we receive CFA designated funds/donations from our parishioners. If we do not collect our assessed amount, the amount not collected will be paid from our cash reserves, which are very limited funds.

A GENEROUS PERSON
WILL PROSPER;
WHOEVER REFRESHES
OTHERS WILL BE
REFRESHED.

PROVERBS 11:25

What is the CFA? The Catholic Faith Appeal, provides needed funds and services to our Catholic schools, Catholic charities, ministries to the homebound and imprisoned, emotional and spiritual counseling, Catholic Masses on television, support of poor parishes, food pantries and soup kitchens, financial support for food, clothing, shelter and medicine, helping the homeless, support of immigrants, addiction services and counseling, housing to low income families, housing to seniors, veterans, farm workers, homeless mothers and children and those living with health issues, respect life and many other programs and services in our community.

We are asking that your family donate according to your financial ability and specifically, we are looking for 100 families to donate at a \$500 level and 50 families to donate at a \$1000+ level. All donations are most gratefully appreciated. Could you or your family to be part of this group of donors? CFA envelopes are located in the church pews or you may call the Parish Office at 941-923-1691 and request a CFA envelope be sent to you.

Thank you! for your response to this financial need of our Parish as we approach the upcoming Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas season.



Centering Prayer Group

Draw close to God in a Christian form of silent meditation

This is a method of movement into contemplative prayer; a way to open oneself to the Divine Presence and, through the healing of the Holy Spirit, to be of greater service to those around us.

If you are interested in joining the Thursday morning group, please contact Noreen Delaney at npolidoro@comcast.net or 941-228-1799. Please contact Bob Ferkenhoff at bferken@verizon.net or 941-350-6920 if you are interested in the Thursday evening group.

Volunteering & Safe Environment Training at St. Thomas More

Do you feel the call to become a volunteer at St. Thomas More? We would love to have you join us! As part of the Safe Environment Program, St. Thomas More requires that any volunteers who work with children, money, and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and trained in Safe Environment prior to beginning employment or volunteering.

Contact Kelly in the Parish Office at kelly@stthomasmoresrq.org with any questions. For further details on Safe Environment, please visit <https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/programs/safeenvironment/>.

Report any abuse against minors to the Florida Department of Children and Families at 800-962-2873. Further, if Diocesan personnel or volunteers are involved, also notify the Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, Susan Benton, at 941-416-6114.

MARKING THE DAYS OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday
October 17

29th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, James and John demand of Jesus, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you," they reverse the usual dynamics of the disciple/teacher relationship. In asking "What do you wish me to do for you?" Jesus accepts the role reversal they pose. In his response, Jesus reveals another reversal: glory is given not to those who seek to be "first among" others but to those who choose to serve others by giving their lives for them. Out of which reversal do we live?

SIMPLE
LIVING

We all have two spaces: a "doing" space, which is necessary for work and achievement, and a "being" space, in which we find rest, wonderment, and prayer. If you are neglecting your "being" space try this: place a big red X over one day in your calendar this month. Don't fill it with any appointments or agendas. Give yourself permission to have one day to just be. Consider this sacred time, essential to being fully alive, and honor the commitment.



Sign on a red piano in Charles de Gaulle airport, Paris:
"Do you want to share a melody?
This piano is available."
What is the melody you are ready to share?

Wednesday
October 20

Today, recall that God loves you
and spend this day returning that love by loving others.

Thursday
October 21



Living mindfully this week:

Forgiveness, generosity and hospitality are all earmarks of a strong spiritual life. I will spend the week doing a little inventory of these in my life.

Friday
October 22

Feast Day ~ St. John Paul II

"Yours is the gigantic task of overcoming all evil with good, always trying amidst the problems of life to place your trust in God, knowing that his grace supplies strength to human weakness. You must oppose every form of hatred with the invincible power of Christ's love." *Pope John Paul II ~ Address to Catholic Youth November 1986*



*When someone sympathized with Helen Keller on her blindness she replied,
"How much worse to have eyes and refuse to see."*

This week, as you read the paper, watch the news or listen to the radio, do so with eyes to the situations and places in our world that reflect a lack of respect for life. Hold these situations and places in your prayers. Ask God for eyes to see and courage to act.

ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS AND THEIR FRIENDS WELCOME



St. Thomas More Youth Ministry

COMING SOON:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

Overcoming Injustice

6 TO 8 PM

SPIRIT CENTER



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

YOUTH RALLY

10:30 AM TO 9:30 PM

Leaving from St. Thomas More
Contact Robbie for Forms



GAME NIGHT FUN

A good time was had by all last Sunday when our teens got together to play games and get to know each other.

This month we pray for all life!

SCHEDULE FOR GRADES PK TO 8

All Meetings are in the Chelsea Center

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17TH 9:45 - 11:45

Knowing God

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH 9:45 - 11:45

Who is Jesus?

Zoom session is at 1:30 pm for those who cannot come in person. Contact Robbie if you need the code.



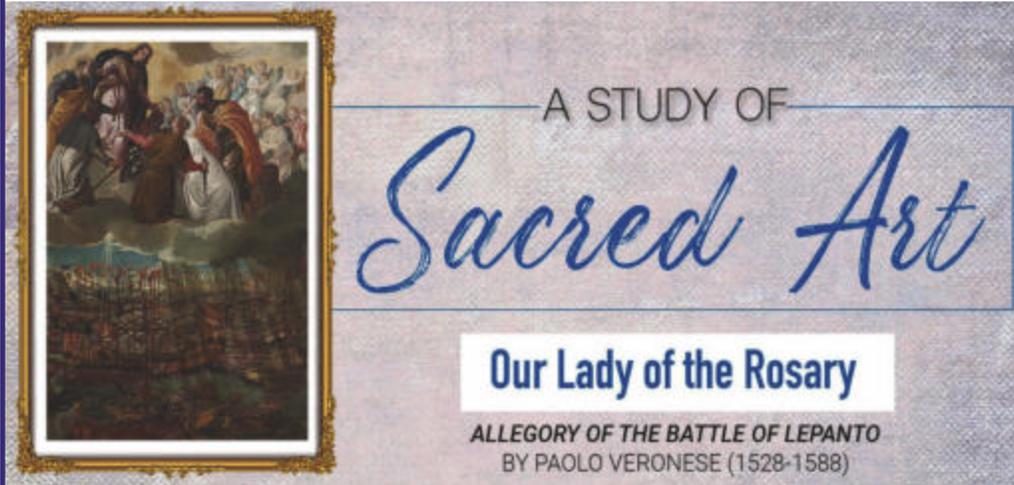
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1. go to Formed.org
2. click on sign up
3. Click on sign up as a parishioner
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CARDINAL MOONEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Golf Tournament

Friday, November 5, 2021

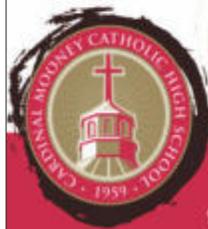
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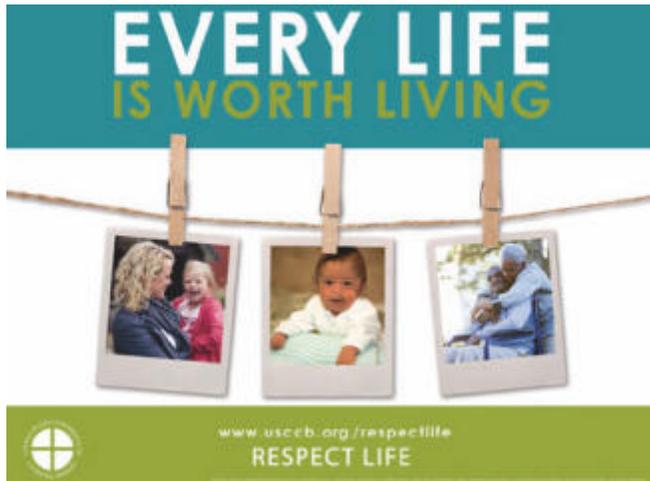
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Loving God, I thank you for the gift of life you gave and continue to give me and all you have created.

Merciful God, I ask your pardon and forgiveness for my own failure and the failure of all people to respect and foster all forms of life in our universe.

Gracious God, I pray that with your grace, all will reverence, protect, and promote all of life, being sensitive to the life of the unborn, the abused, the neglected, the disabled, the elderly.

I pray, too, that all who make decisions about life in any form will do so with wisdom, love and courage.

Living God, I praise and glorify you as Father, source of all life, as Son, Savior of our lives, and as Spirit, Sanctifier of life.

Amen

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St. Thomas More Prayer Shawl Ministry

The group is meeting and looking for new members! The group meets on the **first and third Wednesday monthly, 1:30-3:00 pm** in the Chelsea Center. You may contact parishioner Beth Meyd at 941-923-7517, for information.

If you, or a loved one, are in need of a prayer shawl, you may stop by the Parish Office during the week to pick one up. Also available are lap robes.

Annual Red Mass

The Catholic Lawyers Guild of the Diocese of Venice invite you to the Mass, celebrated by Bishop Frank J. Dewane, Thursday, October 21, 5:30 pm at St. Martha Church, 200 N. Orange Ave., Sarasota.

The Red Mass is a medieval tradition, first held at the Cathedral of Paris in 1245. A Red Mass is held annually in Washington at the opening of the US Supreme Court term.

For details, contact Rev. Deacon Consbruck, President of the Catholic Lawyers Guild (paul@adoptfla.com).



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The Diocese of Venice in Florida



Veterans Day Mass - This year marks the 12th consecutive year the Diocese of Venice is holding a Memorial Mass on Veterans Day in honor of the men and women who have served our country and continue to serve and protect us today. Bishop Frank J. Dewane will celebrate the Mass at 3:00 pm, Thursday, November 11 at the Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 State Road 72/Clark Road, approximately five miles east of I-75.

All are invited to attend, and active military personnel are asked to wear their uniform. Attendees are also encouraged to wear sunscreen and bring a hat. There is ample seating and parking at the cemetery. For information, contact ardy@dioceseofvenice.org or 941-484-9543.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat and Spirituality Center, 3989 S. Moon Drive, Venice is offering a Ignatian Preached Retreat, November 19-22. For information: www.olph-retreat.org or call Simona Handley at 941-486-0233.

Save the Date - The Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center's fundraiser gala, "The Butterfly Ball," is scheduled for February 19, 2022, at St. Thomas More – Chelsea Center.

The evening will include a cocktail hour, formal dinner, musical entertainment, and a silent and live auction. To purchase Butterfly Ball tickets, please visit our website: www.olph-retreat.org or call Simona Handley at 941-486-0233.

Theology on Tap Sarasota - Theology on Tap is held on the third Thursday monthly, 7:00 pm at the Mandeville Beer Garden in Sarasota, 428 N. Lemon Ave, Sarasota.

Join us for food and refreshments, presentations, and discussions about the Catholic Faith. Contact Joshua Mazrin at evangelization@dioceseofvenice.org with questions.

Have Your Children Left the Catholic Church? - A troubling statistic shows that 50 percent of young people raised Catholic are no longer practicing Catholics. The Catholic Church is losing young people at an alarming rate. Behind this are mothers, fathers and grandparents praying for their children and grandchildren to come home to the Church.

To understand why young people drift away, Brandon Vogt and Word of Fire Ministries released the book, *Return: How to Draw Your Child Back to the Church*. For more information or to order the book, visit www.wordonfire.org.



Franciscan at Home Online Workshops - The Institute for Catholic Studies and Formation presents "Franciscan at Home," offering online workshops for all who want to grow deeper in the Catholic Faith.

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