

# Chalking the Door

An Epiphany tradition to share with your family!

As a way of celebrating the New Year sometime during this week, gather family and friends at the main entrance to your home and ask God's blessing on your dwelling and on all who live or visit there.

The traditional blessing uses a piece of chalk to mark the following inscription at the top of the main doorway: 20+C+M+B+22. The "20" is the beginning two numbers of the new year, the four "+" symbolize crosses which are a sign of blessing, the three letters "C," "M" and "B" stand for the Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, or the three Latin words, "Christus mansionem benedicat," which means: "May Christ bless this home," and the "20" stands for the last two numbers of the current year. Once the doorway is marked, pray a prayer of blessing together.



## *A Blessing for Your Home*

*Lord God of heaven and earth, You revealed Your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this home and all who live here.*

*Fill us with the light of Christ that our love for one another and our concern for all others may reflect Your love.*

*Be my shelter, Lord, when I am at home, my companion when I am away, and my welcome guest when I return. And at last receive me into the dwelling place you have prepared for me in your Father's house, where you live forever and ever.*

*Amen.*

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**Weekdays:** 8:00 am Mass **Saturday:** 8:00 am, 4:00 pm, Masses; confessions at 3:00 pm **Sunday:** 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12 noon Masses

**Office hours:** Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm; closed for lunch: 12:00-1:00 pm

For those with hearing aids: the church is equipped  
with the HEARING LOOP technology.

## Gathering Song

## We Three Kings of Orient Are

John Hopkins, Jr. b. 1820



1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are, Bear - ing  
2. Born a babe on Beth - le - hem's plain, Gold we  
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; In - cense  
4. Myrrh is mine: its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a  
5. Glo - rious now be - hold him rise, King and



gifts we trav - erse a - far Field and foun - tain,  
bring to crown him a - gain; King for - ev - er,  
owns a De - i - ty nigh, Prayer and prais - ing  
life of gath - 'ring gloom; Sor - rowing, sigh - ing,  
God and sac - ri - fice: Heav'n sings, "Hal - le -



Moor and moun - tain, Fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
Ceas - ing nev - er, O - ver us all to reign.  
Glad - ly rais - ing, Wor - ship - ing God on high.  
Bleed - ing, dy - ing, Sealed in the stone cold tomb.  
lu - jah!" "Hal - le - lu - jah!" earth re - plies.



O star of won - der, star of night, Star with



roy - al beau - ty bright, West - ward lead - ing, still pro -



ceed - ing, Guide us to the per - fect Light.

**Gloria** Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo." (verses sung by cantor)

**10:00 am Mass Gloria:** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

**Responsorial Psalm 72** Ev'ry nation on earth will adore you Lord;  
Ev'ry nation on earth will adore you Lord

**Gospel Acclamation** (stand) We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.

**Gospel and Homily**

## **Profession of Faith 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**

## **Angels We Have Heard on High**

1. ALL: Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply  
echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.
2. MEN: Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.
3. WOMEN: Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.
4. ALL: See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

**10:00 am, Traditional Choir**

**12:00 pm, Contemporary Choir**

**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 reflection and thanksgiving. The celebration of Mass is not complete until the Presider has given the Final Blessing.*

1. The first Now - ell, the an - gel did say, Was to  
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shin - ing  
 3. And by the light of that same star Three  
 4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, O'er  
 5. Then en - tered in those wise men three, Full  
 6. Then let us all with one ac - cord Sing

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; In  
 in the east, be - yond them far, And  
 wise men came from coun - try far; To  
 Beth - le - hem it took its rest; And  
 rev - 'rent - ly up - on their knee, And  
 prais - es to our heav - 'nly Lord; Who

fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep, On a  
 to seek the earth it gave great light, And  
 there for a king was their in - tent, And to  
 of - fered there, in his pre - sence, Right  
 with the Fa - ther we a - dore Their  
 And

cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
 so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
 fol - low the star where - ev - er it went.  
 o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.  
 gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense.  
 Spir - it blest for ev - er - more.

Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell,

Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

**Meditation****In the Bleak Winter Night**

Alex Dilan

*Refrain* In the bleak winter night, lay our Lord Jesus Christ, swaddled in his Mother's arms.  
 Bringing him incense and myrrh, can we hold him like her? Close to our hearts in our lives.

Whisper His name and nothing's the same in this holy hour.  
 Angels they sing: "Welcome the King! Let Him in your slumber!" *Refrain*

Colors fade to gray, and time slips away, though we are weary, remember  
 That you are loved, from God up above; dry your tears now and rejoice! *Refrain*

**Prayer after Communion**

## Recessional Hymn

## Joy to the World

Psalm 98; Isaac Watts, b.1674

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The savior reigns: let all their songs employ,  
Whoile fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy. Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

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## Mass Intentions January 1-9

Saturday	8:00am	Fr. Lawton	St. Thomas More Parishioners, living and deceased
Sunday	8:00am	Fr. Lawton	+Josephine & +Thomas Cinquegrano
	10:00am	Fr. Gordon	+Danny Wait
	12noon	Fr. Adrian	+David Anderson
Monday	8:00am	+David Brown	
Tuesday	8:00am	+Marshall Jones	
Wednesday	8:00am	+Aida Walicki	
Thursday	8:00am	William Kurz	
Friday	8:00am	+George Beckham	
Saturday	8:00am	+Barbara Grimes	
	3:00pm	+Bob Olkiewicz	
	5:00pm	+Helena Miley	
Sunday	8:00am	+Laura & Vincent Lurgio	
	10:00am	+Joseph Curran	
	12noon	+Samantha Russell	

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## Vigil Mass & Confession Time Change

Beginning Saturday, January 8, 2022

We will have 2 Vigil Masses: 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm

Confession will be at 2:00 pm in the Chapel

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



## Be Our Light

Father,  
you reveal yourself throughout the ages,  
showing us the light of your love.  
You said, “Let there be light,”  
and there was light.  
When you sent your Son to reveal  
yourself most fully,

you gave a star as a sign.  
Be our light.  
Fill us with your light  
that we might light the way to you.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Sunday, January 2, 2022**

## Overjoyed

*Today's readings: Isaiah 60:1–6; Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13; Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6; Matthew 2:1–12.* “They were overjoyed at seeing the star.” The Magi had gone to the palace because their way of seeking wisdom—following the natural signs of the world—told them a king had been born. A king whose importance was so great that his birth was told in the stars. But the king was not in the palace. This birth, so significant as to be marked by a star, was hidden away in Bethlehem, a small town.

The Magi were not Jewish. They did not know about the promise of God that was now being fulfilled. But God gave them a light to follow. The new thing that God was doing—fulfilling the promises of old to bring salvation to the ends of the earth—included them.

Scripture tells us that when the star stopped over the place where Jesus was, the Magi were overjoyed to see it. Inside the home, they found Jesus with Mary, his mother. They fell down and worshiped him, so overcome were they with joy at what God was doing and at the gift of being allowed to share in it.

Then the Magi went home by another route. This is, of course, practical, in that they were avoiding Herod. But they went home a different way because they were themselves different. They were changed by their joy. What light has God given you to follow? When have you been filled with joy? How did it change you?



## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, January 3 A Great Light

“The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light.” Jesus reveals himself as the light when he preaches the kingdom of God and heals those who come to him. One purpose of the healing Jesus performed was to return to the community those who were separated from society because of illness or disability. As Jesus heals, his identity shines forth as clearly as it did in the star of Bethlehem. With each healing, he also enters into the vocation of the messiah. *Today’s readings: 1 John 3:22–4:6; Psalm 2:7bc–8, 10–12a; Matthew 4:12–17, 23–25.*

### Tuesday, January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was the first person born in the United States to be canonized a saint. As a young widow and mother of five, she converted to Catholicism. She founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph’s, and began the first Catholic girls’ school in the United States. She is the patron saint of Catholic schools. *Today’s readings: 1 John 4:7–10; Psalm 72:1–2, 3–4, 7–8; Mark 6:33–44.*

### Wednesday, January 5 Perfect Love

“Perfect love drives out fear.” John certainly knew that the world was a broken place when he wrote his first letter. He had witnessed the crowds turning on Jesus and the early persecutions, in addition to the daily worries and anxieties all human beings experience. John knew that there were many dangers in the world. He does not say that perfect love causes fear not to arise. He says perfect love drives it away. This is not about a feeling but about whether we choose to let fear overwhelm us, or whether we choose a different path. Do not be afraid, God says. How can you choose love today? *Today’s readings: 1 John 4:11–18; Psalm 72:1–2, 10, 12–13; Mark 6:45–52.*

### Thursday, January 6 Fulfilled in Your Hearing

Proclaiming the Scripture from Isaiah, Jesus describes the messiah and the era he has come to inaugurate. As Christ’s hands and feet in the world, we too must live this fulfillment. What might it mean to proclaim glad tidings to the poor? How can you proclaim liberty to captives? Where can you heal brokenness? The heartbreak that you feel over conditions is your call to live in the kingdom of God. *Today’s readings: 1 John: 4:19–5:4; Psalm 72:1–2, 14, 15bc, 17; Luke 4:14–22.*

### Friday, January 7 Carrying the Light

Some people keep their Christmas tree or manger until the traditional date of Epiphany, which was yesterday. There is also a tradition of keeping some decorations until the Feast of the Presentation in the Temple, or Candlemas, which is celebrated February 2. It can be beautiful to carry the joy of Christmas into Ordinary Time by leaving up a few decorations, possibly some lights to symbolize that Jesus is the Light of the World. *Today’s readings: 1 John 5:5–13; Psalm 147:12–13, 14–15, 19–20; Luke 5:12–16.*

### Saturday, January 8 Joy Made Complete

Human beings are prone to conflict. In today’s Gospel, we hear the disciples of John the Baptist perceiving rivalry between John and Jesus. As a prophet, John knows that God’s project is healing all such divisions. He knows that he was called to prepare the way for the messiah, and now that the messiah is come, he feels nothing but joy. Where in your life has unnecessary conflict and rivalry stolen your joy? How can you be a peacemaker in those situations? John’s joy comes in seeing with God’s eyes. Can you look at a difficult situation with new eyes? *Today’s readings: 1 John 5:14–21; Psalm 149:1–2, 3–4, 5, 6a, 9b; John 3:22–30.*





## 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 10:30 am group, please contact Noreen Delaney at [npolidoro@comcast.net](mailto:npolidoro@comcast.net) or 941-228-1799. Please contact Bob Ferkenhoff at [bferken@verizon.net](mailto: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 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](mailto: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.



## Prayer for the 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 Update

Thank you to all our volunteers and Food Pantry donors! Thanks to you we have served over 700 households and over 1,500 individuals since June 1, 2021, when we reopened the pantry. The week before Thanksgiving we gave away 60 turkeys and the sides to make a complete meal.

Beginning in October, we began offering client choice once again allowing each guest to shop for the food they need.

And thanks to our parishioners and the partnership with All Faiths Food Bank, we provide our guests with food staples as well as dairy, meat and fresh vegetables. Please continue to check the Bulletin for the items we need each week. Those donations truly make a difference.

*God Bless from the Food Pantry Leadership team*

This week's needs:

- **canned meat** • **jarred pasta sauce**
- **cooking oil** • **maple/pancake syrup**

Drop off of your generous donations in the designated white bins at the Parish Office or Church Narthex.





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## Women's Club News

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Please join us for our January 6 general meeting at 6:30 pm in the Spirit Center.

The Asolo Players Readers will be with us and will be reading a play entitled, "The Dixie Swim Club" after a very short business meeting.

Our meetings have been well attended and a lot of fun. So, don't miss out! Please join us for a great year of informative meetings and social events.

### January 18, 2022 Selby Garden's Private Tour

We will meet at the entrance foyer of Selby Gardens at 10:30 am for our tour of the orchid display and a general tour of the gardens. The tour will last one hour and involve walking the entire gardens. The fee is \$28. per person regardless of Garden membership status as we will be provided with informational material. Afterwards those who wish will meet at P.F. Changs for lunch on your own.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Lunch yes/no (circle one)

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Return your registration and check for \$28, made out St. Thomas More Women's Club, to the church office: 2506 Gulf Gate Drive, Sarasota FL 34231 by **January 11, 2022** Call Carol McKeone with questions: 708-363-1023

## ST. THOMAS MORE WOMEN'S CLUB - BOOK CLUB

Women of St. Thomas More, please join us for future book club meetings. What a wonderful opportunity to meet and discuss books that will help us share the faith-based wisdom that we have collected thus far. In the past, the discussions have been lively, new friendships have been made, and our literary minds have been enriched. Meetings will be held the second Tuesday monthly. A notice will be published in the bulletin and an email sent to those who have signed up.

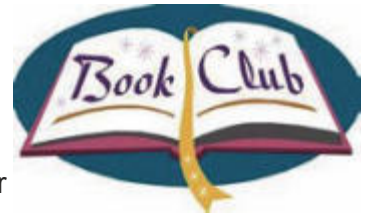
Time: 2:00 pm

Place: Spirit Center, Charity Room

For questions and sign up please contact Kathy Kozlowski at faroak88@yahoo.com or 941-536-4578.

Listed below are the books for 2022:

January 11	The Five People Heaven You in Meet by Mitch Albom
February 8	Beneath a Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan
March 8	Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate
April 12	The Well Woman: Crossing the Boundaries by Ladine B. Housholder



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# Christmas Party Thank You!

Many thanks to our Knights of Columbus for organizing the party. Thank you to the G.O.D.D. Squad for the festive Christmas carols, thank you to the Women's Club for their wonderful help, thank you to the decorators for the festive atmosphere, thank you to cookie room workers who organized the yummy cookie trays for dessert, cheers to our Youth Group members who help with the children's crafts and thank you to ALL the wonderful volunteers who made the even so successful.



December 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Diocese of Venice in Florida has been blessed with dedicated Priests and religious, and together we pray for the Lord to continue to send holy workers for His vineyard. With this letter, I once again kindly invite you to support the Diocese's efforts to provide for the Seminary Formation and discernment of those called to the Priesthood.

Each year, the Annual Seminary Collection plays an important role in providing the funds needed to assist the Diocese's seminarians with tuition, room and board, health care, transportation, and other expenses. Funding from the Collection also helps in the recruitment of potential seminarians. By means of your generous donations and steadfast spiritual support, you journey together on the path of Faith with the future priests of the Diocese.

Parishes in the Diocese of Venice will hold the Annual Seminary Collection at the vigil Masses on January 1 and Sunday Masses on January 2, 2022. Thank you for your continuing support for the Seminary Formation and discernment of Diocesan Seminarians, and your prayers for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.



I take this opportunity to extend to you the assurance of my prayers for the New Year. Have a Blessed and Healthy New Year!

Gratefully yours in Christ,  
+Frank J. Dewane  
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

**Charismatic Conference:** 10:00 am-5:00 pm, Saturday, January 15 at St. John XXIII Parish, 13060 Palomino Lane, Fort Myers. The theme is, "Come and You Will See" and will include praise and worship, personal prayer ministry and powerful teachings from Father Anthony Lukka and Dr. John Gresham. Bishop Frank J. Dewane will celebrated the closing Mass at 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$30, and includes lunch, snacks and refreshments. No walk-ins please. Registration is at [www.dvccr.org](http://www.dvccr.org).

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center (OLPH) is celebrating the anniversary of its dedication with "The Butterfly Ball", 6:00 pm-10:00 pm, Saturday, February 19 at St. Thomas More's Chelsea Center. Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. The evening includes a cocktail hour, formal dinner, musical entertainment, dancing, and a silent and live auction. Tickets are \$150 each. For information, or to purchase tickets, please visit our website at [www.olph-retreat.org](http://www.olph-retreat.org) or call 941-486-0233.

**Catholic Days at the Capitol** - Join others from around the state for the annual Catholic Days at the Capitol in Tallahassee, February 1-3. The trip includes

a legislative briefing on important bills relating to human life and dignity, a breakfast with legislators and the Florida Bishops, tours of the capitol and museum, visits with legislators and the annual Red Mass of the Holy Spirit with the Florida Bishops and public officials. Bus transportation is provided while space is available at no cost. For details and registration (January 10 deadline) visit <https://dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/catholic-days-at-the-capitol-2022>. For more details contact Jeanne Berdeaux at [Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org) or 941-374-1068, or visit <https://www.flaccb.org/cdac>.

**Helping Mothers in Need** - The Our Mother's House Annual Wine Tasting, Auction & Dinner Dance will take place at 6:00 pm, Thursday, February 24, at the Venice Community Center, 326 Nokomis Ave. S., Venice, or online. Funds raised will ensure that Our Mother's House is able to offer the support needed to the mothers and their children as they journey towards self-sufficiency. For tickets or to sponsor the event, please visit [www.catholiccharitiesdov.org/event-on](http://www.catholiccharitiesdov.org/event-on). For more information, please contact Lisa Ventura at 941-485-6264 ext. 1500 or by email at [lisa.ventura@catholiccharitiesdov.org](mailto:lisa.ventura@catholiccharitiesdov.org).




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The event is a scramble, best ball format with a light breakfast and lunch provided. There will be a hole in one prize opportunity as well as recognition of longest drives and closest to the pin holes. Mulligans are available for purchase along with raffle tickets for gift baskets.

If you are interested in hosting a team or 2some, please let us know by contacting either PGK Ken Berberich at email [berberichken@yahoo.com](mailto:berberichken@yahoo.com) or Chancellor Ralph Neller at [rneller65@outlook.com](mailto:rneller65@outlook.com). If you would like to be a hole sponsor or corporate sponsor, let us know.



## 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.



## The Quilters of St. Thomas More

Join the group! New members are always welcome.

We meet Mondays and/or Thursdays at 10 am in the Spirit Center. Do you want to learn how to quilt? We will help you. Contact Diane at 941-927-1605.

## FORMED: The Catholic Faith

Join for free today. Great offerings via podcasts, videos, reflections, prayers and books for all ages.

1. go to [Formed.org](http://Formed.org)
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3. Click on sign up as a parishioner
4. Type in St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Sarasota, FL

**Sign Up!**



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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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## St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store

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Your purchases of clothing, furniture, toys, books, jewelry, decor items, household goods and more, helps the St. Vincent de Paul Society conference in our parish offer services to the poor among us. The store is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm.

If you wish to donate items, please call the store at 941-444-9343 to find out what items they will accept. Donation drop-off is Tuesday - Saturday, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. If you have furniture to donate, please email [manager@svdpsarasota.org](mailto:manager@svdpsarasota.org) to arrange for pick up.

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## SAVE THE DATE

Event: Men's Emmaus Retreat

Hosted by Epiphany Cathedral Parish

Date: March 25 - 27, 2022

Location: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center

3989 S. Moon Drive

Venice, Florida 34292

More information will be published closer to the retreat.

For Questions, contact Jerry Paulausky

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On Tuesday evening January 18 we will begin a

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