

*March 15, 2020*

*St. Thomas More Parish*  
*Troy, Michigan*



# SEASON OF LENT





## A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

### A FEW LENTEN CUSTOMS EXPLAINED

Here we are already beginning the third week in Lent. **How are you doing in your Lenten commitment so far? Would you give yourself an A, B, C, or ...?** Whatever the grade, we now have another week to connect with God's grace during this special season. It's up to us how we will use it.

Here are a few thoughts about Lent you might find informative:

1. Lent is serious but not gloomy. **The color purple symbolizes Lent.** It is not so much a color of sorrow and gloom as it is one of seriousness. It's supposed to say to us, "Something SERIOUS is going on here; something of value." That something is the opportunity, the chance, to look at ourselves in relation to God and to one another. It is the chance to make some changes for the better.

2. There always seems to be some confusion each Lent about **fasting and abstinence**. Fasting and abstinence are often linked together but are really two different disciplines. Fasting has to do with the amount of food eaten (little or none) and abstinence refers to the giving up of a particular kind of food, such as eat. In 1966, Pope Paul VI limited obligatory abstinence to Ash Wednesday and **all the Fridays of Lent**, and the discipline of fasting to Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting from food has always been popular in many different religions and for good reason. It prepares us for a "feast" and promotes self-discipline (you are in control). It's meant to support prayer because fasting brings us face to face with how much emptiness and hunger we have in ourselves. Fasting can help us "clarify our vision" by simplifying our demands and suspending "business-as-usual."

3. The scriptures tell us that the **almsgiving** we hear so much about during Lent is a way of cleansing us of our sins. Almsgiving is really a facet of fasting in that as we pull back from spending everything on our own wants and needs we begin to see the "bigger picture." The inequality between the haves and the have-nots becomes more noticeable and we are called to respond to a sense of justice about the distribution of our assets, whether it means food, clothing, shelter, funds, time or caring for one another. We need to be reminded of this, especially during Lent.

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### ENCOUNTER CHRIST IN THE ATRIUM

A 15 minute Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Presentation by Sandi Gardner  
Sunday's after the 11:30 AM Mass

March 15—Eucharistic Presence

March 22—The Empty Tomb

March 29—Paschal Candle

### LENTEN SERIES

Tuesday Evenings 7-8 PM

#### ENCOUNTER CHRIST:

##### In Memory of Him

March 17

Jo Mateus and Sandi Gardner

##### In His Passion

March 24

Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ*  
(R rating, 2h, 7m)

##### In Scripture

March 31

Anita Houghton



### Stations of the Cross followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction, Fridays 7-8 PM

† March 20: MEN'S Group

† March 27: Faith Formation  
Soup Supper at 6 PM

† April 3: Seven Last Words of Christ —Brian Foos  
A Reflection in Music and Scripture

### Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service

with Individual Absolution  
Tuesday, April 7, 7:00 pm





# PRAYER REQUESTS

## THIS WEEK'S EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 14</b>
4:30p	Michael Sold
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 15</b>
7:30a	Patrick McDonald
9:30a	Diane Chick—Birthday Remembrance Frank Cundari
11:30a	Joseph Miceli—One Month
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 17</b>
9:00a	John and Julia Miesiak
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 18</b>
	Katherine Kasunic
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 19</b>
9:00a	Ed Essa—Birthday Remembrance
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 21</b>
4:30p	Betty Trbovich—Birthday Remembrance
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 22</b>
7:30a	Christopher Debolski Margaret Ermiger
9:30a	Gary Mishark—Birthday Remembrance
11:30a	Delphine Victorson—Special Intention



The St. Thomas More Intercessory Prayer Service is  
Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00 pm.

Please join us to pray for intentions submitted by our parish  
members and for your own personal intentions.



## PRAY FOR THE MILITARY



Major Matthew Altomari	ENS Julia Jermstad
SSgt. Cory Borders	Lt. Christopher Mitek
Lt. Andrew Boschert	OS2 Emily Muhlenbeck
Major Phil Brule	Airman 1st Class Calen Nido
Sgt. Maj. Patrick Corcoran	Senior Airman Grant Pensa
Capt. Joel Cortright	LTJg. Bradley Pienta
ENS Michael Dwyer	Capt. Nick Pollock
Capt. Chip Evans	Pfc. Jack Steinhauer
Spc. Evan K. Fowler	Sgt. Kyle Stout
2nd Lt. Theresa Corsentino	Capt. Ben VanHorrick
SSgt. Daniel F. Jamison	Spc. Carl Voag
M1st Class Megan Jamison	LTJG. Adam Weisgerber

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Rosanne Bishop	Andrew Ramirez
Maurine Brennan	Irene Reich
Ralf Crookston	Ben Riss
Martha Demerly	Elaine Rosen
Mildred Hannigan	Carol Simmons
Sharon Harte	Kasia Stach
Nancy Heffernan	Helen Walczak
Cita Kriebel	Mike and Mary B. Whiting
Bill Martin	

## PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

*Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family of:*

† **Gary Eaton**—brother-in-law of Chris and Donna Mann

† **Mike Faubert**—brother-in-law of Marlyse Boes

† **Deacon Robert E. McLeod**

† **Julia Miesiak**—wife of Conrad Miesiak

† **Jonathan Scott Thomas**—grandson of Marlyse Boes  
nephew of Mary Thomas

† **Mike Vermiglio**—husband of Karen Vermiglio

*"Blessed are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest  
from their labors for their good deeds go with them."*

## The Feast of St. Patrick March 17



*God our Father, You sent Saint Patrick to  
preach Your glory to the people of  
Ireland. By the help of his prayers, may  
all Christians proclaim Your love to all  
men. Grant this through our Lord Jesus  
Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns  
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for  
ever and ever. Amen.*

## The Feast of St. Joseph March 19

*Today is the feast day of St. Joseph. Let us  
Pray- O Blessed Saint Joseph, faithful  
guardian and protector of virgins, to  
whom God entrusted Jesus and Mary, I  
implore you by the love which you did bear  
them, to preserve me from every  
defilement of soul and body, that I may  
always serve them in holiness and purity  
of love. Amen.*





# WORSHIP

## Good Friday Men's Chorus



April 10th is Good Friday, the Passion of the Lord. A Men's Chorus will sing the 12:30 service, as we did last year. To me, this is a great privilege—the ministry of music to lead the faithful to a closer spirituality, to help all to live out the Gospel to our greatest ability. We had a wonderful group of men last year and it was very moving to me and to our parish of St. Thomas More.

Good Friday Men's Chorus will begin rehearsals on March 21st at 2:00 PM in the church. All men are welcome to join and sing. There will be 3 rehearsals: March 21st, 28th and April 4th. I look forward to seeing you all there!

God bless you,  
Brian Foos



## Eucharistic Adoration

Each moment that you spend in  
His Eucharistic Presence  
will increase His divine life within  
you and deepen your personal relationship and  
friendship with Him.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will  
be on Thursday, April 2  
beginning after the 9:00 am Mass and ending  
with Benediction at 12 Noon.

We need to make sure that at least two adorers  
are present while the Blessed Sacrament is  
exposed. Please sign up at the information  
counter for a time slot so that we can assure that  
at least two individuals are with Jesus  
throughout the time of exposition.

### MINISTERS FOR MASS—FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT—MARCH 21 & 22

MASS TIME	4:30 PM Saturday	7:30 AM Sunday	9:30 AM Sunday	11:30 AM Sunday
<b>CELEBRANT</b>	Msgr. Tom Rice	Fr. Bob Spezia	Fr. Bob Spezia	Msgr. Tom Rice
<b>DEACON</b>	Acolyte, L. Jeziorski	Acolyte, L. Jeziorski	Don Baross	Don Baross
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Emma Kotwick	Chuck Moss	Melinda Prucha	Sue Kator
<b>LECTOR</b>	Phil Kotwick	Brett Houpt	Joan Reddy	Chris Mann
<b>SERVERS</b>	James Wood Sydni Wood NOT FILLED	Jim Schultz Pat Schultz	Heidi Jackson Johnny Jackson Isela Mulcahy	Duarte Bobone Claire DePorre Riley Logan
<b>USHERS</b>	Carol Glowacki Jim Hager Don McKay Cary Sheremet Ernesto Tuazon	John Gielniak Dan Hayden Tom Hemak Mike Morrison Frank Sikorski Ron Wlosinski	Norm Cicone Jim Duhart Gerry Gostomski George Halter Andy Olson Jim Ward Greg Wise	Zach Azzam Ted Craig Marvin Olane Mark Parent Mike Tauscher
<b>MASS COORD.</b>	Cathy Mitchell	Larry Jeziorski	Melinda Prucha	Tom Calnen
<b>RECEPTIONIST</b>	Joy Callaway		Jean Dasch	Lynn Eschrich



## IN OUR PARISH

### THE WEEK AHEAD

- ♦ **Monday, March 16**  
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Level II, 4:30p  
The MEN of STM, 7p
- ♦ **Tuesday, March 17**  
STM Book Club, 10a  
Christian Service Meeting, 9:45a  
Lenten Series, 7p
- ♦ **Wednesday, March 18**  
Contemporary Music Rehearsal, 6p  
Walking with Purpose, 7p  
Intercessory Prayer Service, 7p
- ♦ **Thursday, March 19**  
Hand Bell Rehearsal, 10a  
Walking with Purpose, 10a  
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30p
- ♦ **Friday, March 20**  
Stations of the Cross, 7p
- ♦ **Saturday, March 21**  
Respect Life Baby Shower  
Janet Zygmuntowicz Memorial Mass, 11a  
Men's Choir Rehearsal, 2p
- ♦ **Sunday, March 22**  
Respect Life Baby Shower  
Coffee and Conversation after all Masses  
Faith formation Classes, 8:15a, 10:15a, 7p  
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Level I, 8:15a, 9:30a  
Called to Serve, 6p  
Circle of Grace Parent/Student Session, 7p



Conversation with Catholic men...  
Join the discussion!

**Monday, March 16 @ 7:00pm**  
**Church Conference Room**  
(Sacristy Hallway as you enter the Sanctuary)

### Book Club

The STM Book Club selection for March is: *When All is Said* by Anne Griffin.

This novel is entirely the thoughts and stories shared with us by an 84 year old Irishman who visits the local hotel bar to raise a toast to each of the five most important persons in his life. We learn of his life and all of its triumphs, failures, loves, and regrets.

Please join us Tuesday, 3/17 (St. Patrick's Day) at 10AM in Room 2 for the discussion.



### ANNUAL ST. THOMAS MORE DAY AT CROSSROADS SOUP KITCHEN

Once again, on Sunday, March 29, about 600 men, women, and children will be waiting for STM parishioners to come to Crossroads of Michigan on West Grand Boulevard in Detroit, to prepare and serve a hot lunch which includes a nutritious soup, sandwiches, and brownies.

There are two sessions:

**8:15am-12:15pm to prepare the lunch**  
**11:15am-3:15pm to serve the lunch and clean-up afterwards**

We are still in need of volunteers, adults and high school students who need community service credit, are needed at each session. In the past, volunteers have commented that it was an enjoyable and rewarding experience. If you would like to help this year, please call Kathy, our STM Parish Secretary at 248-647-2222.

Thank you,  
Carole and Jerry Sugrue

### LENTEN SOUP SUPPER AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS Friday, March 27

**6:00 PM:** Meatless Soup Supper in the Social Hall hosted by Faith Formation. **All are welcome!** Reservation is not required but helps us with planning. To RSVP, contact [angela@stmoffice.com](mailto:angela@stmoffice.com) by Wednesday, March 25. (Walk-ins are welcome!)

**7:00 PM:** Stations of the Cross led by Faith Formation followed by Eucharistic Adoration.





# FAITH FORMATION

## REMINDERS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 6th and 7th Grade Circle of Grace is on **Sunday, March 22** in the Social Hall from 7:00-8:15 pm. This is a **parent/child gathering** for the entire session. If you are unable to make it, please contact [angela@stmoffice.com](mailto:angela@stmoffice.com).
- 8th Grade Called to Serve Workshop is on **Sunday, March 22 in room 2 from 6:00-9:00 pm** (please note the time). Students arriving after 6:15 will not be admitted entrance to the workshop. There will not be regular 8th grade Faith Formation that night, only Called to Serve. A permission slip is required for this class. If your child does not have a permission slip, they will be sent home.
- Middle School Students will not have Faith Formation classes on **Sunday, April 19** due to the 8th grade Confirmation retreat at Subiaco.



### ST. THOMAS MORE YOUTH GROUP INVITING ALL 9TH THROUGH 12TH GRADERS

- ♦ **3/15:** Regular Session 7:00-8:15 pm in the Social Hall
- ♦ **3/22:** Bowling at Escape from 7:00-8:30 pm
- ♦ **3/29:** Regular Session 7:00-8:15 pm in the Social Hall



### Faith Formation Middle School Service Project Opportunities

Faith Formation has several service project opportunities for Middle School Students. If you would like to volunteer, sign up sheets are posted in front of the Faith Formation Office or email [angela@stmoffice.com](mailto:angela@stmoffice.com).

The service opportunities are as follows:

- Stations of the Cross March 27 from 7:00-8:00 pm
- SnackPax Assembly March 31 from 6:45-8:15 pm
- Filling Easter Eggs on March 29 from 6-7:00 pm.
- Easter Egg Hunt Volunteers on April 11 from 12:30-2 pm

**EASTER EGG HUNT and  
Pictures With the Easter Bunny  
Saturday, April 11, 2020  
12:30 pm in the Social Hall**



**Event will be held rain or shine (let's pray for shine), dress appropriately for the weather**

**Space is limited to the first 100 children  
Children ages 3-10 must be accompanied by an adult  
\$5.00 per child**

**Drop off registration form and payment to the  
Faith Formation office by April 3rd**

**Easter Egg Hunt Registration Forms are available at the  
Information Counter**

**Any questions? Please contact Sandi Gardner  
at 248-647-4680; email [sandi@stmoffice.com](mailto:sandi@stmoffice.com)**



### FRIDAY, MARCH 27 SOUP SUPPER AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS HOSTED BY FAITH FORMATION

**6:00 pm: Soup Supper** All are welcome.

**7:00 pm: Stations of the Cross** Led by our Faith Formation students followed by Eucharistic Adoration in the church. We need candle holders, readers, and other volunteers. To sign up please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084faba72ca6fa7-faith1> or see the Parish App.

### Cookie Donations Needed

We are entering into a very busy and exciting time at our parish and we need your help. If you would like to bake or donate cookies please email [angela@stmoffice.com](mailto:angela@stmoffice.com) and you will be added to the bakers list. Thank you in advance for your generosity!! The following events need cookies:

- Lenten Series (Tuesdays in March)
- Easter Egg Hunt (Saturday, April 11)
- First Communion Reception (Sunday, May 3)
- Confirmation Reception (Tuesday, May 19)



### FAITH FORMATION LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT Sponsored by Grades 3-8

Donations may be dropped off in the gathering space or the Faith Formation Office until March 29th. **Thank you!!**

### SNACKPAX ITEMS NEEDED

- Applesauce/fruit cup
- fruit snacks (no raisins)
- Breakfast / protein and granola bars
- Juice boxes
- Individual snack size** snacks: Animal Crackers, Teddy Grahams, Goldfish, Cheez—Its, Trail Mix, Fig Newtons, Skinny Pop, and pretzels
- Monetary contributions are welcomed and will be used to buy outstanding items. The rest of the monetary contributions will be donated to Song and Spirit.



## IN OUR PARISH

### Right to Life - LIFESPAN

**31st Annual LIFESPAN Baby Shower**  
**Saturday, March 21 and Sunday, March 22**

**Baby items to aid**

**Crossroads Care Center (Auburn Hills)**

**Wee Care**

**Crossroads of Michigan (Detroit)**

Please consider donating to support mothers and their newborns. Donated items can be brought to the Church Gathering Area

#### Gift Suggestions

**New Items:** Sleepers, onesies, socks, clothes (newborn, 0-3, 6-9, 12, and 18 months) receiving blankets, crib sheets, pack & play sheets, diapers (size 1 to size 6), baby wipes, wash cloths, hooded towels, pacifiers, bottles, rattles, teethingers, bibs, baby cereal and food, Enfamil formula (yellow can), baby personal hygiene items, gift cards, cash donations & more!



#### Baby Equipment

**New Only:** cribs, car seats, bathtubs, bouncy seats, saucers, swings, tummy time gyms.

**New and Gently Used:** strollers, high chairs, pack & plays, bassinets in good condition that can be wheeled.

**Please make checks payable to:**

**Crossroads Care Center,  
 Wee Care, or  
 Crossroads of Michigan**

For more information, please contact STM's Lifespan Rep, Anne Byrne at 248-642-8887.

### A Note from Our Pastor continued from page 2

4. Friday evenings during Lent we have scheduled **Stations of the Cross**. Have you ever wondered how this devotion came about? During the time of the Crusades (1095-1270) it became popular for pilgrims to the Holy Land to **walk in the footsteps of Jesus to Calvary**. Two centuries later after Muslims recaptured the Holy Land, pilgrimages became too dangerous. So a substitute pilgrimage, **the Stations of the Cross**, became popular **outdoors** throughout Europe. The Stations represented certain events from scripture or tradition of Jesus' journey to Calvary. In the mid 18th century the Stations were allowed **inside** churches. Eventually fixed at fourteen in number, the Stations soon became a familiar feature in Catholic churches.

5. Finally, a thought on **pretzels**—because someone asked me this week about them. **Pretzels had their origin in Christian Lenten practices** Because eggs, milk and fat were forbidden during Lent, a special bread was made consisting only of flour, water, and salt. These little breads were shaped in the form of arms crossed in prayer and were called "bracellae" (Latin for "little arms"). Among the Germans the Latin word became "bretzel." And among the English speaking it became "pretzel." Pretzels were a common Lenten food throughout the Middle Ages in Europe and finally became the year round snack we know today, in it's original shape, only in the last century,

Have a faith-filled 3rd week of Lent and a happy St. Patrick's Day on Tuesday. And of course, let's pray for one another.

Msgr. Tom Rice

### EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL

Envelopes are in the pews for donations to defray the cost of flowers for Easter season. You may give your donation in memory of, or to honor someone dear to you. The names of those on the envelopes will be included in the bulletin on Easter weekend.

Envelopes need to be returned by March 29<sup>th</sup> in order to be listed in the Easter bulletin. Envelopes received after March 29<sup>th</sup> will be listed in the April 19<sup>th</sup> bulletin.

Please put your envelope in the Offertory Basket or return it to the parish office.

**Thank you for your generosity!**



**Save the Date!**  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE**  
**March 28 & 29**

**Save the Date!**  
**ON THE RISE BAKERY**  
**is coming to St. Thomas More!**  
**PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND**  
**April 4 & 5**





## UNLEASH THE GOSPEL

### EVANGELIZATION

#### ENCOUNTER, TO REPENTANCE, TO EVANGELIZATION

by John Hannigan

*"Repent and believe in the Gospel,"* what we heard when we received ashes to begin Lent, is also Marker 1.2 in *Unleash the Gospel*. Archbishop Vigneron's call to evangelization is also a call to repentance. Turning away from sin "requires that we speak of sin and its consequences [which] is not fashionable today in a world that prefers to ignore sin." To prepare to be joyful missionary disciples, we first must acknowledge our own sinfulness and seek God's mercy.

Archbishop Vigneron turns to today's Gospel about the Samaritan woman at the well to teach how encounters with Jesus lead to repentance and then to evangelization. He writes that this episode in Christ's life "is a paradigm of evangelization." Jesus met the woman in the course of her daily life and engaged her "in conversation, showing that he cared for her as a person ... Because of that encounter the woman herself became an evangelist," telling "everyone who would listen" about Jesus. "Her message was neither eloquent nor complete, yet it was spectacularly effective. The joy of her new life was evident to all."



Fresco, c. 225 AD  
Catacombs of Praetextatus, Rome

In Marker 2.3, the Archbishop appeals again to the example of the Samaritan woman because of her powerful testimony. "Personal testimony has an indispensable role in evangelization," he wrote. "Testimony has a unique power to touch hearts, since it is almost impossible to ignore the witness of someone who has encountered Jesus personally..." Like with the Samaritan woman's neighbors, our testimony can also lead family,

friends and neighbors to an encounter with Jesus. Without explicitly calling others to repentance, we can simply share our experience with the love and mercy to be found in Jesus. "We who belong to Christ can testify that repentance is the way to forgiveness and freedom ... [and] the mercy of God!" The well of life-giving waters is Jesus; the waters "is the Holy Spirit."

Questions or Comments? [UnleashSTM@gmail.com](mailto:UnleashSTM@gmail.com)

## STEWARDSHIP

### TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

#### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

##### Third Sunday of Lent

Today's readings on this third Sunday of Lent present us with the theme of "thirst" and show us that a stewardship way of life can both satisfy our spiritual thirst for Christ and help us to satisfy Christ's thirst for souls.

Our first reading, from the book of Exodus, begins with the words, "In their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses." What little faith and lack of trust they show after all God has done to free them from slavery. But Moses cried out to God for help, and sure enough God provided generously to satisfy thirst. He continues to provide generously for us these many centuries later.



Our Gospel passage from John recounts the life-changing encounter Christ has with the Samaritan woman at the well beginning with His words to her, "Give me a drink." Then, He adds, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

Christ is speaking the very same words to us to us today. These two verses encapsulate the call to stewardship. Christ asks us to "give him a drink" by sharing what we have with Him and with others for His sake. Yet, it is Christ Himself who provides the water — the living water that is His grace.

God has chosen to include us in His plan for bringing all people to salvation through Him. We live out our part in His plan through a stewardship way of life. This Lent, let us resolve to respond to His call with passion and commitment. Let us do our part to quench His thirst.





# IN OUR PARISH



## Mahalo Ministry Appreciation Dinner March 7, 2020



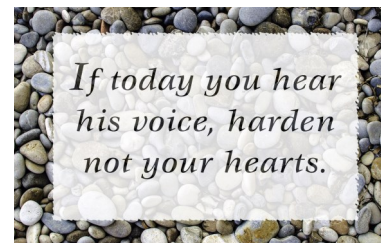
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### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

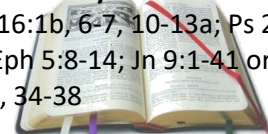
*We the Christian Community of St. Thomas More, in an atmosphere of hospitality, are dedicated to proclaiming the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ through excellence in worship, education, and service to others.*

*We believe that the nurturing of the community around the Eucharistic Table is extended through gatherings which further strengthen and support us. We shall pursue this mission faithfully through the power of the Holy Spirit and the gifts and talents of our members.*



### Readings for the Week of March 15, 2020

- Sunday**      **Third Sunday of Lent**  
Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
- Monday**      2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday**      **Saint Patrick, Bishop**  
Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday**      **Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**  
Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday**      **Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24 or Lk 2:41-51a
- Friday**      Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday**      Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
- Sunday**      **Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38





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**[www.stthomasmoretroy.org](http://www.stthomasmoretroy.org)**

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday at 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at 9:00 a.m. - Rosary before Mass

Holy Days: 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

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