

# Saint Thomas More

Catholic Church



**May 31, 2020**

*Liturgy Schedule*

**WEEKEND MASSES  
CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION  
Saturdays - 9 AM**

**PRAYER  
Sanctuary Open on  
Mondays-Fridays 9am-1pm**

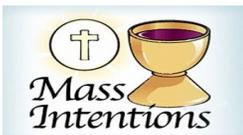
*Office Hours*

**Monday - Friday: ..... 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**Bulletin items are due to the Parish Office by Monday at 4:00 PM. Please email your items to: [receptionist@thomasmorespokane.org](mailto:receptionist@thomasmorespokane.org).**

**Week of May 31:**

Sun.	STM Parishioners
Mon.	Jackie Wagner
Tue.	Karl Schmid
Wed.	Bob Miller
Thur.	Valencsin Family
Fri.	Seminarians & Diocesan Priests
Sat.	Teresa Hoa Nguyen
Sun.	STM Parishioners



May 31, 2020  
Pentecost Sunday

You can feel so small standing by the seashore. The vastness of all that is before you expands much farther than your eye can see. What is happening on the other side? As tides continue to ebb and flow, what occurs as they come and go remains largely a mystery and the effects of their presence unknown in your sight. Yet, things are moving and changing as you gaze upon the water, as the thumbprint of their presence is left behind. The greater the wind and wave, the greater the effect. But even a gentle breeze leaves its humble mark upon the seashore on which you stand. The smallest pebble still makes a ripple in the great blue expanse of ocean waters. It doesn't need to be big.

You never know the full impact of your smallest gesture or simplest of words. A yes or no, agree or disagree, here or there, this or that can influence time and history in ways you may never know. The Holy Spirit is like that: fierce and torrential, and then almost still and silent, creating and recreating nonetheless. Coming as a gentle breeze or a gusty wind, God's Holy Spirit continues to move over, around, and into the waters of our lives. The Spirit brings fruit and unknown possibilities to what we humbly bring with us and that same Spirit eventually brings all to fulfillment in Christ.

The first disciples didn't have much. They possessed simple faith and a willingness to go into uncharted territory with a love of their friend-God, humble offerings, and a knowledge that they were not alone. This allowed them to do amazing things with very little. Do you believe that you are being led and that you have a purposeful life? We often do not realize our value because we do not think that the little we have is good enough. How wrong we are! A little flour mixed with water and embraced by a prayer of blessing transforms simple offerings into the magnificent Eucharistic presence of God. If the Holy Spirit can do such amazing things with these humble gifts of the earth, even more can happen with you. Don't underestimate the value of the smile you gave a stranger, the door held open for an elderly widow, the listening ear offered to one who was lonely, the tolerance given to the wounded soul who is angry, and the loving shoulder you offered as a cradle under the head of someone in pain. Modest gifts offered with



love can be transformed by the Spirit into wondrous blessings you may never know. It's Pentecost. Trust. You are not alone.

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St. Thomas More Catholic School is one of the preeminent PK-8 Schools in Spokane. Our students are empowered and encouraged to reach their full potential as unique creations of a Loving God. If you have questions about STM School please call Jim McCollum at 466-3811, ext. 315.

**8th Grade Labor Force:** Our 8th Graders are already trying to earn money for their trip to Washington, D. C. next spring! Call them if you need help around the house! Contact Jennifer Onzay at: STMDCTRIP@gmail.com

**Baptism:** Go to our parish website to fill out the proper paperwork. After we receive your information, you will be contacted to schedule an appointment.



**Marriage:** To schedule an appointment for marriage preparation, please contact a parish priest at least four months in advance of your desired wedding date.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Call the Parish Office to request a priest. If the call is after hours, you will be prompted on how to proceed.

The diocese is committed to helping victims/survivors of sexual abuse and to protecting children and vulnerable adults. Volunteers who supervise other volunteers who work with minors and vulnerable adults are required to report any suspected abuse by others they supervise.

Contact: Roberta Smith, Victims Assistance Coordinator (509) 353-0442 Office Phone or (509) 998-8340 Cell. You may also go to the Diocesan website. <http://www.dioceseofspokane.org/safe-environment>.

**Stewardship**

Income	Budget—YTD	Received—YTD
Envelopes & Plates	\$626,083	\$637,878

The Parish was able to secure a Payroll Protection Program Loan (PPP) to help cover the costs of payroll for the parish and school for April and May as well as some basic utilities. While this funding is helpful, we still need donations from our parishioners to keep programs up and running for next fall and to cover ongoing payroll costs as well as other bills not allowed under the loan terms.

You can set up a one-time or ongoing donation online at <https://parish.thomasmorespokane.org/give>



Please pray for those who are ill in our Parish and for those who are dying or who have died. Never underestimate the power of prayer. If you would like to add someone to our prayer chain, call Mary at 466-0531 or Pat at 466-3163.



**Adoration**  
Adoration is closed until further notice.

Please remember, while you are unable to attend Sunday Mass you can watch Mass from STM at 8:30 AM via our website, or live stream from the Cathedral at 9:00 AM, or on TV on EWTN, Fox Channel 3 at 6:30 AM, IHRC broadcasts at noon and 6:00 PM on Cable Channel 14.

**MAGNIFICAT to Give the Faithful Complimentary Access to its Entire Online Edition**

During this difficult time, many of the faithful across the United States and all around the world may be unable to attend Sunday or weekday Mass. As a service to the Church and to help the faithful sanctify their day, MAGNIFICAT has announced its decision to provide temporary [complimentary access to its online versions](#) of the daily prayer resource throughout the world, including in English: [www.magnificat.com/free](http://www.magnificat.com/free) and Spanish: [www.magnificat.com/gratis](http://www.magnificat.com/gratis).

MAGNIFICAT President Romain Lizé noted, "When you are used to going to Mass regularly, it can be spiritually difficult and frustrating when you cannot attend because of sickness or out of caution. We are honored to make this resource available to keep everyone united with the Church and to sanctify their day as it offers all the texts of Mass and prayers inspired by the Liturgy of the Hours."

[Access to its online edition](#) is being given to help the faithful pray with MAGNIFICAT in union with the Church each Sunday and weekday. Mr. Lizé added, "We are committed to making this resource available for as long as it takes to get this situation under control. In the meantime, we encourage everyone to pray with us for a speedy and safe end to this time of difficulty in our world"

Keep informed about the current state of affairs in our parish by signing up for Flocknotes. Simply text: StThomasMore to 84576 from your cell phone or go to [www.flocknote.com/StThomasMoreParish](http://www.flocknote.com/StThomasMoreParish).

President Trump made an unexpected announcement in which he called religious services to be essential. He also indicated that churches should be open this weekend for worship. While the President's sentiments are welcome to many people of faith, the reality is that it is Friday. Implementing parish safety plans by tomorrow is unrealistic.

Bishop Daly asks that we maintain the status quo for the next few days and hopes to have further direction by Tuesday. He will continue consulting with local health experts and the bishops of Washington State as the final adjustments are made to the plan which will allow us to worship in a responsible manner.

*\*We are encouraged to pray for an end to the COVID-19 threat: On Fridays, we are invited to join Bishop Daly in fasting. We are invited to join Pope Francis in praying the Rosary daily during the month of May, asking our Blessed Mother intercede before God for us. Daily Prayer to the Sacred Heart- daily until June 19, the Feast of the Sacred Heart*

*\*The church will be open for your visits next week for prayer from Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m and Saturday from 9-9:30 a.m. Copies of "The Word Among Us" are available in the Narthex.*

*\*Saturdays, while the church is open from 9-9:30 am, the Sacrament of Confession will be available in the PAC. If you come, please maintain physical distance from others who may be there, and enter/exit through the doors that are held open to the Narthex and the PAC. Please wear a mask, and do not enter the PAC for Confession until the person in front of you has exited.*

*\*If you saw the bishop's video update, you noticed that there is some positive movement toward reopening churches for the public worship of God. As we go through "phases," this would initially be on a very limited basis; the bishops, also collaborating with other religious leaders in the state, have made a proposal to the state government that would expand those limitations. Let us continue praying that the day of being able to gather and celebrate the Sacraments publicly will come soon! The bishop sent out a link for contacting our state government: <https://www.governor.wa.gov/contact/contact/send-gov-inslee-e-message>*

Or write:  
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*Express the importance of the public practice of our faith to our elected leaders, as they continue to strive to respond to COVID-19 in the safest, most prudent way. Please consider this, exercising your faithful citizenship by letting your voice be heard in light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*