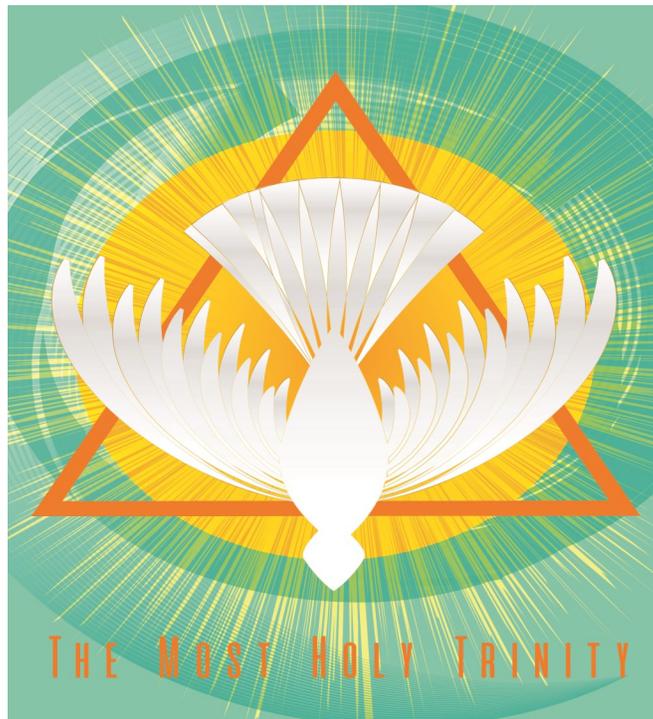


# Saint Thomas More

Catholic Church



**June 7, 2020**

**Liturgy Schedule**

**DAILY MASS**

**7:30 AM**

**WEEKEND MASSES**

**7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, and 11:00 AM**

**(limited to 100 people in 2 spaces)**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Saturdays - 9 AM**

**PRAYER**

**Sanctuary Open on**

**Mondays-Fridays 9am-1pm**

**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 June 7:**

Sun.	7:30 A.M.	STM Parishioners
	9:00 A.M.	Howard Schlieman
	11:00 A.M.	
Mon.	7:30 A.M.	Deceased Pham Family
Tue.	7:30 A.M.	Valincsin Family
Wed.	7:30A.M.	Eric Omlin Family
Thur.	7:30 A.M.	John Hodges
Fri.	7:30 A.M.	Kelsey O'Loughlin Family
Sat.	7:30 A.M.	Special Intention
Sun.	7:30 A.M.	STM Parishioners
	9:00 A.M.	
	11:00 A.M.	



**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**  
 June 7, 2020  
 The Most Holy Trinity

A well-choreographed dance can be truly inspirational. Each movement and step are interconnected, each contributing a piece of the unfolding artistic story. The beholder is caught up in the rhythms, music, and gestures, realizing that none are dispensable and all are necessary. The same is true of the Divine Dance of the Trinity. Each Person plays a part, using unique gestures and movements that are connected to the other Divine Partners. They tell a story of love. Every movement and step is born of love and flows on into eternity. The Divine Dance never ends.

God the Creator powerfully, yet with gentle love, leads. Creating and recreating, birthing and sustaining, He dances with the compassionate incarnate Son, guided by the breath of the Holy Spirit. They are three distinct Persons but move as One. On one hand, the cascading flow of their Presence appears motionless, yet on the other, flows and moves with effortless attention. They share one heart, one goal, and one purpose and invite all of creation to join in their dance, their joy.

The energy of the Trinity flows through all created things. It is a dance of the heart, not of the mind. It has to be experienced, not dissected, and contemplated, not understood. We stand in awe of the Divine Dance and find ourselves watching in amazement all that God creates and sustains. The dance continues in the majesty of a mountain, the power and wonder of an ocean, and the vastness of the universe. It moves in the cry of a newborn infant and in the soul of one who has been forgiven. It flows in the cry for justice and in the wounds of the oppressed. It circles through the changing of seasons, the cycles of birth and death, and the wisdom that one acquires when they love God.

The Dance never ends. Its movements and rhythms go on forever. The Trinitarian Dance sustains all things, endures all things, and brings hope. You are invited to dance. Don't just watch as if you were simply a spectator. Join in the dance and move as they move.



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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.

**Attention Ministers of the Altar**

Due to the current state of affairs, we will not be sending out a serving schedule for the summer months. For the time being, we will not be asking for the service of Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, or Altar Servers. Fr. Pat would like to have Lectors at each Mass. So, if you feel comfortable serving in this capacity, please email Traci at [receptionist@thomasmorespokane.org](mailto:receptionist@thomasmorespokane.org). Please indicate which dates and Mass times you are able to serve. Thank you.

**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).

What a blessing it was to be able to reopen for public Masses this past Sunday! To gather to praise God and celebrate the Mass is a special grace for the parish. With the safety protocols, it is challenging; hopefully, with more time, the special things we need to do will become somewhat "normal" and not be distractions to our praise of God. We did pretty well with observance of guidelines, and we learned much. I'm grateful to those who stepped forward to assist with "hospitality" at Masses- serving as ushers and crowd-management. Everyone was compliant with the requirement to wear face-coverings. Dealing with the reception of Communion while negotiating a face-covering is challenging, but we'll keep working on it. We will need to do better with the 6-foot social distance requirement for non-family members. It's hard for us, who are so accustomed to physical contact, close proximity while visiting with others, etc. to stay six feet away from non-family members and communicate, but we need to keep attending carefully to this. I've heard key words with this are "proximity" and "duration" to keep our contacts as safe as possible. That's at the heart of the "6 feet" rule, and why at this time we are trying to keep Masses shorter in duration (so, for now, no congregational singing, shorter homilies, shortest of the Eucharistic Prayers, etc.). Again, thanks to all for your patience and understanding as we do the best we can making these adjustments.

**\* This coming weekend's liturgies:**  
**Confessions: Saturday, 8:00 am until finished**  
**Mass, Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 am**

\*\*Thanks for your on-going financial donations to the parish!

\*As we now have public Masses, there will no longer be Masses from STM available for viewing on the website. For those who are not able to come to Mass, you are referred to the many Sunday Masses shown on television, or the 9:00 am Mass from our Cathedral that is livestreamed (see [dioceseofspokane.org](http://dioceseofspokane.org) or [spokanecathedral.com](http://spokanecathedral.com))

\*Daily Masses next week at 7:30 am; please do not arrive before 7:15 am.

\*The church will be open for your visits next week for prayer from Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., and Saturday from 8-9 a.m.