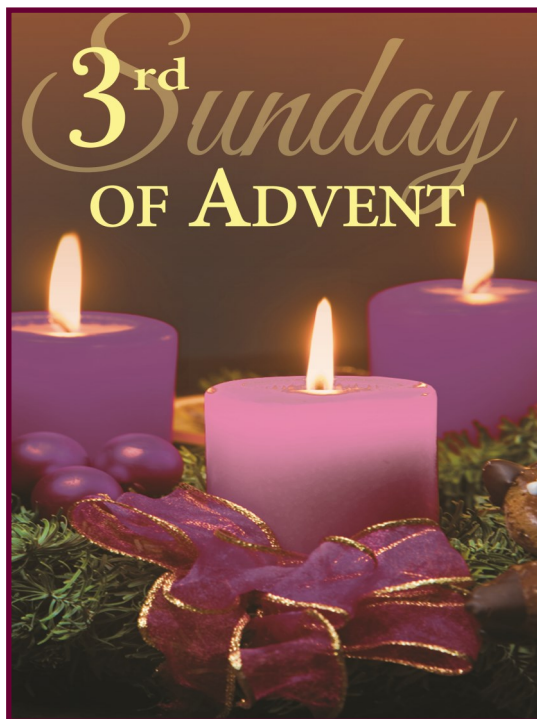


Saint Thomas More

Catholic Church



December 13, 2020

Liturgy Schedule

DAILY MASS

7:30 AM

WEEKEND MASSES

4:30 PM, 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, and 11:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays - 8:00 AM-9:00 AM

Thursdays - 4:30 PM-5:15 PM

ADORATION

3:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Mon thru Fri

Bulletin items are due to the Parish Office by Sunday at 4:00 PM. Please email your items to:
receptionist@thomasmorespokane.org.

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to Noon

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Eucharistic Images

Read

Pastoral Letter ([diocesan webpage](#)) pages 5-8
 1 Peter 2:1-6 "Jesus, the Living Stone"
 Luke 2:8-14 "Gloria"
 Isaiah 6:1-3 "Sanctus"

Understanding

- ♦ What is the significance of Jesus as the living stone? How are we like living stones being assembled into a spiritual house?
- ♦ How do the stories of Abel, Melchizedek, and Abraham foreshadow the sacrifice of Christ himself?
- ♦ What is the significance of joining the angelic hymns? Why do we give praise to God?

Appreciation

- ♦ "Where the Eucharist is celebrated there is the threshold of heaven and earth." What aspect of the Mass are you most grateful for, because it gives a glimpse of this miraculous encounter?
- ♦ What visible sign in your parish (architecture, art, or music) are you grateful for? How does it guide you to the Real Presence?

Experience

- ♦ Between one's first and last day, there are those many days when one first skips, then strolls, and finally shuffles to the altar of sacrifice to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. How are you approaching the altar? How has this changed with time?
- ♦ What images at your parish guide you toward Christ? How do they guide you?
- ♦ How do you see the priest in light of this statement, "In the words he speaks and in the actions he performs we encounter the unseen High Priest?" Describe a time when you have seen Jesus evident in your priest.

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Monday, Dec. 14:

Tuesday, Dec. 15:

7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Mass

Wednesday, Dec. 16:

9:00 AM Adult Faith Formation

6:30 PM Adult Faith Formation

Thursday, Dec. 17:

10:00 AM Retreat House Mass in Chapel

1:00 PM Adult Faith Formation

4:30 PM Confessions (In the PACC)

6:00 PM Religious Education Classes

Friday, Dec. 18:

Saturday, Dec. 19:

8:00 AM Confessions (In the PACC)

4:30 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, Dec. 20:

Masses at 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 AM

2:00 PM Youth Ministry at St. Charles

Please call the Parish Office if you have any questions about these activities. Social Distancing Guidelines will be followed at all events.



ADORATION

Adoration is open from 3:00 to 7:00 PM in the Chapel Monday through Friday.

Week of Dec. 13:

Sun.	7:30 A.M.	Mother of Adela Tambriz
	9:00 A.M.	STM
	11:00 A.M.	Tripolina Gardner (105 yrs old)
Mon.	7:30 A.M.	Deceased Pham Family Members
Tues.	7:30 A.M.	Rev. Bernard Coughlin, SJ
Wed.	7:30 A.M.	Rev. Peter Ely, SJ
Thurs.	7:30 A.M.	Marty Daily
Fri.	7:30 A.M.	Tom Monks
Sat.	7:30 A.M.	
	4:30 P.M.	Joseph Hong Duong
Sun.	7:30 A.M.	Bob Durgan
	9:00 A.M.	Francisca Rajenel
	11:00 A.M.	Agnes Ferguson



Weekly Stewardship (12/06/20)

Income	Budget—YTD	Received—YTD
Envelopes & Plates	\$279,224	\$253,137
Received:		
In person		\$5,429.00
Mailed In		\$8,280.00
Online		\$5,171.00
Total		\$18,880.00

Needed Weekly \$12,692.00

Thanks to all who offer your stewardship donations to the parish on-line! You can set up a one-time or ongoing donation online at:

<https://parish.thomasmorespokane.org/give>

Annual Catholic Appeal

If you haven't given to the Annual Catholic Appeal, it isn't too late. You can make your donation directly to the Diocese, or you can send it to the Parish Office. You may also donate online through the Diocesan website. Our parish assessment this year is \$149,306. To date, our parishioners have donated \$143,456.00 which is 96 percent of our goal.

Black and Indian Mission Collection

Next week the diocese is having a collection for the 136th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Your support will help build the church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. You can give online at www.dioceseofspokane.org.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION 2020

Your Gift is Hope!

Please donate to the Christmas Collection today to show clients that you will hold the hope for them in these challenging times.

Donating to the Catholic Charities Christmas Collection is an opportunity to support Catholic Charities programming that promotes life and affirms dignity. You may donate by going to www.cceasternwa.org/donate

Christmas Thank you

Thank you to everyone who donated food for our Christmas

Baskets and gifts for our families!

Once again, the parishioners of STM were incredibly generous! Because of you, we were able to help 49 families in our community. A big thank you to everyone who helped us deliver food and presents.



SVdP Glove Drive

Due to the restrictions of Covid, we will not be able to have a glove collection this year. We have established a "Go Fund Me" Account to provide gloves and socks for the homeless that will be given to House of Charity and distributed as needed. To donate to this fund go to: www.gofundme.com/f/iukrmgy5go?utm

Upcoming Lector Schedule

Dec. 19-20:
4:30 PM Sue Huss
7:30 AM Suzanne Abbott
9:00 AM Dan Byrne
11:00 AM Agnes Ericson



You should have received the new schedule for December and the Holiday Masses.



Teaching C+STEM Challenges amidst Covid Challenges

C+STEM challenges are projects and lessons that get students to investigate, explore, design and test in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math. C+STEM programs improve problem solving in all areas of life and are accomplished best in an interactive environment. The gift of learning face to face has truly been appreciated this year.

St. Thomas More has worked tirelessly to make sure all students can safely be together for all subjects including hands-on experiences in our C+STEM program. Traditional protocols for the science lab were adjusted. This includes physical distancing, minimizing exposure, and maintaining extra vigilance with disinfecting and sanitizing between each use of lab tools and materials. Extra time has been built into the schedule to accommodate these extra steps and become part of our lab procedures.

Gardening looked different without full classes of students planting and tending each bed and a late start waiting for small group protocols but that didn't slow us down! We had a lush beautiful garden to look at each day and an abundance of produce to give to St Vincent de Paul --over 330 pounds of fresh vegetables.

Rocketry this fall included grades 6-8; expanding on the program we started last spring during quarantine. Students began building at the start of this year and engaged in lessons on the basics of rocketry, gravity, flight and making their own igniters. We now have 75 student rockets awaiting launch day.

All students in grades K-8 have multiple Lab Learner units aligned with NGSS standards. The labs are fun, engaging and set a wonderful foundation for all sciences. Let's not forget the dry ice or occasional exploding pumpkin experiments. The best part of C+STEM is student participation and watching the reactions that stem from these activities.

Valerie Barnes
St. Thomas More Catholic School

Religious Education

Religious Education classes for students in grades K-5 are Thursdays, 6:00-7:15 PM **in the PACC**. This is a great way for parents to fulfill their obligation of training their children in the practice of the faith! See the parish website to register, or sign up at class

Sacramental Prep

Students must be enrolled at St. Thomas More School or in Religious Education classes. We do **need a catechist to help prepare 5th & 6th graders for Confirmation & Communion**. Please contact Tracy at tracyacker83@gmail.com if you are interested in helping or with any questions.

Christmas Mass

Please call the Parish Office for times and availability. You need a reservation to attend. Call the Parish Office from 8:00 AM to Noon Monday through Friday. You may also watch any of the Masses live stream by going to our parish website. Details to follow.