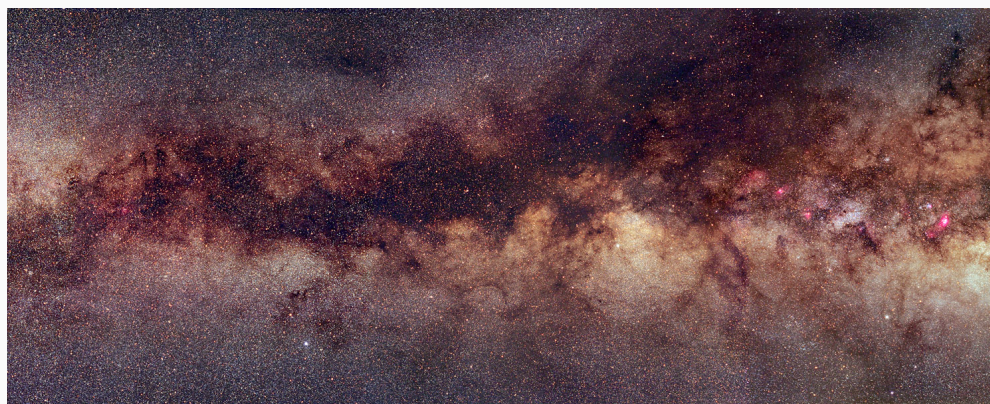


FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT, SUNDAY DECEMBER 22, 2019

CO-CATHEDRAL OF ST. THOMAS MORE



Fr. John's Corner



As a child, I remember looking up into the night sky and seeing all the stars and wondering how many stars were out there. I think it's every child's and adult's question, as to how many stars are in our universe. It's an easy question to ask, but a hard one for scientists to answer. I'm not a scientist, but looking it up I seem to find various answers, testifying that it's not an easy answer to calculate, however, astronomers estimate there are about 100 thousand million stars in the Milky Way alone. Outside that there are millions upon millions of other galaxies. It boggles to mind to think how many. Counting all the stars might be like trying to count the sand on St. George Island. Not an easy job and very frustrating it would be.

With all this said, the author of all this mathematical majesty, the one who set all of this into magical motion, has had pity on us and has come to us in a way that we can understand. This mystery, we call God, now becomes known. He speaks our language, takes on flesh in a womb and calls us to himself to dwell in this majesty we call His Kingdom, where one day we will know the answer to "how many stars are there out there?"

Faithfully, *Fr. John*

This Week:

MONDAY 12/23

TUESDAY 12/24
CHRISTMAS EVE

5pm Children's Mass
11:30pm Midnight Mass
Office Closed

WEDNESDAY 12/25
CHRISTMAS DAY

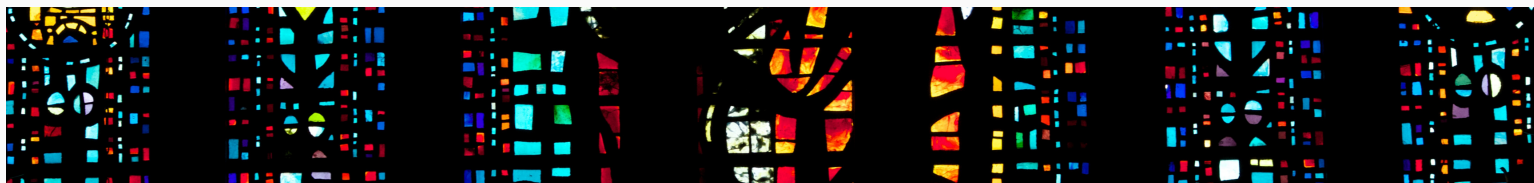
10am Mass
Office Closed

THURSDAY 12/26
7am Daily Mass
Office Closed

FRIDAY 12/27
7am Daily Mass
Office Closed

SATURDAY 12/28

SUNDAY 12/29
11am Fellowship Sunday,
O'Brien Hall, Coffee & Donuts



St. Vincent De Paul Society



Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can continue to bring comfort and peace to our brothers and sisters who are poor and suffering. Thank you, and may the peace of God be with you.

Recently, SVdP helped an amputee with unexpected medical bills due to her need to adjust the painful prostheses. This caused her to fall behind in other bills, so SVdP paid her utility bill and provided food for her. During Advent, SVdP is collecting non-perishable food and toiletries for Catholic Charities and our neighbors at Casa Calderon in the blue bins at each church door.

Consider becoming an active member of SVdP. Society meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month at 6pm, Room #6, Parish Center. www.facebook.com/svdptally or svdptally@gmail.com

Altar Flowers

If you would like to donate sanctuary flowers for Christmas, as a memorial to a loved one, or in celebration of someone's birthday or anniversary, please go to our website or call the office 222-9630. Suggested donation \$10.

Christmas Mass Schedule

While FSU is on winter break, there will be only one daily Mass at 7am starting Mon, 12/16 -Mon, 1/6

Tuesday, December 24th

Children's Mass: 5 pm Vigil

Midnight Mass: 11:30 pm

Wednesday, December 25th

Christmas Day: 10 am

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 7:00AM, 5:15PM

SATURDAY: 8:00AM, 5:15PM VIGIL

SUNDAY: 8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:45AM,
6:00PM

CONFESSION

SATURDAY (IN THE CHAPEL) FROM
12:00PM - 1:00PM AND
4:00PM - 5:00PM OR BY
APPOINTMENT.

OFFICE HOURS

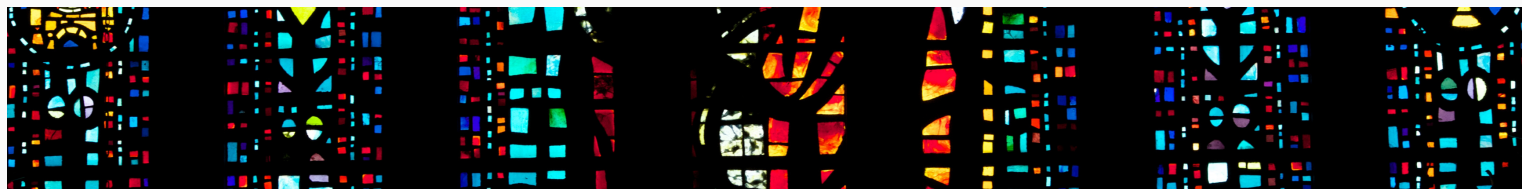
MONDAY-FRIDAY: 9:00AM - 5:00PM
OFFICE PHONE (850) 222-9630
RECTORY (EMERGENCIES ONLY)
(850) 224-4887

WIFI

WIFI NETWORK: STM GUEST
WIFI PASSWORD: STM1967!



Please continue to keep us in your prayers and for the advancement of our ministry to reach students at FSU, TCC, & FAMU.



Stewardship of Treasure

December 2019 Dates: 12/09 – 12/15

Weekly Need:	\$ 25,000
Weekly Giving:	\$ 31,077
Year-to-Date Need:	\$ 875,000
Year-to-Date Giving:	\$ 870,662

To give online, visit www.cocathedral.com
and go to the “Giving” page.

Christmas Offering

The Christmas Collection is important in helping us meet many of our year-end obligations. Please bring the Christmas envelope mailed to your home or find these special envelopes inside the pews. May God bless you & your family this Christmas season!

Committed to Christ, Living in Gratitude

Within the next couple of weeks, you will receive a Summary Report detailing the results of our “Committed to Christ, Living in Gratitude” Program. Several weeks ago we began this program and we are beginning to see signs that our Sunday offertory collections are growing through the generosity of our many parishioners. Thank you so very much to all who have chosen to participate in this very important program. Your generosity shows your willingness as faithful stewards to be a part of the ongoing missions of St. Thomas More Co-Cathedral.

Religious Education

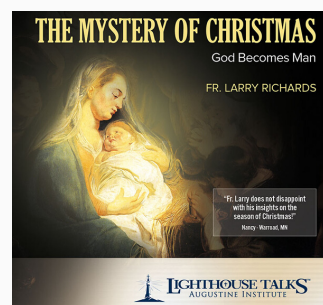
Adopt- A-Family

A Big THANK YOU to all who were able to support the Adopt-A-Family through Christmas Connection.

Last class for this semester is December 15. NO R.E. classes Dec. 22, Dec. 29, and Jan 5 for Christmas break. Classes resume on Jan. 12, 2020

Lighthouse CD of the Week

The Mystery of Christmas



In this inspiring talk, renowned preacher and retreat master Fr. Larry Richards illuminates how the true joy of Christmas is found in the greatest gift ever given – the gift of Jesus Christ to the whole world. With humor, compassion, and clarity, Fr. Larry gets to the heart of the true meaning of Christmas and helps us to better appreciate the immensity of God's love for us as His children. Our Lighthouse CD display is located by the parking lot entrance. \$3/CD.

Formed

1. Go to: Formed.org
2. Enter code: **PXFZ3Q** (All Caps, Please!)
3. Create your own account
4. Enjoy!





Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We wish a Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year to all our
parishioners, their families, and
those who are visiting our parish this
season.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 22

8:30am For the people of Saint Thomas More
10:00am Trinh Family by Vu, Thu & Mimi Trinh
11:45am Fr. John B. Cayer by STM Family
6:00pm † Emile Baudoin d'Ajoux by Franciose Baudoin d'Ajoux

Monday, December 23

7:00am Carol Rose by A Friend

Tuesday, December 24

7:00am In Thanksgiving by Virginia King
5pm † Frank Maccaro by Holly Winer
11:30pm Abigail McMillain by Abuelo y Abuela

Wednesday, December 25

9:00am † Gertrude Merriweather by Renee Ream

Thursday, December 26

7:00am Raymond Clark by Michael Clark

Friday, December 27

7:00am Megan Regan by a Friend

Saturday, December 28

8:00am Lucas Cordin by Teresa Medehue
5:15pm Maureen D. Muir by Muir Family

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Assistance for Victims of Sexual Abuse

Our Diocese has established Victim Assistance Coordinators to help anyone who has been abused by church personnel. Victims should call Dr. James Gagnon at 877-0205. To report a case, call the 24-Hour Child Abuse Hotline at 800-962-2873.