

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2020

CO-CATHEDRAL OF ST. THOMAS MORE



Stewardship Reflection

The Book of Leviticus from which our First Reading comes is the third book in the Old Testament. Its name in part comes from the Levites, who were the tribe to which Aaron belonged. Historically Aaron is considered to be the one from whom priests are descended. However, the Bible offers instructions to all of us, not just to priests. In today's reading from Leviticus, God says to Moses that he should teach the people this: "Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy."

There is no way, of course, that we can be as holy as God is. God is divine, not human, and thus His Holiness is above and way beyond our capabilities. What God is saying to us though is that we do need to strive for holiness. We often speak of our call to holiness and how we can try to achieve that. One way is to embrace stewardship and all it entails as a way of life.

Will that make us holy like the Lord? No, but it does mean that we need to comprehend that it is God and God's wisdom we must embrace and follow. Holiness for us means we need to attempt to separate ourselves from those things and thoughts and ideas which can be viewed as not holy in the Eyes of God. Yes, it is impossible for us, but yet that is what we must try to do.

Please don't forget to return your CSA commitment card. The parish and the Bishop rely upon the support of every one of us to carry out the ministry of Jesus Christ and His Disciples. Each of us can make a positive difference.

This Week:

MONDAY 2/24

6:30 Baptismal Prep Class,
LCR

TUESDAY 2/25

6:00 SVdP Meeting, Room 6
6:45pm RCIA Makeup, Msgr.
Kerr Room

WEDNESDAY 2/26
ASH WEDNESDAY

7am Noon, 5:15 PM & 7 PM
Mass
10am Amazing Parish Meeting,
Msgr. Kerr Room
6:30pm Adult Confirmation
Class, Msgr. Kerr Room
8pm Spirit Night, O'Brien Hall

THURSDAY 2/27

FRIDAY 2/28

5:45pm Lenten Light Meals
6:45pm Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY 2/29

SUNDAY 3/1

8:30am Religious Ed,
Upstairs/Classrooms
10am Adult Confirmation Class
10am RCIA
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.

In partial fulfillment of our mission to help those in need, last month SVdP distributed 52 bags of non-perishable food items and toiletries to residents of Casa Calderon apartments.

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

Baby Bottle Drive

Open Door Women's Clinic and the Council of Catholic Women thank you for your generous donations in the recent baby bottle campaign. \$3600 was collected!! That is more than double the amount donated in previous years! Additionally some diapers, wipes, and layettes were donated. On behalf of the mothers and babies, Thank You!!

Lent

Lenten Food Drive

The St. Vincent de Paul group of our parish will be collecting non-perishable food donations for Catholic Charities and our neighbors at Casa Calderon on 5 weekends in Lent, starting on the weekend of Feb 29/Mar 1 - April 4/5. Look for the blue collection bins at the church doors.

Ash Wednesday, February 26th

Mass times on Ash Wednesday are at 7 AM, 12 Noon, 5:15 PM and 7 PM.

Lenten Light Meals and Stations of The Cross

Please join us Friday evenings during Lent to share a meal with fellow parishioners. Mass begins at 5:15 pm, Lenten Light Meals will follow Mass at 5:45pm and Stations of the Cross follows at 6:30pm.

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

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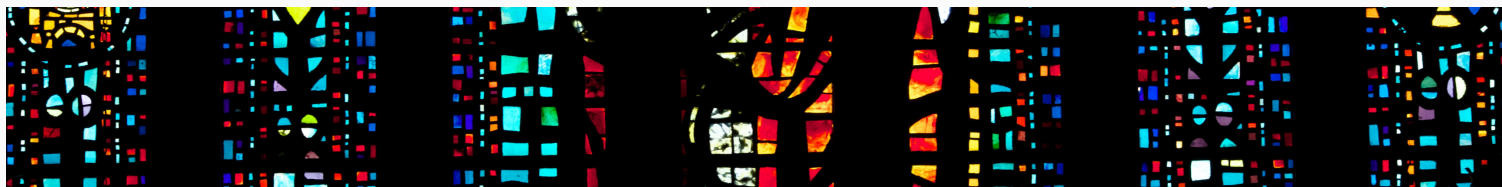
**CATHOLIC
STUDENT UNION**

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Be on the lookout for our volunteer and participant students in the Catholic Charities Glow run 2/22.

Formed

1. Go to: [Formed.org](https://formed.org)
2. Click Sign Up and enter Zip Code
3. Create your own account
4. Enjoy!



Stewardship of Treasure

February 2020 Dates: 2/10– 2/16

Weekly Need:	\$20,000
Weekly Giving:	\$22,126
Year-to-Date Need:	\$125,000
Year-to-Date Giving:	\$132,546

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

Bishop's 2020 Catholic Sharing Appeal

To date 93 parishioners have pledged \$52,803

If you were not able to make your pledge last week, please don't forget to make your pledge today. There are blank CSA cards at each entrance. You may place your card in the Offertory basket or go to the Diocesan website, www.ptdiocese.org/csa.

Your support of the Bishop's annual Catholic Sharing Appeal is critical to the mission of our parish and our diocese! Thank you.

Prayer Requests

The staff of Saint Thomas More prays for you each Friday during designated prayer time. If you have a specific intention that would like us to pray for, please submit your request at our website.

Religious Education

Pennies For The Poor
Sunday, Mar 1 - Apr 5

During Lent our students are encouraged to bring in coins to fill their classroom Almsgiving containers. The money collected is sent to the Catholic Relief Services. Thank you in advance for your support.

Missed RE Lessons

If your child has missed any RE lessons, please speak to their teacher. It's very important they complete these lessons.

Lighthouse CD of the Week

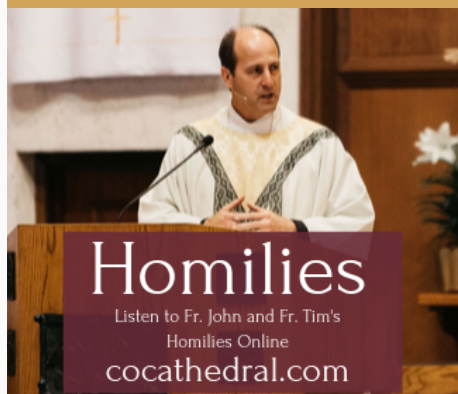
Why Almsgiving?

One of the key acts of penance that the Church recommends is almsgiving. But why? Citing the Old and New Testaments, the Catechism, and his own engaging personal stories, professor and author Dr. Michael Barber explains the “inner logic” of almsgiving, and how this often-misunderstood aspect of our faith is a critically important good work, related to our own unmerited redemption in Jesus Christ. Our Lighthouse CD display is located by the parking lot entrance. \$3/CD.



Listen to our Priests Homilies Online!

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2020 JUBILEE MARRIAGE MASS

Pensacola
February 23 | 2:30 PM CST | St. Paul Catholic Church

Tallahassee
March 1 | 11:45 AM EST | Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More

If you celebrate the 1st, 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, or any anniversary after your 50th during 2020, come celebrate your marriage with Bishop Wack!

Registration + More Information
ptdiocese.org/events
(850) 435-3553

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT RETREAT

A Faith-Filled Weekend Retreat for Single Men 18+ Discerning the Diocesan Priesthood

Trinity Catholic School



Trinity Catholic School is accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year. To schedule a personal tour, call 850-222-0444 or email Jody Sheppard, Admissions and Public Relations Specialist at sheppardj@trinityknights.org

St. John Paul II Catholic High School

St. John Paul II Catholic High School is accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year and there are only a few spots left for enrollment! Did you know that we offer financial assistance and accept several scholarships? For more information and to schedule a tour or a shadow day for your child, please call (850) 201-5744 or e-mail Jillyann McGowan, Director of Enrollment at jmcgowan@jpiichs.org

Jubilee Marriage Celebration

Sunday March 1 at 11:45AM - Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More

Married couples celebrating significant anniversaries in 2020 are invited to participate in a special liturgy. Bishop Wack will lead participants in a special commemoration of vows, prayers of blessing, and public recognition of individual couples during this liturgy. A reception will follow the Mass with light refreshments for couples and their guests.

Visit ptdiocese.org to register. Contact Chez Filippini at 850.435.3553 or filippinic@ptdiocese.org for more info.

Priesthood Discernment Retreat

March 6, 6PM - March 8, 12PM

Do you feel called to serve God in the priesthood? If so, plan to attend this free weekend retreat! This event is being held to guide and inform any single men ages 18 or older who are discerning a call to the priesthood. Anyone interested should contact Fr. Tim Holeda | 850.222.9630 | frtim@cocathedral.com.



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February 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Pope Francis has challenged us to "Be Shepherds..., in the midst of your people like Jesus the Good Shepherd."

As Shepherd of your parish I encourage you to participate in the annual Black and Indian Mission Collection, which falls on February 29/March 1, 2020. For the last 135 years, this collection has changed the landscape of evangelization and education efforts for Native Americans, Alaskan Americans and African Americans throughout the United States.

Efforts by Churches and schools among African Americans, Native Americans, Eskimo and Aleut communities, are funded by the Collection's grant awards, which are instrumental in the building of their Christian communities and sharing the joy of knowing Christ. In the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee, your support has helped to promote Black Evangelization Programs across the diocese and has assisted in funding for the Martyrs of La Florida Canonization Cause. Your financial commitment makes a difference both in our diocese and across the country. Together we build up the Church and announce the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your prayerful support of the Black and Indian Mission Collection.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William Wack, CSC
Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee

Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 23

8:30am † Jim Cox by The Cox Family

10:00am † Karl Scheurman by Jackeline Henderson

11:45am For the people of Saint Thomas More

6:00pm † Rosalind Cayer by Paul and Sue Ebbers

Monday, February 24

7:00am Steven Andrews by A Friend

5:15pm Cause of the Martyrs of La Florida by Heather Jordan

Tuesday, February 25

7:00am Lucia Kudwa by The Ballas Family

5:15pm Kevin Patrick by a Friend

Wednesday, February 26

7:00am † Wayne Pickens by Thomas Baumgartner

12:00pm For The People Of Saint Thomas More

5:15pm † Cindy Colvin by Jacqueline Lloyd

7:00pm

Thursday, February 27

7:00am The Gagne Family by The Doherty Family

5:15pm Megan Regan by A Friend

Friday, February 28

7:00am † Mary Beth O'Connor by William Heim

5:15pm John & Debra Tostanoski by Tim and Kathy Grobe

Saturday, February 29

8:00am Carol Rose by A Friend

5:15pm The Strickland 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.