

Fr. John's Corner



I'm sure many of you have been tuning in to watch some portion of the Olympics in Tokyo. I've tuned in for my daily dose of beach volleyball, track and field, high diving, water polo (very short viewing), and gymnastics. These athletes are at their peak in physical fitness by training hard and listening to the voice of their coaches. You can tell they have been training for this moment for a long time. These 16 days of competition have now come to an end and we're left with memories of Gold, Silver, and Bronze winners.

As we look at our Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary, we are talking about someone who has given her whole life in training to not only listen to the voice of God but abiding and obeying that voice. Her reward, by no merit of her own, was an incorruptibility of her whole body into heaven. Nov. 1st, 1950, Pope Pius solemnly defined the Assumption of Mary; "We pronounce and declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." Even though this is a very new dogma of faith, we have homilies that go back to the 6th century.

Mary didn't receive a Gold, Silver, or Bronze medal, but something much more, eternal life with God. We meditate on this mystery as the 4th & 5th Glorious mystery of the rosary. She was Assumed into Heaven and crowned as Queen of Heaven and Earth. And now, the Church is left with not only memories of such a truth, but an example to follow. Her listening skills and obedience to the Divine Will of God is now our work. May we find Mary to be an intercessor for us in this great work.

Hail Mary full of grace ora pro Nobis, FR.

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Youth Ministry



Sunday 8/15 - Life Teen Mass: 5-6 pm

Life Night: Fall Kickoff 6-7:45 pm

Blessed Sacrament also serves as the home for St. Thomas More youth ministries. More info can be found at <u>bscyouth.com</u>

Caring for Creation Class

Good Shepherd Catholic Church Beginning September 7 at 7 pm each Tuesday

Everybody is talking about taking better care of our planet. Join us to learn what's going on with our climate and how prayer and spiritual practices can inspire you to respond to climate challenges. Sign up now for the in-person or Zoom presentation of "Sacred Air: Climate & Energy," A-Zoom link will be provided for those who want to participate remotely. Contact Suzanne Printy at printysg@gmail.com or 850-339-7847; to register. There is no fee for this program.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

We greatly appreciate your support of our mission. Your donations allow us to help more people in need. Thank you.

Recently, we were able to help an army veteran and his fiance who had become homeless because of work reductions due to covid. Collaborating with the VA, we paid for temporary housing and a deposit on an apartment for them. Thankfully, their new jobs will allow them to pay their future bills.

Consider becoming an active member of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month at 6pm, in rooms 1&2 in the church hall building. svdptally@gmail.com

MASS SCHEDULE

MON-FRI: 7:00AM, 5:15PM
SATURDAY: 8:00AM
SATURDAY: 5:15PM VIGIL
SUNDAY: 8:00AM, 10:00AM,
12:00PM & 6:00 PM

CONFESSION IDE THE CHURCH

INSIDE THE CHURCH 10:00AM - 11:00AM

OFFICE HOURS

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

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We wish everyone a lovely and safe summer!

For more info look at our website and follow us on social media at Catholic Student Union at FSU, FAMU, & TCC

www.fsucatholic.org



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE August 2021 Dates: 08/03 – 08/09

Weekly Need: \$15,000

Weekly Giving: \$12,782

Year-to-Date Need: \$545,000

Year-to-Date Giving: \$529,701

Thank you so much to our parish community for your continued support throughout this challenging year! To give online, please visit www.cocathedral.com and go to the "Giving" page.

Renew & Rejoice Sanctuary Renovation

Campaign Goal: \$1.4 million

Total Commitments to date: **206**Total Amount Pledged: **\$1,397,673**

Amount Needed to Goal: \$2,327

Please continue to pray on your financial commitment and return your pledge card soon. Thank you so much for being a part of this historical moment in the history of St. Thomas More.

2021 Bishop's Catholic Sharing Appeal

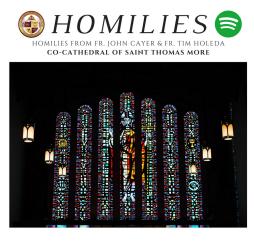
To date, **227** parishioners have pledged **\$107,000**. We have received **\$97,024** so far. To make a pledge or a payment, please go to the CSA webpage, www.ptdiocese.org/csa. Your support of the Bishop's annual appeal is critical to the mission of our parish and our diocese! Thank you!

Religious Education

Religious Education will hold registration for regular faith formation classes and sacramental preparation classes after all morning Masses on **August 15th & August 22.**

Director of Religious Education

We wish to welcome to our team here at STM, Mrs. Paula Wright as our new Director of Religious Education. She follows in the footsteps of Mrs. Maureen Brown-Muir, who has retired and moved south. We wish them both well in their new pursuits. Paula will join us this Sunday, August 15th with the RE registration after the morning Masses in O'Brien Hall.

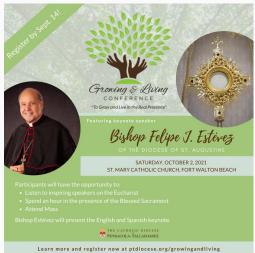


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Listen to our Homilies

Did you know you can listen to our priest's homilies online throughout the week? Listen on the go and share with family and friends Find episodes on our website or on Spotify.





Trinity Catholic School Trinity



Now Hiring! If you are interested in applying for the following positions, please submit your resume and/or application to bechtols@trinityknights.org. Applications can be found at www.trinityknights.org/employment.

> **Cleaning Crew Supervisor** Security Safety Specialist Substitute Teacher

St. John Paul II Catholic High School

Are you looking for a career in education and in a Christcentered environment? We are currently hiring the following teaching positions: For more info visit our website at www.sjpiichs.org/career-opportunities-at-sjpii/.

> Part-Time Maintenance Assistant Full-Time Administrative Assistant Director of Advancement

Growing and Living Conference

Saturday, Oct. 2, at St. Mary Parish in Fort Walton Beach Bishop Felipe J. Estévez will give the keynote address in English and Spanish. There will be breakout sessions. eucharistic adoration, and Mass. The cost is \$15 per person till Sept. 1 and \$20 per person after Sept. 1. visit https://www.ptdiocese.org/growingandliving.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

August 15, 2021

THE WOMAN

In the Gospels we hear Jesus refer to his mother Mary as "Woman." This reference should draw our attention to both Genesis and Revelation. But who is this "Woman," and why is she so central to salvation history? This powerful film presents the Catholic teaching about Mary and her important role in the life of the Church today. On this Solemnity of the Assumption, let us ponder Mary's role in our own lives!



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THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Are you a baptized Catholic, but have never been Confirmed or received your First Communion? Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Contact Deacon Andy at deaconandy@cocathedral.com



Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 15

8:00 am The members of the Paul & Fason Families by Patricia Fason

10:00 am † Souls in Purgatory by Marie Joy Stephenson

12:00 pm † Ceasar Douglas by Susan Fiorito 6:00 pm For the people of Saint Thomas More

Monday, August 16

7:00 am The members of the Paul & Fason Families by Patricia Fason 5:15pm John Case by the Goble Family

Tuesday, August 17

7:00 am † Teofilo C. Sampang by Vivian LaCap

5:15pm Xavier Joseph Paredes by Mom & Dad

Wednesday, August 18

7:00 am † Gloria Ramos by Maribel Ramos 5:15pm

Thursday, August 19

7:00 am The members of the Paul & Fason Families by Patricia Fason 5:15 pm

Friday, August 20

7:00 am 5:15 pm

Saturday, August 21

8:00 am The members of the Paul & Fason Families by Patricia Fason 5:15 pm † Marie Lieu Vu byy Thu Vu & 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.