

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 2021

CO-CATHEDRAL OF ST. THOMAS MORE

We exist to reflect Jesus Christ, to worship Him, and to proclaim His good news to all.



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Aid with Mass.



Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

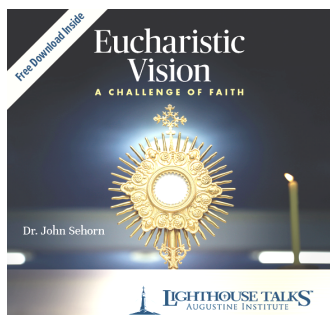
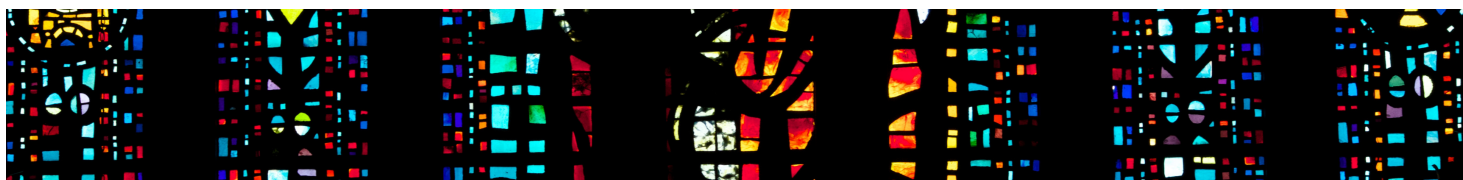
- Philippians 4:4

We light our Rose-colored candle this weekend for Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a fancy Latin word meaning- Rejoice! It comes from Paul's letter today to the Philippians "rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again, rejoice! The Lord is near."

Perhaps you've been to some "Christmas parties" already. Parties have a way of stimulating us and making us giddy, even artificially. This is not really what Gaudete means. It does mean that we are an optimistic people. It does mean that at our most basic level we are a positive, not a pessimistic people. We know that behind the cross is the resurrection. The Christian life is not one that ends in tragedy but ends with victory. So, today, half way through Advent, we rejoice. Because Jesus has given us a reason to hope.

Blessings,

Fr. John



Lighthouse Talks

This week we are highlighting Dr. John Sehorn's CD:

Eucharistic Vision, A Challenge of Faith

In a recent Pew survey, two-thirds Catholics reported that they did not know or believe in the Church's teaching on the Eucharist. Diving into the writings of early doctors and fathers of the Church, and drawing upon his own experience as a scholar of history, practicing Catholic, and former Protestant, Dr. John Sehorn addresses the "mind-boggling" and difficult truth of Jesus' presence in the Blessed Sacrament. It is a truth that confronts us, challenges us, and is one of the greatest gifts that we will ever receive.

We have a good variety
of Lighthouse CD's
located by the parking
lot entrance. \$3/CD.

If you have questions please contact Paula Wright: faith@cocathedral.com

Council of Catholic Women



Available after all Masses this weekend
(All proceeds go to Hugs for the Homeless campaign)

**Join us for a Fun Girls Night Out this weekend on
December 12th from 6:30-8:30 pm at Found for Home.
Everyone gets 10% off their purchases that night.
It is a Share Night, some of the sales goes to Our
Council of Catholic Women.**

For more information visit:
www.cocathedral.com/council-of-catholic-women

St. Vincent de Paul Society



We are most grateful for your generosity and support in helping those less fortunate.

Last month, we collaborated with another organization to help a mother and her three children move into a new home. The mother has some serious health issues and will be out of work for a while.

It was a blessing to ensure they had housing.

Consider becoming an active member of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Meetings, currently on Zoom, are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month at 6pm.

Please email us at svdptally@gmail.com to learn how to attend.

Got Confirmation?

The Rite of Confirmation is a sacrament that continues the welcome and belonging that began with Baptism and has continued with the Eucharist. Confirmation deepens our relationship with God and strengthens us to live lives of faith and mission.

**We invite baptized Adult Catholics seeking to be confirmed in the faith
to attend classes starting in January, 2022.**

(Please register at <https://www.cocathedral.com/rcia-1>)

If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 222-9630 or email DeaconAndy@cocathedral.com.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

November 2021 Dates: 12/01 – 12/06

Weekly Need: \$20,000

Weekly Giving: \$20,302

Year-to-Date Need: \$820,000

Year-to-Date Giving: \$810,139

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 Schedule

Nov. 14 - 20:

Floor tile at the base of the Sanctuary; Exterior electrical work

Nov. 21 - 27:

Installation of Altarpiece - 1st Level; Floor tile at the Entrances

Nov. 28 - Dec. 4:

Installation of Altarpiece - 2nd Level; Lighting controls

Dec. 5 - 11:

Installation of Stations of the Cross, Altar, Ambo, Pedestal & Baptismal Font

Dec. 12 - 31:

Floor tile on Sanctuary floor and steps; Carpet installation

Jan. 2 - 15:

Remaining tile & carpet installation; Final items

Mass of Dedication

Wednesday, January 19 - 6 pm

Visit www.cocathedral.com/sanctuary for all of the latest updates, to make a pledge and to set up your recurring donation.

MASS SCHEDULE

MON-FRI: 7:00 AM, 5:15 PM

SATURDAY: 8:00 AM

SATURDAY: 5:15 PM VIGIL 

SUNDAY: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM,
12:00 PM & 6:00 PM

CONFESSION

INSIDE THE CHURCH

SATURDAY: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

OFFICE PHONE (850) 222-9630

RECTORY (EMERGENCIES ONLY)

(850) 224-4887

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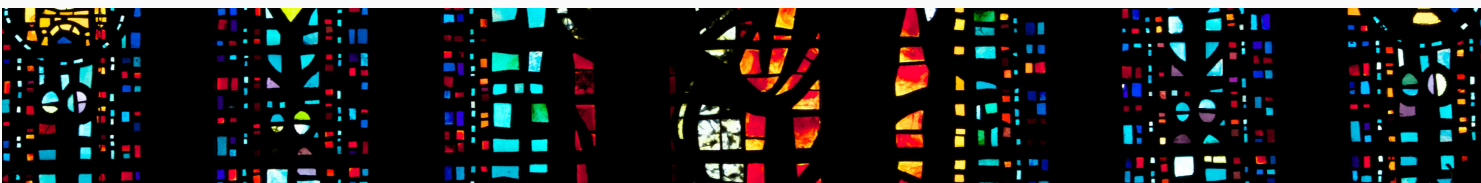
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Christmas Offering

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 at the church entrances. You may also give online as well, by selecting "Offertory gift" and enter "Christmas" in the memo.

May God bless you & your family this Advent & Christmas season!



For updates and upcoming events for CSU visit our website or follow us on social media!



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Adopt-A-Student

This advent season, give the gift of Catholic education.

The Adopt-a-Student scholarship program helps families attend Trinity Catholic School. Tax deductible donations can be made online at:

www.trinityknights.org/giving

We appreciate your prayers and support!

St. John Paul II Catholic High School

SHARPENING MINDS, SHAPING HEARTS, & HELPING STUDENTS ENCOUNTER CHRIST



St. John Paul II Catholic High School

We invite you to join us for our

**1st Annual Christmas Village on
Friday, December 17, 2021
from 6-8 p.m.**

We will have free photos with Santa along with arts & crafts, a Christmas movie, games, hot cocoa, Christmas treats and more!

Hope to see you there!

Pick of the Week



Youth Ministry **EDGE**
Blessed Sacrament

Sunday 12/12 - 6:00-7:45 pm

Life Night:

"Unfurl" The Promptings of the Holy Spirit

Thursday 12/16

NO Life Teen Small Groups

Friday 12/17 - 7:00-8:30 pm

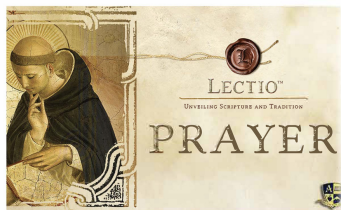
Edge Christmas Party

For more info contact Jonathan Shea: jsheabsctlh.com

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

December 12, 2021



LECTIO: PRAYER—AN INTIMATE DIALOGUE
St. John of the Cross, Doctor of the Church, had a deep desire to help others grow in prayer. In honor of this mystical saint, join Dr. Gray as he dives into the simplicity and mystery of prayer.

To set up your free account, visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

*"All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women merely players;
They have their exits and their entrances..."*

- Shakespeare (from As You Like It)



For over 21 years, Ellen Murphy has blessed the stage of St. Thomas More Co-Cathedral Office and Student Center. She has left many footprints upon many souls of the students who have sought her out for spiritual advising, while keeping the office in order as our Office Manager.

Ellen will not be missed because she punched her time card, but because she was faithfully part of the Mission of our beloved parish. Mostly, she will be missed because she loved deeply, broadly and sincerely.

As you journey to your next mission of working at the Joseph House, we know you'll bring the same love and attention to those reintegrating back into society after many years of incarceration. May the Lord "prosper the work of your hands."

With All Affection,

Fr. John, Fr. Tim & Your St. Thomas More Family

Thank You Ellen!



Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 12

8:00 am

10:00 am For the People of St. Thomas More

12:00 pm † Elizabeth Hatcher Wright By
Susan Fiorito

6:00 pm

Monday, December 13

7:00 am † Haide Remias Villavicencio by
Elisa Angeles

Tuesday, December 14

7:00 am

Wednesday, December 15

7:00 am † For the Soul in Purgatory by Marie
Joy Stephenson

Thursday, December 16

7:00 am

Friday, December 17

7:00 am

Saturday, December 18

8:00 am

5:15 pm † Ann Choppin by Nadine Choppin

*While Florida State University is closed
for the winter break, there will be one
daily Mass only at 7AM, beginning
December 13th until January 4th.*

To request a Mass visit:
cocathedral.com/request-a-mass

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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 850-877-0205

*To report a case, call the
24-Hour Child Abuse Hotline at 800-962-2873.*