

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



*Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face
and we shall be saved.*

—Psalm 80—

December 3, 2023

Saint Thomas More Parish

Rev. Father Nicholas Schumm, Pastor
Michele Gousy, Office Manager
Michele Kenaga, Director of Faith Formation
Madeline Miller, Director of Sacred Music
James White, Maintenance

Finance Council

Jim Mathis, *chairperson*
Joe Buehler
Mort O'Sullivan

Parish Pastoral Council

Heidi Nees, *chairperson*
Gene Church
Norm Gousy
Dr. Gerry Goyins
Chris Moore
David Olson
Delia Stierwalt
Joe Trechter
Jack Williams
Michael Witt

Other Parish Groups and Ministries

Sacred Liturgy - Father Nicholas Schumm
OCIA - Father Nicholas Schumm
Faith Formation - Michele Kenaga
Sacred Music - Madeline Miller
Ladies Altar Society, CCW-Lynn VanNatter
Knights of Columbus - Alex Bui
Outreach - Lynn VanNatter
Burse Club - Joyce Edgar
Ushers - Charlie Dickin

URGENT SACRAMENTAL CARE



To request urgent care, please text
or leave a detailed voicemail at the
following number: (850) 266-5996.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

4:00 PM - **KATHLEEN MAUER** †
Req. by: Manning Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8:00 AM— **PRO POPULO**

10:00 AM— **JANET PATANJO** †
Req. by: The Manning Family

7:00 PM— **PETER** †

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4 - 7:30 AM
MONSIGNOR JOHN CASSIDY †

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 - 7:30 AM
DOROTHY MARSHALL †
Req. by: Wayne Epley

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 - 6:00 PM
TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS
MONSIGNOR JOHN CASSIDY †

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 - 7:30 AM
PETER †
Req. by: Wayne Epley

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 - 7:30 AM
PHANXICO TUYEN †

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

****HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION****

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

6:00 PM - **RUTH BRYANT** †
Req. by: Judy Pace and Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

7:30 AM - **ANGELA MARIA** †
& ANN (NINA) ROSASCO †
Req. by: Mary Rosasco

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 - 4:00 PM

DENISE PRESTON †
Req. by: Judy Pace and Family

PARISH NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY ITEMS

Parish Events:

Parish Pastoral Council: The next meeting will be on **January 11th at 5:45 PM** and includes dinner.

Ladies Altar Society, CCW: The next Ladies Altar Society meeting will be on **Sunday, December 17th at 9:00 AM** in the Parish Hall. All women of the parish are invited to join and attend Ladies Altar Society.

Knights of Columbus Father Keating Council #15836:

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 12** in the Parish Hall after the 6:00 PM Mass. For more info about the Knights of Columbus, please call Alex Bui at (850) 261-1099 or alexanderbui@cox.net

Weekly Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and Litany to Saint Joseph: 8:00 AM on **Wednesdays** following the 7:30 AM Daily Mass.

Traditional Latin Masses:

Every Tuesday at 6:00 PM (Low Mass).

Every Second & Fourth Sunday at 8:00 AM (Sung Mass).

Catholic Moms: Catholic Moms- All moms are welcome to join the group for monthly meetings, Night Outs, play dates, worship and prayer together. For information, please email Olga Witt at stm_momsgroup@fastmail.com.

Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration:

Fridays: following the 7:30 AM Mass until Noon with Benediction

Sundays: starting at 6:15 PM before 7:00 PM Mass

First Wednesday of each month: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

First Saturday: Mass will be celebrated at **9:00 AM on First Saturdays in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and her request at Fatima in 1917.** The Holy Rosary will also be recited at 3:30 PM on First Saturdays.

Parish Breakfasts: These families or groups of the parish volunteer to bring treats to share in the Parish Hall after the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses on the following Sundays:

- 1st Sunday of the Month: Knights of Columbus
- 2nd Sunday of the Month: Ladies Altar Society
- 3rd Sunday of the Month: Salamida Family
- 4th Sunday of the Month: Van Natter and Church families
- 5th Sunday of the Month: Parish Council

VICTIM'S ASSISTANCE

The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is committed to healing the hurting hearts of sexual abuse survivors and established Victim's Assistance Coordinators to help those who have been sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or other church personnel. Louis M Makarowski, PhD, PA is the Coordinator for Pensacola. His phone number is (850) 477-7181.

CONFESSION AND MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday at 7:30 AM

SATURDAY

Confessions heard from 3:00-3:45 PM
Mass at 4:00 PM

SUNDAY

Mass at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM
Confessions heard from 6:15 throughout the 7:00 PM Mass
Mass at 7:00 PM

TUESDAY EVENING

Confessions heard from 5:15 - 5:45 PM
Traditional Latin Mass at 6:00 PM (Low Mass)

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

2nd & 4th Sundays at 8:00 AM (Sung Mass)
Every Tuesday evening at 6:00 PM (Low Mass)

FIRST SATURDAY MASS

Mass at 9:00 AM the First Saturday of every month



As we head into the Fall and into the flu season, please keep in mind these guidelines if you're not feeling well:

****If you're running a fever, vomiting, feeling very unwell, have a severe cough or symptoms of flu, COVID, or other illness, please stay home to heal and also to avoid spreading illness among parishioners.****

In order to best avoid illness this season, wash your hands frequently and avoid touching your face when out in public in order to keep yourself and your loved ones as healthy as possible!

Please, pray for our sick parishioners:

Please call the Parish Office at 850-456-2543 to add a parishioner to the list.

Gavin Andrews
Ray Averill
Richard Beecher
Rusty Bizzell
Tommy Bosso
Nedda Brazwell
Rusty Budde
Anna Christco
Johnnie Clopton
Dot Davis
Joyce DeVore



Beth Gutermuth
Richard Hahner
Regina Kaufman
Paul O'Donnell
Nelson Ortiz
Dan Owczarczak
Damion Rampersaud
Babe Rohan
Marie Turchi
Theresa Westcott
Jinann Wey

If someone is in need of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office at 850-456-2543. If there is no answer, leave a message with name and number. For an emergency outside office hours, call the emergency line at (850) 266-5996 and leave a detailed voicemail message.

**Scripture Readings
For the Week of December 3, 2023**

Sunday, December 3rd, First Sunday of Advent
Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;
1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Monday, December 4th
Is 2: 1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 5th
Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 6th
Feast of Saint Nicholas of Myra, Bishop
Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 7th
**Memorial of Saint Ambrose,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 8th
**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1; 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1:26-38

Saturday, December 9th
Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 10th, Second Sunday of Advent
Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14;
Mk 1:1-8



The next OCIA (formerly RCIA) sessions are:

- ♦ **After the 6:00 PM First Wednesday Holy Hour on Wednesday, December 6th**
- ♦ **6:00 PM Wednesday, December 13th**
- ♦ **6:00 PM Wednesday, January 10th, 2024**

Sessions will be held in the Parish Hall. OCIA is open to all those seeking Baptism, those already baptized who are seeking Reception into the Catholic Church, and for Catholics desiring to deepen their faith while learning more about the Church.

SAINT THOMAS MORE ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree is up and filled with names of seniors who are in nursing homes and in need of some basic items. If you decide to shop for one of these folks, please follow these guidelines:

- 1. Record your selection on the Record Sheets**
- 2. Wrap the gift(s) you buy**
- 3. Label with your selection's name and number**
- 4. Return to the Angel Tree in the Narthex on or before December 10th, 2023**

Thank you so much for your participation and support of the Saint Thomas More Angel Tree!!



ATTENTION: LADIES OF THE PARISH!

WESTERN DEANERY ADVENT MORNING OF REFLECTION

Sunday, December 9th

Father Jack Campbell, Speaker

Little Flower Catholic Church
6495 Lillian Highway, Pensacola FL 32506

Mass: 8:15 AM

Breakfast & Registration: 9:00 AM

Father Jack, Table Talk, and Recap: 9:20 - 10:40 AM

All ladies of the Parish are invited. Please RSVP to Grace Amell, 850-390-1331.

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION 2024



Who: All high school youth seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation and at least one parent/guardian

What: Informational Meeting

When: Saturday, December 16th at 9:00 AM (will last less than one hour)

Where: Saint Thomas More Parish Hall

This will be a short mandatory meeting going over all the requirements for Confirmation, information on obtaining a recent Baptismal certificate copy, sponsor information, and Confirmation class dates. Classes begin January 6th, and the 2024 Saint Thomas More Parish Confirmation is scheduled for March 3rd at 10:00 AM. For any questions, or if you are unable to attend on this date, please email Michele Kenaga at: faithformation@stm.ptdiocese.org

150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

***Saint John the Evangelist Catholic School
325 South Navy Boulevard
Pensacola, FL 32507***

Saint John the Evangelist Catholic School invites you to join us at a commemoration Mass on **Monday, January 29, 2024, to recognize the one-hundred-fiftieth anniversary of our school's founding.** All former students, teachers, parishioners, parents, and supporters of St. John Catholic School are invited to attend the school Mass at 8:30 AM, with a reception to follow in the school cafeteria. We hope that you can join us to offer praise and thanks for the gift of our school and the many blessings received since 1874.

We are also collecting treasured memories, photos, and stories of special times at Saint John the Evangelist Catholic School. Fond remembrances of inspiring teachers, occasions, or traditions will commemorate the significance of Saint John the Evangelist Catholic School to each generation throughout the years. Mrs. Sherer Falardeau is directing this project and can be contacted through the school office at (850) 456-5218.

*When trying to evangelize,
no tool is more effective than personal witness.
People can argue with points of doctrine,
but no one can argue with a personal testimony!*

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*Speak to them of the great mercy of God.
Sometimes people are helped by your telling
of your own lamentable past.*

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Saint Francis Xavier, Priest and Missionary
Companion of Saint Ignatius of Loyola
and co-founder of the Society of Jesus
Feast Day December 3rd



Alpha Center Baby Bottle Drive

Give a Gift of Life!



For 40 Days for Life, The Knights of Columbus invite you to give a Gift of Life to an unborn baby through the Alpha Center. During November, baby bottles will be available in the back of the church for you to place your donation to the Alpha Center. Or you may prefer to donate a new baby item. Please return all bottles or baby items to the Baby Bottle Table no later than December 10th. Call Alex Bui, (850) 261-1099, for more information.

CATHEDRAL DAY OF RECOLLECTION ON THE EUCHARIST

January 6, 2024

At Sacred Heart Cathedral in Pensacola, FL

Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024, 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.



As we continue the parish year of the National Eucharistic Revival, we invite you to join us for a day of retreat on the Eucharist featuring guest speaker Monsignor Stephen Bosso. The day will include Mass, talks, Eucharistic Adoration, an opportunity for confession, personal prayer time and small group discussion. Ages 14 and up are welcome. The event is free of charge, but advance registration is required. Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

To register, visit shc.ptdiocese.org or call the parish office.

FIRST WEDNESDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION OF THE LORD

ADORATION and BENEDICTION

Wednesday, December 6th
6:00 PM

All are welcome
every First Wednesday at 6:00 PM
to adore the Lord
in the Blessed Sacrament.

***The Lord is in our midst,
in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar.***

—Saint Maximilian Kolbe—



CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

The December class for Religious Education for students in 1st-5th grade will be on **Sunday, December 17th** from 8:50-9:45 AM in the Parish Office. If your child will be receiving First Communion in May 2024, please come to class and register them at the December 17th class.



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

2023 Advent and Christmas Schedules of Masses, Confession Times, and Office Hours



MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEKENDS OF ADVENT

1st Sunday of Advent - December 2nd & 3rd

2nd Sunday of Advent - December 9th & 10th

3rd Sunday of Advent - December 16th & 17th

Saturday at 4:00 PM; Sunday at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 7:00 PM

4th Sunday of Advent - December 23rd & 24th

Saturday at 4:00 PM; Sunday at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

*****Please Note: There is NO 7:00 PM Mass on December 24th*****

CONFESSION TIMES DURING ADVENT

Saturdays at 3:00 PM
before the 4:00 PM Mass

Sundays at 6:15 PM
throughout the 7:00 PM Mass

*****Please note:***

There are NO Confessions December 24th**

Tuesdays at 5:15 PM
before the 6:00 PM Traditional Latin Mass



PARISH ADVENT-CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd

3:00 - 5:00 PM

IN THE PARISH HALL

All are welcome to join us for
food, fun, and fellowship
on this special Sunday!



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*****HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION*****

Vigil Mass - Thursday, December 7th at 6:00 PM with music and incense

Mass - Friday, December 8th at 7:30 AM with no music or incense

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24th

Christmas Carols - 3:30 PM

Mass - 4:00 PM

Come Early!

Christmas Day - Monday, December 25th

12:00 AM - Midnight Mass of the

Nativity of Our Lord

8:00 AM - Mass of Christmas Day

*****Please Note: There is no 10:00 AM Mass on Christmas Day*****



DAILY MASS THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26 - 29

7:30 AM TUESDAY - FRIDAY

*****Please Note: There is no Traditional Latin Mass at
6:00 PM on Tuesday, December 26th*****

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Saturday & Sunday, December 30th - 31st

MASSES

Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 7:00 PM

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00 PM before 4:00 PM Mass

Sunday 6:15 PM before 7:00 PM Mass



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Parish Office will be CLOSED

December 25th - January 1st

Parish Office will RE-OPEN

Tuesday, January 2, 2024



SOLEMN FEAST OF THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY AND THE MOTHER OF GOD

7:30 AM on Monday, January 1st, 2024

*****NOT A Holy Day of Obligation in 2024*****



Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!