

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Lord, let us see Your kindness,  
and grant us Your salvation.*

— Psalm 85 —



**December 10, 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 9**

4:00 PM - **DENISE PRESTON †**  
Req. by: Judy Pace and Family

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10**

8:00 AM— **MONSIGNOR JOHN CASSIDY †**  
**(ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION)**

Req. by: Mary Reedy Callahan

10:00 AM— **DOROTHY MARSHALL †**  
Req. by: Wayne Epley

7:00 PM— **PRO POPULO**

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 - 7:30 AM**

#### **SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

Req. by: Ladies Altar Society, CCW

### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12 - 7:30 AM**

#### **ANGELA MARIA & ANN (NINA) ROSASCO †**

Req. by: Mary Rosasco

### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12 - 6:00 PM**

#### **TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS**

#### **WILLIAM KEEGAN (LIVING)**

Req. by: Michele Kenaga

### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13 - 7:30 AM**

#### **MONSIGNOR JOHN CASSIDY †**

### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 - 7:30 AM**

#### **KATHLEEN KENAGA †**

Req. by: Michele Kenaga

### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 - 7:30 AM**

#### **DOROTHY MARSHALL †**

Req. by: Wayne Epley

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 - 4:00 PM**

#### **MURIEL REDMOND †**

Req. by: Joe Buehler

# 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 - Week of December 10, 2023

Sunday, December 10

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

Monday, December 11

Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 12

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday, December 13

Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 14

Memorial of Saint John of the Cross,

Priest and Doctor of the Church

Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 15

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 16

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13



The next OCIA (formerly RCIA) sessions are:

♦ 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 any Catholics desiring to deepen their faith while learning more about the Church.



## 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** in the Parish Office from 8:50-9:45 AM.

If your child will be receiving First Communion in May 2024, please come to class and register them at the December 17th class. If your child is homeschool or attends a Catholic school, they still must register for Sacramental Preparation.



## SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS Saint, Priest, and Doctor of the Church "Doctor Mysticus" (Mystical Doctor) Feast Day December 14th

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*It is a great wisdom to know how to be silent  
and to look at neither the remarks,  
nor the deeds, nor the lives of others.*

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*If a man wishes to be sure of the road he treads on,  
he must close his eyes and walk in the dark.*

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*Whoever flees prayer flees all that is good.*

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*In the dark night of the soul,  
bright flows the river of God.*

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*In the evening of life,  
we will be judged on love alone.*

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*Faith is like the feet wherewith the soul journeys to God,  
and love is the guide that directs it.*

## 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

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This will be a short mandatory meeting going over all the requirements for Confirmation, 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](mailto:faithformation@stm.ptdiocese.org).

## SAINT THOMAS MORE ANGEL TREE

Please return your gifts by:

**THIS WEEKEND, DECEMBER 9/10**

All gifts will be delivered to Catholic Charities for distribution. Thank you so very much for your generous participation and support of the Angel Tree.



### **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.

### **4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MASSES**

The 4th Sunday of Advent falls on Sunday, December 24th, which is also Christmas Eve.

#### **How many Masses do I attend?**

We should attend one Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent and one Mass for Christmas.



#### **CHOOSE ONE MASS FOR 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23rd at 4:00 PM
- \_\_\_\_\_ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24th at 8:00 AM
- \_\_\_\_\_ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24th at 10:00 AM

#### **CHOOSE ONE MASS FOR CHRISTMAS:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24th at 4:00 PM
- \_\_\_\_\_ MONDAY, DECEMBER 25th at 12:00 AM  
(Midnight Mass)
- \_\_\_\_\_ MONDAY, DECEMBER 25th at 8:00 AM



### **CATHEDRAL DAY OF RECOLLECTION ON THE EUCHARIST**

***January 6, 2024***

***At Sacred Heart Cathedral in Pensacola, FL***



All are invited to 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](http://shc.ptdiocese.org)**

### **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**



The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is on December 12th, and recalls the 1531 appearance of the Virgin Mary to Saint Juan Diego, a native peasant who had recently converted to the Catholic faith, at a place called Tepeyac in what is now Mexico City. The Virgin asked that a church be built on the site. The local bishop was skeptical of Juan Diego's story, however, and requested a sign that the request was really from the Virgin Mary.

She offered the bishop several signs, beginning with the out-of-season and non-native roses that she gave to Juan to present to the bishop. When the roses tumbled from Juan's tilma (mantle or cloak), they revealed a miraculous image of the Virgin on Juan's garment. Millions of pilgrims still travel to Mexico City to venerate the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is the patron saint of Mexico as well as the Empress of the Americas.

*Am I not here, I who am your Mother?  
Are you not under my shadow and protection?  
Am I not the source of your joy?  
Are you not in the hollow of my mantle,  
in the crossing of my arms?  
Do you need something more?  
Let nothing else worry you or disturb you.*

—The Blessed Mother's words to Juan Diego—

# 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!**