

St. Thomas More

Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025



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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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 13th
PRO POPULO

Sunday, December 14th
8:00 AM - KATHLEEN KENEGA +
Req. by: Michele Kenega

10:00 AM - SICK AND HOMEBOUND
Req. by: Ladies Altar Society

Monday, December 15 - 7:30 AM
RICK (LIVING) & PATTI (+) DYE
Req. by: Judy Pace & Family

Tuesday, December 16 - 7:30 AM
MURIEL REDMOND +
Req. by: Joe Buehler

Wednesday, December 17 - 7:30 AM
HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY
Req. by: Mary Rosasco

Thursday, December 18 - 7:30 AM
PAT SMITH +
Req. by: Mary Rosasco

Friday, December 19 - 7:30 AM
PAULA SALAMIDA (LIVING)
Req. by: Kathy & Shawn Salamida

Saturday, December 20
4:00 PM - WILMER MITCHELL +
Req. by: Susan Soule

Upcoming Events



First Saturday Mass & Rosary

First Saturday of the month, Mass is celebrated at 9:00 AM and the Rosary is recited at 3:30 PM



Children's Holy Hour Friday, January 2nd | 9:00 AM

1 hour of Adoration in Church followed by a picnic on the lawn (bring snacks or lunch)



More Faith Night Wednesday, January 7th | 5:30 PM

ALL PARISHIONERS INVITED!

Dinner provided in the parish hall followed by a theological talk and discussions.

Children and Adult options.



This is combined with Sacramental Preparation for children in need of First Holy Communion or Confirmation.

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for cooking the spaghetti for December's Faith Night!



December 14th

Confession Opportunity
7:30-10:00 AM

December 21st

9:00 AM Ladies Altar Society

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

December 24th 4:00 PM

**December 25th Midnight
8:00 AM**



*The Parish Office will be closed
December 25th - January 1st*

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass Time

January 1st, 9:00 AM

(No vigil on Dec 31st)



January 11th

Confession Opportunity
7:30 AM - 10:00 AM



Parish Life

Pastor's Corner

Gaudete Sunday: The Sudden Inhale of Joy.

This weekend the Church tells us, *Gaudete*, "Rejoice!" even though Christmas hasn't arrived yet. Joy, in the Christian sense, doesn't wait for everything to be finished or perfect. Joy comes when we recognize that God has already begun something in us, even before we see the full picture.

J.R.R. Tolkien used the word *eucatastrophe*, (*eu* - signifying good), to describe that sudden, grace-filled turning in a story, the moment when hope breaks through just as things seem darkest. He said it brings a "sudden, joyous turn," almost like the heart taking an inhale of possibility. That's what Gaudete Sunday is for us. A reminder that God often enters our lives not with fanfare, but with a quiet but unmistakable turn toward hope.

Maybe nothing dramatic has changed around us, but grace has begun its work. A small desire for prayer. A softened heart. A nudge toward peace. These are God's early arrivals, little "eucatastrophes" that reveal His nearness before the full light of Christmas dawns.

This week, notice where that sudden inhale of joy is already present in your life. Christ is close. Rejoice.

- Fr. Luke



Angel Tree

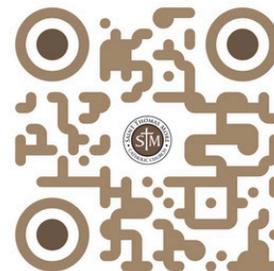
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THIS WEEKEND,
December 13-14, 2025.

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.



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Pray for the sick in our parish

Gavin Andrews
Richard Beecher
Janet Briggs
Johnnie Clopton
Joyce DeVore
Lee Hual
Buddy Merrit
Paul O'Donnell
Dan Owczarczak
Veronica Reilly
Patricia Suchy
Theresa Westcott
Maureen Westmoreland

Ray Averill
Nedda Brazwell
Anna Christco
Jim Davis
Richard Hahner
Regina Kaufman
Neddy Mitchell
Nelson Ortiz
Damion Rampersaud
Naomi Singh
Lynn VanNatter
Jinann Wey

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To Register:

1. [Formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup)
2. Select our parish by searching "Saint Thomas More Parish" in Pensacola, FL
3. Enter your name and email address
4. You will receive a link to begin enjoying FORMED

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Happenings Around Here:

WANT TO GROW IN YOUR PRAYER LIFE AS A COUPLE?

BECOME PART OF A GROUNDBREAKING STUDY
TAKING PART IN PENSACOLA, FL

LEARN TO BRING JESUS INTO THE DEPTHS OF
YOUR SPOUSAL RELATIONSHIP.

A gift to your spouse
in the new year?

FOR MORE
INFORMATION



Fr. Raymond Herard, Parochial Vicar at Nativity of Our Lord and Director of Campus Ministry is conducting a study to help couples grow in their prayer life as persons and as a couple.

catholicargos.com/study

You're Invited to join us - St. Thomas More Ladies Altar Society - Supporting our Pastor and our Parish

WHO WE ARE

All parish women are welcome to join the STM Altar Society which automatically joins them with Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) and National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW). The group meets the second Sunday of every month after the 8 AM Mass in the parish hall. Voluntary annual dues are \$10. The Society usually does two fund raisers per year, a Cake & Casserole Sale in winter and the Bakeless Bake Sale in summer.

WHAT WE DO

Altar Service: We have Masses said for sick and shut ins and pay for altar linens/flowers

STM Outreach: We support Angel Tree, Lenten Food Drive, Mary's Shelter, Alpha Center, support a seminarian, Burse Club, and Hugs for the Homeless

CONTACT Josette Goyins 850 525 0819 or Lynn VanNatter 989 255 2617