

# ST. THOMAS MORE

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND NEWMAN CENTER  
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

*"Close to the heart of campus, close to the heart of Jesus"*

## Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:30 P.M. (Vigil)  
Sunday 9:00 A.M., 11:00 A.M.  
\*11:00AM is livestreamed

### Daily Mass:

Monday NO MASS  
Tuesday NO MASS  
Wednesday NO MASS  
Thursday NO MASS  
Friday NO MASS

Rosary: Rosaries will resume in August

### Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday, 3:30 P.M. - 4:20 P.M.  
Sunday, 30 Minutes prior to all Masses  
~ By Appointment

### Adoration:

Monday-Thursday Adoration will resume in August  
Friday Adoration will resume in August

Please contact our Parish Office for any changes in the Daily Mass schedule.



**JULY 9, 2023:**

**"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest."**

**1st Reading: Zec 9:9-10**

**2nd Reading: Rom 8:9, 11-13**

**Gospel: Mt 11:25-30**

### CAMPUS MINISTRY

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Bible Studies  
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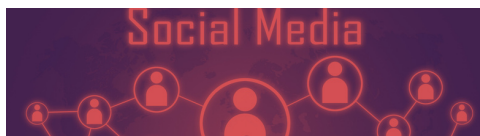
Katie Washington,  
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## Center Hours

**Sundays - Thursdays:**  
**8:30 A.M. to 8:30 P.M.**

**Friday: 8:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.**

**Saturdays: Fob access only**



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 **groupme**

**to stay in the loop with all**  
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# A Summer Prayer for Families

May we make our homes places of relaxation,  
joy, love, peace and safety.

May we be generous and considerate,  
not thinking only about ourselves,  
but helping others enjoy the blessings of the summertime.

Lord God, Creator of all things,  
guide our steps and strengthen our hearts  
during these months of summer and vacation days.

Grant us refreshment of mind and body.  
May we constantly strive to make a meaningful difference  
in the lives of our loved ones and in the world around us  
as we enjoy the warm days of summertime.  
Amen.

## Sacraments

### Baptism:

Baptism class will be the last  
Saturday of the month. Pre-register  
with Deacon Steve. Please visit  
<https://www.stthomasmoreusc.org/rite-of-christian-initiation-of-adults> for  
details.

### Confirmation:

High School:  
Contact Deacon Steve Brown.  
College or Older:  
Contact Father Williams.

### Matrimony / Matrimony Preparation

Our Diocese requires instruction and  
preparation for the Sacrament of  
Matrimony beginning at least eight  
months before the wedding. Please  
contact Father Williams directly.

### Visitation of the Sick:

Contact Fr. Williams or our Office,  
and we will make arrangements.

### EMERGENCY LINE

If you need a priest after hours due to serious illness or injury, please call  
(803) 814-4377. You can leave a message on this number for Fr. Williams.  
For non-urgent cases, call the church office at (803) 799-5870, or email  
Fr. Williams at [frw@stthomasmoreusc.org](mailto:frw@stthomasmoreusc.org)

[www.stthomasmoreusc.org](http://www.stthomasmoreusc.org)

DATE	June 25, 2023
WEEKLY OFFERTORY	\$5,576.57
WEEKLY CAMPUS MINISTRY DONATIONS	\$1,673.09
WEEKLY TOTAL	\$7,449.66

## LAND FUND

### UPDATE:

**\$1,311,474.50**

# Update on Weekly Financial Reporting in the bulletin

With the growth of St. Thomas More's parish and campus ministry, the "weekly needed" number that has been reflected in the bulletin is no longer a sufficient representation of our diverse funding needs and opportunities. As FY24 starts this week, we've decided to simplify and share the weekly and YTD totals but pull the "weekly needed" category. STM will continue to share the full parish and ministry financials at the end of the year in the financial report and Pam is always available if you have questions. Thank you for your generosity and support!

## Stewardship in the Catholic Church



"Giving 'to God what belongs to God' in stewardship means that we must be willing to give up everything that we have determined to be important in this life, everything that keeps us from making our personal relationship with Jesus Christ the single most important priority of our lives."

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers  
"The Spirituality of Stewardship"

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**ONLINE  
GIVING**

A reminder that St. Thomas More will not have daily Mass from June 26th-August 7th.

Daily Masses will resume on  
Tuesday, August 8th.

Weekend Masses will continue on our abbreviated summer schedule on Saturdays at 4:30pm and Sundays at 9am and 11am.  
Have a blessed summer!



St. Thomas More is looking for a full-time campus minister!

Check out the job description in the link below and see if you, or someone you know, would make a great addition to the STM team!

[Campus Minister](#)

## The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2023

You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

### July

For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



*"I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones."  
Mt. 11:25-30*



# Mass Intentions

Week of June 11, 2023

Saturday, July 8

4:30PM: Howie & Katie Knapp

Sunday, July 9

9AM: Donna Pizzolongo (+)

11AM: People of St. Thomas More

Monday, July 10

NO MASS

Tuesday, July 11

NO MASS

Wednesday, July 12

NO MASS

Thursday, July 13

NO MASS

Friday, July 14

NO MASS

Saturday, July 15

4:30PM: Alumni & Friends of Notre Dame

Sunday, July 16

9AM: Mildred Green Mullock (+)

11AM: People of St. Thomas More

**NO 5pm  
or 9pm  
MASSES**

**Prayer  
Requests**

Add your name [HERE](#) to be added to our prayer list. Submissions will be listed in the bulletin for two weeks. You must resubmit your request after two weeks in order for it to remain active on the list.

**"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."**

**Romans 8:38-39**

## MUSIC

### Get Involved Join Our Music Ministry!

Musicians and singers of all ages and abilities are encouraged to join us! We meet weekly.

Wednesday evening - rehearsals are from 7:00- 8:00 PM, and 45 minutes before 4:30pm, 9am & 11am weekend Masses for warm-up and practice before the liturgy.

Send an email to:

[nick@stthomasmoreusc.org](mailto:nick@stthomasmoreusc.org)  
to find out more!

## SERVICE & HOSPITALITY

Click on the links to contact someone for more information or to sign up

[Ushers](#)

[Readers](#)

[Host a Sunday Supper](#)

[Host a Social Saturday or Sunday](#)

[Grounds Beautification](#)

## Volunteers needed



Would you like to join our awesome team of Volunteers? Birthright of Columbia, an emergency pregnancy center, is looking for a few caring individuals to provide positive assistance and support to pregnant girls and women who are faced with an unplanned or problem pregnancy and who have no where to turn. If you have three hours a week to spare and enjoy greeting and mentoring clients, working in the 'Baby Closet' and putting together baby gift bags, selecting Maternity clothes for moms, helping moms navigate their way through their pregnancy or simply offering a kind and compassionate ear... then you might want to consider being a volunteer at Birthright. Please prayerfully consider this request...we need your help! Extensive training is provided. Please call, email or go to our website [www.BirthrightofColumbia.org](http://www.BirthrightofColumbia.org) for more information or to submit your interest.

Call Anita @ 803.765.0165 or email [anita@birthrightofcolumbia.org](mailto:anita@birthrightofcolumbia.org)



**Apply Now**

### **Director of Youth Ministry & Campus Ministry**

**Joint Appointment at St Joseph Church and Cardinal Newman School**

The Director of Youth Ministry is a full-time, joint position at St. Joseph's and Cardinal Newman that seeks to foster Catholic community in middle and high school age youth, strengthening their commitment to the church and their faith in Jesus Christ.

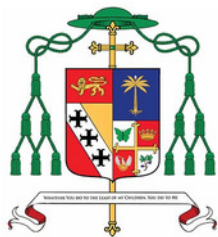
For more information, please contact Adrienne Carroll, Business Manager at St. Joseph Church, at [adrienne@stjosephcolumbia.org](mailto:adrienne@stjosephcolumbia.org) or 803.254.7646 or click [HERE](#) to apply.



# SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE 2023 . JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 No daily Mass	2 No daily Mass	1
2 No 5pm or 9pm Mass	3 No daily Mass	4 No daily Mass	5 No daily Mass	6 No daily Mass	7 No daily Mass	8
9 No 5pm or 9pm Mass	10 No daily Mass	11 No daily Mass	12 No daily Mass	13 No daily Mass	14 No daily Mass	15
16 No 5pm or 9pm Mass	17 No daily Mass	18 No daily Mass	19 No daily Mass	20 No daily Mass	21 No daily Mass	22
23 No 5pm or 9pm Mass	24 No daily Mass	25 No daily Mass	26 No daily Mass	27 No daily Mass	28 No daily Mass	29





ROMAN CATHOLIC  
**DIOCESE  
OF CHARLESTON**  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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June 29, 2023

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am writing to address a growing issue. Today, there is a general misunderstanding of the burial and cremation processes and the Church's teachings on them. Many times, when a loved one passes away, there is confusion around what to do or how to proceed. Additionally, there is the question of how and where a burial ought to take place. I have heard so many times, "This is my first experience. I don't know what to do."

Death is a natural part of human existence. Christ, through his crucifixion and resurrection, conquered death and opened the gates of heaven. Because of this, as Catholics, we understand that death is not the end: it is the beginning of new and eternal life.

Just as the Church celebrates life through baptism, it also cherishes the lives of those who have gone before us through the Rite of Christian Burial. This is why it is important as Christians to be buried in the proper manner and place. According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "The bodies of the dead must be treated with respect and charity, in faith and hope of the Resurrection" (#2300).

The Church permits cremation, provided that it does not demonstrate a denial of faith in the resurrection of the body. However, the Church encourages full-body burials as the preferred method to preserve the dignity of the person and to guard against abuse.

Today, only 33% of Catholics are having full-body burials. Every year that percentage decreases and other, morally unsound processes increase. These include:

1. **Improper interment of ashes:** It is a common practice not to bury cremated ashes. Some individuals keep ashes in their homes, scatter them in multiple areas or turn them into material objects.
2. **Green burials:** Green burials remove the emphasis from the human person and focus on the utility of a "sustainable" and "eco-friendly" burial.
3. **Aqua cremation:** This process involves discarding human remains via flushing a body out with chemicals and water, then returning its by-products to nature.



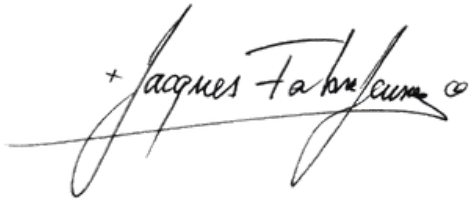
These practices are morally illicit in all cases. Burying the dead is a corporal work of mercy, and the same dignity that is owed to our loved ones in life is owed to them after death. This is why we must bury our loved ones with the hope that one day they will share in Jesus' resurrection.

The Catholic Church has designated the appropriate place of burial: cemeteries that have been consecrated for this purpose. While the Church does permit burial in non-Catholic cemeteries, burial in the blessed ground of a Catholic cemetery is an extension of our baptismal promises. It gives witness, even in death, to faith in the Resurrection. I encourage you to consider this important matter and discuss it with your families.

If you have any questions or concerns, please turn to your priest for advice or reach out to my staff in the Office of Cemeteries.

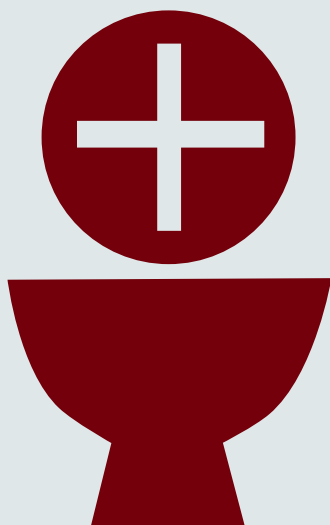
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

In Christ's love,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jacques Fabre-Jeune" with a small cross at the beginning and a flourish at the end.

Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS  
*Bishop of Charleston*

## Faith Formation News



2023

**RCIA:** If you have not completed your sacraments of initiation, just want to learn more about your faith or you know of anyone who wishes to learn more about the Catholic Church, please visit this link, read the information posted, and complete the RCIA registration form. We continue to take enrollments if you are interested in attending. Drop off the registration at the front office or return via email to Deacon Steve.

<https://www.stthomasmoreusc.org/rite-of-christian-initiation-of-adults>



# CARITAS



For the most up-to-date information on events within the Diocese of Charleston, check out the Caritas newsletter at:

<https://charlestdiocese.org/events/>

## Litany of the Way, Prayer for the Journey

*As Jesus sought the quiet of the desert,  
teach us to pray.*

*As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples,  
teach us to love.*

*As Jesus promised paradise to the thief on the cross,  
teach us to hope.*

*As Jesus called Peter to walk to him across the water,  
teach us to believe.*

*As the child Jesus sat among the elders in the temple,  
teach us to seek answers.*

*As Jesus in the garden opened his mind and heart to God's  
will,  
teach us to listen.*

*As Jesus reflected on the Law and the prophets,  
teach us to learn.*

*As Jesus used parables to reveal the mysteries of the  
Kingdom,  
teach us to teach.*



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