

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

4th Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14b-7

Gospel: John 10:27-30

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

5th Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5a

Gospel: John 13:31-33a, 34-35

****UPCOMING EVENTS****

April 17th-May 9th-Annual Catholic Appeal

May 8th & 9th-Baptism Weekend-All Masses

May 8th-Father/Daughter Dance-7:00pm

May 12th-Apologetics Class-7:00pm

May 15th & May 16th-1st Eucharist Celebration-All Masses

May 22nd-Volunteer Appreciation Dinner-6:00pm

June 6th-New Comers Brunch-12:45pm

June 13th-Youth Appreciation BBQ-12:30pm

June 21st-25th-School Summer Academy

August 2nd-6th-Vacation Bible School

Presider Schedule

May 1st-2nd

5:00pm (Sat.)	Fr. Ward
8:00am	Fr. Maurice
9:30am	Fr. Ward
11:30am	Fr. Maurice
5:00pm	Fr. Maurice

Ushers for May

5:00pm (Sat.)	8:00am
Al Meucci, Capt.	Juan Marxo, Capt.
Ray Michlig	Ed dosRemedios
Devin Meucci	Don Dowling
Jack Webster	Adonis Escelicas
9:30am	11:30am
John Weith, Capt.	Gael Reedy, Capt.
Dick Ptacek, Capt	Zarina David
Oly Javidando	Chien Chang
Jose Garcia	Vincent Obino
Donna Kalaw	Devron Lam
Matt Gomez	
Kimchi Nguyen	
Kristy Nguyen	

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

Sunday—April 25th

Faith Formation-CLOW

12:00pm-Musicians Meeting-Renggli Room

1:00pm-Vietnamese Language Class-Adult Ed Room

5:00pm-LifeTeen Mass with Life Night Following

Monday—April 26th

6:30pm-Edge-Dalton Hall

6:30pm-Mission Choir-Music Room

7:00pm-Welome Back Session-Comm. Cntr Meeting Room

7:00pm-USCCA-Renggli Room

Tuesday—April 27th

7:00pm-Discernment-Renggli Room

7:00pm-Stephen Ministry-Parish Office

7:00pm-Baptism Class-Library

Wednesday—April 28th

6:30pm-Faith Formation Class-Library

6:30pm-Benediction & Rosary-Church

7:00 pm-RCIA-Renggli Room & Comm. Cntr Meeting Room

7:00pm-9:30am Choir Practice-Chapel

7:00pm-Multicultural Choir Practice-Music Room

7:00pm-Apologetics Class-Adult Ed. Room

Thursday—April 29th

9:30am-USCCA-Youth Room

7:00pm-Lux Mundi-Youth Room

7:00pm-Marriage Jackpot-Renggli Room

Friday—April 30th

7:00pm-Life In the Spirit Seminar-Parish Office

Saturday—May 1st

9:00am-Life In the Spirit Seminar-Parish Office

6:00pm-School Play-Dalton Hall

Sunday—May 2nd

KofC Pancake Breakfast

Faith Formation-CLOW

1:00pm-Vietnamese Language Class-Adult Ed Room

1:00pm-Called To Protect Class-Adult Ed. Room

5:00pm-LifeTeen Mass with Life Night Following

Been Away?

Are you someone who has returned to Mass after months, years, or decades away? Do you have questions about the Mass or Sacraments? Are you interested in learning more about Scripture Sharing groups or wonder about Cursillo, St. Vincent de Paul or various Councils and Commissions? Would you like a guide to answer your questions and help you connect to our parish community? Parish members have been asked to act as Ambassadors for those interested in reconnecting with a Catholic community and they are eager to do so. If this idea appeals to you, please call Luciann at (425) 743-2929 or Mary at (425) 774-3703 to be matched with an Ambassador.

Parish News

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

(Information stated below is based on Fiscal Year July 2009-June 2010)

In gratitude to God for the gifts we have received, parishioners and visitors made this return to the Lord.

Sunday collection for the weekend of Apr. 17th-Apr. 18th

Received: \$16,550.43

Needed: \$20,538.58

Year-to-date Over/(Under): \$9,715.86

Thank you for your faithful Stewardship of St. Thomas More Parish. May God bless you!

A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE

Annual Catholic Appeal

This year's Annual Catholic Appeal has us reflect upon Passion for our Faith, Promise for our Future and Care for our Community. The Annual Catholic Appeal supports 33 seminarians, 34 deacon candidates and over 70,000 individuals who seek help through Catholic Community Services. Please join in saying "YES" to the many faithful servants that count on the Annual Catholic Appeal for their support so that the Archdiocese may continue to provide the services and ministries needed to provide a Future Full of Hope for all.

Archdiocese of Seattle

Your generous donations to your parish and the Archdiocese make it possible for our local Church to carry out its mission and to share the good news of Jesus Christ throughout Western Washington. As members of the Archdiocesan Finance Council, we assist Archbishop Brunett and his staff in the oversight of financial matters of the Archdiocese of Seattle. Each year we provide an Annual Report to keep you apprised of the financial condition of our Church and to keep you informed about some of the issues and challenges we are addressing. This report is published in our Catholic newspaper "The Catholic Northwest Progress". You can also find the report on the Archdiocesan website at www.seattlearch.org. The link is [Annual Report 2008-2009](#). Lou Dell'Osso Jr. Chair of the Archdiocesan Finance Council

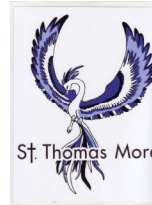
CD Player

Is there a CD player on the shelf in your family room or in the back of your closet collecting dust? Our Faith Formation classes could sure put it to good use. If you have one to donate, please bring it into the parish office or on Sunday to the Faith Formation office in the breezeway. Thank you.

Ministry of the Month

The Ministry of the Month for the weekend of May 1st-2nd is the Youth Commission. Please drop by their table in Dalton Hall during the KofC Pancake breakfast to find out more about this ministry.

2010 Auction



Yes, it's that time again-time to start procuring for the 2010 Auction. We are asking the parishioners to not only help with procuring, but to also think about sponsoring this year's event. If you would like information on sponsorships or need procurement forms, they can be picked up in the school office. This year's auction theme will be "Soaring to Greater Heights—Rise of the Phoenix" in recognition of the new STM school mascot—the Phoenix. The auction will be held on Saturday, Nov. 13th at the Lynnwood Convention Center, so mark your calendars to join us at this great fundraising event to support our school and parish education programs.

School Jog-A-Thon

The STMS Jog-a-thon is scheduled for Friday, Apr. 30th. The students are running laps to raise money to finish the playground. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, there will be a Jog-a-thon bucket outside of Dalton Hall in the breezeway this Sunday or you can donate anytime between now and Apr. 30th in the school office. If you'd like to see what the completed playground will look like, please stop by the school office.



The Marriage Jackpot

The Marriage Jackpot is coming to St. Thomas More on Thursday, Apr. 29th at 7pm. If you are married, or thinking of getting married some day, or even simply want to better support marriage in the Church and society, then come to The Marriage Jackpot. You will meet Dr. Robert Fontana, spouse to Lori for over 31 years, and with her, parent of six children and director of *Work On Your Marriage*, a Catholic educational outreach for building strong marriages. Robert is representing the Office for Catholic Faith Formation as a marriage educator and advocate. He will inspire you with a fun-filled, audience participation presentation. Child care will be provided. For more information contact Luciann at (425) 743-2929.

April 25, 2010

Stewardship Commission News

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

Prayer...Formation...Service...Hospitality

Stewardship responds to these fundamental questions: What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ in an affluent, consumer-oriented society? How are we supposed to live an authentic Christian life in a culture that encourages attitudes and behaviors that are incompatible with the Gospel? It is not easy to be a disciple of Jesus. It is not easy to be faithful to the Gospel..to live out what it means to walk with the Lord. Stewardship helps us live out in practice the firm, conscious decision we have made to follow Christ. It guides our choices and frees us from the tyranny of materialism, consumerism, and secularism. Stewardship shows us how to live and work; how to buy and sell; how to spend and save; how to accumulate and share all the material things that are necessary and enjoyable in life—without becoming obsessed or burdened by them. Stewardship frees us to live good, responsible lives. It helps us to be faithful to the Gospel in our daily living and to be generous in sharing all our gifts out of gratitude to God for his goodness to us.

The Ministry of the Month featured the weekend of May 1st-2nd at the KofC Pancake Breakfast is: The Youth Commission.

Please contact Pat Edge to sign up your ministry for the Ministry of the Month at peteedge@comcast.net, call (425) 355-9195, or sign up on the parish website, www.stmp.org.



Youth News!

Join us for Life Teen Mass at 5 p.m.!

Join us for Youth Group tonight! We will be talking more about vocations. Do not be afraid to join us!

Edge on Monday in the Hall at 6:30pm.

WYD meeting Sunday at 2pm in the parish office building.

Join us for our May 2nd family Potluck.

****Join us Sunday at 5 pm for LIFE TEEN MASS ****

Contact Angela if you have questions about anything above or just general questions at 743-2929 x106 or at angelac@stmp.org

Thank You!

Please thank and support the bulletin advertisers, whose generosity provides this bulletin free to the Parish.

Advertiser of the Week:

Kings Heating



Ongoing Opportunities

Food Bank Donations in March and April

During March and April, Alan Feinstein of Rhode Island, gives away \$1 million to anti-hunger agencies throughout the country. Your gift to your local food bank will be matched. So the more you give in March and April, the more matching funds the food bank will receive. Monetary donations, as well as food items are counted. The 3 food banks in our area are in Edmonds-828 Caspers St-778-5833, Lynnwood-5320 176th St SW-745-1635 and Mountlake Terrace-4700 228th St SW-778-7227. You can either send a monetary donation, or call for someone to pick up donated food.

COUNSELING AVAILABLE

If you need assistance with individual or relational issues, leave a message on the confidential line for our parish counselor, Connie Brousseau, MA LMHC at 425-742-6752. Insurance, sliding scale and parish assistance available.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

You are invited to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday and Saturday, Apr. 30th-May 1st. Adoration begins at 10am on Friday morning and ends at 8:30am Saturday morning with benediction and a Mass. You can now sign-up for Adoration on the Parish website at stmp.org. If you don't have internet access, please call John Alexy at (425) 742-0239.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

We fertilize our yards and flowers so they will grow healthy and strong, we need to do the same for our marriage. Without some nurturing and care it will remain weak and unfulfilling. Make a Marriage Encounter weekend and watch your love for each other grow. Register today for the next Marriage Encounter Weekend. Weekends in 2010 will be April 30th-May 2nd, June 11th-13th and Oct. 8th-10th. Please contact Bruce and Judy White at (425) 771-9003 or Rory and Dawn Myers at (206) 772-2344 to register or for more information.

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Faith Formation For The Parish

Catholic parents promise at Baptism to bring up their child to know God and follow His Commandments. Catholic parishes provide both Catholic schools and Faith Formation programs so that the development of the Faith is available to all.

Faith Formation classes are available to children of our parish from age 4 through 5th grade, when they then enroll in the Edge for Jr High faith development. Many of our Sunday morning classes are full, but there is still room in the Wed. evening class.

Sacraments

Baptisms for babies and young children will be the weekends of May 9th and June 27th. Parents and godparents must take two classes to prepare for raising children in the Catholic Faith. At least one godparent must be a practicing Catholic who has been Confirmed.

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are celebrated when children are in 2nd grade or higher. **(They must be in their second year of religious education, at the parish school or in Faith Formation classes.)** They prepare for the sacraments in a family setting.

1st Communion retreats are on Saturday, April 24th, and the celebration is the weekend of May 16th.

Becoming Catholic

Those who would like to explore becoming Catholic are invited to join the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**, which meets on Wed. evenings at 7:00 in the Renggli Rm.

For more information on any of the programs, please contact Luciann at ext 111 or email lucianm@stmp.org or Sharon at ext 114 or email sharong@stmp.org.

Sacraments

Sacrament of Baptism: Held during Mass six times a year. Call the Faith Formation office for more information.


Sacrament of Marriage: Notification of intent to marry must be given to the Pastoral Associate at least six months before the date you wish to be married.

Sacrament of the Sick: This Sacrament is celebrated with those who are seriously ill, injured, or preparing for surgery. **Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick** are available to bring the Eucharist to those who are unable to attend Mass. Please call the Pastoral Associate to arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick or for a Eucharistic Minister to the Sick.

Funeral Masses are celebrated on Mon., Tues., Wed., or Fri. at 11am. To schedule, call the Parish Office.

Our Catholic Cemetery is: Holyrood Cemetery
205 NE 205th St. Seattle Phone (206) 363-8404.

This Week at St. Thomas More School

- The school will be attending a Mass for the Good Shepherd on Monday, April 26th. This is prepared by the third grade. Students will need to be in full-dress uniform. 
- The pastry sale begins on Wednesday, April 28th. Watch your Wednesday envelope for more information.
- Students will be participating in the school jog-a-thon on Friday, April 30th. Funds raised will go towards the new playground.
- Monday, May 3rd will be an in-service day for teachers. This is a half-day for students.
- The Archdiocese of Seattle's abuse prevention policies include background checks and parent training classes for those wishing to work and volunteer on the school campus. Parents are invited to attend the Called to Protect for Parents and Families classes. All parents and volunteers who have ongoing unsupervised contact with minors are required to attend the Called to Protect for Ministries training. Parents can check availability and register for classes in the archdiocese at: <http://seattle.setanet.org> Some classes available are:
 - **Called to Protect for Parents and Families**, May 4th at Holy Rosary Edmonds or at St. Bridget in Seattle on May 20th.
 - **Called to Protect for Ministries** offered on April 26 at St. Mary Magdalene (This class allows you to volunteer and be unsupervised with students.) STMPS will be hosting this class on Sunday, May 2nd from 1-4pm.

Ongoing Opportunities (cont.)

The Sick and Homebound

Are you aware of someone who is sick, homebound or otherwise unable to get to Mass? Arrangements can be made to bring Communion to them. We have several trained Eucharistic Ministers who are available to visit. Call Kathleen in the parish office for this ministry, 743-2929 ext 103

Divorce and Beyond

Divorce and Beyond is a program for divorced and divorcing Catholics. Holy Rosary Parish in Edmonds will host a group beginning on Sunday, May 2nd at 3pm. The classes will run for 10 weeks. Cost is \$15. For further information or to register, call Christine MacDonald at (425) 772-5328 or email at cmacdonald5@verizon.net.

4th Sunday of Easter