

April 27, 2008

6th Sunday of Easter

Weekday Masses

Mon. Apr. 28th——9 AM-Mass-Chapel
Tues. Apr. 29th——9 AM- Mass-Chapel
Wed. Apr. 30th——5:30 PM-Mass-Chapel
Thurs. May 1st——9 AM-Mass-Chapel
Friday May 2nd——9 AM-Mass-Church

On days with funerals, no 9 AM daily Mass. Join us at the funeral.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

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First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18
Gospel: John 14:15-21

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Ascension of the Lord

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11
Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23
Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

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School Commission: John Mketinas—672-7713
Stewardship Commission: Laura Bragg—743-3423
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K of C Grand Knight: Brian Zadorozny—743-6007
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K of C website-www.orgsites.com/wa/kofccouncil5816

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

Sunday—April 27th-Masses

Faith Formation-CLOW
Datsite Truck in basketball court
St Vincent de Paul truck in parking lot
Ministry Fair after all Masses-Dalton Hall
1:00pm-Faithful Choir Practice-Music Room
5:30pm-LifeTeen Mass followed by Edge and Life Night

Monday—April 28th

6:30pm-Mission Choir Practice-Music Room
Tuesday—April 29th
6:30pm-Life Teen Band Practice-Music Room
6:30pm-Catholicism 101-Renggli Room
7:00pm-Baptism Class-Library
7:00pm-Discernment Meeting-Parish Office

Wednesday—April 30th

7:00pm-Women's Bible Study-Renggli Room
7:00pm-Multicultural Choir Practice-Music Room
7:00pm-RCIA-Library
7:00pm-Matt Talbot-Parish Office Library

Thursday—May 1st

10:00-Women of Grace-Youth Room
6:30pm-Purity Retreat Info Night-Adult Ed Room

Friday—May 2nd

6:30m-Vietnamese Prayer Group-Comm. Cntr Meeting Rm
7:00pm-Outreach Commission-Parish Office

Saturday-May 3rd-Mass

Sunday—May 4th-Masses

Faith Formation-CLOW
1:00pm-Faithful Choir Practice-Music Room
2:00pm-Flores de Mayo-Church-Dalton Hall
5:30pm-LifeTeen Mass followed by Edge and Life Night

Mass at Holyrood Cemetery

The monthly celebration of the Eucharist at Holyrood Cemetery, will be on Saturday, May 3 at 10:30am by Fr. Ron Funke, S.J. All families and friends of the deceased are invited to participate in the celebration. For more information, please call (206) 363-8404.

"Conversations with Fr. Bob"

Tune in Tuesday, April 29th to "Conversations with Father Bob". This week Fr. Bob Camuso will speak with **Kathy Riley**, the Pastoral Assistant for Pastoral Care at St. Louise Parish in Bellevue. Kathy will speak about the parish support group for "re-singled and singles". Fr. Bob will also speak with **John Clapp**, the church history teacher at Archbishop Murphy High School in Everett, about the French Wars of Religion.

"Conversations with Father Bob" is broadcast on Sacred Heart Radio KBLE AM 1050 every Tuesday, 5:00-6:00 PM and Thursday 9:00-10:00 PM. It also airs every Saturday morning, 8:00-9:00 AM on KKNW AM 1150. "Conversations with Father Bob" is an outreach ministry of St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Lynnwood, WA and is a listener-supported program. Subscribe to our free podcast and listen to all of our past programs on the internet at www.conversationswithfatherbob.com Complimentary CD's of past programs are available in the Narthex. Please feel free to take a CD home, listen to it and then pass it on to a friend or return it to the Narthex.

Pastoral Assistant for Children's Ministry Needed

The Parish is seeking a Pastoral Assistant for Children's Ministry to oversee programs for the Christian formation of parish children 4 yrs-5th grade. Duties include overseeing the Children's Liturgy of the Word, VBS and activities during the year for parish children and their families, ie. All Saints Day costume party, Christmas Eve pageant, etc. They recruit, support and help to train catechists. They work as a member of the Children's Ministry Team. This is an 18 hour per week position. Desired qualifications include a Degree in Religious Studies or related field, be an active member of a Catholic Parish and have good communication skills. Please send your cover letter and resume to: Fr. Bob Camuso-6511 176th St SW, Lynnwood, WA 98037, or electronically to camuso@aol.com.

Earth Ministries

Did you know that Caring for God's Creation is part of Catholic Social Teachings? If you attended last years meeting to make a five year plan and are one of the many who voiced your interest in Earth Ministries at that meeting, let's meet and discuss ideas about creating an Earth Ministry within our own parish. Let us learn together how to better Care For God's Creation. Please call, Claire Coupez at (425) 778-6514.

Flores De Mayo

On May 4th at 2pm the community is invited to Flores De Mayo which is a wonderful tribute to Our Lady. Please plan on joining us for the Living Rosary, the blessing of your family statues of the Blessed Mother and the crowning of Mary. If you wish to participate in the Living Rosary, sign-up sheets will be posted in the Narthex. Watch for more information as May draws near.

Can You Help?

The Mountlake Terrace Food Bank needs a person to pick up Starbucks pastries on Saturday mornings. The Starbucks stores are located in and around Alderwood Mall. If you can help EACH Saturday, please call Rev. Dick Gibson at (425) 774-7007 for more information.

Matt Talbot Fellowship meets Wednesday at 7 pm in the Parish Office Library. Our focus is, "Following Matt's path to sobriety, we are Christ to each other." Please contact Larry Kiel at (425) 745-3832 for more information.

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

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

It's the Sacraments, Pilgrim!

For Heather Londino, who joined the Church 15 years ago, the importance of the sacraments did not end with her initiation. In appreciation of what she received during the Easter Vigil, she has dedicated more than a dozen years to preparing children and adults for First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation.

Heather reports that it was the miraculous end to the difficult pregnancy and potentially fatal delivery of her daughter, Ashley, that prompted her to seek faith. She remembers feeling at the time of her daughter's troubled birth that nothing other than God's hand could explain how her daughter did not succumb to the serious physical defect that threatened her life.

The details of her story could make a believer out of the most ardent cynic. They are certainly a spiritual boost for the believer. So, if you have not heard it already, ask her. If you have a friend or family member you would like to become Catholic, connect them with Heather. The results will be grace filled.

Heather's conversion and service in the STM community have already produced great fruit. Ashley, now nineteen, is a confirmation teacher and her thirteen year old son, Michael, assists with children's faith formation. Having been away from the Church since childhood, her husband rejoined the Faith a year after she joined.

It is no accident that Heather teaches sacraments at STM. Grace building on nature as it does, it was only natural for Heather to combine her new life in the Church with her previous life as a teacher. This faith confirming synergy is not lost on Heather. "The sacraments mean a lot to me being a convert so the two [teaching and the sacraments] just meshed together."

Asked to describe Heather, Luciann McDonald, STM's Director of Faith Formation, responded with a list. "She is enthusiastic, organized and creative. She has a "delightful teaching manner with children". From personal experience with her skilled handling of first communicants' parents, I can add that she proves to have the patience to work with adults, too! Asked what she is going to do after completing another successful sacrament season capped off by 56 First Communions and 34 Confirmations, Heather skips claiming a trip to Disney and says, "Finish Edge."

Those who know the Spirit, teach! Heather Londino is living proof. How about you?

Copy, that!

There is no more useful tool than a copier when you want to get the same notice to over 1800 families. STM makes between 1000 and 3000 copies a week just for notices stuffed in the bulletin. Each year the parish spends \$9,280 on copiers and toner. The one thing we cannot copy is money, so please continue your generosity!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

(Information stated below is based on Fiscal Year July 2007-June 2008)

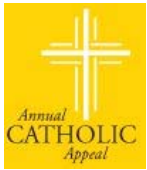
Sunday Collections:	April		
Week Ending	04/20/08	Total	Year-to-Date
Needed	19,965.61	62,060.42	
Received	19,058.80	62,529.80	
Over/(Under)	(906.81)	469.38	1,291.57

Angelorum Pregnancy Services Auction

Angelorum is having their 7th Annual Auction of the Angels on June 14th at St. Matthew Parish in Seattle. At this time they are actively seeking procurement items for the silent and live auctions. If you are a business owner can you help by donating items? The ideal auction items include: gift cards, tickets to the M's, the Hawks, the opera or the symphony or homemade, one of a kind items such as quilts or unique crafts. Specific services such as auto detailing or landscaping make great auction items as well. Please consider how you can support the Auction of Angels. Please contact Kathy at (206) 533-6264 for a procurement form.

Mission Trip Fundraisers

Look for the Mission Trip teens/parents at the Ministry Fair this weekend and help support their efforts to raise money for their trip to Juarez, Mexico. The teens will be selling reusable Earth-friendly grocery bags, taking orders for Tastefully Simple products, and accepting donations. All profits will help the 26 participants go to Mexico from July 5th-11th. Thank you for all our your prayers and support.



Annual Catholic Appeal

Rejoice and be glad. Your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal will help ensure a *Future Full of Hope* for our *Youth*, our *Community*, and our *Faith*. The Appeal also supports Catholic Community Services, the largest, private social services agency in the state, and many other ministries and services. Through your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal, you will help assure the financial needs are met. Please join with me in supporting the Annual Catholic Appeal. Remember next week is Commitment Sunday. Fr. Bob

Mission Trip News

St. Thomas More youth will be going to Juarez, Mexico for their yearly mission trip from July 5th-11th this summer. In the past two years, the youth have gone on mission trips in the U.S., both to New Orleans, LA and to Pass Christian, MS, doing clean-up and rebuilding work after Hurricane Katrina. This year, they will be doing something a little different. They are returning to Mexico after four years to do construction labor and to work with the children of Juarez. As many of you know, the youth spoke about this mission trip at Mass the weekend of April 5th & 6th, and, through your generosity, raised over \$480. We are asking for your continued support to help them grow stronger in their faith through this volunteer effort. They need prayer, encouragement, and donations (About \$12,000 needs to be raised for the 26 of them to go to Juarez). Please keep watching the bulletin for further information about their fundraising efforts. Thank you for all of your support.

Our new leader, Fr. Maurice Mamba will be a "Priest Administrator."

What is a Priest Administrator?

Starting July 1, our new parish leader will be Fr. Maurice Mamba who has been appointed by Archbishop Brunett as "priest administrator" of St. Thomas More Church. Many of our parishioners have asked the question, "What is a priest administrator?"

A priest administrator is appointed for a period of up to three years at a parish. The priest may stay beyond the three years or may be here for less than three years, depending, for example in our case, on the wishes of Fr. Mamba's bishop in his home diocese in the Congo and/or our own Archbishop Brunett.

The traditional role of our parish leader has been "pastor." Since October 2, 1962, when St. Thomas More Church was established by decree of Archbishop Connolly, St. Thomas More has had a total of five pastors. The current term of a pastor in our diocese is six years, which can be extended to 12 years. Why the change?

The change may be attributed to the shortage of priests. Because of the current shortage, our bishop has had to appeal to bishops in other countries such as Africa and the Philippines to send priests to serve our diocese. Many of these priests stay for just a few years and return to their homeland. While they are here they are considered "extern" priests. An extern priest has not been officially accepted (incardinated) as a full priest member of our diocese. Fr. Mamba is an extern priest.

Another kind of priest that serves at a parish is a Parochial Vicar. Fr. Duc Nguyen is an example of a parochial vicar who served here last year. A parochial vicar is usually a fulltime assistant pastor whose term is usually one to three years. Some serve longer terms.

A Sacramental Minister is a third role that we are familiar with here at St. Thomas More. Fr. Bill Treacy was a sacramental minister and so is our current sacramental minister, Fr. Ward Oakshott. Sacramental ministers may serve short or long terms, depending on the needs of the pastor and/or the diocese. Sacramental ministers usually are not fulltime priests, often senior priests (semi-retired) and most often help out with weekend and daily Masses along with occasional funerals, baptisms and weddings.

Another result of the shortage of priests is a trend that is developing in parishes without fulltime priests/pastors or priest/administrators. In such a parish a qualified lay leader is appointed by the archbishop to be the administrator of the parish. For sacramental services, a priest sacramental minister comes to say Mass, hear confessions and anoint the sick. In such a situation a Priest Moderator, who is often the dean of the local deanery, is appointed to act as the canonical pastor but has little contact with the day-to-day operation of the parish. This has been the case at three parishes in Seattle: St. Anne, St. Catherine and St. Bridget, although St. Bridget is getting a fulltime pastor in July.

Fr. Bob

Let Your Opinion be Heard

There is a suggestion box available in the narthex of the church. If you have a suggestion, please place it in the box. Father Bob reads all the suggestions placed there.

Faith Formation For All

Children's Liturgy of the Word continues at the 9:30am and 11:30am Masses. All children 2nd through 5th grade are welcome. On those weekends when no one steps forward to lead it is unavailable. There is easy-to-use material for the leaders, and the children are delightful. Please consider volunteering. Leaders choose the Sunday they are involved so it is an easy commitment. Call Violeta in the parish office for more information or to volunteer.

RCIA meets on Wed. evenings, 7:00pm, in the Community Center Library. If you or someone you know is interested in exploring becoming Catholic please call Luciann.

Children seven and older who are not yet baptized and want to explore receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist are prepared in our RCIA process. If you have such a child and wish to learn more about this please call Luciann at 743-2929, ext. 21.

Baptisms for infants and young children are scheduled for the weekends of May 11th and June 22nd. Parents must be registered in the parish and take a class to prepare them for their role as Catholic parents. Godparents must be Confirmed Catholics and take classes before the baptisms. Call Luciann for more information.

Looking Ahead. The dates have been set for **Vacation Bible School**. Kids and catechists will gather every morning August 4th – 8th for fun, adventure, and more learning about Jesus. Mark your calendars.

Faith Formation Office 743-2929 .
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Ext. 23 , violetaj@stmp.org.

Fr. Jim Dalton's 40th Anniversary of Ordination

All are invited to a celebration of Fr. Jim Dalton's 40th Anniversary of Ordination on Sunday, May 18th at Immaculate Conception Church-1200 E. 5th St in Arlington, WA. The celebration will begin with a Mass at 3pm followed by a dinner and a "wee bit of merriment". There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for the next few weekends. Please make sure you put your name down, so the coordinators at Immaculate Conception can have an accurate count of attendees.

The Art and Beauty of Mary's Garden

Through Scripture, poetry, music, and prayer, and the sacred spaces of the gardens at Rosary Heights, you will be introduced to the individual plants and flowers that represent Mary's virtues, along with the symbolism of the mystic rose, rose garden, and rosary. There will be practical suggestions on how to plant and nurture a contemplative Mary garden of your own. Please bring a flower for the altar in honor of the Virgin Mary. For further information and registration materials, visit www.rosaryheights.org, or call (206) 542-3740. Registration closes on Tuesday, April 29th, so don't delay.



This Sunday night the Edge and High School youth group will be combined for an issue night on teen suicide. The Edge will be dismissed at 8pm, but class will get over at 8:30pm.

Looking ahead:

- May 2nd is a Junior High dance at EAS in Bothell. The cost is \$7 and it goes from 8pm-11pm.
- May 16th is a Junior High dance here at STM. The cost is \$7 and it goes from 7pm-10pm.
- May 18th join the Youth program for a Mariner's game. The game starts at 1:05pm. This is a great family event. Contact Angela to pre-order your tickets. The deadline to sign-up is May 10th.

For more information about Edge or LifeTeen events, contact Angela Northquist, Pastoral Assistant for Youth and Young Adults (425)743-2929 Ext 22.

Fr. Armando Concert

The Catholic Daughters are proud to present the 2nd Annual Concert by Fr. Armando and the Publicans to be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church on Friday, May 16th at 7pm. Tickets are \$10. There is also a family rate and all proceeds benefit charities. For tickets call Sally at (425) 337-5945, Mary at (425) 481-8496, or Lois at (425) 585-0517.

Could You be a Catholic Daughter?

Catholic women are welcome to join the Catholic Daughters in the Renggli Room at 5:40pm on Wednesday, May 14th. For more information contact Debbie Olson at 787-2490.

This Week at STM School:

- Monday is a half day for teacher in-service. Students may wear free dress. Dismissal is at 12:00 PM.
- April 29th is mid-term.
- The jog-a-thon is Friday May 2nd. Students will jog their laps during PE time.
- STM Summer Academy is now accepting registration. Information is available in the school office.
- Bring your items needing to be shredded to church between 10:30am and noon this Sunday and help support our SEED Campaign.

Coming Soon:

- The week of May 5th is Teacher Appreciation Week
- Progress Reports will go home Wednesday, May 7th.
- There is a hot lunch fundraiser on Friday, May 9th.