

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

2nd Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

3rd Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Genesis 3:9-15, 20

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Presider Schedule December 12th-13th

5:00pm (Sat.)	Fr. Maurice
8:00am	Fr. Ward
9:30am	Fr. Maurice
11:30am	Fr. Ward
5:00pm (LifeTeen)	Fr. Maurice
9:00am (Immaculate Conception)	Fr. Ward
7:30pm (Immaculate Conception)	Fr. Maurice

Ushers for December

5:00pm (Sat.)	8:00am
Pat Portolese, Capt.	Joe Schwartz, Capt.
Darwin Rieck	Vern Gestson
Arnold Wheeler	Glen Holberg
Dave McWayne	Ed Dos Remedios
	Niniva Tupua
9:30am	11:30am
Dick Ptacek, Capt.	Manny Juzon, Capt.
Adam Weyant	Victor Valle
Eddie DeGuzman	Ann Duncombe
Tom Cooney	Felicisimo Reyes
Jack Geisler	
Hieu Bui	

Altar Servers December 12th-13th

5:00pm (Sat.)	8:00am
Book: Fallon B.	Book: Matthew D.
Bell: Daniel J.	Bell: Victoria S.
Cross: Brendon M.	
9:30am	11:30am
Book: Zachary J.	Bell: John M.
Bell: James J.	Book: Andrea J.
Cross: Melissa H.	Cross: Maxine T.
5:00pm	
Book: Ellie O.	
Bell: Colan L.	

Immaculate Conception December 8th

7:30pm
Book: Charmaine B.
Bell: Mimi B.
Cross: Theresa H.



THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

Sunday—December 6th-2nd Sunday of Advent-Masses

KofC Pancake Breakfast

Faith Formation Classes-CLOW

1:00pm-Columbian Squires Meeting-Adult Ed. Room

1:00pm-Consoling Grace Luncheon-Renggli Room

1:00pm-One Voice Choir-Music Room

5:00pm-LifeTeen Mass followed by LifeNight

Monday—December 7th

1:15pm-Advent Reconciliation Service-Church

6:30pm-Edge-Youth Room

6:30pm-Mission Choir-Music Room

7:00pm-Advent Reconciliation Service-Church

7:00pm-USCCA-Renggli Room

Tuesday—December 8th-Immaculate Conception

Parish Office Closed

9:00am-Immaculate Conception Mass-Church

10:00am-USCCA-Youth Room

6:00pm-Catholic Daughters-Adult Ed. Room

7:00pm-Stephen Ministry-Parish Office

7:30pm-Immaculate Conception Mass-Church

Wednesday—December 9th

6:30pm-Eucharistic Benediction and Rosary-Church

6:30pm-Faith Formation Classes-Library

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

7:00pm-School Commission-Adult Ed. Room

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

7:00pm-Multicultural Choir Practice-Music Room

Thursday—December 10th

9:30am-Light Weigh-Youth Room

6:00pm-CDA-Adult Ed. Room

7:00pm-Lux Mundi-Youth Room/Comm. Cntr Meeting

Friday—December 11th

9:00am-Pixie Gift Shop-Renggli Room

7:00pm-One Voice Choir-Music Room

Saturday—December 12th-Mass

Sunday—December 13th-3rd Sunday of Advent-Masses

Faith Formation Classes-CLOW

1:00pm-Multicultural Choir-Church

1:00pm-One Voice-Music Room

1:00pm-Christmas Pageant Parent Meeting-Renggli Room

5:00pm-LifeTeen Mass followed by LifeNight

A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." Luke 3:4-6

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 Nov. 28th-Nov. 29th

Received: \$16,465.72

Needed: \$17,505.39

Year-to-date: \$332,120.25

Year-to-date Over/(Under): \$10,261.36

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

Parish Stewardship Campaign

Thank you to those parishioners who have returned their commitment cards for our annual Parish Stewardship Campaign. The totals are:

Number of Commitment Cards returned to Date: 577

Registered Parish Households: 1,859

% of Registered Households Returning Cards: 31%

Returned Commitment card goal for this year: 1,100

% of Goal Achieved: 53%

If you haven't returned your commitment card, please return it so we can meet our parish participation goal! It is our hope that all Parish families complete a commitment card and bring it to Mass next weekend or mail it to the parish office. Thank you for your support of the parish!

Accountant/Bookkeeper Wanted

St. Thomas More Parish is seeking a bookkeeper. The ideal candidate should have three years work experience in accounting and proficiencies in various computer applications. A working knowledge of Parish Data Systems is a plus. Please send a cover letter and resume to the Parish Office, attention Fred Liebhaber. Questions can be addressed to Fred Liebhaber at fredl@stmp.org.

Advent Communal Reconciliation

Our Advent Penance Services will be held on Monday, Dec. 7th at both 1:15pm-2:15pm and 7:00-8:00pm. Additional priests will be available for individual confessions.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

You are invited to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 18th-19th. Adoration begins at 10am on Friday morning and ends with a Mass at 8:30am on Saturday morning. 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. This is your opportunity to spend some quiet time with God, so don't miss out.

Donations for Christmas Flowers

Advent is here and Christmas is approaching rapidly and the planning for decorating the church and sanctuary is already underway. The special envelopes are in the pews again this year for donations in the name of a deceased loved one, or your own name for the purchase of Christmas flowers and decorations. The names of all those being remembered will be published in the bulletin during the Advent and Christmas seasons. The envelopes can be put in the regular collection basket, or dropped off at the parish office.

Thank You from St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul appreciates the continuing support from the parish and the school, most recently with the Thanksgiving Food Drive. The weekend before Thanksgiving the parish Vincentians delivered food for the holiday directly to 49 families in the Lynnwood area. Inserted in the delivered food boxes were Thanksgiving Day cards made by the second graders in our parish school.

The food collected during the Thanksgiving drive will replenish our shelves for our ongoing assistance requests, as well as, a similar food distribution for Christmas. We thank you as our benefactors and wish God's blessings on your families this Christmas season.

Lux Mundi

The Young Adult Group, Lux Mundi, will meet on Thursday, December 10th from 7-8pm in the youth room for Service To Our Priests. This is the year of the Priest in our Church and for our service project we will be sending all the priests in the Archdiocese Christmas Cards to thank them for saying yes to their call from God. Come join the group in service and community. Also, be thinking of a white elephant gift for next weeks Advent party.

Simbang Gabi

This year, St. Thomas More Parish will host Simbang Gabi to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary as she prayerfully awaits the birth of Jesus Christ. Like Mary, we wish to prepare a spiritual place for Jesus. The Mass will be on Saturday, December 19th at 5:00pm; Please join us for fellowship, a short program and salu-salo (reception) after the Mass in Dalton Hall.



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Parish News (cont.)

Thank You!

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



Advertiser of the Week:
Beck's Funeral Home



The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is in the Narthex. Please take a tag, provide new items, do not wrap the items, attach the tag and place back under the tree by the weekend of December 13th. All items are going to the Catholic Community Services. Your gifts help provide a happy Christmas to folks who really need our help.



Second Sunday of Advent



Youth News!

Potluck tonight - Join us!

Youth Group is on! Join us Sunday night at 6pm in the Hall for high school and Monday Night at 6:30pm for all middle school youth.

Next Monday (12/14) is our Youth Penance service at 6:30pm in the church.

Confirmation class this Wednesday night, at 6:30pm in the Youth Room.

Mission Trip meeting Sunday December 6th at 4pm in the Renggli room. All youth who want to participate in this summer mission experience need to attend this meeting.

***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

Ongoing Opportunities

Retrouvaille of Seattle

Is your marriage tearing you apart? Or boring you to death? Retrouvaille, a Catholic Program, can help. Learn more at www.helpourmarriage.com. Please call (206) 706-2608 for more information and to register.

Marriage Encounter

Our church today has such belief in the call of marriage that Matrimony is a Sacrament and the couple is to be a sign, to love one another as Jesus loves us all. This takes hard work, and a Marriage Encounter weekend gives married couples the tools and support they need to live in today's busy world. The next weekend is Feb. 26th-28, 2010. To register, or for additional information, please call, Bruce and Judy at (425) 771-9003 or Rory and Dawn at (206) 772-2344

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.

Stephen Ministry

It's the Christmas season, but do you feel as though you may never feel happy again? Do you experience more times of feeling sad, lonely, forgotten or blue, than times of feeling peaceful and happy with a heart that wants to give some Christmas cheer? Talking about those negative feelings to a compassionate listener may help you to lift your spirits. For questions, contact Karen Biermanski at (206) 920-0174.

Light Weigh

Would you like to eat your favorite foods while you learn how to lose weight? Consider giving God a chance to touch your heart, your life and your eating. The meetings will be held on Thursdays from 10am-12(noon). Please call Debbie Olson at (425) 787-2490 for more information on joining the Light Weigh Bible Study.

Eucharistic Benediction and Rosary

Please join us for Benediction and Rosary every Wednesday, at 6:30pm in the Church.

2nd Sunday Of Advent

Faith Formation For The Parish

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 Jan. 10th and Feb. 14th. 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.

Yesterday 53 parish children celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation. We share in their joy. Many thanks to Fr. Maurice, Fr. Ward, Fr. Francis Thumbi and Fr. Roger O'Brien and to the catechists, Sharon, Luciann, Violeta, Monica Eddy, Jennifer Gee, Tina Lamb and to the musician Margie Conception.

Parent Meetings for First Communion will be Thursday, March 11th or Sunday, March 14th at 7pm in the Renggli Room. Retreats are on 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 luciannm@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 STM School

- Congratulations to all our STM students who participated in community events this past weekend from the Bishop Blanchet Speech Tournament, Lego League Presentations, and Choir singing at Country Village. Drama performed on Saturday night.
- Tuesday, December 8th is our Immaculate Conception Mass at 9:00am. This is a full-dress uniform day for students. Please join us as we honor The Blessed Virgin Mary.
- Wednesday, December 9th is Report Card day! Report Cards will go home in the Wednesday Envelope and students will be treated to an Ice Cream Social sponsored by the Parents Club at the end of the school day.



Ongoing Opportunities (cont.)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

St. Mary Magdalen Church and St. John Mission-8717 7th Ave SE Everett will be celebrating the Feast of the Virgin of Guadalupe on Saturday, December 12th with a Mass and Rosary starting at 7:30am followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.

Holiday Remembrance Service

Beck's Funeral Home would like to invite all families to a Holiday Remembrance Service in honor of those who have died, and in support of those who live. The service will be on Wednesday, December 9th at 7pm at Beck's Funeral Home-405 5th Ave S., Edmonds.

Compassionate Volunteers Needed

Compassionate volunteers are needed for Providence Hospice and Home Care. The next information session is on Wednesday, Dec. 16th from 2-4pm at Providence Hospice & Home Care of Snohomish County-2731 Wetmore Ave, Everett. Please call (425) 261-4815 by Dec. 14th to pre-register or (425) 261-4804 for questions.