



Short Biography of Fr. Thumbi

Fr. Francis Thumbi is the 2nd child of thirteen with 7 surviving brothers and 3 sisters. He was born in Kenya, but he spent part of his childhood in

the neighbouring country of Tanzania. Feeling called to the priesthood, he joined St. Peter’s junior Seminary in Kakamega in western Kenya. After completing his junior seminary, he proceeded for Priestly studies and attended St. Augustine Major Seminary studying philosophy, and St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Nairobi for Theological Studies. He was ordained Dec. 5, 1987. His first assignment was as a Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph’s Pro-Cathedral in Ngong, Kenya. While still serving at the Cathedral, he was assigned another role as a Diocesan Youth Chaplain and Coordinator. After completing three years of service at the Cathedral, his bishop appointed him as his Secretary and Personal Assistant. In 1994, he was appointed as Pastor of St. Mary’s Catholic Parish in Kiserian and also as Bishop’s Vicar for Religious. After rendering his service for a number of years, his bishop sent him for further studies to Vienna in Austria. While there, he served as a Parochial Vicar at Holy Family Parish for three years. He received a Master’s Degree in Pastoral Theology from the State University of Vienna. In preparation for his doctoral studies, his bishop named him as Pastor at St. Luke’s Parish in Oloitokitok, Kenya; where he served for three years, after which, his bishop sent him back to work in the Archdiocese of Vienna at the request of the Archbishop. While there he assisted at St. Stephen’s Cathedral and later at two other parishes as Priest Administrator (Pastor). Among them was Laxenburg which was the former summer residence of the Emperor. He then assisted in the Parish of St. Francis in Caen, France. In December 2003, Fr. Thumbi was sent to work in the diocese of Hexham and New Castle in the UK and served as Priest Administrator (Pastor) of St. Hilda’s Parish. He returned to Kenya and was appointed Pastor of St. Mark in Lemek in the famous Maasai Mara National Game Reserve until 2007. His bishop then requested that he move to America and serve in the Archdiocese of Seattle, and help to liaise and coordinate Mission Appeals for his diocese back home in Kenya. He has served as a Parochial Vicar at St. Mary Magdalen Parish in Everett and St. John Mission in Mukilteo for the last two years. Fr. Thumbi is looking forward to his new appointment at St. Thomas More in Lynnwood with great joy.

******UPCOMING EVENTS******

- August 2nd-6th**-Vacation Bible School
- August 9th-13th**-School Summer Academy
- August 21st**-KofC Golf Tournament

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

Sunday—June 20th

CLOW

12:30pm-Dedication of St. Thomas More Statue & Reception
-Front Lawn/Dalton Hall

5:00pm-LifeTeen Mass

Monday—June 21st

8:00am-School Summer Academy-Classrooms

6:30pm-Mission Choir-Music Room

7:00pm-USCCA

Tuesday—June 22nd

8:00am-School Summer Academy-Classrooms

9:30am-Mother of Perpetual Help Rosary-Chapel

6:00pm-Lawyer Appreciation Mass & Dinner-Church/Dalton Hall

7:00pm-Stephen Ministry-Parish Office

7:00pm-Baptism Class-Renggli Room/Church

Wednesday—June 23rd

8:00am-School Summer Academy-Classrooms

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

Thursday—June 24th

8:00am-School Summer Academy-Classrooms

7:00pm-Lux Mundi-Youth Room

7:15pm-Mystogogy-Renggli Room

Friday—June 25th

8:00am-School Summer Academy-Classrooms

7:00pm-Charismatic Prayer Group-Chapel

Saturday—June 26th

9:00am-Feed My Sheep-Dalton Hall

5:00pm-Baptisms-Church

5:00pm-Farewell Reception for Fr. Maurice-Dalton Hall

Sunday—June 27th

Baptisms at Mass

CLOW

Farewell to Fr. Maurice after all Masses-Dalton Hall

5:00pm-LifeTeen Mass

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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 June 12th-June 13th

Received: \$16,783.65

Needed: \$18,496.72

Year-to-date Over/(Under): \$10,489.48

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

A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE

Annual Catholic Appeal

Thank you to all parishioners who have returned pledge envelopes. The results of the fourth weekend of the Annual Catholic Appeal are:

Registered Parish households: 1,982

Pledge envelopes returned: 667

% of participating households: 34%

Our Annual Catholic Appeal goal: \$117,850

% of Archdiocesan dollar goal attained: 100%

% of Parish project dollar goal attained: 62%

It is our hope that all Parish families will participate in the Appeal by either making a donation or writing the word "prayer" on the pledge envelope. Again, thank you for your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Saying Goodbye

All are invited next weekend, June 26th-27th to receptions after all Masses to say goodbye to Fr. Maurice, thank him for his kind service and wish him the best in future endeavors. Refreshments will be served.

Father's Day Prayer

Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice. Let us praise those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a good father.

Let us praise those fathers who, despite divorce, have remained in their children's lives. Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has offered healing.

Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children. And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

2010 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the date and Invite Friends! The 2010 Vacation Bible School is on August 2nd-6th from 9am-Noon. The theme this year is The High Seas: Exploring the Mighty Love of God! More details to come on our adventure on the High Seas!



Rise of the Phoenix Auction 2010



During the month of June, donate any size "Theme Basket" or a "Gift Certificate" (valued \$10-\$20) and the procurer will be entered to win a \$25 Brunswick Lanes gift card. There is no limit on how many times you can enter. Donate to St. Thomas More Parish and School's Rise of the Phoenix Dinner and Auction by simply filling out the procurement form found on either the STMPS website or in the STMPS office and return it to the school or parish office along with your donation by June 25th. The drawing for the gift card will be held on June 26th.

Immigration Forum

Approximately 50 people attended the immigration forum which was held last Saturday. Some attendees were from our own parish and some were from other Catholic parishes and other faith traditions. The result was a very spirited conversation and dialog. Jim Thomas, from the Seattle Archdiocese clarified the U.S. Catholic Bishops position on immigration and the five principles that govern how the Church responds to public policy proposal in relation to immigration. The consensus was that the present immigration system is broken and needs reform. The Justice for Immigrants Campaign has initiated a postcard campaign to urge Congress to pass reform legislation. These cards are available in the Narthex. For more information on the Bishops document visit www.justiceforimmigrants.org.

Community Garden

Have you visited the garden lately? 4 years ago it was a mass of weeds, broken concrete and discarded wood. Today it is a beautifully laid out garden where parishioners raise fruits and vegetables which go to the Food Bank to feed the hungry. 5 plots still have no gardeners to tend them, though. If you are interested in getting exercise, learning new skills and feeding the hungry, as Jesus taught us, then please contact Luciann at (425) 743-2929, or email her at luciannm@stmp.org to sign-up for one of the open plots.

June 20, 2010

Stewardship Commission News

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

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

Christian stewardship is about changing the way we live in the world of everyday life. This is why stewardship is linked to discipleship. It is a way of being transformed according to the Gospel. Christian stewardship is the lifestyle that best reflects who we are (followers of Christ) and what we believe (the Gospel) in the everyday circumstances of this particular era in the history of Christianity. Embracing this way of living—and putting it into practice—takes time. It also necessarily involves failure, repentance, and the courage to keep on trying. After all, who among us can be consistently grateful, responsible, or generous all the time? How often do we find ourselves guilty of resentment, self-pity, or the desire for more and more of what the world seems to offer (status, security, control of our own destiny)? We want to be good stewards—now. We resist the idea that this is something we must pursue, but never fully acquire, over an entire lifetime.

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. As a reminder, the featured Ministry of the Month will be present in Dalton Hall during the coffee and donuts social to share information about their ministry work in the parish.



Youth News!

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

Life Teen Mass will continue through July although there will be NO Life Teen Mass on the 4th of July.

No Youth Group or Edge this week. We are now on Summer Schedule so keep checking for events.

Upcoming events:

June 25th-26th Junior High Scream! An all night event for 6th through 8th graders. Permission slips are in the back of the church

The Youth Appreciation BBQ has been postponed until August so we can spend the 27th sending Fr. Maurice off to his studies in New York. More info will come next month

****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 angela@stmp.org

Ongoing Opportunities

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.

Retrouvaille of Seattle

Is your marriage tearing you apart? Or boring you to death? Retrouvaille, a Catholic Program, can help. To learn more, call (206) 706-2608, or visit www.helpourmarriage.com.

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.

Teen Feed Help Needed

The Teen Feed program needs volunteer help for the summer months. The team prepares and serves food for the homeless teens in the U district. Help is needed on the following Sundays; July 4th, August 1st and September 5th. Please call or email Bob or Sue Cram at (425) 745-3209 or suecram@msn.com, for more information or to reserve a spot on the team.

Soccer Camp

Adventure Soccer Camp will be held at the St. Thomas More soccer field for kids ages 5-12 from June 28th-July 1st (1-4pm) at a cost of \$79. This soccer camp will develop technical skills through a series of skill stations, while emphasizing good character, team play and sportsmanship on the field. Registration is online at www.adventuresoccer.org. Contact Matt at (360) 568-1256 if you have any questions.

Project Rachel

If you are hurting from a past abortion experience, the Church is calling you home to heal. Healing and hope are awaiting you on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Please call Valerie at 1-800-822-HOPE (4673) for more information.

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith Formation For The Parish

Every young parishioner from K-5th grade is invited to join in the **Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)** every Sunday during the 9:30am and 11:30am Masses. The celebration starts with the dismissal of the children from the assembly, followed by an opening prayer, proclamation of the Sunday readings, Responsorial Psalm, homily reflection, Profession of Faith and Prayers of the Faithful. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to experience the Word of God. Volunteers are also needed to run the **CLOW** program, please contact Sharon Guerrero at (425) 743-2929 ext 114, or email sharong@stmp.org. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex as well.

Sacraments

Baptisms for babies and young children will be the weekend of June 27th and Sept. 5th. 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.

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.

Prayer For the Church In Transition

O faithful God,

As your people, we cherish our memories and our history as a sacred gift. We also ask you to guide us in our time of transition.

We need your wisdom that we might be receptive to change, conversion and growth.

We need your grace to redirect our hearts that we may be willing to offer ourselves in joyful service.

Do not allow fear, ignorance or pride to limit the work of your spirit, nor custom to prevent the creativity within us from bearing fruit.

Open our hearts to the call of the Gospel. Give us courage and renewed hope that we may meet the challenge of being the church of our time.

Presider Schedule

June 26th-27th

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

Ushers for June

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

Altar Servers

June 26th-27th

5:00pm (Sat.)	8:00am	9:30am
Book: Abigail A	Book: Meghan C.	Book: Melissa H.
Bell: Michael T.	Bell: Martin B.	Bell: Stephen G.
Cross: R.J. D.	Cross: Victoria S.	Cross: Teresa B.
11:30am	5:00pm	
Book: Shea M.	Bell: Amanda C.	
Bell: Finn M.	Book: Peter H.	
Cross: Allyssa R.	Cross: Joshua M.	

