

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

6th Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

Gospel: John 14:23-29

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Ascension of the Lord

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

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

May 20th-Serra Hosted Tom Curran Talk and Dinner-6:00pm

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

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

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

June 19th-Senior Options Seminar

June 21st-25th-School Summer Academy

August 2nd-6th-Vacation Bible School

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

Sunday—May 9th

Baptisms at Mass-Church

No Faith Formation-CLOW

12:30pm-Multicultural Commission-Parish Office

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

5:00pm-LifeTeen Mass with Life Night Following

Monday—May 10th

6:30pm-Edge-Dalton Hall

6:30pm-Mission Choir-Music Room

7:00pm-Maintenance Commission-Parish Office

7:00pm-USCCA-Renggli Room

Tuesday—May 11th

9:30am-Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help-Chapel

6:00pm-CDA Meeting-Cntr Meeting Room

7:00pm-Discernment-Renggli Room

7:00pm-Stephen Ministry-Parish Office

7:00pm-St. Vincent de Paul-Library

Wednesday—May 12th

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

7:15pm-Apologetics Class-Adult Ed. Room

7:00pm-School Spring Concert-Church

7:00pm-Parent Support Group-Parish Office

Thursday—May 13th

9:30am-USCCA-Youth Room

6:00pm-Hospitality Committee-Parish Office

7:00pm-Lux Mundi-Youth Room

7:00pm-Stewardship Commission-Parish Office

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

Friday—May 14th

6:00pm-Jr. High Dance-Dalton Hall

6:30pm-1st Communion Rehearsal-Church

7:00pm-Jail Ministry-Renggli Room

Saturday—May 15th

5:00pm-1st Communion w/Reception-Church/Dalton Hall

Sunday—May 16th

1st Communion w/Reception-Church/Dalton Hall

Faith Formation- No CLOW

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

5:00pm-LifeTeen Mass with Life Night Following

Presider Schedule

May 15th-16th

5:00pm (Sat.) Fr. Maurice

8:00am Fr. Ward

9:30am Fr. Maurice

11:30am Fr. Ward

5:00pm Fr. Maurice

Ushers for May

5:00pm (Sat.)

Al Meucci, Capt.

Ray Michlig

Devin Meucci

Jack Webster

8:00am

Juan Marzo, Capt.

Ed dosRemedios

Don Dowling

Adonis Escelicas

9:30am

John Weith, Capt.

Dick Ptacek, Capt

Oly Javidando

Jose Garcia

Donna Kalaw

Matt Gomez

Kimchi Nguyen

Kristy Nguyen

11:30am

Gael Reedy, Capt.

Zarina David

Chien Chang

Vincent Obino

Devron Lam

Altar Servers

May 15th-16th

5:00pm (Sat.)

KofC

8:00am

Book: Bernie M.

Bell: Melanie M.

Cross: Megan C.

9:30am

Book: Kayla F.

Bell: Teresa B.

Cross: Theresa H.

11:30am

Bell: Mimi B.

Book: Allyssa R.

Cross: Maxine T.

5:00pm

Book: Jordan W.

Bell: McKenna W.

Cross: Alexandria C.



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 May 1st-May 2nd

Received: \$21,046.79

Needed: \$17,542.33

Year-to-date Over/(Under): \$14,643.91

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 first weekend of the Annual Catholic Appeal are:

Registered Parish households: 1,982

Pledge envelopes returned: 313

% of participating households: 16%

Our Annual Catholic Appeal goal: \$117,850

% of dollar goal attained: 59%

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 a great first weekend of the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Happy Mother’s Day!

We here at St. Thomas More hope that all the Mothers have a joyful and love filled Mother’s Day. Let us all pray:

God our creator,
we come before You
and lift up in prayer all mothers,
grandmothers, stepmothers and mothers to be
who gave the gift of life.

We give you thanks for their presence,
talents and gifts which they share in our church,
society and world.

May all mothers know of Your loving
and gentle presence
and may they always turn towards You
in times of joy, sorrow and glory.

We ask this in Your Name.
Amen.

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 them 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.

Dr. Tom Curran

Dr. Tom Curran is speaking in Dalton Hall on Thursday evening, May 20th hosted by the Cascade Serra Club. There will be Mass celebrated at 5:30pm, followed by fellowship time, a delicious catered dinner and the presentation. Dr Curran is the Director of Trinity Formation Resources, a non-profit ministry dedicated to helping Catholics understand, live and explore their faith more deeply. He is the host of the local radio program “Sound Insight” on Sacred Heart Radio, and is the author of several best selling books. The mission of the Serra Club is to foster, affirm and promote vocations to ministry in the Catholic Church. Everyone is welcome, so please come and invite your friends. The cost is only \$15 per person, and registration is due by May 14th. Forms are available in the parish office, or email ratassani@comcast.net.

Baptisms

This weekend we welcome with great joy seven children into our Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism. To be baptized at the Saturday evening Mass are Emmie Ramona Leilani, child of Carlos and Rayna Garibay; Tobi Minh, child of Thuan and Thuy Nguyen; Stephen Justin, child of Justo and Regina Valmayor; Ethan Noah, child of Jeong-youll Tae and Hyun-mee Cho; and Rychail, child of Ricardo and Gaily Perez. Audric Clement, child of Anthony and Violeta Nicolas and Hanga Nehema Benedicte, child of Kalumba and Nikuze Poshi will be baptized at the 11:30 Mass.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

The invitations have been sent for the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Please RSVP no later than May 12th, either on the website, or calling the Parish Office. Also, please let us know if you didn’t receive an invitation.

May 9, 2010

Stewardship Commission News

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

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

How does a mature disciple of Christ live? A Christian steward is one who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them generously with others out of justice and love, and returns them to the Lord with increase. A mature disciple of Jesus Christ lives gratefully-offering thanks to God in many simple but genuine ways.

God, our loving creator and giver of all good gifts, bless our Parish, strengthen our faith and grant us the spirit of Christian stewardship so that we may give generously of our time, talent, and treasure to the spreading of Your kingdom here at our parish and throughout the world. Amen.

The Ministry of the Month featured the weekend of June 5th & 5th is the Stewardship 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

Thank You!

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

Advertiser of the Week:

VIP Painting



Youth News!

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

No Youth Group tonight. Stay home and pamper your Mothers!

Edge on Monday in the Hall at 6:30.

We will be selling Rosaries and jewelry after all Masses so stop by and see what you like. All proceeds go towards our WYD Pilgrims.

Friday May 14th STM will be hosting a Junior High Dance for all 6-8th graders and their friends. Dance starts at 7pm and ends at 10. Cost is \$7 at the door and snacks and drink available for sale. Please dress modestly with no shorts, tank tops or short skirts. Those not dressed appropriately will not be allowed into the dance. Permission slips required and available at the door.

****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

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.

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.

United States Catholic Catechism

Sessions on the study of the United States Catholic Catechism will be held on Mondays from 7pm-9pm in the Renggli Room. There are also sessions Tuesday mornings from 9:30am-12noon in the Youth Room. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Olson at (425) 787-2490 or email her at debieolson@comcat.net.

MOM's Group

Moms give yourself the gift of time this Mother's day. Join our MOM's Fellowship group here at St. Thomas More. We meet monthly for fellowship, prayer and sharing. Our next meeting is Thursday, May 20th at 7pm from 7-9pm in the Renggli Room. We will be continuing our Bible study. For more information, contact Kelly Costinett at Kellyscraps@cozz.net or call (425) 741-3510. Mothers of all ages are welcome.

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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.

The last day of Sunday Faith Formation Classes for this school year will be on Sunday, May 23rd. The last Wednesday Night Faith Formation Class will be on Wednesday, May 26th. The end of the year Mass celebration for FF families will be at the 5pm LifeTeen Mass on Sunday, June 6th.

Sacraments

Baptisms for babies and young children will be the weekend of 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.

The 1st Communion celebration is the weekend of May 15th and 16th at all Masses.

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.

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 STMP School

- Our Spring Concert is Wednesday, May 12th and will include performances from all grade levels. Please join us in the church at 7PM for this musical event.
- Our 8th grade students will be on retreat Friday, May 14th. Please keep them in your prayers.
- 7th and 6th grade students are preparing for Camp Hamilton. They leave May 18th. The meeting for chaperones is Tuesday, May 11th.
- St. Thomas More Parish School is currently taking applications for Fall 2010. If you are interested in more information or a tour of the school please call 425-743-4242.
- May is a very busy month at STM. Please watch your calendars!



Happy Mother's Day from STM Parish School!

Ongoing Opportunities (cont.)

Always Our Children Support Group

Are you affected by someone in your life that is gay? A child? A friend? A family member? Are you seeking information and loving support? Join us the 2nd Wednesday of each month beginning May 12th at 7pm in the Parish Office Meeting Room. All are welcome. For more information please call Jacques or Laura Bragg at (425) 743-3423.

Father Guzman and the Publicans

Mark your calendars for a fun-filled, toe-tapping evening with the Gospel Blues Band, "Father Guzman and the Publicans", presented by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas St. Rita Court on Sunday, May 16th at 7pm. This event will be in the PUD Auditorium-2320 California St, Everett. The cost is \$12 (in advance), \$15 (at the door) and \$10 (students). For more information and, or to purchase tickets, please contact, Dorothy Predar at (425) 337-6202 or Thelma Kane at (425) 355-3714.

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

Retrouvaille of Seattle

Is your marriage tearing you apart? Or boring you to death? Retrouvaille, a Catholic Program, can help. The next program runs Apr. 9th-11th. To learn more, call (206) 706-2608, or visit www.helpourmarriage.com.

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