

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

From the Desk of Father Maurice



Dear Parishioners,

During the month of October, Catholics are invited to intensify their devotion to the Blessed Mother through a regular recitation of the Most Holy Rosary. In his October 7, 2007 address to the crowds gathered in St. Peter's Square for the midday Angelus, the Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI reflected on the meaning of this special devotion, saying: *"The traditional image of the Madonna of the Rosary depicts Mary holding the child Jesus in her arm and giving the rosary to St. Dominic. This significant iconography shows that the rosary is a means given by the Virgin for contemplating Jesus and, meditating on his life, for loving and following him always more faithfully"*. This is to say that the Rosary is a Christ-centered prayer where we meditate upon the great mysteries of our salvation, and thus follow the example of the Blessed Mother who "treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart" (Lk 2,19. 52).

In addition to being a contemplative prayer, the Rosary is eminently an intercessory prayer in which we call upon the Virgin Mary to intercede for us through her Son Jesus. When she appeared to Lucia dos Santos, Jacinta and Francisco Marto - the little shepherds of Fatima - in 1917, Mary presented herself as "Our Lady of the Rosary" and recommended the daily recitation of the Rosary in order to obtain an end to the ravages of war.

Stories and personal testimonies abound on special graces received which could not be explained by means other than the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Those who share the stories deeply believe Mary draws the attention of her son to their needs: "they have no wine" (Jn 2, 1-12).

In this month of October, let's all renew our love for Mary and "accept her motherly request, pledging to recite the Rosary with faith for peace in our families, nations and throughout the world" (Pope Benedict XVI, Ibid). At St. Thomas More, in addition to reciting the Rosary before the daily and 8am (Sunday) Masses, all are encouraged to attend the Wednesday Eucharistic Benediction at 6:30pm at which time we will also pray the Rosary while contemplating Jesus, really present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

As we deepen our love for Mary, may we also imitate her faith and heed her call to "do whatever her Son will tell us"!

Fr. Maurice Mamba
Priest Administrator

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

Sunday—October 11th-Masses

Faith Formation Classes-CLOW

5:00pm-LifeTeen Mass followed by LifeNight

7:15pm-Light Weigh-Community Center Meeting Room

Monday—October 12th

6:30pm-Edge-Dalton Hall

6:30pm-Mission Choir-Music Room

7:00pm-Maintenance Commission-Parish Office

7:00pm-Faith Formation Commission-Comm. Cntr Meeting RM

7:00pm-Divorce & Beyond-Library

6:30pm-Welcome Back Session-Renngli Room

7:00pm—USCCA-Adult Ed. Room

Tuesday—October 13th

9:30am-Sisters In Scripture-Renggli Room

9:30am-USCCA-Youth Room

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

6:30pm-School Task Force-Church

7:00pm-Stephen Ministry-Parish Office

7:00pm-Sisters In Scripture-Renggli Room

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

Wednesday—October 14th

6:30pm-Faith Formation Classes-Library

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

6:30pm-Eucharistic Benediction and Rosary-Church

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

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

7:30pm-Teaching on the Mass-Church

Thursday—October 15th

9:30am-Light Weigh-Youth Room

7:00pm-MOMs Group-Renggli Room

7:00pm-Youth Commission-Parish Office

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

7:00pm-LifeTeen Band Practice-Music Room

Friday—October 16th

9:00am-Adoration (All Day)-Chapel

7:00pm-Snohomish County Jail Ministry-Adult Ed. Room

7:00pm-Vietnamese Choir Practice-Music Room

Saturday—October 17th-Mass

12:00am-8:00am-Adoration-Chapel

8:00am-Benediction w/Mass Following-Chapel

6:00pm-Ministry Fair-Dalton Hall

Sunday—October 18th-Masses

8:00am-Ministry Fair-Dalton Hall

Faith Formation Classes-CLOW

5:00pm-LifeTeen Mass followed by LifeNight

7:15pm-Light Weigh-Community Center Meeting Room

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 Oct. 3rd-Oct. 4th

Received: \$20,607.99

Needed: \$19,626.53

Year-to-date: \$259,622.39

Year-to-date Over/(Under): (\$6,792.58)

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

MOMs Fellowship

Moms, moms to be, step-moms, and grandmothers are welcome to join us to share our laughter and tears. We will gather the 3rd Thursday of every month to develop friendships, enjoy listening to inspirational speakers, share our faith and explore opportunities for outreach to our community. Our next gathering is on Thursday, October 15th from 7-9pm in the Renggli Room. Mary Duffy will be leading us in a discussion about Christ in our Christmas celebrations. The cost for the year is \$25 which includes Kathleen Kichline's book "Sisters In Scripture". Scholarships are available. For more information, please contact Kelly Costinett at kellyscraps@cozz.net or (425) 741-3510.

Important Announcement

The Diocese of Bismarck has advised the USCCB that James Pommier, formerly a priest in that diocese and currently living on the Olympic Peninsula, has committed serious offenses against young people resulting in his dismissal from the clerical state by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. It has been reported to the Archdiocese of Seattle that Mr. Pommier has recently introduced himself as a priest in a parish in the Olympic Deanery. Mr. Pommier has been contacted by Pat Crowley, General Counsel for the Archdiocese and informed he is not to do so. Mr. Pommier has denied that he has represented himself as a priest.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

You are invited to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday and Saturday, October 16th-17th. 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.



Diamonds Are Forever



Diamonds Are Forever, St.

Thomas More Gala Dinner/Auction will be on Saturday, November 14th at the Lynnwood Convention Center. Mark your calendar and plan on attending this wonderful event to help support the children of our parish and school. If you have any questions, contact John and Kristina Rodabaugh at (425) 745-3506

New Parishioners

We would like to welcome to St. Thomas More the following newly registered parishioners:

Jason and Jessica Alinen, William and Ann Swadener, Matthew and Kimberly Rosenberry, Brandon and Rebecca Ardillo, Charlie Bouton, Iwona Kulesza, Evelina Medina, Gerard and Melanie Abad, Angel and Denise Alvarado, John and Estrellita Canziani, Janusz and Angellika Lukomski, Rita Duncan and Derek and Melissa Sandhoefner.

Thank you for joining the St. Thomas More parish community.

World Mission Sunday

Every parish across the world will celebrate World Mission Sunday next week in a global sign of the Church's solidarity in mission. Our prayers and donations will help to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. It is our chance to help Catholic communities throughout the world to become self-sufficient and to flourish according to their own needs and traditions. By sharing the gift of faith we can bring hope and love to those who need it most. The envelopes for this collection are in the pews this weekend and next weekend.



Lux Mundi

Lux Mundi, the young adult group will be meeting on Thursday, October 15th from 7-8pm in the Youth Room. Come learn about and share your faith with our young adult community. We will be at the ministry fair next weekend, so be sure to stop by and say hi. Check out the website and blog for more info about our group, www.stmp.org/community/luxmundi and www.luxmundigroup.blogspot.com.

Thank You

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Advertiser of the Week:
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October 11, 2009

Councils/Commissions/Committees

Save the Date!

The Stewardship Commission is sponsoring a Ministry Fair after all Masses on the weekend of October 17th-18th. This is a wonderful time for celebrating our community here at St. Thomas More. You will have an opportunity to explore the wide variety of ministries our parish offers, as well as have a chance to discover where you might be able to use your gifts in service to others. There will be refreshments and door prizes, so please stop by Dalton Hall that weekend. We look forward to seeing you.

Cold Weather Shelter

Last winter Lynnwood churches banded together to provide shelter to our homeless and under housed families during very cold weather. Every Thursday that is was 33 degrees or below, St. Thomas More folks went into action. Doreen called everyone, Dennis drove the van, slipping and sliding, to the pickup point and back to the church that was hosting that night. Cari ran the place. Volunteers cooked, cleaned up, put out mats, visited with the guests, and did what needed to be done. This year they are getting ready to do it again. The Corporal Works of Mercy call for us to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless. If you want to be a part of this effort, join us at our organizational meeting on Thursday, Oct. 22nd at 7pm in the Community Center Meeting Room by the Library. To learn more, contact Luciann at 425-743-2929 ext 111.



Youth News!

Senior High Youth group tonight! Come join us for dinner and a night about our Catholic Social teachings. We will begin in the hall following Mass (6:00).

Junior High EDGE tomorrow night at 6:30 in the hall. Come check is out!

It is Corn Maze time again! All youth and families are invited to join us on Friday the 16th for a trip to Stocker farm's Corn Maze. Permission slips are available in the back of the narthex. Cost is between \$10-\$20 depending on the trail you follow. We will meet here at the parish at 5pm and stop along the way for a bite to eat. Questions, contact Angela.

Confirmation youth/parent information night is Wednesday October 21st at 6:30. Classes will begin the first Wednesday of November.

Registrations for all youth programs are available in the faith formation office or in the back of the narthex by the youth bulletin.

***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.

Crab Feed

Don't miss the 7th Annual Archbishop Murphy High School Crab Feed on Saturday, October 17th at 6pm in Grace Hall. The event includes entertainment by AMHS students, a fabulous dessert auction, and a complete crab dinner served with bread, salad, beer, wine or soda. The cost is \$35 per person and all proceeds benefit the AMHS Fine Arts programs. Space is limited, so get the ticket form by visiting the school website www.am-hs.org.

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

"Guys, beware!" The Mariner's season is almost over! Stephen Ministry care givers can be somebody to talk with, help you let go of another great season. Seriously, there are male Stephen Ministers to talk to about a variety of issues and situations. We maintain stringent CONFIDENTIALITY, and the approach is generally brief. We're not counselors, but someone to talk with. For more information call Karen Biermanski at (206) 920-0174.

Marriage Encounter

God cares so much about your marriage. Discover His desire for your marriage on a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Register now. The last weekends in 2009 are Nov. 6th-8th in Everett and Dec. 4th-6th in Centralia. Registration forms are in the Narthex, or call Bruce and Judy White at (425) 771-9003 for information.

Eucharistic Benediction and Rosary

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

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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 Nov. 15th and Jan. 10th. 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.

Parent Meetings for 1st Reconciliation will be on Thursday, Oct. 22nd, or Sunday, Oct. 27th at 7pm in the Renggli Room. Choose whichever is convenient. 1st Reconciliation will be celebrated Dec. 5th, and 1st Eucharist 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

There is a Task Force Meeting Tuesday, October 13th at 7PM.

The Gift Wrap Sale begins on Wednesday, October 14th.

Mid-term is Wednesday, October 14th. Parent Conferences are October 22nd and 23rd.

Parents Club is hosting an All Hallow's Eve event on Friday October 30th. All are invited.

Schoolwide Learning Expectations

Schoolwide Learning Expectations are taught to all students at St. Thomas More Parish School. The Schoolwide Learning Expectations are the outcomes we hold for all students.

A STMPS Student is:

- An Active Christian
- A Community Participant
- A Self-confident and Loving Individual
- An Independent Thinker
- A life-long Learner
- A Communicator



Presider Schedule

October 17th-18th

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

Ushers for October

5:00pm (Sat.)	8:00am
Pat Portolese, Capt.	Dave Kowalski, Capt.
Patrick Wessels	Rob Balen
Vincent Nguyen	Dan Wood
David McWayne	John Balch
	Niniva Tupua

9:30am	11:30am
Jonas Mitchell, Capt.	Rick Jorgensen, Capt.
Dick Ptacek, Co-Capt.	Robert Wongkaren
John Alexy	
Donna Alexy	
John Abate	
Hieu Bui	

Altar Servers

October 17th-18th

5:00pm (Sat.)	8:00am	9:30am
Book: KofC	Book: Elianna L.	Book: Cora T.
	Bell: Nick M.	Bell: George K.
		Cross: Caitlin M.

11:30am	5:00pm
Book: Tina D.	Book: Theresa L.
Bell: Jacob J.	Bell: Joshua M.
Cross: Shea M.	