October 18, 2009

THIS 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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9
Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6
Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Presider Schedule
October 24th-25th

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

Ushers for October

5:00pm (Sat.)
Pat Portolese, Capt.
Patrick Wessels
Vincent Nguyen
David McWayne

8:00am
Dave Kowalski, Capt.
Rob Balen
Dan Wood
Niniva Tupua
John Balch

9:30am
Jonas Mitchell, Capt.
Dick Ptacek, Co-Capt.
John Alexy
Donna Alexy
John Abate
Hieu Bui

11:30am
Rick Jorgensen, Capt.
Robert Wongkaren

Altar Servers
October 24th-25th

5:00pm (Sat.)
Book: Brendon M.
Bell: Margaret C.
Cross: Daniel J.

8:00am
Book: Bernie M.
Bell: Melanie M.

9:30am
Book: James J.
Bell: R.J. D.
Cross: Zachary J.

11:30am
Book: Leanna T.
Bell: Albert M.
Cross: Jacob M.

5:00pm (LifeTeen)
Book: Peter H.
Bell: Megan J.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

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

Monday—October 19th
6:30pm-Edge-Dalton Hall
6:30pm-Mission Choir-Music Room
7:00pm-Divorce and Beyond-Library
6:30pm-Welcome Back Session-Renggli Room

Tuesday—October 20th
9:30am-Mother of Perpetual Help Novena-Chapel
9:30am-Bible Study-Renggli Room
9:30am-USCCA-Youth Room
7:00pm-Bible Study-Renggli Room
7:00pm-Finance Council-Parish Office

Wednesday—October 21st
6:30pm-Faith Formation Class-Library
6:30pm-Eucharistic Benediction and Rosary-Church
6:30pm-Confirmation Info Meeting-Adult Ed. Room
7:00pm-9:30am Choir Practice-Chapel
7:00pm-Multicultural Choir Practice-Music Room
7:00pm-RCIA-Renggli Room/Comm. Cntr Meeting Room

Thursday—October 22nd
9:30am-Light Weigh-Youth Room
7:00pm-1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting-Renggli Room
7:00pm-Pastoral Council-Parish Office
7:00pm-Cold Weather Shelter Meeting-Library
7:00pm-Lux Mundi-Youth Room/Comm. Cntr Meeting Room
7:00pm-LifeTeen Band Practice-Music Room

Friday—October 23rd

Saturday—October 24th-Mass
9:00am-Feed My Sheep-Dalton Hall Kitchen

Sunday—October 25th-Masses
Faith Formation Classes-CLOW
12:30pm-Multicultural Commission-Parish Office
1:00pm-Parol Frame Making-Comm. Cntr Meeting Room
1:00pm-Pumpkin Carving-Renggli Room
5:00pm-LifeTeen Mass followed by LifeNight
7:00pm-1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting-Renggli Room
7:15pm-Light Weigh-Community Center Meeting Room

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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 Oct. 10th-Oct. 11th
Received: $17,516.23
Needed: $19,538.95
Year-to-date: $277,138.62
Year-to-date Over/(Under): $1,380.58

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

Lux Mundi

Lux Mundi, the young adult group, will be having men's and women's groups on Thursday, Oct. 22nd from 7-8pm. Men will meet in the youth room and women will meet in the Community Center Meeting Room. We gather together in the parking lot first so you won't miss us. Coming soon will be Theology on Tap. This is where we have a guest speaker and meet at a local bar. Our first guest speaker will be our very own Father Maurice, details will be in the bulletin. Check out the website www.stmp.org/community/lux-mundi.

World Mission Sunday

Today, every Catholic community and parish throughout the world takes part in World Mission Sunday in a global effort to bring spiritual and material help to our brothers and sisters who are thirsting for the hope and love that comes through knowing Jesus. Today is very special; the whole Church unites in one great act of love for those parts of the world where the young Church needs our help, enabling it to grow strong and vibrant. Your kindness will help all missionaries across the world.

St. Vincent de Paul Thank You

Thank you to all who give so generously each month to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Your contributions help to serve those in need within the St. Thomas More parish boundaries.
An example of the help St. Vincent de Paul gives is the case of Kirsten and her family who suddenly find themselves unemployed and are having difficulty paying their bills. They needed clothing and diapers for a 1 yr old. St. Vincent de Paul was able to provide a clothing voucher to one of their stores and an Albertson voucher for diapers. On behalf of Kirsten and her family, THANK YOU!
If you are interested in becoming a member of our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society or just want to learn more about them, call Roger Guenther at (425) 774-4561.

Diamonds Are Forever

Diamonds Are Forever, St. Thomas More Gala Dinner/ Auction will be on Saturday, November 14th at the Lynnwood Convention Center. Tickets go on sale this weekend after all Masses through the last weekend before the auction, November 7th-8th, so get yours now. The price of the tickets are $65/per person. Please come and join us for a very enjoyable evening to help support the children of our parish and school. If you have any questions, please contact John and Kristina Rodabaugh at (425) 745-3506.

Thank You!

Many thanks to the very generous and caring parishioners at St. Thomas More who, with no advanced warning, contributed $3,866.42 to a fund to go to Catholic Relief Services for help for the victims of the typhoons in the Philippines and the earthquakes in Samoa and Indonesia. Thanks to Mila Bill who organized the effort and her friends who helped collect. Further donations may be made to CRS, 228 Lexington St, Baltimore, MD 21201 or at their website www.CRS.org.

St. Thomas More Scouts

The St. Thomas More Cub Scouts are looking for boys in 1st-5th grade to join them. Please contact Linda D. at LindaD100@verizon.net for more information. Also the Boy Scouts are looking for boys ages 11-17 to join them. Please contact Tim Hogan, Scoutmaster at (425) 367-9111 for more information.

Website of the Week

Pramila Jayapal was the riveting speaker who spoke about comprehensive immigration reform at the Immigration Forum last weekend. She brings intelligence, passion and personal experience to the questions surrounding immigration policy in this country. To learn more go to her organization's website, www.WeAreOneAmerica.org.

LifeTeen Potluck

Everyone is invited to an evening of food and fellowship following the 5pm LifeTeen Mass on Sunday, Nov. 1st. Please bring enough servings of your favorite main dish or salad to feed your own family, and everyone will share. Please contact, Lisa Moore at (425) 745-5601 for questions.

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Councils/Commissions/Committees

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 School Library. To learn more, contact Luciann at 425-743-2929 ext 111.

Save the Date

All are invited to a Fil-Am fundraising breakfast in Dalton Hall on Sunday, November 1st after every Mass. The proceeds will be use for the Simbang Gabi reception and Parol making materials.

LIFE TEEN

Youth News!

Senior High Youth group tonight! Come join us for dinner and a night about living in solidarity and avoiding social sin. 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!

YOUTH CONVENTION REGISTRATIONS are HERE! Join other Catholic youth from around our state for this years convention. It is the weekend of November 7th and 8th at Bellevue Community College. There are TONS of workshops to choose from. Pick up your registration after Mass or contact Angela.

Confirmation youth/parent information night is Wednesday October 21st at 6:30 in the Adult Ed room (back of Dalton Hall). 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

Marriage Encounter

A Marriage Encounter weekend can provide married couples with greater depth, growth and enrichment in their relationship. It is a 44-hour weekend where married couples can focus on one another without interruption of busy lives. Refresh your marriage at one of the upcoming Weekends. 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.

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.

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

A Stephen Minister is a person with the gift of compassion who is willing to be an active listener. Many people have a situation, health concern or a story and would benefit from a listening ear and a Christian partner to journey with them so that a decision can be reached by them as to what is best for their situation. For more information or questions, please call 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 like and your eating. The meetings will be held on Sundays at 7:15pm. Please call Lisa Moore at (425) 745-5601 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.

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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 St. Thomas More Parish School

- Thank you to everyone who participated in the Task Force Meetings on Tuesday, October 13th. Your voice is important to us!

- Progress Reports will go home in the Wednesday envelope on October 21st.
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- Parent Conferences are scheduled for October 22-23.

- School families are currently selling Gift Wrap for one of the school fundraisers. If you are interested in Sally Foster Gift Wrap, please contact the school office at 742-4242.

Ongoing Opportunities (cont.)

2nd Annual Holy Rosary School Fall Festival

The 2nd annual Holy Rosary School Fall Festival will be on Friday, October 30th from 6pm-10pm. There will be kids rides, activity booths, face painting, games, beer garden and sausage meal. It will be fun for the whole family. For more information, please contact Laura Halford at louiehal@comcast.net

Vintage Fashion Show and Luncheon

The Catholic Daughters of Americas, St. Rita Court, cordially invites everyone to their first annual 1800's-1940's vintage fashion show and catered luncheon at St. Mary Magdalen Church-8717 7th Ave SE Everett 98208 on Saturday, Oct. 31st from 11:30am-3:00pm. The cost is $20/person and the reservation deadline is Oct. 26th. To order tickets or for more information, please contact Barbara at (425) 514-3016, or Dorothy at (425) 377-6202.

Upcoming Retreat at the Palisades

Googling with God will be a one night retreat with Sr. Joyce Cox for young adults, to be held on November 27th-28th. For more information go to www.seattlearch.org/palisades.

Compassionate Volunteers Needed

Compassionate volunteers are needed for Providence Hospice and Home Care. The next information session will be on Wednesday, Oct. 21st from 2-4pm at Providence Hospice & Home Care of Snohomish County-2731 Wetmore Ave Everett 98201. Please call (425) 261-4815 by Oct. 19th to pre-register, or for questions.