Fr. John's Corner

“Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky.”

Does this sound like a sci-fi movie? This would make for a good movie by Mel Gibson of the end of the world scenario. We are now coming to the close of the Churches liturgical calendar. Next week we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King and leading up to it we have this scene, where Jesus is in the temple and one of his disciples makes the comment about the temple adorned with its costly stones and votive offerings. No doubt a very impressive sight. And Jesus gives them a dose of reality; “All that you see here (referring to the Temple and its adornments) — the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down.” He is immediately asked, “Teacher, when will this happen?”

We’ve all been curious as to the 2nd coming of Christ. Movies show it on a secular level and make big profits on it. However, for us Christians, it’s a time of fulfillment and consummation. It’s not to be feared. However, Jesus warns us in this Gospel that it is not easy, and it may require sacrifice and the strength to withstand the attitudes of a world around us where living as Christ told us to is not always accepted. Our strength, of course, is in the Lord.

Committed to Christ, Living in Gratitude. This has been our theme for the last month. Living this well, I believe, we shall do well, to the very end.

Blessings,
St. Vincent De Paul Society

Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can continue to bring comfort and peace to our brothers and sisters who are poor and suffering. May the Peace of God be with you.

As part of our mission to help those in need, last month, SVdP served 305 meals at the Kearney Center, a facility for the homeless.

Consider becoming an active member of SVdP. Society meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month at 6pm, Room #6, Parish Center. www.facebook.com/svdptally or svdptally@gmail.com

Music Ministry News

Our choirs would love to have you join us! If you sing or play an instrument and would like to join our music ministry, contact Almira Malley at almira@cocathedral.com or at (850) 222-9630. Let’s make Psalm 100 come alive together!

Alternative Christmas Market

Saturday, Dec. 7, 9-4 pm & Sunday, Dec. 8, 1-4 pm

The Haiti Parish Twinning Committee will be participating once again in the Alternative Christmas Market to support our sister parish, Ste. Elisabeth, in Fond Tortue, Haiti. Shoppers can honor loved ones with a donation in their names by visiting us during the market featuring dozens of non-profit organizations. Admission to the market is a non-perishable food item. Stop by John Wesley United Methodist Church 1689 Old St. Augustine Road Tallahassee, FL.

CO-CATHEDRAL OF ST. THOMAS MORE

NOVEMBER 17, 2019
Stewardship of Treasure

OCTOBER 2019 Dates: 11/04 – 11/11

Weekly Need: $18,000
Weekly Giving: $19,410
Year-to-Date Need: $788,000
Year-to-Date Giving: $769,488

To give online, visit www.cocathedral.com and go to the “Giving” page.

Religious Education

Thank you all for supporting our Annual RE Food Drive.

Thanksgiving
NO RE class on 12/01 for the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend. Classes are scheduled on Sunday, 11/24.

Adopt- A-Family
for Christmas through Catholic Charities Christmas Connection begins Sunday, Nov 24th - Dec 15th. Christmas Wish Lists for the adopted families will be posted on the R.E. bulletin board upstairs in the hallway. All parishioners are invited to participate. Thank you in advance for your support.

Contact maureen@cocathedral.com if you have any questions.

Committed to Christ, Living in Gratitude

Within the next couple of weeks, you will receive a Summary Report detailing the results of our “Committed to Christ, Living in Gratitude” Program. Several weeks ago we began this program and we are beginning to see signs that our Sunday offertory collections are growing through the generosity of many, many parishioners. Thank you so very much to all who have chosen to participate in this very important program. Your generosity shows your willingness as faithful stewards to be a part of the ongoing missions of St. Thomas More Co-Cathedral.

Stay tuned for an update on CSA next weekend.

Lighthouse CD of the Week

Full of Grace: The Message of the Angel

Renowned speaker, author, and musician Vinny Flynn makes the angel’s message at the Annunciation come alive with meaning and relevance by delving into Scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and the writings of St. John Paul II. Vinny helps listeners understand the deeper significance of the words of the Hail Mary prayer and the angel’s greeting, offering penetrating insights into the role of our Blessed Mother in God’s plan of salvation. Our Lighthouse CD display is located by the parking lot entrance. $3/CD.
Trinity Catholic School

Now Hiring
Trinity Catholic School is seeking the following positions for the 2019-2020 school year: Kindergarten Aide. Interested applicants should contact Principal, Tommy Bridges at BridgesT@TrinityKnights.org

Did you know?
You CAN afford a Catholic education for your child. Trinity Catholic School accepts AAA, Step Up, Gardiner, and McKay scholarships. Internal School Scholarships are also available through the FACTS button on our website. Visit www.trinityknights.org/scholarships to learn more about financial aid options.

St. John Paul II Catholic High School

Annual Fund Campaign
Friends of SJPII, help us fill the gap! Please consider contributing to our Annual Fund Campaign to help us provide tuition assistance to families in need, pay our teachers well, help maintain our campus and buildings and more. Make online donations at www.sjpiichs.org/the-annual-fund/, or mail your contributions to the school.

Save the Date: December 17th
We will be celebrating our alumni. St. JPII Alumni Mass at 10AM in our chapel with reception to follow.

For more information and to keep up with all the current happenings at St. John Paul II Catholic High School, please visit our website www.sjpiichs.com

Jim Towey: How My Time with Mother Teresa Changed My Life
Tuesday Nov. 19 6-7:30pm
Celebrate National Hospice Month! Big Bend Hospice and Aging with Dignity invite you to come and hear the founder of Aging with Dignity and creator of Five Wishes share his passion for helping people live and die with dignity at this event. Goodwood Museum and Gardens Carriage House Event and parking are free and light refreshments will be served. 1.5 CEUs available
November 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our diocese will soon take up the national collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Your support for this collection brings change to people across the country and empowers those living in poverty to transform their communities into reflections of the Kingdom of God. In addition to making a national impact, we empower those living in poverty in our own diocese, because 25% of the funds we collect stay here.

Thanks to your generosity, our diocese has a CCHD grant funded to Justice United Seeking Transformation or J.U.S.T. Pensacola. J.U.S.T. Pensacola is a group of 20 faith congregations (3 of them Catholic) who will be working on Social Justice issues in the Pensacola area. Pensacola and the greater Escambia County area is one of the poorest areas in our state, and many of our neighbors are in need of help. One of the initial areas of concern identified by this organization is the poor condition of the public education system. Almost half of all public schools in the Pensacola area receive a grade of C or worse. Another concern is in the area of criminal justice. Crime, especially violent crime, is on the rise in Pensacola and many of our neighborhoods are unsafe. J.U.S.T. Pensacola members will address these two areas by reaching out to other organizations in cities who have had similar concerns and who have been able to improve. The organization will also work closely with school and city/county officials to fix our education and criminal justice concerns.

Your support for this collection makes a difference for people living in poverty across the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can help CCHD this year. For more information about the collection and the people it supports, visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Thank you for joining us to work for our brothers and sisters on the margins.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William A. Wack, CSC
Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee
Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 17
8:30am The People of St. Elisabeth on behalf of STM
10:00am † John Palumbo Jr. by Charles & Marie Cox
11:45am † Ernest Berger by Marietta & Ed Schroeder
6:00pm For the people of Saint Thomas More

Monday, November 18
7:00am Kevin Patrick by A Friend
5:15pm † Birdie O’Sullivan by R. Wakeman

Tuesday, November 19
7:00am Megan Regan by A Friend
5:15pm Carol Rose by A Friend

Wednesday, November 20
7:00am The Trinh Family by Vu, Thu & Mimi Trinh
5:15pm Mark Strickland

Thursday, November 21
7:00am Richard Graham by CCW
5:15pm † Mr. Christian Pelerin by Elizabeth Robinson

Friday, November 22
7:00am † Henry Eggers by A Friend
5:15pm † Jerry Mulrian by A Friend

Saturday, November 23
8:00am † Irene Foster by A Friend
5:15pm † Delores Zelinski by the Doherty Family

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Assistance for Victims of Sexual Abuse

Our Diocese has established Victim Assistance Coordinators to help anyone who has been abused by church personnel. Victims should call Dr. James Gagnon at 877-0205. To report a case, call the 24-Hour Child Abuse Hotline at 800-962-2873.