Fr. John's Corner

The atmospherics of Christmas are wonderful, but they will soon pass. The songs will cease, the tree will come down, the torn gift wrapping will finally be cleared and the lights will be stripped from the house. But, the impression of Christmas, I hope, will have made an impression upon your soul. It’s this that can last, until, once again, we come around next year to celebrate the Incarnation. God will always provide for our needs. We don’t have to wait until Christmas to be given the gifts we truly desire. Maybe this season has stretched our generous abilities.

Along with the office staff of St. Thomas More, Frs. Tim and Mark, and Deacon Andy, I wish you a very sincere and joyous Christmas season. And as we enter into the new year, it’s my prayer that God will give you the grace necessary to carry the crosses and celebrate the victories that will come your way.

Thank you very much for the gift of your presence here at St. Thomas More. All the best,

Merry Christmas!

This Week:

**MONDAY 12/30**
7am Daily Mass

**TUESDAY 12/31**
5pm Vigil Mass
Office Closed

**WEDNESDAY 1/1**
MARY MOTHER OF GOD
10am Mass
Office Closed

**THURSDAY 1/2**
7am Daily Mass

**FRIDAY 1/3**
7am Daily Mass
11am Staff Prayer, Chapel

**SATURDAY 1/4**
Holy Hour after 8am Mass
9am Council of Catholic Women CR#7

**SUNDAY 1/5**
11am Fellowship Sunday, O’Brien Hall, Coffee & Donuts

Please see page 4 for more
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. Thank you, and may the peace of God be with you.

To help fulfill our mission, recently SVdP served 313 meals at the Kearney Center, a facility for the homeless, and made up 62 bags of non-perishable food and toiletries for our neighbors at Casa Calderon.

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

Open Door Women’s Clinic
Baby Bottle Drive

It’s January…. and that means Baby Bottle month for Open Door Women’s Clinic (ODWC). Every year the Council of Catholic Women works to support ODWC through monetary and baby item donations. There will be a basket of bottles at each church entrance beginning next weekend. Please take one home with you and consider how your family is able to assist pregnant women and their unborn infants. Bottles will be collected on January 26-27, along with diapers, wipes, granola bars, juice boxes, etc.

Altar Flowers

Thank you to all those who donated Altar flowers in honor of your loved ones.

MASS SCHEDULE
MONDAY-FRIDAY: 7:00AM, 5:15PM
SATURDAY: 8:00AM, 5:15PM VIGIL
SUNDAY: 8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:45AM, 6:00PM

CONFESSION
SATURDAY (IN THE CHAPEL) FROM
12:00PM - 1:00PM AND
4:00PM - 5:00PM OR BY
APPOINTMENT.

OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY-FRIDAY: 9:00AM - 5:00PM
OFFICE PHONE (850) 222-9630
RECTORY (EMERGENCIES ONLY)
(850) 224-4887

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May the love and peace of Christ be with you and your family this Christmas Season.

- The Staff and Students of CSU
Christmas Offering

The Christmas Collection is important in helping us meet many of our year-end obligations. Please bring the Christmas envelope mailed to your home or find these special envelopes inside the pews. May God bless you & your family this Christmas season!

2019 Catholic Sharing Appeal

Your support of the annual Catholic Sharing Appeal is critical to the mission of our parish and our diocese.

To date, 254 parishioners have given $110,818 toward our parish goal of $110,000.

Please don’t forget to make your gift today! You may go to our website, cocathedral.com, for more information and to make your 2019 pledge & payment. Thank you.

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 our 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.

Religious Education

NO R.E. classes Dec. 29, and Jan 5 for Christmas break. Classes resume on Jan. 12, 2020

NO Children's Liturgy of the Word Sunday 12/29. Resume on 01/05/2020.

Lighthouse CD of the Week

Purgatory: Our Forgotten Family

What is Purgatory? Does it exist? Does it matter? As professor and speaker Dr. Mark Miravalle explains, not only is the doctrine of Purgatory true, and deeply rooted in Sacred Scripture and Tradition, but the practice of offering prayers and sacrifices for the souls of the dead is a critically important responsibility for every member of the Body of Christ—the family of the Church. Our Lighthouse CD display is located by the parking lot entrance. $3/CD.

Formed

1. Go to: Formed.org
2. Enter code: PXFZ3Q (All Caps, Please!)
3. Create your own account
4. Enjoy!
Trinity Catholic School

Save the date: January 26th from 1:15-3pm.

Trinity Catholic School will be having an Open House. Come to learn more about our exceptional academics and extracurriculars. Visit our Christ- centered classrooms and meet our dedicated teachers.

Trinity Catholic School has been approved for the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program. Contact Valerie Nadeau, Admissions and Public Relations Specialist at nadeauv@trinityknights.org for a personal tour. See how we foster strong academic, social and emotional development in our students.

St. John Paul II Catholic High School

Do you have a middle schooler? Please take note of these important dates!

Jan. 9 @ 6:30PM ~ Middle School Parent Info Night at Table 23.
Please join us for hors d'oeuvres and cocktail hour while hearing about our school and mingling with our Faculty.

Jan. 22 @ 6PM in room 308 of the Parish Hall at Good Shepherd Informational night for homeschoolers. Fr. Tom Dillon and our College Advisor, Mrs. Sara Bayliss will be speaking about the benefits of joining our St. John Paul II Catholic High School family.

Feb. 1 @ 1-3PM Open House ~ SJPIICHS Open House.
Please visit our beautiful campus, learn about course offerings, college advising program, athletics and more, and meet our Faculty and Administration.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
We wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our parishioners, their families, and those who are visiting our parish this weekend.

The new 2020 calendars, have arrived!
Stop by and pick up a complimentary copy or two by the all of the exits.
45th Annual

Red Mass of the Holy Spirit

The Catholic Bishops of Florida Invoking the Holy spirit for Guidance Upon the Executive, Legislative & Judicial Branches of Government & Members of the Legal Profession in the State of Florida

January 29, 2020 at 6 PM

The Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More

Tallahassee, Florida
Mass Intentions

**Sunday, December 29**
8:30am Phil & Reing Alexander
10:00am Trinh Family by Vu, Thu & Mimi Trinh
11:45am For the people of Saint Thomas More
6:00pm The Grant Family by Open Door Womens Clinic

**Monday, December 30**
7:00am † Jerry Mulrain by A Friend

**Tuesday, December 31**
7:00am Stephen Andrews by A Friend
5:00pm For the people of Saint Thomas More

**Wednesday, January 1**
10:00am † Constantine Mangos by Jessica Souva

**Thursday, January 2**
7:00am † Irene Foster by A Friend

**Friday, January 3**
7:00am † James Waechter by A Friend

**Saturday, January 4**
8:00am † Jerry Gerardi by Marietta and Ed Schroeder
5:15pm Chief Warrent Office Colin Hightower by Amanda Clements

**Sunday, January 5**
8:30am For the people of Saint Thomas More
10:00am Trinh Family by Vu, Thu & Mimi Trinh
11:45am † Jerry Gerardi by Marietta and Ed Schroeder
6:00pm Family Blessings by Virginia King

**Monday, January 6**
7:00am Daniel Ottinger by CCW
5:15pm † Francisco Valencia by Jerry Magnan

**Tuesday, January 7**
7:00am Henry Eggers by A Friend
5:15pm † Emile Baudoin d’Ajoux by Franciose Baudoin d’Ajoux

**Wednesday, January 8**
7:00am Kathy Grobe by Tim Grobe
5:15pm † Timothy House by Casa Calderon Residents

**Thursday, January 9**
7:00am Ann Ford Tyson by Kathy and Tim Grobe
5:15pm † Karen Ching by CSU

**Friday, January 10**
7:00am Chuck and Candace Bunker by Kathy and Tim Grobe
5:15pm Colleen Strott & Family by Kathy and Tim Grobe

**Saturday, January 11**
8:00am Kelly King & Family by Kathy and Tim Grobe
5:15pm † Antoine Spacagna by Holly Thomas

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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.