

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*Lord, every nation on earth  
will adore you.*

—Psalm 72—



**January 2, 2022**

## **Saint Thomas More Parish**

**Rev. Father Nicholas Schumm, Pastor**  
**Rev. Father Eugene Casserly, Visiting Priest**  
**Michele Kenaga, Parish Secretary/Faith Formation**  
**James White, Maintenance**

### **Finance Council**

Jim Mathis, *chairperson*  
Anne Bode  
Joe Buehler  
Mort O'Sullivan

### **Parish Pastoral Council**

Bill Janis, *chairperson*  
Heidi Nees, *secretary*  
Kathy Decker  
Patrick Kinnell  
Karen Manning  
Chris Moore  
Raquel Moore  
Carl Smith  
Delia Stierwalt  
Katherine Witt  
Michael Witt

### **Other Parish Groups and Ministries**

Sacred Liturgy - Father Nicholas Schumm  
Ushers - Charlie Dickin  
Religious Education - Michele Kenaga  
Faith Formation - Michele Kenaga  
Youth Group - Sarah Manning  
RCIA - Father Nicholas Schumm  
Ladies Altar Society, CCW - Heidi Nees  
Knights of Columbus - Al Sharlow  
Bereavement - Michele Kenaga  
Outreach - Lynn VanNatter  
Burse Club - Joyce Edgar  
Book Club - Mary Williams

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1st—4:00 PM  
**ALICE MAINES †**  
Req. by: Shelley Pino

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 2nd**

8:00 AM—**PRO POPULO**  
**(FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH)**

10:00 AM - **KATHLEEN KENAGA †**  
Req. by: Michele Kenaga

7:00 PM – **HELEN GEORGES †**  
Req. by: Ladies Altar Society, CCW

MONDAY — JANUARY 3rd – 7:00 AM  
**ANN (NINA) ROSASCO †**  
Req. by: Angela Maria & Mary Rosasco

TUESDAY — JANUARY 4th - 7:00 AM  
**BETTY JO TANNER †**  
Req. by: Ladies Altar Society, CCW

TUESDAY—JANUARY 4th - 6:00 PM  
TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS  
**JAMES MICHAEL TOBIN †**  
**(Retired USN CDR)**  
Req. by: Jacqueline McCabe

WEDNESDAY—JANUARY 5th - 7:00 AM  
**CATHERINE VOISINET †**  
Req. by: Mark and Laura Hershberger

THURSDAY—JANUARY 6th - 7:00 AM  
**FATHER EUGENE CASSERLY (living)**  
Req. by: Paula Reilly

FRIDAY—JANUARY 7th - 7:00 AM  
**ANNA PHAM †**  
Req. by: Anthony Nguyen

SATURDAY—JANUARY 8th - 4:00 PM  
**TERRY TESCHEL †**  
Req. by: Ruth Carpinella

### **EMERGENCY PHONE LINE**



Attention to all parishioners of Saint Thomas More!  
Our priests have a new phone line for Sacramental  
emergencies only. Please leave a detailed voicemail  
message at (850) 266-5996.

## CONFIRMATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Please contact the Parish Office to register if your child is seeking Confirmation in 2022. According to diocesan policy, you must be in 9th grade or 15 years of age the year you receive Confirmation. The sessions are on the following dates and are mandatory for all students. Confirmation is scheduled for Saturday, March 19th at 10:00 AM.

<b>Session 1:</b>	Saturday, January 15 from 9:00 - 11:00 AM
<b>Session 2:</b>	Saturday, February 5 from 9:00 - 11:00 AM
<b>Session 3:</b>	Saturday, March 5 from 9:00 - 11:00 AM
<b>Retreat &amp; Rehearsal:</b>	Wednesday, March 16th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM
<b>Confirmation Mass :</b>	Saturday, March 19th at 10:00 AM. Arrive in the Hall by 9:00 AM.



### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

The next RCIA meeting will be  
**Wednesday, January 5th, at 6:00 PM**

### 1st-8th GRADE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

January 2022 classes will meet **January 9, 16, 23, and 30.**

### GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE TIMELINE



**The Thursday at 1:00 PM class  
will resume on Thursday, January 6th.**

**The Sunday at 5:00 PM class  
will resume on Sunday, January 9th.**

If you are using a folder with the readings and questions, you can get Lesson 11-23 pages at the first class, come by the office, or contact the parish office by phone or email.

**The reading for Lesson 11 is the book of 1 Samuel.**

### WHAT IS THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD?

The Epiphany of Our Lord is celebrated on January 6th, but transferred to Sunday falling between January 2-8.

**The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek *epiphainen*, a verb that means "to shine upon," "to manifest," or "to make known."**

So, the feast of Epiphany celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world, mainly the three events that manifested His mission and divinity:

- The visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12)
- The Baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11)
- The miracle at Cana (John 2:1-11)

The visit of the Magi is emphasized on Epiphany Day, and the Baptism of Jesus is celebrated the following Sunday.



*(from Catholic News Agency online)*

### **SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON 1774-1821**



Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton was the first saint to be born in what would become the United States of America.

At age 29, she was a widow with 5 children.

By age 30, she converted to Catholicism.

She started the nation's first Catholic girls' school and also founded the first American congregation of religious sisters, the Sisters of Charity.

She is the patron saint of Catholic Schools.

**She is also one of the co-patron saints of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee, along with Saint Michael the Archangel and Saint Thomas More.**

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*In a house that was very small, but with ample space for charity, she sowed a seed in America which by Divine Grace grew into a large tree.*

Pope Saint John XXIII at the beatification of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton on March 17, 1963.

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*Elizabeth Ann Seton was wholly American! Rejoice for your glorious daughter. Be proud of her. And know how to preserve her fruitful heritage.*

Pope Saint Paul VI, at the canonization of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton on September 14, 1975

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*"The gate of heaven is very low; only the humble can enter it."*

—Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton—  
Feast Day, January 4th

**SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON, PRAY FOR US!**

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;  
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;  
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4,  
9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-30; Acts 10:34-38  
or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Epiphany of the Lord;  
National Migration Week

Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Wednesday: St. John Neumann

Thursday: St. André Bessette

Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;  
First Friday;  
Julian Calendar Christmas

*God has created me to do Him some definite service;  
He has committed some work to me  
which He has not committed to another.  
I have my mission.*

—Saint John Neumann—  
Feast Day, January 5th

### Please, pray for our sick parishioners:

Gavin Andrews	Regina Kaufman
Richard Beecher	Genny Manwaring
Rusty Bizzell	Nelson Ortiz
Needa Brazwell	Dan Owczarczak
Rusty Budde	Damion Rampersaud
Anna Christco	Babe Rohan
Dot Davis	Mary Teschel
Joyce DeVore	Tony Tschirgi
Beth Gutermuth	Theresa Westcott
Richard Hahner	Jinann Wey



Please contact the Parish Office at 850-456-2543 to add a parishioner to the list.

**If someone needs the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office at 850-456-2543. If there is no answer, leave a message with name and phone number and the priest will call you back.**

*It is with the smallest brushes  
that the Artist paints the best paintings.*

—Saint André Bessette—  
Feast Day, January 6th

### RESPECT LIFE

#### INTERCESSION PRAYER GROUP

This group meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 5:30 - 7:00 PM in the church to specifically pray for Respect Life. Please join us for praise, prayer, and Adoration. Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, January 27th.**



### RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

The Universal Norm of the Roman Catholic Church is to receive the Eucharist (Holy Communion) on the tongue. In the United States, we are also allowed to receive in the hand. Regardless of whether we receive on the tongue or in the hand, the Eucharist should always be received with reverence and respect.

**\*\*We should only receive the Eucharist if we are baptized Catholic Christians in a state of grace.**

**\*\*We should fast for a minimum of one hour before we receive the Holy Eucharist.**

**\*\*We should consume (eat) the Body of Christ (the Sacred Host) immediately after receiving, and not walk away with Him in our hands to be consumed later or given away to someone else.**

The Eucharist is Jesus entirely - His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. In the Eucharist, we receive God the Son; the Word made flesh; the King of the Universe; our Savior and Redeemer. The Eucharist is the most important sacrament we can receive, and Jesus gives Himself to us in this way at every Mass, so it is important for us to keep this in mind when we come forward for Holy Communion.

# SAINT THOMAS MORE PARISH NEWS & NOTEWORTHY ITEMS

## Parish Events:

**Parish Pastoral Council** - The next meeting will be on **Thursday, January 13th**, in the Parish Hall. Dinner will be provided at 5:45 PM; the meeting will begin at 6:00 PM.

**Ladies Altar Society, CCW**— The next Ladies Altar Society meeting will be on **Sunday, January 9th** after the 8:00 AM Mass in the Parish Hall. All women of the parish are invited to join and attend Ladies Altar Society. For more information, please call Heidi Nees (850) 384-6742.

**Knights of Columbus Father Keating Council #15836** - The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 11th** at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall. For more information about the Knights of Columbus, please call Albert Sharlow at (850) 525-2799 or Asharlowjr@gmail.com.

**Weekly Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal** will be said here at Saint Thomas More Parish at 7:30 AM on **Wednesday mornings** following the 7:00 AM Daily Mass

### **Traditional Latin Masses:**

**Every Tuesday at 6:00 PM (Low Mass)**

**Every First and Third Sunday at 8:00 AM (Sung Mass)**

**Book Club** - The next book club meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 4th** at 9:30 AM. The book is *Crossing to Safety* by Wallace Stegner. All are welcome!

**Every Friday**, Eucharistic Adoration follows the 7:00 AM Mass, Benediction at 8:00 AM.

**First Saturday**, The Holy Rosary will be recited at 3:30 PM in the church in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and her request at Fatima in 1917.

**Parish Breakfasts** - These families or groups of the parish volunteer to bring treats to share in the Parish Hall after the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses on the following Sundays:

1st Sunday of the Month:	Knights of Columbus
2nd Sunday of the Month:	Ladies Altar Society
3rd Sunday of the Month:	Ensley Family (8am) Salamida Family (10am)
4th Sunday of the Month:	Wyatt Family (8am) Church Family (10am)
5th Sunday of the Month:	Parish Council

## MASS SCHEDULE

### **Daily Mass**

Monday through Friday at 7:00 AM

### **Saturday**

Confessions at 3:00 PM

Mass at 4:00 PM

### **Sunday**

Mass at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 7:00 PM

### **Traditional Latin Mass**

Every Tuesday at 6:00 PM (Low Mass)

First and Third Sunday of every month at 8:00 AM  
(Sung Mass)

## 2022 CALENDARS

The 2022 Calendars are in the Narthex.  
Please take one home with you!

## SAINT THOMAS MORE ACTIVE PARISHIONER GUIDELINES

### **To be considered an active parishioner:**

1. Fill out and turn in a Parish Registration Form.
2. Attend Mass regularly as able
3. Give a **traceable** offertory to Saint Thomas More.
4. Give something **traceable** to the Annual Catholic Sharing Appeal.

### **Benefits of doing these things:**

- \* You are prayed for daily and remembered in the Masses offered for parishioners.
- \* Discount on rental of Parish Hall.
- \* School subsidy.
- \* Hold weddings and funerals at the Parish.

If you have not confirmed your contact information with the Parish Office to accurately maintain our parish directory, please do so as soon as possible, especially if you are not receiving mail from the parish or diocese. The office number is (850)456-2543 and email is: [office@stm.ptdiocese.org](mailto:office@stm.ptdiocese.org)

## VICTIM'S ASSISTANCE

The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is committed to healing the hurting hearts of sexual abuse survivors and has established Victim's Assistance Coordinators who are available to help persons who have been sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or other church personnel. The Coordinator for Pensacola is Dr. Louis Makarowski, PhD, PA, 850-477-7181.

## *Welcome!*

For everyone new to or visiting here at Saint Thomas More Parish, we welcome you and encourage you to consider making Saint Thomas More your Parish home.

To register, please fill out a form (in the narthex) and place it in the offertory, or bring it to the office at 11 Broadmoor Lane.