



Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More

AND CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER DIOCESE OF PENSACOLA-TALLAHASSEE
We exist to reflect Jesus Christ, to worship Him, and to proclaim His good news to all.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT AND THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY
AND JOSEPH

SUNDAY DECEMBER 24 AND SUNDAY DECEMBER 31, 2017

"LORD, WHEN YOUR GLORY APPEARS,
MY JOY WILL BE FULL." -PSALM 17



What's Happening This Weekend:

Merry Christmas

The Clergy and staff of The Co-Cathedral of Saint Thomas More wish you a blessed Christmas season!

Coming in January; Fellowship Sunday Every Week!

Join us for Fellowship Sunday each week after the 10am Mass beginning in January 2018. Please come to O'Brien Hall to enjoy some time visiting with fellow parishioners along with a donut, coffee and juice. Stay tuned on how to volunteer to help.

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

RECTORY (EMERGENCIES ONLY)

(850) 224-4887

WIFI NETWORK: STM Guest

WIFI PASSWORD: stm1967!

Attention High School Teens!

Life Teen: There is no Life Teen this Sunday due to Christmas Break. Life Teen will resume on January 7th at 5:00 pm in the Parish Hall at Blessed Sacrament.



Small Groups: There is no Small Groups this week due to Christmas Break. Small Groups will resume on January 4th at 7:00 pm in the Miccosukee Room at Blessed Sacrament.

Attention Middle School Teens!

Edge: There is no Edge this week due to Christmas Break. Edge will resume on January 5th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall at Blessed Sacrament.

*Advent and Christmas Schedule***Weekday Mass Schedule**

One Daily Mass Only at 7 AM
Mon, 12/18-Fri, 1/5/18

Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24th
Children's Mass: 6:00pm
Midnight Mass: 11:30pm
Monday, December 25th
Christmas Day Only: 10am

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Monday, January 1st:
9AM

God is Calling You to a Deeper Relationship with Him

Join us for our next Bible Study – *The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy*. St. Thomas More will begin *The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy* on Monday, January 8, 2018. For more information or to register for the study visit the parish website.

Cover art: Adoration of the Shepherds
Painting by Peter Paul Rubens, 1608

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Conference Report-November 2017 - Monetary gifts of \$839 received from parishioners. Three Vincentians assisted five low-income households with rent, utilities or food totaling \$1,826. Eight Vincetians assisted 48 low-income residents of Casa Calderon with food bags totaling \$472. Eight Vincentians served dinner to 337 homeless at Kearney Center. 13 Vincentians helped collect donations after 2nd Sunday Masses. Three Vincentians helped coordinate the Parish Advent food donations from our parishioners for Catholic Charities. There are 39 Vincentians who volunteer their time to assist the poor, some helping once every two months. Additional volunteers are always welcome. Contact us at svdptally@gmail.com for more information.



Consider volunteering to go on home visits. We need loving hearts and willing hands to go two-by-two to visit our neighbors in need. To volunteer, text Laurie Herring, 850-567-2609.

Conference meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month at 6pm, STM Parish Center. www.svdptally.org | svdptally@gmail.com

The Parish Office will be closed the week of December 25th— December 29th.

Nursery

A nursery is available during most 10am Masses for families of children, newborn through three-years-old. It is located on the first floor of the parish hall. There is no fee or service requirement to participate in this ministry. Volunteers will be available to play and care for your little ones on Sunday, December 24 for the 10am Mass. We will also be open for the 10am Sunday December 31st.

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](tel:800-962-2873).

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**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!

DECEMBER 2017 Dates: 12/11 – 12/17

Weekly Need: \$ 20,000

Weekly Giving: \$ 19,355

Year-to-Date Need: \$855,000

Year-to-Date Giving: \$898,290

For more information about making a Tithe commitment and giving online, visit our website, www.cocathedral.com, and go to the "Donations" page.

2017 CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL UPDATE

Please fulfill your pledge to support Bishop Bill & the ministries of our Diocese! We're almost there!

of Pledges - 250

\$ Amount Pledged - \$105,000

\$ Amount Received - \$100,549

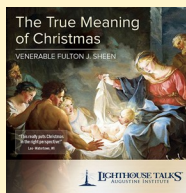
* All money donated over our goal will be returned to the parish savings account.

Religious Education

NO R.E. classes on Sunday, Dec. 24 and 31 for the Christmas Break. Classes resume on January 7, 2018. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Travel Safely!

Lighthouse CD of the week**The True Meaning of Christmas**

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen's books, tapes, homilies, retreats, and television series have inspired countless souls all over the world.



This digitally-mastered presentation combines classic recordings of his timeless reflections on the meaning of the Incarnation of Jesus, mixed with Gregorian Chant and seasonal music. It is sure to become a family favorite!

We pray for all our beloved dead and for those in our parish who are ill. Please email any prayer requests for those who are deceased or ill to:
media@cocathedral.com.



*The Catholic Student
Union*

Find more information on our Facebook page:
Catholic Student Union at FSU, TCC, & FAMU

*This Week at Our Parish***Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve**

8:30AM Mass

10:00 Mass

11:45 Mass

6:00pm Children's Mass

11:30pm Midnight Mass

Monday, December 25, Christmas Day

10:00AM Christmas Mass

Tuesday, December 26**Wednesday, December 27****Thursday, December 28****Friday, December 29****Saturday, December 30**

5:15PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 31**Monday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God**

9:00AM Mass - One Mass Only

Tuesday, January 2**Wednesday, January 3****Thursday, January 4****Friday, January 5****Saturday, January 6**

Answers from the YOUCAT

For the next few weeks we will be exploring the Catholic Catechism through the YOUCAT, why it is relevant and important for our lives today, especially our lives of faith.

13. Can the Church err in questions of faith?

The faithful as a whole cannot err in faith, because Jesus promised his disciples that he would send them the Spirit of truth and keep them in the truth (Jn 14:17). [80-82, 85-87, 92, 100]

Just as the disciples believed Jesus with their whole heart, a Christian can rely completely on the Church when he asks about the way to life. Since Jesus Christ himself gave his apostles the commission to teach, the Church has a teaching authority (the →MAGISTERIUM) and must not remain silent. Although individual members of the Church can err and even make serious mistakes, the Church as a whole can never fall away from God's truth. The Church carries through the ages a living truth that is greater than herself. We speak about a depositum fidei, a deposit of faith that is to be preserved. If such a truth is publicly disputed or distorted, the Church is called upon to clarify again "what has always and everywhere been believed by all" (St. Vincent of Lerins, d. 450).

✝ *For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you. . . - 1 Cor 11:23*

“ Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture, then, are bound closely together and communicate one with the other. For both of them, flowing out from the same divine well-spring, come together in some fashion to form one thing and move toward the same goal.
Second Vatican Council, DV

MAGISTERIUM

(from Latin magister = teacher): term for the mandate of the Catholic Church to present the faith, to interpret it with the aid of the Holy Spirit, and to protect it from

Miller, M. J., & Benedict, . (2011). *Youcat English: Youth catechism of the Catholic Church*. San Francisco, Ca. Ignatius Press.

Community Events

Trinity Catholic School



Employment Opportunities at Trinity Catholic School:

Custodian: Applicants must be able to perform essential maintenance and cleaning of the school and church. Two years cleaning experience required.

Substitute Teachers: We are currently accepting applications for substitute teachers in Pre-K, Kindergarten, and Grades 1-8.

Requirements for positions may be found at www.trinityknights.org/employment. For more information, please call 850-222-0444.

Trinity Catholic School Open House – Jan. 28, 2018

Save the Date! Join us for Mass at 12:15 PM, with a presentation and tours to follow. Come visit us! Learn how we've been educating and developing students into Disciples of Christ for 65 years.

St. John Paul II Catholic High School



Now Hiring: Director of Enrollment

This position will plan and implement a multi-faceted program to market Saint John Paul II Catholic High School to prospective students, their families, and the public; act as an advocate for prospective students and their families and help them to apply for and secure funding for tuition. Must hold a bachelor's degree, and experience in marketing, communications, or admissions preferred, Please send resume and cover letter to the search committee at gmonroe@jpiichs.org.

Frassati

Women's and Men's Groups meet on Tuesdays at 7 pm at the Co-Cathedral in the Lewis Conference Room



Save the date!

Good Shepherd Catholic Church and Temple Israel-Reform are joining forces at Temple Israel-Reform on Jan. 13, at 12:30 pm to present a Faith Symposium on Human Trafficking. please register at: <https://2018-humantrafficking-symposium.eventbrite.com>

Latin Mass

A traditional Latin Low (i.e., spoken) Mass is celebrated every Wednesday at St. Louis Church, at 7:00pm. For more info, check them out online at www.unavocetally.com

Please make all requests for Bulletin and Announcements two weeks before the event. Article inclusion subject to availability.

THE PROPHETS

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A Ten-Part Bible Study Featuring **Thomas Smith**

Date, Time, Location

Cost/Registration

For More Information

If we consider that God is the Divine Bridegroom and the Church is his Bride, then the prophets can be seen as "spiritual marriage counselors." They afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted, calling us to return to our covenant relationship with God.

They urge us to repentance, warn us of the dangers of sin, and announce the blessings of faithfulness. Their prophetic words speak to us even today, as they draw us closer to our heavenly Bridegroom.

"I love this study! ... Now we know where they were when they said it, why they said it. Thomas was so clear. He illuminated it so well that it was easy to understand."

—Celesta Duscheno

Visit BibleStudyForCatholics.com to learn more!

*Mass Intentions***Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve**

8:30am †Jack & Phyllis Bowen by the Bowen Children
 10:00am †John Corbin by Gabriella and Lucas Corbin
 11:45am The Deceased of the Knight and Upshall Families
 by Jim Gagnon

6:00pm

12:00am Abigail McMillain by Abuelo & Abulea

Monday, December 25, The Nativity Of The Lord

10:00am Deceased members of the Downing and Gagnon
 Families by Jim Gagnon

Tuesday, December 26

7:00am Deceased members of the Carpenter & King
 Families by Jim Gagnon

Wednesday December 27

7:00am †Angel Smith by George and Adrienne Harmon

Thursday December 28 The Holy Innocents

7:00am †Ray and Laura Clark by the Clark Family

Friday December 29

7:00am Clifford & Margaret Zuschlog by the Clark Family

Saturday December 30

7:00am SVdP Intentions

5:15pm For the people of Saint Thomas More

Sunday December 31

8:30am †Jack & Phyllis Bowen by the Bowen Children
 10:00am †John Corbin by Gabriella and Lucas Corbin
 11:45am †Bebakonda Bakoe "Victor" by Virginia King
 6pm

Monday, January 1

10:00am Christopher Baumler by the Muir Family

Tuesday, January 2

7:00am Jane Woodyard by Diane Perez

Wednesday, January 3

7:00am Communion Service

Thursday, January 4

7:00am Katy McNichols by Pattie Malarney

Friday, January 5

7:00am Mike and Peggy Clark by the Clark Family

Saturday January 6

8:00am

5:15pm The Strickland Family

We pray for our military men and women serving overseas. Please provide the names of military service members so that they and their families can be remembered at Mass and in the prayers of our parishioners. Call the office at (850) 222-9630 to have a name added to or removed from this list.

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

James Cowdrey, Christopher Brian Jones, Joseph Legros, Matthew Pickles Chase Murray, Paul Rolston, Joseph Westberry and Steven Vuis

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Registration Information

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: All Catholics who regularly worship at St. Thomas More should be registered as parishioners.

REGISTRATION: All parishioners are asked to return a completed registration form to the parish office and make identifiable contributions either through offertory envelopes or by personal checks.

MATRIMONY: Arrangements should be made with a priest at least six months in advance. Important guidelines for marriage at St. Thomas More Co-Cathedral can be found at our website: www.cocathedral.com or by calling the office.

BAPTISM: Parents must be registered members of our parish and attend Baptism Preparation Classes. To register and obtain further information, contact the church office.

TITHING: Our parish encourages parishioners to thank God for their material blessings by returning a percentage of their income to Him through charitable donations. God in return richly blesses those who tithe. The recommended distribution of tithing is half to the parish and half to other charities, including the Bishop's Catholic Sharing Appeal and second collections. A household can begin tithing by returning 2% of their income to God, and increasing it to 10% over a period of years as household finances allow. Please make parish donations by writing checks to St. Thomas More. To give on-line, go to www.securegive.com.

PRIEST OR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER VISITATION: Those needing to have a priest or extraordinary minister visit them at home, hospital or prison, call the parish office.