



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.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
SUNDAY JANUARY 7, 2018

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



What's Happening This Weekend:

Fellowship Sunday is now being provided every Sunday after the 10am Mass! Coffee, donuts, and juice will be served. Bring a friend; bring the kids and take a few minutes to connect with fellow parishioners after Mass in O'Brien Hall. We need volunteers to take a turn in assisting one Sunday each quarter. Please contact Sue Steverson (322-6479) or Almira Malley (320-3837) to get more information on how you can 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: This Sunday, Jan. 7th, Life Teen will be kicking off the New Year by focusing on what kind of people we can become over the next year rather than what we can give up. Life Teen is held every Sunday at Blessed Sacrament in the parish hall at 5:00 pm with a meal and ends at 6:45 pm. All teens are welcome!



Small Groups: This week, Small Groups is continuing our series on Understanding and Defending the Faith. Small Groups meet from 7:00 - 8:45 pm on Thursdays in the Miccosukee Room at Blessed Sacrament.

Daddy Daughter Dance: Save the date for this year's annual Daddy Daughter Dance! The dance will take place on February 10, 2017 from 7:00 - 10:00 pm in the Parish Hall at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. Tickets will cost \$30 for a couple, \$40 for dads with two daughters, and \$50 for dads with three or more daughters. For tickets please contact Chris Ackerman at bsclifeteen@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting our youth!

Attention Middle School Teens!

Edge: This Friday, Edge will be having a Pray and Play. Edge meets in the Parish Hall at Blessed Sacrament from 7:00 - 8:30 pm on Fridays.

*Been away for a while?*

We would like to invite all who are inactive to come back home. The initial step is difficult...you belong here, and we will be happy to help.

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).

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

The monthly collection will be next weekend after all Masses.



Members of our Society of St. Vincent de Paul Parish Conference are available to make home visits to parishioners who may be lonely, sick, homebound, or have an unanticipated financial emergency. Please email us at svdptally@gmail.com with your name, phone number and a brief description of your need. We respond within 24-48 hours.

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

Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for the 43rd annual celebration of the Red Mass at the Co-Cathedral of Saint Thomas More, January 31st at 6PM.

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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**DECEMBER 2017 Dates: 12/18 - 12/31****Two-Week Need: \$ 45,000*****Two-Week Giving: \$ 51,061*****Year-to-Date Need: \$900,000****Year-to-Date Giving: \$949,351**

* Includes the Christmas Collection.

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 did it!

of Pledges - 250**\$ Amount Pledged - \$105,000****\$ Amount Received - \$106,834**

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

Religious Education

RE classes including Sacramental preparation classes resume Sunday January 7. Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break.

Lighthouse CD of the week

The son of a Protestant minister, Matthew Leonard is now an internationally known Catholic speaker, author, and the Executive Director of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology. In this presentation, Matthew discusses the nature and role of beauty in life, particularly how it sheds light on the nature of God and assists us in achieving our glorious end, which is heaven itself.

This Christmas season enjoy inspirational faith filled audio CDs from our Lighthouse display. CD display is located by the Parking lot entrance \$ 3.00/CD. We are grateful for your year round support of this evangelizing ministry.

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



*The Catholic Student
Union*

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

*This Week at Our Parish***Sunday, January 7**

8:15am First Reconciliation session #1 CR 7

8:30am Religious Ed, 1-8gr. Upstairs/SL
Classrooms

10am RCIA - Adults

10am Religious Ed Prek4 - Kg Upstairs CR# 6
and 711am Fellowship Sunday, after 10 AM Mass,
O'Brien Hall, Coffee & Donuts

11am RCIA Breakout Sessions

11:30am H.S. Confirmation Session # 7 CR 1-2

Monday, January 8

6:30PM The Prophets, Social Hall

Tuesday, January 9

6:00PM SVdP Meeting, Rm #1 & 2

7:00PM First Reconciliation Parent Session CR
#1-2**Wednesday, January 10**

7:57PM Spirit Night, Social Hall

Thursday, January 11**Friday, January 12****Saturday, January 13**

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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.

14. Is Sacred Scripture true?

“The books of Scripture firmly, faithfully, and without error teach [the] truth. . . . Written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, they have God as their author” (Second Vatican Council, DV 11). [103-107]

The →BIBLE did not fall from heaven in its final form, nor did God dictate it to human scribes who copied it down mechanically. Rather “God chose certain men who . . . made full use of their own faculties and powers so that, though he acted in them and by them, it was as true authors that they consigned to writing whatever he wanted written, and no more” (Second Vatican Council, DV 11). One factor in recognizing particular texts as Sacred Scripture was their general acceptance in the Church. In the Christian communities there had to be a consensus: “Yes, through this text God himself speaks to us—this is inspired by the Holy Spirit!” Which of the many original Christian writings are really inspired by the Holy Spirit has been defined since the fourth century in the so-called →CANON of Sacred Scriptures.

INSPIRATION

(Latin: inspiratio = inbreathing): God’s influence on the human writers of the Bible, so that he himself should be regarded as the author of the Sacred Scriptures.

15. How can Sacred Scripture be “truth” if not everything in it is right?

The →BIBLE is not meant to convey precise historical information or scientific findings to us. Moreover, the authors were children of their time. They shared the cultural ideas of the world around them and often were also dominated by its errors. Nevertheless, everything that man must know about God and the way of his salvation is found with infallible certainty in Sacred Scripture. [106-107]

CANON

(Greek: kanon = measuring rod, rule, norm): the authoritative collection of Sacred Scriptures in the Old and New Testaments of the Bible.

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

*Community Events**Frassati*

Lenten Retreat: Embracing Lent with Joy on Sat Feb. 17 from 1-4 pm at Blessed Sacrament Parish. Check Frassati Society of Tallahassee, FL for details and on-line registration. No cost!

*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

Pre-Lenten Retreat at the Neumann Center: Feb. 9 & 10

The St. John Neumann Retreat Center welcomes you to join us for Into the Barren Wasteland: A Journey with Jesus Through the Desert Trials, a 24-hour pre-Lenten retreat hosted by Fr. Tom Dillon, parochial vicar at Good Shepherd Catholic Church. The cost of \$100 includes meals and lodging. For more information, please call 850-224-2971 or visit neumanncenter.org

Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Eucharistic Adoration

On Saturday, Jan. 27, Blessed Sacrament will celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. All are invited to 5:00 p.m. Mass followed by a Candlelight Procession and a celebratory dinner. Come help celebrate this remarkable milestone!

Neumann Center Book Club

We will discuss "A Radical Faith / The Assassination of Sister Maura" by Eileen Markey on Monday, Jan. 8, at 7:30. Anyone is welcome to join. Call Jackie Hallifax, 284-2251.

Magnificat

Join us for our next Magnificat meal at Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More on Saturday January 27, 2018 from 8:45 A.M to 12:00 P.M. Candace Ochoa will be our speaker. Reservations are \$10. Call Terry at 850-321-8174 or email magnificatTallahassee@gmail.com

*Mass Intentions***Sunday, January 7, Epiphany of the Lord***Is 60:1-6 / Mt 2:1-12*8:30am Emhoff Family by *Ellen O'Hara*

10:00am For the people of Saint Thomas More

11:45am †Hume Vann by *Carmen Spirnock*

6:00pm †Laura Clark

Monday, January 8*Is 55:1-11 / Mk 1:7-11*

7:00am Carl Hollis

5:15pm

Tuesday, January 9

1 Sm 1:9-20 / Mk 1:21-28

7:00am

5:15pm † Faye Johnson by *the Johnson Family***Wednesday January 10**

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 / Mk 1:29-39

7:00am Jared Wark by *the CCW*5:15pm † Ray Clark by *the Clark Family***Thursday January 11**

1 Sm 4:1-11 / Mk 1:40-45

7:00am †David Lynn by *Gerard York*

5:15pm

Friday January 12

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a / Mk 2:1-12

7:00am †Kenneth & Joan Lynn by *Gerard York*

5:15pm

Saturday January 13

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 / Mk 2:13-17

7:00am

5:15pm †Antoinette Wensing by *Karen Wensing**Clergy & Staff***Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee:**

Most Reverend William A. Wack, CSC

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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

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