



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.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SUNDAY DECEMBER 2 2018**

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



What's Happening This Week

Children's Nativity Mass

The Children's Nativity Mass on Christmas Eve Initial meeting will take place this **Sunday, December 2nd**. The meeting will be held immediately after the 10AM Mass in the CSU Lounge. For more info, contact Jeanne O'Kon at 850-264-4903.

Holy Day of Obligation

December 8th is The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be Mass at **6pm on Friday 12/7** and **8am on Saturday 12/8**.

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 the retreat at Camp Cherry Lake. Pray for all the teens on retreat this weekend. Life Teen will resume next Sunday, Dec. 9th at 5pm in the Parish Hall at Blessed Sacrament.



Small Groups: Come out to Small Groups and grow together as we talk about faith and life in our series on Truth. Small Groups meet from 7-8:45 pm on Thursdays in the Miccosukee Room at Blessed Sacrament.

Attention Middle School Teens!

Edge: Come out to Edge this Friday and join us as we continue to talk about healthy relationships with family. Edge meets at Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from 7:- 8:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

*Advent Food Drive*

Our Parish and St. Vincent de Paul are sponsoring a food collection drive for Catholic Charities this Advent. You have four weekends during Advent to drop off your non-perishable food donations at all three doors in the blue bins inside the church.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

The Annual Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 15th, 6:15-9:00 pm in O'Brien Hall. Entertainment provided by Colleen Nixon. The Pastoral Council will provide the main entree, dessert and beverages, including beer and wine. Please sign up on the parish website to bring an appetizer or a side dish to share. RSVP by Dec. 13th.

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

As we begin Advent we are called to "wait" in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box will help the poor celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.

The monthly collection will be next weekend after all Masses.

Consider becoming an active member of the SVDP STM Conference. Come to a bi-monthly meeting to discuss volunteer opportunities like serving dinner at Kearney Center, make food bags for our neighbors at Casa Calderon and serving the needy in our community on home visits.

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

Parish Advent Penance Service

Enter the Christmas season reconciled and in peace! Advent penance service, December 13th at 7 PM in the main Church.

Altar Flowers

If you would like to donate sanctuary flowers for Christmas, as a memorial to a loved one, or in celebration of someone's birthday or anniversary, please call the office 222-9630. Suggested donation \$10.

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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

NOVEMBER 2018 Dates: 11/17 - 11/25

Weekly Need:	\$ 15,000
Weekly Giving:	\$ 20,234
Year-to-Date Need:	\$800,000
Year-to-Date Giving:	\$828,291

To give online, visit www.cocathedral.com and go to the "Donate" page.

2018 Stewardship of Treasure Update

Our annual Stewardship Renewal is in full swing!
So far, our results are:

of Commitment Cards Mailed - 900

of Commitment Cards Received - 105 (12%)

Support the mission of St. Thomas More & join your fellow parishioners in making a commitment! Please return your completed card into the Offertory basket today.

Religious Education

Religious Ed. classes resume **Sunday Dec 2**. Hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving! Parents please be sure to get your child's missed lessons completed for this semester. Last class for this semester is **December 16**.

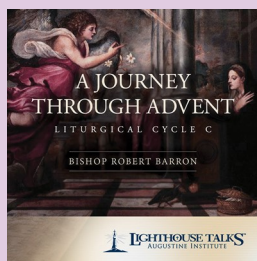
Adopt-A-Family for Christmas:

Christmas wish lists for our adopted families are posted on the R.E. bulletin board. All parishioners are invited to participate.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Lighthouse CD of the Week
**A Journey Through Advent:
Liturgical Cycle C**

Get the most out of Advent and Christmas by following along with Bishop Robert Barron's homilies as he unpacks the profound Scripture readings for Liturgical Cycle C. Start your Advent season with an inspirational faith filled audio CD from our Lighthouse display located by the Parking lot entrance. \$3.00/CD. They make great stocking stuffers too.

*The Catholic Student Union*

Interested in learning about the Catholic Student Union? Find out more info on our **Catholic Student Union at FSU, TCC, & FAMU** Facebook page, Twitter (@CatholicNoles), Instagram (@catholicnoles), and at fsucatholic.org

*This Week at Our Parish***Sunday, December 2**

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

8:30am Religious Ed Mass, Gr. 1-8

10am Confirmation - Adults

10am RCIA

10am Religious Ed Prek4 - Kg Upstairs CR# 6 and 7

11am Children's Nativity Mass meeting, CSU Student Lounge

11am Fellowship Sunday, after 10 AM Mass, O'Brien Hall, Coffee & Donuts

11:30am H.S. Confirmation Session #5

Monday, December 3

4pm CSU Adoration, Church

Tuesday, December 4

6:30pm Financial Peace University, O'Brien Hall

Wednesday, December 5

10am Amazing Parish Team Meeting, Msgr. Kerr Room

Thursday, December 6**Friday, December 7**

6pm Vigil Mass

**Saturday, December 8 - The Immaculate
Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8am Mass

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Father John's Corner

Adventus

It's Advent! "Wait a minute, I thought it was the Christmas season?" It's amazing how conditioned we are by our world and society we live in today. In this particular case, our capitalistic economy. As adults, we like to think we are more aware and more in control of how we think. More often than not, we are just like our kids; impressionable. Who can withstand the constant onslaught of commercials and music, piped out like the Pied Piper, who mesmerized and captivated the rats and people of Hamelin, Germany.

We are not bulletproof to the seduction of 50% off sales or no payments till 2019. It's easy, for some, to confuse identity with what we consume. After all, to our economy, we are "consumers". Capitalism is a monetary structure that is only good to the extent we "buy in." Sadly, we "buy-in" during a season we should be a bit more reflective. This is certainly not a "bah humbug." It's not "bad" to buy things for people we love or appreciate, but let's not get over consumed that what we purchase is an indicator of what we are about or what the season is about. Advent is a season of attentive waiting. Not waiting for the best sales, but waiting, once again, like our ancestors, for the voice of God and the presence of God to incarnate into our lives.

So, be joyful, be expectant and be vigilant to a God who will gift you this season. He's the gift, He's the reward of your pursuit of the "best buy" of this season!

Happy Advent,

Fr. John

Community Events

St. John Paul II Catholic High School

SJPII is now accepting admission applications for the 2019-2020 school year.



We offer tours and shadow dates at your convenience. Worried about tuition? We can help you to secure financial aid and scholarships. Do you have a middle schooler? It is never too early to start exploring options for high school for your child. Visit our website www.sjpiichs.org. Please contact our Director of Enrollment for information and scheduling, Jillyann McGowan (850)201.5744 jmcgowan@sjpiichs.org.

Invitation to Communion and Liberation:

School of Community (SoC) Tallahassee Mondays 6:00-7:00 pm Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More, Community Room, Give Witness of Christ's Ongoing Presence in Your Life in Relation to the Reading. Please contact Sonya Williams sonyaraebart@gmail.com or 724-674-4452 or to receive the Reading.

Employment Opportunities

The Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops is looking for a full-time communications specialist. Experience with major social media platforms and a working knowledge of graphic design software is required. Writing and proofreading experience is preferred. Contact mtaylor@flaccb.org to submit a resume or for more information.

Open Door Women's Clinic is hiring a part-time registered nurse and/or ultrasound tech. If you are interested, please send your resume and cover letter to Tracy Melin at tracy@womensct.com For additional info, please contact Tracy via email or call 850-656-9177

Celebrate Faith 2019

As we begin this season of Advent and our preparations to celebrate the birth of our Lord, don't forget to register for Celebrate Faith: Rejoicing in the Spirit held on February 9th. Register at: www.ptdiocese.org/celebratefaith2019

*Mass Intentions***Sunday, December 2**

8:30am † Jack and Phyllis Bowen *by the Bowen Children*

10:00am For the people of Saint Thomas More

11:45am † Joseph Vu Hoa *by Vu & Thu Trinh*

6:00pm The Collins Family *by Cathy Collins*

Monday, December 3

7:00am † Elizabeth Ryan and Family

5:15pm † Fernando Ruiz *by Kaylee Gutierrez*

Tuesday, December 4

7:00am † Elizabeth Ryan and Family

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Wednesday, December 5

7:00am † Elizabeth Ryan and Family

5:15pm † Joseph Vu Hoa *by Vu & Thu Trinh*

Thursday, December 6

7:00am For the clients and staff at Open Door Women's Clinic

5:15pm

Friday, December 7

7:00am Bill Woodyard *by STM Family*

6:00pm † Leonard Savary *by Evelyn Savary*

Saturday, December 8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am

5:00pm 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

Anthony Medehue, 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.