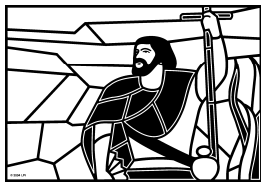


Mass Intentions  for the Week

Saturday, December 4 th , Sunday, December 5 th ,	5:00 PM 8:00 AM 10:00 AM	2 nd Anniversary – Ronald W. Anderson Pro Populo Special Intention – The DiLeonardo Family
Monday, December 6 th , Tuesday, December 7 th ,	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 5:00 PM	In Memory - Mary & Richard Buscher, Jr. Anniversary – Rita Gustafson 2 nd Anniversary – Frances Paliotti
Wednesday, December 8 th , Thursday, December 9 th ,	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM	Anniversary – Mary Sormanti Special Intention – Marybeth Holland 5 th Anniversary – Madelyn O’Hara
Friday, December 10 th , Saturday, December 11 th ,	9:00 AM 5:00 PM 8:00 AM	In Memory – Patricia Johnson Birthday Remembrance – Mary Turco In Memory – Tom & Mike Carroll
Sunday, December 12 th ,	10:00 AM	Anniversary – Arthur Vincent

St. Veronica Chapel

Saturday, December 4 th , Sunday, December 5 th ,	4:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	1 st Anniversary – Alessandria Carmela Sivo In Memory – Ralph & Edith Papa Anniversary – Ida Puleo
Wednesday, December 8 th ,	7:00 AM 7:00 PM	Special Intention Special Intention – Members of the Military
Saturday, December 11 th , Sunday, December 12 th ,	4:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Birthday Remembrance – Angelo Calore In Memory – Evelyn Degiulio Birthday Remembrance – Claire Taillon



In those days John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea (and) saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: "A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." -Mt 3:1-3

RCIA

The next class is this Tuesday, December 7th at 7:30PM.

SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting of the SDRW Support Group will be this Thursday, December 9th at 7:00PM - St. Thomas More. For more information, please call Gloria at 782-6653.



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH**

Vigil Mass (Tuesday): 5:00PM –
St. Thomas More

Holy Day: 7:00AM – St. Veronica
9:00AM - St. Thomas More
7:00PM – St. Veronica



ST. VERONICA CHOIR

The St. Veronica Choir will perform at Trio Restaurant this Friday, December 10th from 6-8PM. Come and join us!!

Please Note: A second collection was mistakenly taken last Sunday at the 10:00AM Mass – Sorry!!

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Religious Education Schedule
December

SUN. AM: DEC. 5TH & 19TH
GR. 1-4 10:05-10:55AM @ ST. V.

MON. PM: DEC. 6TH & 20TH
GR. 1-4 4:10-5:00PM @ STM

GR. 5 & 6: WED., DEC. 8TH & 15TH
4:10-5:00PM @ ST. V.

GR. 7 & 8: WED., DEC. 8TH**
7:00-8:00PM @ ST. V.

**Wed., Dec, 8th – Feast of the Immaculate Conception -
Students will attend the 7:00PM Mass at St. Veronica.

CONF. I: SUN., DEC. 5TH & 19TH
7-8:15PM – ST. V.

CONF. II: SUN., DEC. 5TH & 19TH
7-8:15PM – ST. V.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The children’s Christmas Pageant will be on Sunday, December 12th following the 10:00AM Mass & Coffee An’ at St. Thomas More. All are encouraged to attend. Children’s practice dates are: Thursday, December 9th and Friday, December 10th from 3:45-5PM.

THANK YOU!!

Advent Wreath Making – What a blessed event!! – 39 wreaths were made – many beautiful children & families preparing for the birth of Jesus. Thanks to all the “helpers” who donated evergreens, prepared the supplies & cleaned up the area: Jan, Claire, Adam, Chris, Heman, Marge, Kay Marguerite & Paulina.

COOKIE WRAP

Annual Cookie Wrap for the Homebound will take place on Thursday, December 15th, following the 9:00AM Mass. We need volunteers to bake. Please bring in cookies by 9:30AM on that day.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sun., Dec. 12th – Christmas Pageant & Coffee An’ following the 10AM Mass – St. Thomas More – All are welcome!!

Sun., Dec. 19th – Santa Claus will be at St. Veronica, Msgr. Halloran Hall following the 11AM Mass. Anyone willing to bake for this event - please call Missie Antone at 783-2113.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next Weekend, the second collection is the Annual Retirement Fund for Religious. Religious institutes must provide for their own retirement costs. Religious men and women work long past the age of 65 in compensated ministries that help to support their communities and only “retire” in the sense that compensated work ends. Please be generous to those, who devoted their lives to others.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

OUTREACH CHRISTMAS PROJECT -

Will occur on Saturday, December 11th at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 178 Dexter St. (our friend Fr. Garcia is the pastor). Primarily a painting project, we will be washing/cleaning walls, scraping, prepping and painting. We are looking for adults and teenage parishioners to volunteer. We will depart the STM parking lot at 8:45AM and return by 4:00PM. Lunch is provided. If you can help, please RSVP to stmcrowford@yahoo.com.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

There are four Regional Penance Services. There will be six priests available at each of these services to hear private confessions.

Wed., Dec. 15th - 7:00PM -Christ the King
Thur., Dec. 16th - 7:00PM - St. Veronica Chapel
Mon., Dec. 20th – 7:00PM – St. Francis of Assisi
Tue., Dec. 21st 12Noon - St. Mary Star of the Sea



DECEMBER 5, 2010

Welcome Bishop Evans! A New Altar of Sacrifice for St. Thomas More!

We are blessed to welcome for the first time our own Bishop Evans to consecrate our new Altar of Sacrifice for St. Thomas More. Many did not know that presently and for several decades, a table from the old rectory that was across the street was used for holy mass. The new altar was designed by Rattigan Schottler of Nebraska and the Onyx mensa arrived just two weeks ago from Asia that matches our beautiful tabernacle. This project has been in the making for three years now and is made possible by a family in our parish. It happens to coincide with the progress of our restoration campaign being nearly complete at St. Thomas More Church. I pray that many of you will come to share and see this rarely celebrated ritual. Imagine the last time an altar was dedicated in our mother church was decades ago and it will never happen again.

Why is the altar so central to us as Catholics? Apart from the tabernacle the altar is the most important object in the church. It symbolizes the very presence of Christ himself in the midst of the entire community: Jesus, the lamb who was sacrificed for our redemption, namely the forgiveness of our sins. (Rev. 5:6).

The altar is both an altar of sacrifice; the place of offering and also a table, where the supper of the Lord is celebrated. Therefore for Catholics the altar is Calvary and the Upper Room, the Crucifixion and the resurrection of Christ. The stone recalls the tomb was empty on Christmas morning. At this table, the priest, representing Christ the Lord accomplishes what the Lord himself did and what he handed on to his disciples in his memory.

From the time of the Apostles after the Last Supper, the followers of Jesus have celebrated the memorial of the Lord, the sacrificial meal on the Lord's Day. The sacrifice of Jesus on the cross is represented for us today on the altar of our churches. It is not a re-creation of the sacrifice or a new sacrifice; rather it is the one sacrifice of Jesus made present for us. In this way the Christians of all generations are made holy by this redemptive action of Christ in history. To understand the significance of this altar is to understand Christ and the Eucharist.

Hope to see you Sunday morning at this most historic and spiritually significant day in the life of our parish family.

Fr Taillon

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