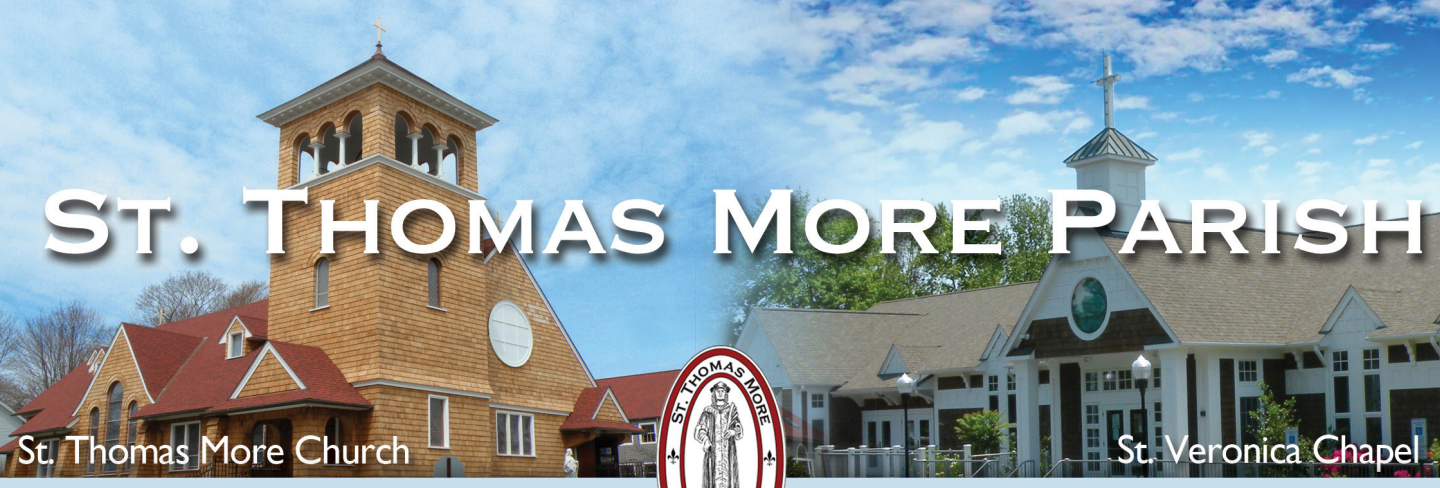

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Mass Schedule

All Masses are availble on Live Stream

St. Thomas More Church

Confessions - Saturday 4:00-4:45 PM
Vigil Mass - Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday Mass - 10:00 AM
Daily Mass - Mon.-Sat. 9:00 AM

St. Veronica Chapel

Vigil Mass - Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday Masses
9:00 AM
11:00 AM
5:00 PM

January 10, 2021 - The Baptism of the Lord

The Baptism of the Lord

January 10th

Blessed Christmas! Blessed Baptism!

What did I just read? Do these two greetings in fact go together?

This Sunday as we finish the Christmas season, we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord in the Jordan River. Here we see Christ plunge into the waters in our very place, as only sinners need baptism. How blessed we are that the scriptures record for us the voice of God the Father, who says how "pleased" He was with Jesus. Why was He pleased? Because Jesus knew his will and love for Him, and from that certainty and experience was able to cooperate in the salvation of souls desired by the Father.

This time of year we ordinarily see the Polar Plunge where many locals plunge into the ocean on New Years Day to raise money for charity. While I admire their fortitude and courage, I have not yet been called to plunge in. Yet, on the day of our baptism there was some jumping down from heaven of the Holy Spirit residing in our souls. A plunge that warms the heart and soul and takes away the cold of loneliness, death and the inability to forgive.

The day we were baptized we plunged into Christ Himself and were adopted by God the Father. It is the day we became able to share in God so intimately.

So why the Baptism of the Lord at the end of Christmas? Why not finish with his childhood ending at the finding in the temple at 12 years old? Because the Christmas season is not merely a commemoration of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, but in fact is an encounter with a mystery that is Christ. His baptism reveals Jesus taking our place as sinner in humility and He would do it fully on the cross on Good Friday.

Christmas is to be celebrated in the foreshadowing of the cross and resurrection. The Baptism of the Lord points us to Good Friday where again He took our place and our sins. Our baptism is to be lived, celebrated by imitating Christ in our daily lives by obeying and trusting the will of God, no matter the circumstances.

Blessed Christmas! Blessed Cross! Blessed Baptism!

Fr. Taillon

Let us keep in our prayers Fr. Henry who is not feeling well this week, and Fr. Jose who recently celebrated 30 years of priestly ministry.

MASS *intentions*

THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
SATURDAY, JANUARY 9th (Vigil)
4:00 PM – 1st Anniversary ~ Patricia Fogarty
5:00 PM – for the soul of Br. Leo Jones

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10th
9:00 AM – for the soul of John J. Orr
10:00 AM – 2nd Anniversary ~ Peter Millons
11:00 AM – for the souls of Frank Gesmondi, Rose Primavera, and Victor Primavera, Jr.
5:00 PM – for the soul of Mary Der Vartanian

MONDAY, JANUARY 11th
9 AM – for the soul of John T. Myers

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12th
9 AM – for the souls of Audrey & Edward Shapiro

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13th
9 AM – 1st Anniversary ~ Patrick Gleason

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14th
9 AM – for the soul of Anne Cottle

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15th
9 AM – for the soul of William Halloran

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16th
9 AM – for the soul of Silvia Laurino

Religious Education ~ January Schedule

Grades 1-4 (10:05-10:55 AM) | St. Veronica Chapel

Class on Sunday, January 10th, 24th & 31st | NO Class on January 17th

Confirmation Class for Grades 9-10 6:00-7:15 PM | St. Veronica Chapel

Class on January 10th & 24th | NO Class on January 17th & 31st

Grades1-4 (4:10-5:00 PM) | St. Thomas More

Class on January 11th & 25th | NO Class on January 18th

Grades 5-6 (5:45-6:45 PM) | St. Veronica Chapel

Class on January 12th & 26th | NO Class on January 19th

Grades 7-8 (5:45-6:45 PM) | St. Veronica Chapel

Class on January 13th & 27th | NO Class on January 20th

"Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it."

~ Mark 10:14-15

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence
Office of Life and Family Ministry
January 2021 Events

The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be visiting various parishes throughout the Diocese of Providence from Thursday, January 7 through Saturday, January 30th. To view the schedule, visit www.dioceseofprovidence.org.

St. Thomas More will host this image on

Thursday, JANUARY 28th

Set up will take place before the 9:00am Mass that day. Immediately following the Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed until 1:00pm. Benediction will take place at 1:00pm.

Additionally, the rosary will be said after mass at 9:30am (in front of the exposed Blessed Sacrament).

The Annual Respect for Life Mass will be celebrated at **9:00 a.m.** on **Saturday, January 23, 2021** in the Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul, Providence. The Most Rev. Thomas J. Tobin, Bishop of Providence, will be the main celebrant, and Rev. Stephen J. Dandeneau will be the homilist for the Mass. The Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be on the altar for veneration during Mass. Please RSVP at 401.278.2518 or lcooley@dioceseofprovidence.org.

Mask wearing, social distancing, and seating in compliance with COVID-19 Protocols.
For more information, please contact Lisa Cooley, Coordinator, Life & Family
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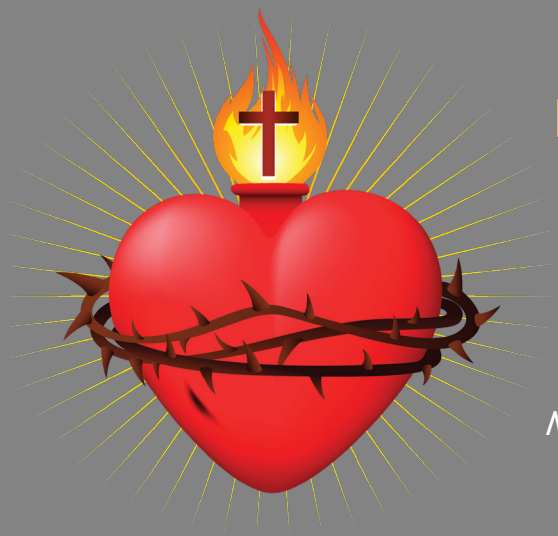
happenings around the parish

Next weekend there is a second collection for Catholic University.
All donations can be placed in the boxes at the entrances of both churches.
You can mail your donations, drop them off at the parish office or
they can be made through Faith Direct.

SAVE THE DATE!



Mardi Gras Mission

February 14th, 15th & 16th

St. Veronica Chapel

Msgr. Thomas Richter, Diocese of Bismarck

We are pleased to share with you a few music videos from our talented parishioners, The Hurwitz Family, shown here on Christmas Eve at St. Veronica Chapel.
In the words of Mary, mother and guitarist, "It was a blessed Christmas and we are so thankful for the gift of music and had great joy singing to Jesus!"

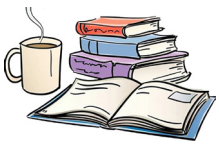
Click to view videos:

The Little Drummer Boy

In the Bleak Midwinter

The First Noelle

Silent Night



Men's Bible Study

Our parish has a very active group of men, who meet **each Saturday at 7:30AM** in a "round table" format to discuss the Sunday scripture readings. It is very informal and attended by some scholarly and some not-so-scholarly folks. It's rewarding and even some fun. Please feel free to join us - wear your mask, bring your coffee and come on over to St. Thomas More parish hall!
The sessions will be availabe by conference call for those who can't attend.
Call Bill for more info: 916-372-6139.

Rosary Repairs

In the foyer at the side entrance, you will see a new box on the wall for rosary repairs. If you have rosary beads in need of repair, please put them in an envelope provided on the side of the box with your name and contact info, and drop them inside. The box will be checked regularly and you will be contacted when your repair is complete. This is a complimentary service, provided by an annonymous parishioner.

happenings around the parish

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

RCIA INFORMATION - STARTING SOON!

Who is this for?

~ For those who have been baptized in another denomination and wish to join the Catholic faith.

~ For baptized Catholics who have not yet received First Communion or Confirmation and who wish to return to the full practice of their religion.

~ Classes will be held twice a month on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm.

~ For more information or to register, please contact Fr. Taillon at fathermtaillon@gmail.com or call the parish office at 789-7682.

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Help Wanted

Looking to hire someone to shovel sidewalks and entrances to both St. Thomas More and St. Veronica Chapel during ALL snowstorms. Must be reliable. If interested, please call the parish office at 789-7682.

Pray the Rosary

The rosay is prayed Monday thru Saturday after the 9:00am Mass at St. Thomas More. All are welcome to join.

Prayer Chain Ministry

If you know someone who would like extra prayers, please call Jean at 783-3403 to express your request. Volunteers are needed and welcome to join this important ministry.

The St. Vincent dePaul clothing bins are open! Accepting clothing and shoes. Bins located at the back of the St. Thomas More parking lot. Thank you!

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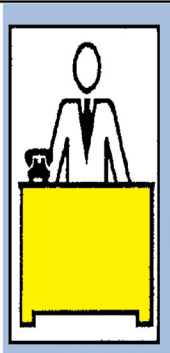

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