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MASS SCHEDULE

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

53 Rockland Street

DAILY MASS

9:00 AM - MONDAY - SATURDAY

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY - 5:00 PM

SUNDAY - 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

SATURDAY - 4:00-4:45 PM

OR BY APPOINTMENT

ST. VERONICA CHAPEL

1035 Boston Neck Rd.

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY - 4:00 PM

SUNDAY - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

All masses available on Livestream

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BEGINS FEBRUARY 4TH**

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5PM & 10AM

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4PM, 8:30AM & 11 AM

JANUARY 14, 2024 - THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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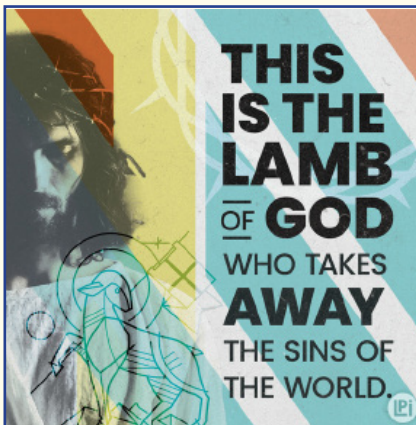
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John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus.

- Jn 1:35-37

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BEHOLD,
THE LAMB
OF GOD.

— JOHN 1:36 —





Holy strikes!

Bowling with Confirmation I & II classes on Sunday.



Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Those Who Seek the Truth

In my work as a freelance writer, I have a regular column in the archdiocesan paper writing profiles of ordinary people in the local church. Laity, religious, and clergy alike — I hound them all to give me an interview, and when I do, the answer is almost always this: “You don’t want to talk to me. There’s nothing special about me.”

I always try to convince them that there is something remarkable about everyone who is searching for the truth. It is easy to think we are not made for holiness because we are ordinary people with ordinary habits, ordinary abilities, and ordinary sins. It is easy (and very convenient) to designate holiness as something belonging to Better People. People like the saints. People like the Disciples.

The Bible gives us next to no personal information about the disciples. There is no archdiocesan newspaper profile on Andrew and Simon that can give us insight into who they were before they became St. Andrew, Inaugural Disciple and Announcer of the Messiah, and St. Peter, First Pope and the Rock-Upon-Which-Christ-Built-His-Church.

Yet I find myself insatiably curious about it. What was their childhood like? What games did they play with each other as the sun set, before their mother called them into bed? What did they think of as they fell asleep at night? What secret jokes did they share to make each other laugh? What were they afraid of? What did they hope for? Who did they want to be?

Before they were towering figures of salvation history, Simon and Andrew were just two men searching for the truth. When they looked at Christ, there was something that made it click. Perhaps they themselves could not identify what it was, but their hearts whispered it nonetheless: *There it is. We finally found it.*

Isn’t that the best we can all hope for?

“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” — John 1:38

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do we make changes in the Mass? Some seem so small and unimportant. Are they really necessary?

Answer:

The celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of our identity as Catholics. Our purpose as a Church community revolves around the Eucharist. Everything we are and everything we do is measured not only by how well we celebrate, but also by how well we live the sacrament. If that is so, then we as a community will always strive to celebrate the Mass as best we can. The reasons for some changes might seem more obvious than others, but there is a reason behind each one.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal is the introduction to the Missal that contains all the prayers for the celebration of the Mass. The Order of Mass we use now was issued in 1975 and, as often happens over the course of years, some questions have come up about the proper way of doing some things and whether or not other practices are acceptable. These changes clarify some things and make the celebration of the Mass more meaningful for everyone.

The opportunity is presented to us to better learn and understand each part of the Mass, which in turn should help us deepen our appreciation for its beauty and meaning. We will be a better Church if we have a clearer understanding and knowledge of Who and what we celebrate.



Feast celebration of St. Chavara at St. Thomas More on January 3 with Fr. Joe Mappilamattel.



MASS *intentions*

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13th

4 PM – for the soul of Patricia Fogarty

5 PM – for the soul of Catherine Ranaldi

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14th

8 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Anne Del Monico

9 AM – for the soul of J. Joseph Garrahy

10 AM – 5th Anniversary ~ George Kwetkowski

11 AM – 11th Anniversary ~ John Reardon

MONDAY, JANUARY 15th

9 AM – for the soul of Antoinette Cafone

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16th

9 AM – for the soul of Claire Wayland

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17th

9 AM – for the soul of William (Billy) Bean

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18th

9 AM – for the soul of Walter Manning, Jr.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19th

9 AM – for the soul of Bill Murphy

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20th

9 AM – for the soul of Lisa Walsh

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20th

4 PM – for the soul of Cassandra Prior

5 PM – for the soul of William McNaughton

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21st

8 AM – for the soul of John F. O'Connell

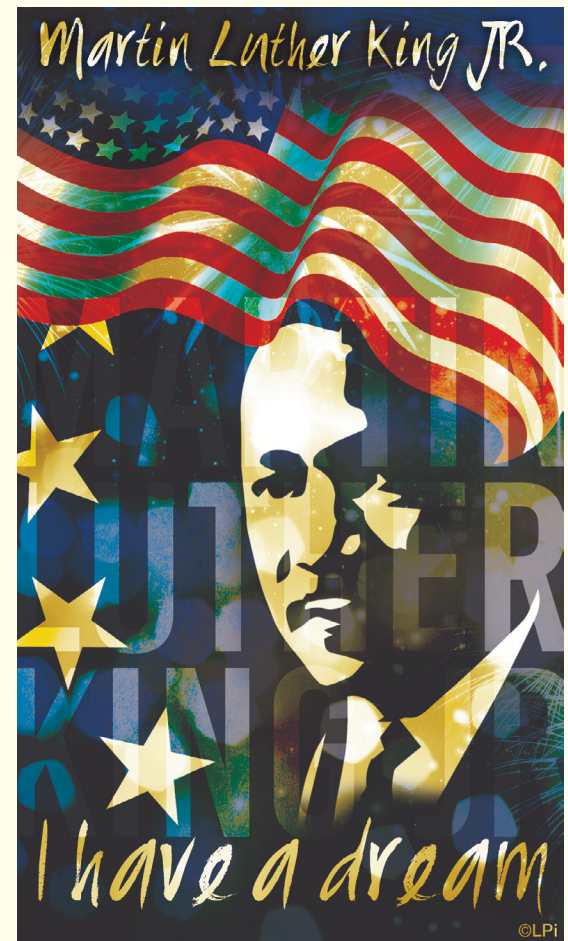
9 AM – for the soul of Lynn Lydon

10 AM – Special Intention ~ Richard Inman (Living)

11 AM – 1st Anniversary ~ Alfred Cafaro



The parish office will be closed on
Monday, January 15th
in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



Civil Rights Day

In Catholic social tradition, “rights” correspond to the treatment every person deserves not because of background or individual merit, but by virtue of being created in the image and likeness of God. As followers of Christ, we are called to a concern for our brothers and sisters. This means that, in acknowledging rights, we also acknowledge responsibilities.

St. John Paul II writes, “every man is his ‘brother’s keeper’, because God entrusts us to one another” (“Evangelium Vitae,” 19). In our complicated world, it can be easy to get overwhelmed by public policy. However, we are not exempt from engaging in public life. Today, we remember that we are all called to work to ensure that social structures uphold human dignity and support true human flourishing.

Happenings around the parish

Gospel Reflections Group

All are welcome to join our informal discussion group which meets on Mondays from 10-11:30 AM in the parish hall. Over coffee & refreshments, we read and reflect on the Gospels of the coming week and share our personal insights of those readings.

Men's Bible Study

Our parish has a very active group of men who meet each Saturday morning in the parish hall at 7:30 AM to discuss the Sunday scripture readings. This is very informal and all are invited to join.

Remember the Poor

The small donation boxes on the church walls labeled "Remember the Poor" goes to the Mother Teresa Fund, which helps with rental assistance, utilities, food and prescriptions. Thanks for your generosity.

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.

Pray the Rosary

The rosary is prayed Monday - Saturday after the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas More. All are welcome.

Rosary Repairs

Drop broken beads in the box in the foyer using the envelope provided. Include your name and contact info. You will be contacted within a few weeks when your repair is complete.

St. Vincent dePaul clothing bins

Accepts clothing and shoes. Bins located at the back of the St. Thomas More parking lot, inside the white fence.

Relevant Radio "Morning Air" Show

Join Fr. Taillon at 550 AM every Wednesday at 8:00 AM or listen on relevantradio.com



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Religious Education

There are no Religious Education classes the week of January 14th. Classes will resume the week of January 21st.

PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

THANK YOU!

Through your generous support throughout 2023, we collected over 4,000 pounds of food items and over \$3,500 in cash and gift card donations to help local families in need. *You helped to make a difference.*



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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



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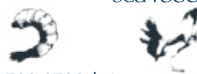
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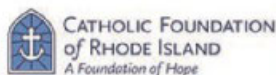
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