

# ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH

St. Thomas More Church

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St. Veronica Chapel

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### **ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH**

53 Rockland Street

**DAILY MASS - 9:00 AM - MON.- SAT.**

**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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**JANUARY 15, 2023 - THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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*Cardinal Ratzinger receives Fr. Taillon and Hendricken students into his office during a pilgrimage. This photo was taken outside the Doctrine of the Faith in 2004.*

## ***Pope Benedict Emeritus – Rest in Peace***

It was an uncanny but blessed event to watch the funeral of former Pope Benedict who was longer retired than he was Pope. Pope Benedict's legacy will be seen and fulfilled as the years go on. He was one of the last people alive that attended the Vatican Council as a relator. He was dedicated to its origins and writings without a doubt.

Cardinal Ratzinger was an amazing mind. All the homilies and writings were arguably the best theological mind of this century. He headed the Congregation Doctrine of the Faith and was the right hand man of St. John Paul II, as he wanted to implement the Council in a faithful manner in the modern world.

I was blessed to live and study in Rome for five years. Cardinal Ratzinger was like clockwork and most days walked across St. Peter's Square back and forth to his apartment and one could often run into him in the square. On one occasion, I had a pilgrimage group from Riverside with me and we crossed his path in the square. Most people did not know his position or responsibility. At the end of the week when we shared our greatest graces of the pilgrimage, a police officer with us said, "The sweet priest we met in the square and his blessing, was when I felt Jesus the closest to me all week". I think this captures the humility and kindness of Pope Benedict.

His resignation shook us all but we believe Christ and the Holy Spirit are the head of the Church. In more years the providence of God will be revealed as to why this happened.

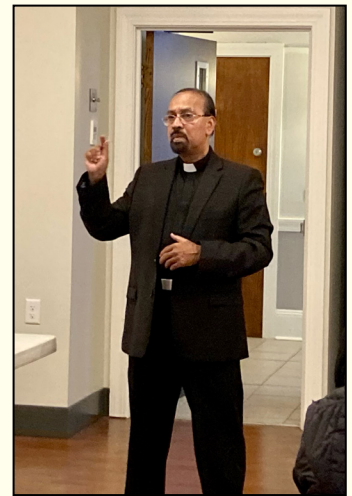
I think his death is a time to be grateful we are Catholic and have one universal spiritual father in the Pope who serves as Vicar of Christ. Let us invoke St. Peter for Pope Francis and Bishop Henning who is soon to be sent to us. Let us be grateful for the Church our mother, who nurtures and provides for us.

***Fr. Taillon***





*Fr. Joe introduces the parish to St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara on his feast day of January 3, with Mass followed by a brief video in the parish hall.*





# MASS *intentions*

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14th (Vigil)

4 PM – for the soul of John Merlino, Jr.

5 PM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Anne Del Monico

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15th

8 AM – for the soul of Robert Brown

9 AM – for the soul of J. Joseph Garrahy

10 AM – 4th Anniversary ~ George Kwetkowski

11 AM – 1st Anniversary ~ Alfred W. Bulter

MONDAY, JANUARY 16th

9 AM – 1st Anniversary ~ Claire Wayland

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17th

9 AM – for the souls of John & Rita Di Libero

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18th

9 AM – for the soul of Ronald Mancini

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19th

9 AM – for the soul of Carmel Martin

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20th

9 AM – for the souls of William & Madeline O'Brien

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21st

9 AM – for the soul of Martin Wilkens

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21st (Vigil)

4 PM – for the souls of Edward & Rosella Kehoe

5 PM – for the soul of G. Edward Martin

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22nd

8 AM – 1st Anniversary ~ John Reardon

9 AM – for the soul of Geraldine Egan

10 AM – 1st Anniversary ~ Elizabeth Paoletta

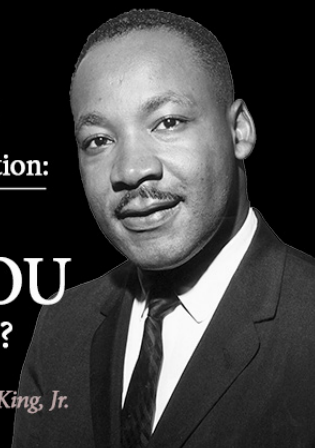
11 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Timothy Carr Magill

## 2nd Collection

The second collection this weekend  
is for Catholic University.

Life's **most**  
**persistent**  
and **urgent** question:  
**What are YOU**  
doing for others?

– Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Martin Luther King Day - January 16, 2023

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Parish Lenten Mission 2023

March 12, 13 & 14, 2023

St. Veronica Chapel

**Fr. Michael Champagne**

Jesus Christ Crucified Community,  
St. Martinville, LA



*Theme:*

**Jesus Crucified and Eucharistic Revival**

Evening I: The Sacrifice of the Mass and  
Redemptive Suffering

Evening II: Holy Communion and  
Living the Mass

Evening III: Eucharistic Adoration and Holiness

*Our beautiful choir loft at St. Thomas More*



Many thanks to parishioners Dr. & Dr. Kathy and Robert Leonard for generously donating a much needed new wreath, garland and bows to our church, and for taking the time to do such a wonderful job installing!



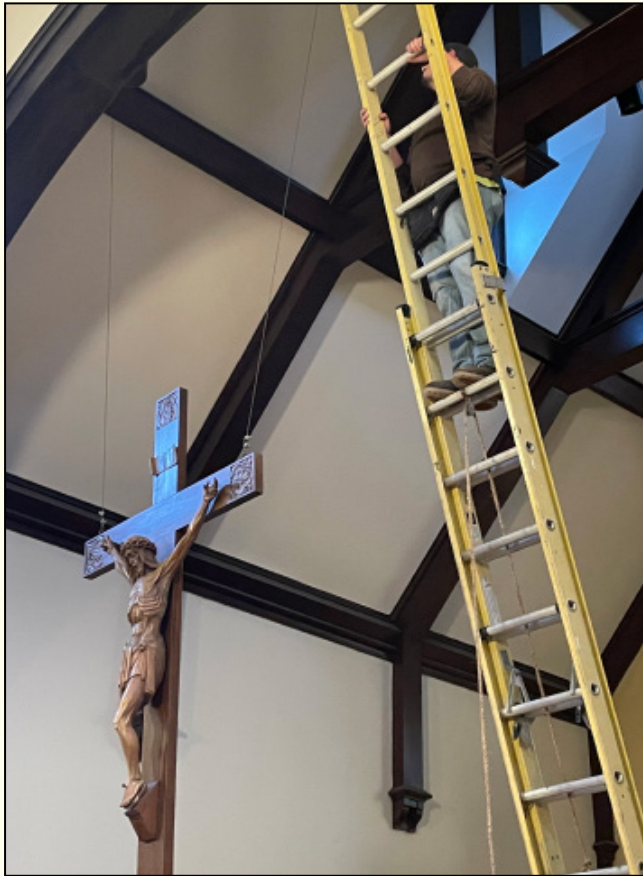
Deacon Joe Clossick with John and Fulya Brady with their newly baptized daughter, Grace Lykia and God parents Edward and Jamie Brady.



**Confirmation students learning to strike out sin at Old Mountain Lanes!**







### **STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN!**

New LED track lighting being installed at St. Thomas More this week. A new control panel and upgrade will provide brighter and ambient light.



# You're Invited

## Sunday January 15, 2023

St. Thomas More Church  
Immediately following 10AM Mass

Please join Fr. Joe and several others for their induction ceremony and full knighthood into the Knights of Columbus.  
**All are welcome to attend and witness this special occasion.**

*A light reception will follow in the Parish Hall*

Interested in joining the Knights?  
Contact Bernie Casey  
617-293-9201





# 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.

## Pennies for the Poor

The small donation boxes on the church walls labeled "Pennies for the Poor" goes to the Diocesan Dire Emergency Fund in South County, which helps with rental assistance, utilities and prescriptions. Thank you.

## 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](http://relevantradio.com)

- listen on your computer: <http://relevantradio.com>
- get the App for your phone: [relevantradio.com/app](http://relevantradio.com/app)
- listen on your radio: AM 550 in the Providence area

## Religious Education

Religious Education classes for grades 1 through 8 will resume the week of January 22nd.



Blood Emergency

## Critical Need

Consider donating blood at any Rhode Island Blood Center donor center throughout the state.



To register, visit [www.rIBC.org/locations](http://www.rIBC.org/locations) or call 401-453-8383

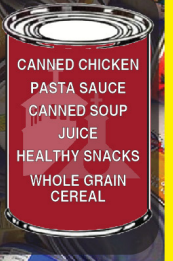
When donating, please be sure to use parish Sponsor Code 0626.

## WEEKLY PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

Many families in our area continue to struggle to put food on their table. Collection baskets are located at the entrance of both churches. Please consider donating an item or two from the list.

*All donations support a local food pantry.*

**Over 2,700 meals collected for local families so far this year**



## Open House Sunday, February 5th 12:00 - 2:00 pm



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### New Students

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Opens January 26th  
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**NEW** Applicants to MCS  
February 1st  
**Apply online**



January  
**15**  
2023

Second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time



NOW I HAVE SEEN AND TESTIFIED THAT  
HE IS THE SON OF GOD.

JOHN 1:34

## BAPTISM

As we the Church begin Ordinary Time, we reflect upon the Baptism of Jesus, and its significance in our own lives and communities. The Gospel of John does not narrate the Baptism like the other Gospels. Instead, John the Baptist gives testimony, emphasizing that Jesus has received the Holy Spirit. Jesus will go on to baptize with this same Spirit, as he did immediately after his resurrection (John 20). What might this mean for us, who share in this same Baptism? Today's reading from Isaiah suggests that we are to be a "light to the nations," a people proclaiming and sharing God's love. Paul's greeting to the church in Corinth reminds us that we are simultaneously God's sanctified people and yet continually called to become holy. Baptism begins our journey, where we know the Spirit dwells within, and the same Spirit summons us to full maturity in Christ.

## LAMB OF GOD

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist names Jesus as the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." This name "Lamb of God" is rich in meaning, and can be interpreted in various ways. From the Old Testament, it evokes the lamb of Passover, linked to God's rescue of the Hebrew people from Egypt. It is also an image of God's faithful servant, as in Isaiah 53 as a "lamb led to slaughter."

We can notice that here Jesus is the Lamb "of God." He is God's own Lamb, belonging to God. Jesus is not a cultic sacrifice to God, or a demand from God. John is presenting a traditional image in a new way. The Lamb "takes away" our sin, both exposing the reality of our sin to us (which we often hide from ourselves), and also forgiving us our sin. This same Lamb is filled with the Holy Spirit, and shares this Spirit to heal our troubled hearts.

## LIGHT TO THE NATIONS

Today's first reading is taken from the second of four "Servant Songs" in Isaiah. This Song was written around the time that the people of Israel were near release from their exile in Babylon. Israel, and also the author, had been traumatized by their separation from Jerusalem and their seeming abandonment by God.

At this time of great vulnerability and despair, God gives them consolation and affirmation. God gives the exiles a vote of confidence and an expansion of vision. God will heal their hearts, and give them new energy to be "a light to the nations." Their purpose is not just survival, but to be the means by which God will bring the whole world into communion and harmony with God. For us today, when sometimes our parishes and communities face challenges of shrinkage and survival, perhaps God may similarly energize us, and remind us of the dignity and breadth of our mission.

## TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6  
Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10  
1 Corinthians 1:1-3  
John 1:29-34



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