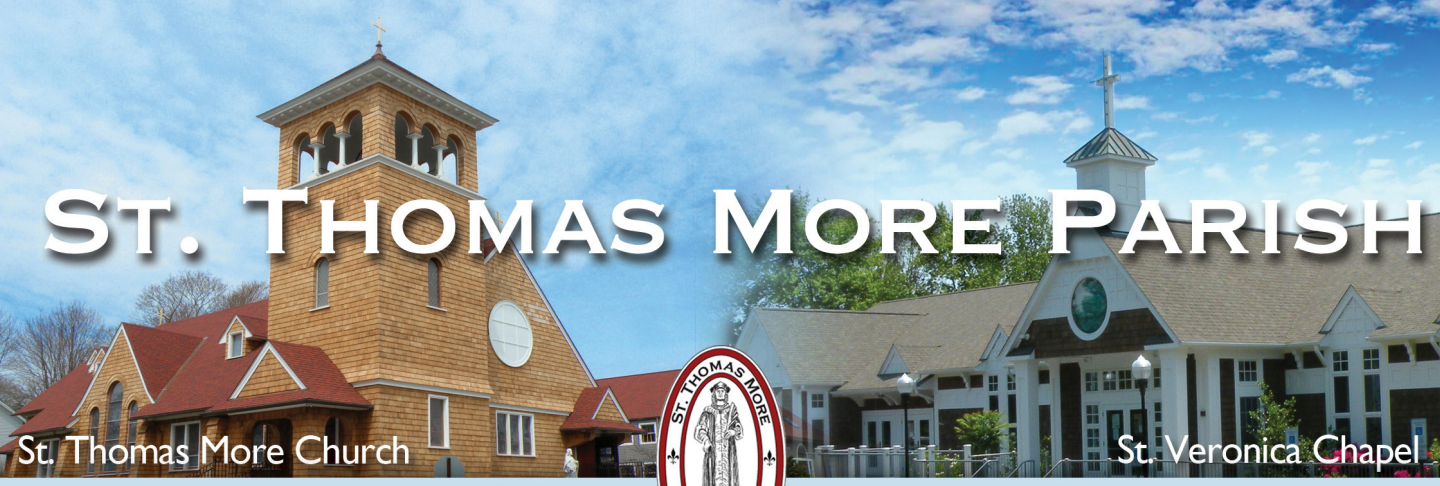

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Mass Schedule

All Masses are availble on Live Stream

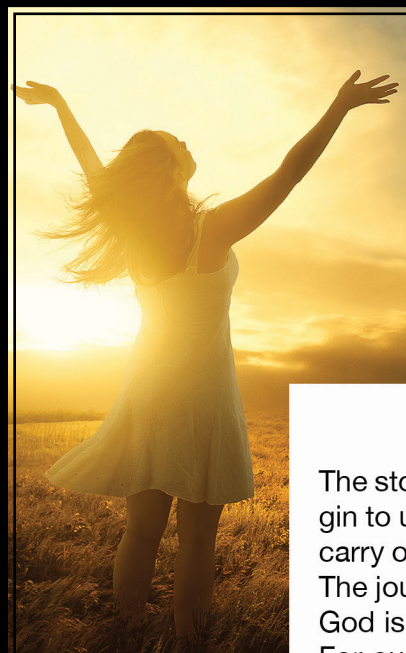
St. Thomas More Church

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 17, 2021 - The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.

1 Corinthians 6:19a

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 17, 2021

GOD'S CALL

The stories of the call of Samuel and of the first disciples in John's Gospel help us begin to understand the nature of God's call. It is not a work order from a distant God to carry out a specific task, but an invitation to participate in what God is already doing. The journey begins with God's intentions and activity. After the initial moment of call, God is shown to be actively leading these ordinary people to partner in God's work. For ourselves, we might not experience a single or dramatic moment of call. God's call can take many forms. But like Samuel, and like Jesus' disciples, we are invited into a relationship of trust and friendship with God. We too are invited to employ the gifts God has given us, always in dialogue with our God, in our daily lives.

OUR DEEPEST DESIRES

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' first spoken words in the Gospel of John: "What are you looking for?" This penetrating question reverberates throughout John's Gospel. The disciples who form Jesus' first community, and many others who meet Jesus during his life, are drawn to him, seeking something they can't quite name. As Jesus called and formed his community of disciples, he probed their hearts and allowed them to probe his heart. They shared their deepest needs, hopes, and commitments.

Jesus' words might be directed to us, here and now. Sometimes we struggle to name what we really want. In our faith journey, in prayer and in lived experience, we learn to share our dreams and also to open our hearts to know God's dreams. In time, with lots of practice, with many successes and failures, we learn to trust God to shape and to fulfill our deepest desires.

YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING

We hear of young Samuel today, dedicated to a life of service to God, under the guidance of Eli, a Temple priest. Twice, Samuel hears the call of God and says "Here I am" to Eli. At last Eli recognizes that it is God who is calling Samuel. When Samuel hears God a third time, Samuel does not say "Here I am," but "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." We can see a subtle shift as Samuel moves away from announcing his intention to serve and more clearly opens himself to God's voice. Samuel allows God to take the initiative, and attends first to God's intentions rather than his own.

Samuel's story helps us to remember that accepting God's call is not only about a new chapter in our personal story. Our acceptance is, more profoundly, a new moment in God's story. Even in our smallest "yes," God celebrates our partnership in God's great work. Through our openness and acceptance, God has new opportunities to bring all of us into loving unity with God.

TODAY'S READINGS

1 Samuel 3:3b–10, 19
Psalm 40:2, 4, 7–8a, 8b–9, 10
1 Corinthians 6:13c–15a, 17–20
John 1:35–42

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MASS *intentions*

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16th (Vigil)

4:00 PM – for the soul of John Merlino, Jr.
5:00 PM –Birthday Remembrance ~ Anne Del Monico

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17th

9:00 AM – for the soul of Margaret Donohoe
10:00 AM – 2nd Anniversary ~ George Kwetkowski
11:00 AM – for the soul of Kristin Conville
5:00 PM – for the soul of Valentino R. Rizzi

MONDAY, JANUARY 18th

9 AM – 2nd Anniversary ~ Roger Contre

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19th

9 AM – for the soul of Liselotte Federici

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20th

9 AM – for the souls of Judy and Mary Buchanan

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21st

9 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ G. Edward Martin

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22nd

9 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Anthony Girardi

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23rd

9 AM – for the soul of Nora Castello

Rest In Peace

Kathryn Leary
Mary Smith

Religious Education ~ January Schedule

Grades 1-4 (10:05-10:55 AM) | St. Veronica Chapel
Class on Sunday, January 24th & 31st | NO Class on January 17th

Confirmation Class for Grades 9-10 6:00-7:15 PM | St. Veronica Chapel
Class on January 24th | NO Class on January 17th & 31st

Grades1-4 (4:10-5:00 PM) | St. Thomas More
Class on January 25th | NO Class on January 18th

Grades 5-6 (5:45-6:45 PM) | St. Veronica Chapel
Class on January 26th | NO Class on January 19th

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

happenings around the parish

On Thursday, Fr. Taillon gave a talk about St. Joseph to the seminarians at Our Lady of Providence Seminary.

St. Thomas More will be hosting the

Missionary image of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Thursday, January 28th

- Set up will take place before the 9:00 AM Mass that day.
- Immediately following the Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed until 1:00 PM.
- Additionally, the rosary will be said after Mass at 9:30 AM.

The image will be visiting various parishes throughout the Diocese of Providence from January 7-30th.
To view the full schedule, visit the dioceseofprovidence.org.

FOCUS missionaries gave witness talks to our combined Confirmation candidates on Sunday evening at St. Veronica Chapel.

happenings around the parish

The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 18th
for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

This 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!

St. Thomas More Mardi Gras Mission

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February 14th, 15th & 16th

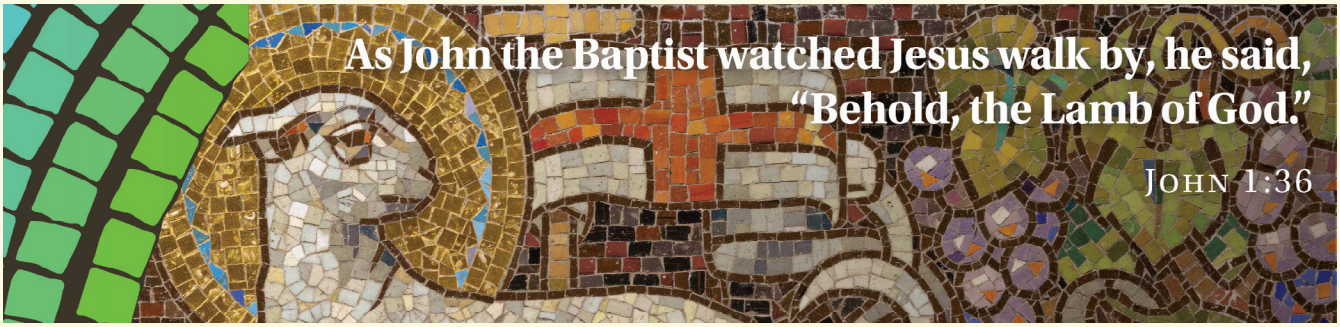
Msgr. Thomas Richter,
Diocese of Bismarck

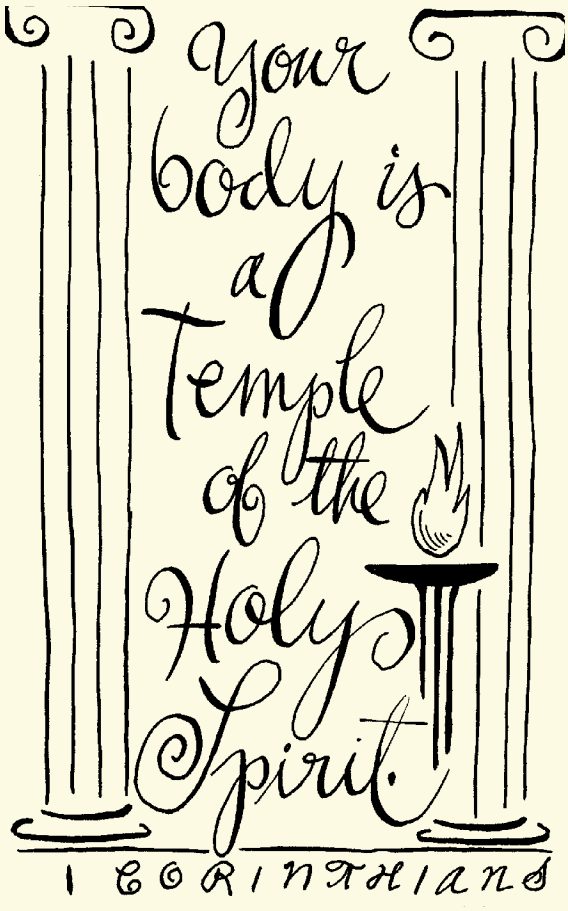
St. Veronica Chapel
7:00 PM

Jillian McConnell sanitizing the pews as she does after each Mass.

It takes a village!

Pictured here are members of the crew who worked together to breakdown the beautiful Christmas decorations at St. Thomas More. Thank you to all for your help!





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! *For more info call Bill at 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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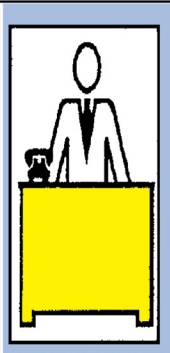

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