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Mass Schedule

St. Thomas More Church

Vigil Mass - Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 10:00 AM

Daily Mass - Monday - Saturday: 9:00 AM

Confession - Saturday: 4:00-4:45 PM

St. Veronica Chapel

Vigil Mass - Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses

8:30 AM

11:00 AM




JANUARY 19, 2025 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SEEK

Salt Lake City | Jan 1-5

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SEEK and you will find!

I was blessed to attend the SEEK Conference in Salt Lake City, which was attended by over 19,000 Catholic college and post-college students. The conference was sponsored by FOCUS, which, as you know, is an organization of missionaries who serve around the country at colleges. We are blessed to have a team here at URI.

While I was there, I was helping at the booth for the Archdiocese for Military Services alongside our chaplain recruiters and members of Team St. Paul. These missionaries serve similarly to FOCUS on military installations in the US.

In addition to the location in Salt Lake City, there was an overflow conference in Washington, DC, of several thousand.

On Friday evening, 270 priests heard over 5,500 confessions in a huge space. It was truly an overwhelming experience of grace in my priesthood.

Here in New England, we are experiencing a contracting Church of sorts, but I have witnessed at both the recent SEEK Conference in Utah, and at the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis this summer (where there were 55,000 Catholics gathered in a Eucharistic revival), that the Church is in fact, young, vibrant, missionary and Eucharistic! At both events it was also great to see in attendance countless religious brothers and sisters.

This year, Pope Francis has called us to enter the Jubilee Year of Hope. I have been filled with hope by all I have witnessed. I pray you too, can be full of hope in Jesus Christ, who is with us yesterday, today, and forever.

God bless you!

Fr. Taillon

The SEEK conference was held at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City from Jan. 1–5, 2025. This year, SEEK25 drew many clergy, with 46 bishops and hundreds of priests in attendance in Salt Lake City and Washington, D.C. which was SEEK's secondary location. Fort Worth, in addition to Columbus, and Denver, will host SEEK26 next year.



The exuberant crowd of mostly young adults grew quiet when the opening Mass began, which took place the night of New Year's Day on the feast of Mary, Mother of God, at SEEK25 in Salt Lake City. Centered on evangelism, the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) which hosts SEEK, sends missionaries to college campuses to minister to college students.



A vibrant, stylized illustration featuring the text "MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS" in bold white letters on a teal background. The design includes a large orange sun, a puzzle piece, hearts, flowers, and a person's head at the bottom.

*“Living Happy and Healthy
in the New Year 2025”*

Thursday, January 23

Please call the parish office to register,
401-789-7682

Wine & Cheese and the Nicene Creed

Monday, January 27 - 6:30 PM

Discussion and education about the
1700th Anniversary of the Nicene Creed
in the Jubilee year of Hope.



A Feast celebration of St. Chavara

A feast Mass was held at St. Thomas More on January 3 with Fr. Joe Mappilamattel, which included a relic and was then followed by a brief talk.



MASS *intentions*

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18th

4 PM – for the soul of George DiChristofaro

5 PM – for the soul of Catherine Ranaldi &
for the parishioners of St. Thomas More

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19th

8:30 AM – for the soul of Emily “Lee” Listro

10 AM – for the soul of Margaret Dugan

11 AM – for the deceased members of the Vigliotti Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 20th

9 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Jessica Tyler

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21st

9 AM – for the soul of John J. O'Neill

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22nd

9 AM – for the soul of Geraldine Egan

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23rd

9 AM – for the soul of Nora Costello

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24th

9 AM – for the soul of Barbara Benavides

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25th

9 AM – for the soul of Maureen Krocka

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25th

4 PM – for the souls of Sharon & Bob Introni

5 PM – 25th Anniversary ~ Mina Mueller

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26th

8:30 AM – for the soul of Mary Jane Briggs

10 AM – for the soul of Frank Morelli & for
the parishioners of St. Thomas More

11 AM – for the deceased members of the
Sullivan Family

The parish office will be
closed on
Monday, January 20th
in observance of Martin
Luther King Jr. Day.



Second Collection

The second collection this weekend
is for The Catholic University,
and the second collection next weekend
is for the Church in Latin America.



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Happenings around the parish

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 and welcome to join.

Our Lady's Guild

- Our Lady's Guild has meetings at 9:30AM on the second Wednesday of each month in the parish hall.
- On Mondays after the 9AM Mass, with coffee & refreshments, they meet as an informal gospel reflections group to discuss, read and reflect on the Gospels of the coming week and to share personal insights of those readings.
- The rosary is prayed Monday - Saturday at 8:30AM at St. Thomas More before the 9AM Mass.



All are welcome to join these activities.

To learn more about Our Lady's Guild, call Diane at 996-3876 or visit

<https://stm-ourladysguild.weebly.com/>

Prayer Chain Ministry

If you know someone who would like or needs extra prayers, we are happy to help. Call Jean at 783-3403 to express your request. New volunteers are always welcome to join this necessary and important ministry.

Remember the Poor

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

Rosary Repairs

Drop your broken beads in envelope provided in the box in the foyer at St. Thomas More with your name and contact info. You will be contacted when complete.

St. Vincent dePaul clothing bins

Weekly pick up of clothing & shoes. Bins located at the back of the St. Thomas More parking lot, inside the fence.

WEEKLY PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

Current Needs

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| ✓ Natural Peanut Butter | ✓ Brown Rice |
| ✓ Low Sugar Jelly | ✓ Canned Fruit in 100% Juice |
| ✓ Baked/Black/Kidney Beans | ✓ Whole grain wheat flour |
| ✓ Whole Grain Cereal/Crackers/Pasta & Jarred Pasta Sauce | |

Collection baskets are located at the entrance of both churches.

Religious Education

There are no Religious Education classes the week of January 19th for the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

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Heavenly Father,

We come before You with gratitude for the many blessings

You have poured upon the Diocese of Providence.

As we await the appointment of a new bishop, we entrust this process to Your loving care and guidance.

Send Your Holy Spirit to those involved in discerning and selecting our new shepherd. May they be filled with wisdom, insight, and fidelity to Your will. Bless the one You have chosen to lead us, that he may be a man of deep prayer, strong faith, and courageous love, devoted to serving You and the people of this diocese. Prepare his heart to embrace this mission with humility and joy and grant him the grace to guide us in truth and unity.

May he be a faithful teacher, a compassionate pastor, and a courageous witness to the Gospel, drawing us closer to You in all that we do.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, and our patron saints, St. Thomas More and St. Veronica.

May they guide and protect our diocese as we await this important moment.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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