

# 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**

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**WEEKEND MASSES**

**SATURDAY - 4:00 PM**

**SUNDAY - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM**

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**JANUARY 22, 2023 - THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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## *Why Have a Mass “said” for someone living or deceased?*

At every Mass the angels and saints join us as the Real Presence of Jesus is offered for the soul for whom the Mass is intended. Many people have gone or would love to go to the Holy Land. In fact, at each Mass what happened 2000 years ago, becomes present to us in real time. The eternity of the act of Christ’s offering is made present to us now.

It does not mean that Christ is re-crucified again as some would propose erroneously, but it means that we are supernaturally made present at the Last Supper and the cross, in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Christ says the words, “This is my body, this is my blood” in his holy priesthood that he shares with each validly ordained priest.

The Church has always believed in praying for the dead. In fact, at every Mass the dead are prayed for several times. Each Mass has an “intention” that is offered by the priest. When a name is read at Mass, the greatest gift is that the Body and Blood of Jesus is being shed and that soul is being purified so as to enter the fullness of God’s paradise...to be with Jesus forever.

There are public Masses where the name is read aloud and also “private” Masses where the priest offers the Mass for a particular soul. When priests con-celebrate, often each con-celebrant is offering the Mass for a different soul during that Mass, as each priest may have an individual intention.

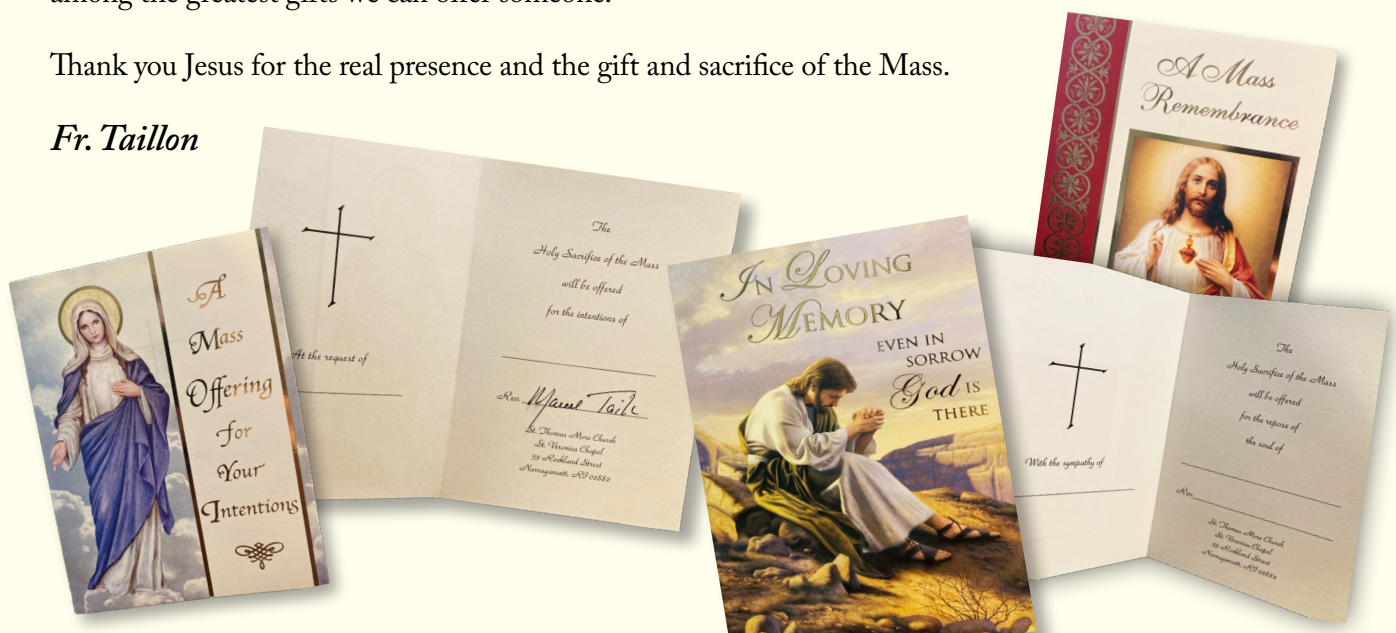
When someone dies, the best “gift” we can give that person is a Mass. We have Mass cards at the rectory that one can bring to the wake or mail to the family members. I know when my father passed this year many of you had Masses offered for him. Our family has always believed in the loving dogma of purgatory so I was moved and edified by your thoughtfulness.

Please know that when a priest offers a Mass in the churches, the most important thing is that the Sacrifice is offered intentionally by the priest, not that the name is read. As a matter of fact, the name does not need to be read at all.

Take a look at what Mass cards look like below. Perhaps at the anniversary date of someone’s death or on their birthday, you could have a Mass offered for them. We can also offer Masses for the living, which is among the greatest gifts we can offer someone.

Thank you Jesus for the real presence and the gift and sacrifice of the Mass.

**Fr. Taillon**







DIOCESE of PROVIDENCE

# MASS OF RECEPTION

for

BISHOP RICHARD G. HENNING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26 AT 2 P.M.

Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Providence



Coadjutor Bishop of Providence

For more information, visit: [dioceseofprovidence.org/jan26](http://dioceseofprovidence.org/jan26)

## *Holy Mass of Reception welcoming Bishop Richard G. Henning as Coadjutor Bishop of Providence All are welcome*

Join us for a Holy Mass of Reception to welcome Bishop Richard G. Henning as Coadjutor Bishop of Providence on Thursday, January 26 at 2 p.m. in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Providence. As seating may be limited, we encourage all attendees to be seated in the Cathedral by 1:30 p.m. There will be virtually no parking in the area of the Cathedral. Self-Parking has been reserved at the Convention Center Garage (entrance on West Exchange Street) for a special rate of \$12 or Valet Parking is available at the Omni Hotel Providence, West Exchange Street, for a special rate of \$10. As a courtesy, free shuttles will be provided to transport guests between the Omni Hotel (and adjacent Convention Center parking) and the Cathedral from 11:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. A parking validation ticket for the discounted rate of \$12 will be provided to you on the shuttle bus.

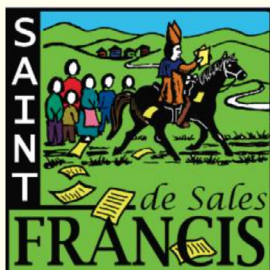
A public reception with Bishop Henning will follow at the Omni Hotel Providence from 4 to 6 p.m. For more information, including parking/shuttle details, please visit [dioceseofprovidence.org/jan26](http://dioceseofprovidence.org/jan26). Can't join us at the Cathedral Mass? Watch the live stream on the diocesan YouTube channel, [youtube.com/DioceseofProvidenceRI](http://youtube.com/DioceseofProvidenceRI).

Day of Prayer for the Legal  
Protection of Unborn Children

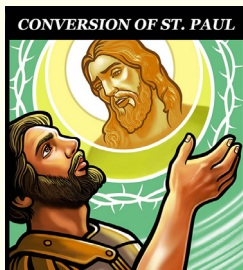


## ~ SAINTS DAYS COMING UP THIS WEEK ~

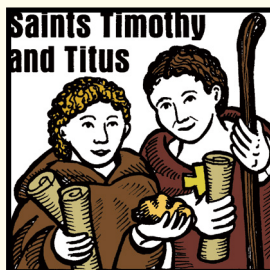
MONDAY - DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION  
OF UNBORN CHILDREN



TUESDAY



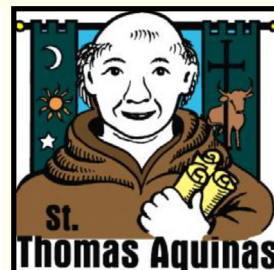
WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY



FRIDAY - SOLEMNITY



SATURDAY

# MASS *intentions*

## 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 – 10th Anniversary ~ John Reardon

9 AM – for the soul of Geraldine Egan

10 AM – 1st Anniversary ~ Elizabeth Paoella

11 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Timothy Carr Magill

MONDAY, JANUARY 23rd

9 AM – for the soul of Nora Costello

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24th

9 AM – for the souls of Violet & Paul O'Brien

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25th

9 AM – for the soul of Elsa Wholey

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26th

9 AM – for the soul of Timothy Magill

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27th

9 AM – for the soul of Tori Andreozzi

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28th

9 AM – Special Intention ~ Lynn Normand (Living)

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28th (Vigil)

4 PM – Birthday Remembrance ~ John Chatwin

5 PM – for the soul of James F. Mohan, Jr.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29th

8 AM – for the soul of Irene Lavalley

9 AM – for the soul of John Merlino, Jr.

10 AM – 1st Anniversary ~ Charles Costello, Jr.

11 AM – for the souls of Edward Marion &  
Michael Vigliotti

## 2nd Collection

The second collection next weekend  
is for Latin America.

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Parish Lenten Mission 2023

**March 12, 13 & 14, 2023**

St. Veronica Chapel

**Fr. Michael Champagne**

Jesus Christ Crucified Community,  
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*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





# Movie Day



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## Save the date

Sunday March 5, 2023

# MOTHER TERESA

NO GREATER LOVE



### A few updates around our parish...

The boiler pump has been replaced at St. Thomas More (pictured in the basement), the bell tower is lit again after fixing the electrical, and Lynn Bamford and Sofia Macera use their assembly skills on a new desk for the parish office.



Wait for the LORD with courage;  
be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

— Psalm 27:14



## From the mailbag . . .



12/22/2022

Dear Fr. Taillon and the Knitting Club,  
On behalf of the families of St. Patrick Church and Mary House Ministries that you have generously assisted this Christmas, please accept our gratitude. The struggles our families face are many, and they persevere through their faith in Him whose birth we celebrate this season. Thank you for witnessing to the love. He has for us all by serving as His hands and feet.  
May God bless you.

Thank you, Marcel.

In Christ,

James





Ceremony Presiding Officer, Adam Phillips, and Presenters John Mulholland, Joe Bamford and George Doherty.

***This past Sunday***, the Knights of Columbus held an induction ceremony at St. Thomas More Church for 11 men to enter full knighthood. Eight were from our own parish, including Fr. Joe, with the other three coming from surrounding parishes. Visiting dignitaries included state Deputy Director, Dave Bebyn, along with state Membership Director, Marc Paul. Deacon Clossick, also a Knight, lead the opening and closing prayers.



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Grand Knight Cliff Tyler with closing comments for the new Knights of Columbus members.



Candidates for full knighthood.



Fr. Joe, receiving his Emblem of the Order from State Deputy Dave Bebyn.



# 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>
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- listen on your radio: AM 550 in the Providence area

## Religious Education

### Sunday, January 22nd

Grades 1 - 4 at 9:05-9:55 AM | St. Thomas More  
(Please note the new time and location)

**No class** for 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation

### Monday, January 23rd

Grades 1 - 4 at 4:10-5:00 PM | St. Thomas More

### Wednesday, January 25th

Grades 5 - 8 at 5:45-6:45 PM | St. Thomas More  
(Please note the new location)

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



Come meet our faculty and staff, take a tour and learn more about what we have to offer!

**Please Register in Advance**  
[monsignorclarkeschool.org](http://monsignorclarkeschool.org)

### New Students

Early Application for MCS Families  
Opens January 26th  
Apply online

**NEW** Applicants to MCS  
February 1st  
Apply online

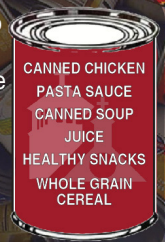


## WEEKLY PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

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**





# THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 22, 2023

“COME AFTER ME,  
AND I WILL MAKE  
YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”

Matthew 4:19

## GATHERING DISCIPLES

To introduce the beginnings of Jesus’ ministry in Matthew’s Gospel today, the evangelist quotes from Isaiah 9, which is presented to us more fully in our first reading. Isaiah acknowledges the darkness of oppression from the conquest of the Galilee region by Assyria, but reminds his people of the hope God offers them. Matthew, writing in the time of the Roman Empire centuries later, points to Jesus and his proclamation of the kingdom of heaven, to overturn all forms of oppression. Power structures like Assyria or Rome rely on fear, control, and distrust to sustain themselves. But God’s reign is to be saturated with God’s love, freedom, and mutual trust. Jesus began by gathering a group of disciples. When Jesus similarly gathers his community of disciples in our church today, our love of each other, and our care for all others, can make this reign of God visible to all.

## CALLED TO COMMUNITY

Today’s Gospel from Matthew sketches the initial movements of Jesus’ public ministry. The arrest of John the Baptist signals that Jesus’ time has come. His first actions include the call of his first disciples, and proclaiming the reign, or kingdom, of heaven. Jesus first gathers a community, which he can gradually form to become living evidence of this coming reign. His preaching, which begins just a few verses later in the Sermon on the Mount, is not just essential guidance for each individual life, but for life within a community of his followers.

It can be very challenging for most of us, who live in a highly individualized society, to hear this story of being summoned into community, committed to learning together and from each other. Our parishes and Christian communities need to be safe places so that we can open our hearts to each other, learning the Way of Jesus, and sharing this Way with others.

## UNITED IN CHRIST

In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul addresses many pastoral issues, and begins with questions of division over leadership. We hear of rival camps of loyalty for various leaders and preachers: Paul himself, Apollo, or Cephas. Paul fears that the community has lost the center of the faith, that is, Christ himself. The community is to be united in mind and purpose under Christ.

Many today experience in a very similar division. Some Christians will in effect say: “I belong to . . . (fill in the name of your favorite preacher, theologian, or leader), and those who don’t are not to be trusted.” Diversity of thought and background are essential to the vitality of Christian community, but here Paul describes a division that hides the message of Christ. It hides Christ’s call to charity and forbearance toward all. This division hides the truth that we are all at the foot of the cross, a cross that reveals our own brokenness and our need for mercy.

## TODAY’S READINGS

Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3  
Psalm 27:1, 4, 13–14  
1 Corinthians 1:10–13, 17  
Matthew 4:12–23 [12–17]



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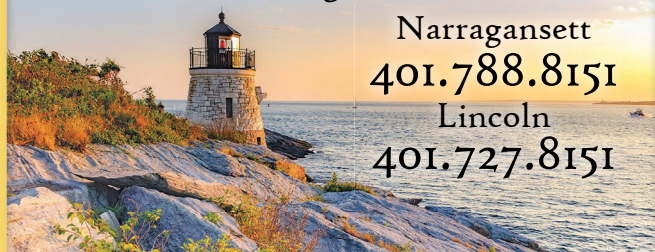
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