

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

May 25 - August 31

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DAILY MASS

MONDAY - SATURDAY - 9:00 AM

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY - 5:00 PM

SUNDAY - 7:30AM Quiet Mass (no music) & 10:00 AM

CONFESSION

SATURDAY - 4:00 - 4:45 PM or by appointment

ST. VERONICA CHAPEL

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WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY - 4:00 PM

SUNDAY - 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

& 8:00 PM Last Call Mass (July 6-Aug 31)

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SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS THIS WEEKEND!

JULY 6, 2025 - FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

God Bless America!

This week of July 4th is a good time to enter into a reflective stance regarding our country's history as Catholics. Of course, we need to appreciate the founding fathers and the sage system of checks and balances that the three branches of government provide for all of us. We should also be grateful for all those who have served and continue to serve in the armed forces. The world today is a very uncertain place, and rapidly developing military technologies make our future even more uncertain.

As Catholics, we need to focus on the idea and promise of religious freedom. The First Amendment is first for a good reason. There are many countries and places where people of any faith or certain faiths cannot practice without serious hindrances or even outright persecution.

I know we live (or you are visiting) one of the most wonderful places to be on July 4th, near the open ocean and beaches. In light of the restfulness and, hopefully, patriotism that is in you, there should be time made to pray for America. We should pray that we know who we are called to be as a country amidst a very divided world. Catholics should be leaven and light in any country and culture.

Recently, the election of Pope Francis was a remarkable surprise. Just as St. John Paul II's election resulted in the Lord asking the Polish people to help in dismantling communism in the Soviet empire, I am certain the election of the first American pope is not so much cause for a victory lap or some feeling of having won a horse race, but instead prayerful reflection and attention to "why, and why now"? I believe the only way we can discern what the Lord desires from us is through prayer. So, let's raise the flag, ponder history, put something on the grill, and be grateful. But most importantly, pray for America that God may bless her and all of us so we might know and do His will.

Happy and holy 4th!

Fr. Taillon



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PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - BENEATH THE SURFACE -

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

On Pilgrimage

Before I embarked on my trip to the National Eucharistic Congress last summer with a group from my archdiocese, we had an orientation meeting. At that meeting, the coordinator of the trip shared with us "The Five Rules of Pilgrimage."

If you're not familiar with them (I wasn't), here they are:

- 1. Don't complain.
- 2. Don't complain. (It's so important, it's listed twice.)
- 3. When you see a bathroom, use it.
- 4. When someone offers you something, receive it.
- 5. When someone asks you for something, give it.

It's great advice for a pilgrimage, but more than that, I think it's great advice in general. So when I read today's Gospel and I hear Jesus say essentially the same thing to his disciples as they set out to evangelize (well, minus the bathroom tip, but those weren't as much of a thing in biblical Judea), I come to an important realization.

The whole Christian life is a pilgrimage.

Too often, life falls short of my expectations. An opportunity didn't work out. A day didn't go the way I planned (like, at all). A person didn't accept me. And I ball up my fists and stomp my feet like a full-grown Veruca Salt, and I yell: I cannot work in these conditions!

And then, I imagine God, on his celestial throne, sighs and opens the Book of the Gospels (surely he keeps it handy, don't you think?) to Luke, Chapter 10. And he whispers in my heart what he said to his disciples 2,000 years ago.

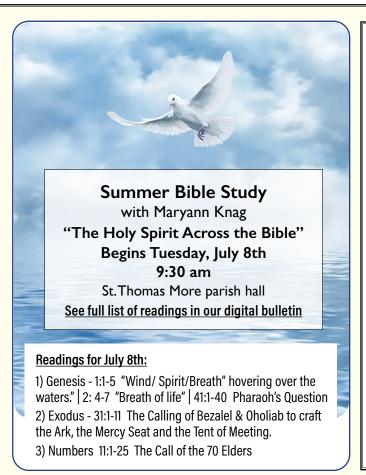
Don't complain. Be open and give of yourself, and in turn, receive what comes your way, whatever it is. If it's good, rejoice. If it's not good, move on. And in the end, remember where you're headed — the place you're trying to go.

Oh, and again: don't complain.

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME









Congratulations, married in Christ! Chris Marsh & Morgan Graefen with Fr. Taillon.







Sacred Heart of Jesus

Fr. Joe and Deacon Clossick presided at the Knights of Columbus sponsored holy hour this week, as part of the Pilgrim Icon program. This famous Scared Heart image is one of 300 sacred icons traveling across the world.





MASS intentions

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, JULY 5th

4 PM – for the soul of Heidi Felch Bennett

5 PM – for the soul of Patricia O' Hara

SUNDAY, JULY 6th

7:30 AM – for the soul of Peter DiSpigno

8:30 AM – Special Intentions ~ Steven Vierra (Living)

10 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ John V. Estes, Jr.

11 AM – for the soul of Nichloas Zatorsky

8:00 PM – for the soul of Andrew Raucci

MONDAY, JULY 7th

9 AM – for the deceased members of the Ferretti & Cunningham Families

TUESDAY, JULY 8th

9 AM – for the soul of Edward Sullivan, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9th

9 AM – Anniversary ~ Gerald Coli

THURSDAY, JULY 10th

9 AM – 5th Anniversary ~ Vincent Cody

FRIDAY, JULY 11th

9 AM – for the soul of Peter Brunenmeister

SATURDAY, JULY 12th

9 AM – for the soul of Eileen Figueroa

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, JULY 12th

4 PM – 3rd Anniversary ~ John Lennon

5 PM – for the soul of George Kent

SUNDAY, JULY 13th

7:30 AM – 2nd Anniversary ~ John J. Holmberg

8:30 AM – 1st Anniversary ~ Alyson Corrao

10 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Vincent Cody

11 AM – 8th Anniversary ~ John McNeill & 3rd Anniversary ~ Rita McNeill

8:00 PM – for the soul of Paul "PJ" Fox

The 2nd collection this week will be for the Annual Collection.

This is the central collection for the year and we depend on it. Your loyal financial support to our beloved parish is greatly appreciated.

Knights of Columbus

Monthly Council Meeting Monday, July 14th - 7PM

St. Thomas More Parish Hall

New candidates, please contact Bernie Casey at berniecaseyjr@gmail.com.





SILENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Thursday, July 10th

St. Thomas More Church from 6:30 - 7:30 PM with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament



SAVE THE DATE!

RUBY JUBILLE CELEBRATION

for

Fr. Joseph Mappilamattel, CMI

40th Anniversary of Ordination
Mass and Reception

Sunday, July 20th 10 AM Mass

St. Thomas More Church

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 they meet as an informal group to discuss, read and reflect on the gospels of the coming week and to share personal insights of those readings, with coffee & refreshments.

The rosary is prayed Mon. - Sat. at 8:30AM at St. Thomas More. All are welcome to join these activities. To learn more, call Diane at 996-3876 or visit our website.



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

- Natural Peanut Butter
- √ Brown Rice
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- √ Canned Fruit in 100% Juice

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St. Michael Prayer, Explained!

The prayer to St. Michael invokes the protection of the archangel Michael in the ongoing spiritual battle for the souls of all mankind. This prayer was composed by Pope Leo XIII and its use was instituted in 1886 at the end of Low Mass, a tradition which continued until the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council. A popular story regarding its origin claims that the Pope wrote this prayer after having a vision of demonic spirits descending on Rome. Michael is mentioned as one of God's seven archangels in the Book of Enoch and is presented by Revelations 12:7-12 as the warrior angel who cast Satan from heaven. He is therefore traditionally venerated as a protector against the forces of evil and a guardian of the Church.

The Prayer to St. Michael is still commonly said at the end of the rosary and by some parishes, including ours, after the conclusion of Mass.



The Holy Spirit Across the Bible

Maryann Knag 2025

Old Testament:

Readings for July 8th:

1) Genesis - 1:1-5 "Wind/ Spirit/Breath" hovering over the waters" 2: 4-7 "Breath of life"

41:1-40 Pharaoh's Question

2) Exodus - 31:1-11 The Calling of Bezalel & Oholiab to craft the

Ark, the Mercy Seat and the Tent of Meeting.

3) Numbers 11:1-25 The Call of the 70 Elders

Readings for July 15th:

1) Numbers - 24:1-9 Balaam, a Gentile diviner, recognizes the God of Israel

2) Judges - 3:7-11 Anointing in the Spirit of Othniel as Judge 6:33:35 Anointing in the Spirit of Gideon Judge Judge 11:1-8, 29-33 Anointing in the Spirit of Jepthah as Judge 13:2-7, 24 & 25 Anointing in the Spirit of Samson as Judge

3) 1 Samuel 10:1-13 The Anointing of Saul by the Prophet Samuel 16:1-13 The Anointing of David by the Prophet Samuel 19:18-24 The Spirit of God confuses King Saul

Readings for July 22nd:

- 1) 2 Samuel 23:1-4 King David's Last Words to his son Solomon
- 2) 2 Chronicles 15:1-12 The Reforms of King Asa of Judah 24:17-22 Exhortation of Zechariah the

Priest

- 3) Job32:6-10 Elihu, a younger friend friend, speaks 33:1-12 Elihu son of Barachel Answers Job
- 4) Psalms 33:4-9 The "Breath of the Mouth of the Lord" 51:10-12 Penitential Petition —the Holy Spirit 104:27-30 Source: Prayer to the Holy Spirit
- 5) Isaiah 11:1-5 Source: The 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Readings for July 29th:

1) Isaiah 42:1-7 1st Servant Song

61:1-3 "The Spirit of the LORD is Upon Me." 63:7-11 God's Judgment & Isaiah's Lament

8:1-4 The Spirit in a Vision brings Ezekiel from 2) Ezekiel Babylon to Jerusalem

11:1-25 The Spirit Returns Ezekiel to the Exiles

in Babylon

36:22-27 "A New Heart & a New Spirit" 37:1-14 The Spirit of the Lord in the Valley of

Dry Bones"

- 12) Daniel 4:18 Daniel Said to Have the Spirit of the Holy God
- 13) Joel 2:25-29 An Oracle of Promise for Israel

New Testament

Readings for August 5th:

Gospel According to Luke 1:5-17 The Annunciation to

Zechariah

1:26-38 The Annunciation

to Mary

1:39-45 The Visitation to

Flizabeth

1:67-79 Zechariah's Song

2:25-32 Simeon's

Prophetic Song

Readings for August 12th:

- 1) Gospel According to Luke 3:1-17 The Proclamation of John the **Baptist**
- 2) Gospel According to Matthew 1:18-25 The Annunciation to Joseph
- 3) Gospel According to John 1:24-34 The Baptism of Jesus (also Mt 3:13ff, Mk 1:4ff & Lk 3:21ff)
- 4) Gospel According to Luke 4: 1-13 The Temptation of Jesus (also Mt 4:1ff & Mk 1:12ff)

Readings for August 19th

1) Gospel According to Luke 4:16-22 Jesus Begins His Public Ministry in Nazareth

10:17-24 Jesus Rejoices in the Holy Spirit at the Return of the 70 Disciples

- 2) Gospel According to Matthew 10:16-20 The Holy Spirit will Speak Through the Disciples
- 3) Gospel According to John 3:1-10 Nicodemus Speaks to Jesus at Night
- 4) Gospel According to Mark 3:28-30 The Sin Against the Holy Spirit (also Mt 12:32 & Lk 12:10)5) Gospel According to John 14:15-26 & 15:26-27 The Last Supper: Farewell Discourse

Readings for August 26th:

- 1) Gospel According to Matthew 28:16-20 The Great Commission
- 2) Acts of the Apostles 1:1-2:8 Pentecost: the Descent of the Holy Spirit
- 3) Acts of the Apostles 11:1-18 Peter at the House of Cornelius
- 4) St. Paul's 1st Letter to the Corinthians 6:19 Prostitutes vs.Temples of the Holy Spirit
- 5) St. Paul's 2nd Letter to the Corinthians 13:14 Closing Prayer/ Trinity Explicit
- 6) Book of Revelation: 1:9-19 St. John the Divine "in the Spirit" on the Island of Patmos

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MOTHER TERESA FUND

"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."

Mother Teresa

During challenging times, especially over the past year or so, most of us have most likely felt the "pinch" one time or another with escalating costs for food, gas, utilities, medical bills, etc. Having to pick and choose which bills to pay each month is very stressful, and for some, it's a weekly or monthly issue.

Through our Catholic faith, we show our love for Jesus by helping others in many ways. Mother Teresa was a beautiful example of how to show love by helping those in need. In response to the generosity of the parishioners over the years wanting to help those in need, St. Thomas More established the "The Mother Teresa Fund" in XXXX to enable parishioners to quietly donate to causes that aren't seen by us every day. The help can be as simple as providing a food or gas card, paying for a past-due utility bill, or supporting the Providence inner-city schools that are struggling to stay open. Below are some examples of how the Mother Teresa Funds have been used:

- Food and gas card assistance regularly throughout the community
- Partnering with St. Vincent DePaul Conference, St. Francis of Assisi, Wakefield, to provide aid to Narragansett and South Kingstown residents who have fallen behind on bills, rent, etc., for various reasons.
- Donating to the "Kitchen of Hope" a non-profit volunteer organization that provides free, hot, nutritious meals to the underserved in Narragansett and South Kingstown.
- Assisting with St. Patrick Academy in Providence to help provide a Catholic college-prep education to students in Providence (maybe mention lockers & uniforms?)
- Enable Bishop McVinney School in Providence to rent school buses for a field trip to the Roger Williams Park Zoo.
- Donations to the Emmanuel Center in Providence (what is the Emmanuel center?)
- Sound System for St. Charles Church in Providence

Showing our love for Jesus by helping those in need can be expressed by prayer, helping with a task, or sharing your "treasure" with a donation to the Mother Teresa Fund. All funds that come into St. Thomas More, are noted for MTF, and are deposited into a restricted account set up specifically to help those in need. A financial gift, no matter how large or small, will be greatly appreciated.

As Mother Teresa said... "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."

Lynn Bamford,

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Bishop McVinney field trip.













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