

Mass Intentions for the Week



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St. Veronica Chapel

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MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Each Saturday at 7:30 A.M. in the Parish Hall, Men's Prayer Group meets to reflect on Sunday scriptures. All men are welcome.

PRAY THE ROSARY

The rosary is prayed each weekday after the 9:00AM Mass at St Thomas More and for the special intention of peace in the world on Saturday mornings at 8:30AM before Mass. Please join us whenever you are able to attend.

RCIA

The next class is this Tuesday, January 3rd, at 7:30PM - St. Thomas More.

NEW SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS

After many requests, we are happy to offer larger spiritual bouquet cards with images of the Sacred Heart or Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. These hardbound cards are now available at the parish office.

ADDING-UP - PENNIES FOR THE POOR

There is a small box near the parking lot entrance of St. Thomas More Church and the poor box at St. Veronica Chapel where people place change, mostly pennies. Donations go to the Diocesan Dire Emergency Fund in South County that helps with rental assistance, utilities, prescriptions and other emergencies. A check for \$1,000.00 was sent last week. Thanks to all who make "change", "change" the world.

OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed this Monday, January 2nd.

Religious Education Schedule
January 2012

- SUN. AM:** JAN. 8TH, 22ND & 29TH
GR. 1-4 10:05-10:55AM @ ST. V.
- MON. PM:** JAN. 9TH, 23RD & 30TH
GR. 1-4 4:10-5:00PM @ STM
- GR. 5 & 6:** WED., JAN. 11TH, 18TH & 25TH
4:10-5:00PM @ ST. V.
- GR. 7 & 8:** WED., JAN. 11TH, 18TH & 25TH
7:00-8:00PM @ ST. V.
- CONF. I:** SUN., JAN. 22ND & 29TH - CLASS
7:00 – 8:15PM @ ST. V.
- CONF. II:** SUN., JAN. 22ND & 29TH - CLASS
7:00 – 8:15PM @ ST. V.



DISCERNMENT RETREAT

There will be a weekend retreat for men 18-35 who are discerning a call to the priesthood on January 13-14 from 7:00PM on Friday to 6:00PM on Saturday at the Seminary of our Lady of Providence. Do you know someone who might be interested? Even if they are away at college, consider sending in their name. Anyone interested should call Fr. Carl Fisette, Assistant Vocation Director at 831-8011 or contact Fr. Taillon.

RESPECT LIFE MASS

“An Invitation to Pray for All Human Life”: The Office of Life and Family Ministry will sponsor the “Annual Respect Life Mass” on Saturday, January 21, 2012 at St. Paul Church in Cranston. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant and homilist at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Prior to the Mass, there will be a procession with the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe to the Broad Street Women’s Clinic for a peaceful and prayerful vigil at 8:00 a.m. The Image will remain on the altar during Mass and will be available for veneration at the reception that will immediately follow the Mass. For more information, directions and to RSVP contact: Carol Owens, Office of Life Family Ministry at 421-7833 x 218.

**REFLECTION - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
ORPHANAGE TRIP EXPERIENCE**

Dear Fellow Missionaries,

I hope all of you are well since we were together in the Dominican! I wanted to write to you and share some of the thoughts that we discussed on the Tuesday night of the trip, day 4.

We Are Missionary People

We went to the Dominican because someone has inspired us. No one is able to do the work of a missionary without someone who has already been a witness to us. The grace of our faith is the union of many people who have interceded for us and who have inspired us. In the work of our lives wherever that may be, or in whatever capacity it may take, we have to remember and pray for those who have give us strength.

Who Sends Us On Mission

Since the age of twelve, my eldest brother Matthew has been suffering from a condition called Friedreich’s Ataxia. The main symptom of this illness is the loss of coordination and the eventual confinement to a wheelchair. Matthew is one of the most joy-filled people I know. This is because he lives his life in the truth of his dignity and the bonds he has with our family and his friends. Matthew is the reason why I can be a missionary to others. He has given me the strength to do things that I am, in my own person, not able to do. So I want to ask, who has sent you on mission and who continues to inspire you to stay on mission for one another?

We Are On Mission For Each Other

When we live in the day to day, we have to remember that we are missionaries to each other. This happens by what we do and what we say. Actions shape who we are. Only in being open to the life of virtue are we able to shape ourselves to be the best missionaries possible. When we start to compromise our faith and who are meant to be, we limit our potential. Living the virtues is a great witness and it is important to realize how we mission to one another when we embrace them. Let’s keep each other in prayer and let’s remember to stay on mission for ourselves and for each other!

Yours Always,
Nicholas DR’11

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Looking Back to Look Forward!

I know that New Year's is an occasion for all kinds of resolutions. To be honest, I am not a fan of that. I think we can follow the example of Pope Benedict where he pauses each New Year's Eve to look back over all the graces that were bestowed.

This year in that fashion, we of course are having our 11pm Mass to literally end the year giving thanksgiving by celebrating the Eucharist.

I invite you to look back over the year and to make your own litany of thanks.

I am grateful for all those who labor tirelessly in our parish in varied ministries seen and unseen.

I am grateful for the many graces that have come to us through Jesus coming to us in the sacraments so often, especially at Mass.

I am grateful for those in the RCIA program who have discovered God is searching for them.

I am grateful to share priestly ministry with Frs. Henry, Halloran and Fissette, who are exemplary priests.

I am grateful for the successful completion of our restoration of St. Thomas More that remains a beacon of hope and a reminder of those that passed this way before us in faith.

I am grateful for our outstanding parish staff that works so tirelessly to serve our parish family.

I am grateful for each disabled orphan in Hogar Emmanuel in the Dominican Republic. Each one is a miracle loved by God.

I am grateful for the many that have found solace, comfort and the friendship and love of the Lord in our community.

Many more blessing in the New Year!

Fr. Tailon