

Saint Thomas More Catholic Church

January 19, 2020



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

- Jn 1:34

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am

10:00 am

Tuesday-Friday 8:20 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 pm

or by appointment

MARIAN PRAYER GROUP

2nd-5th Tuesdays 7:00 pm

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

John 1:29-34

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel." John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

Catholic Communication Campaign Collection

Today, we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ in the United States and around the world through the Internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Archdiocese of Portland to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message. Support the collection today! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.



Save the Date:

Grandparents & Special Friends Day!

Grandparents & Special Friends Day is just around the corner!

Join us on Friday, January 24th, for morning Mass at 8:20, classroom visits and a special musical performance. All are welcome!

Hope to see you there!



Our Lady of Peace Retreat

Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at our Lady of Peace Retreat House. Day Retreat with Fr. Peter Prusakiewicz, CSMA, "Delving Deeply into Divine Mercy."

Registration is at 8 am. The retreat is from 8:45 am until at 2:40 pm and includes Holy Mass, Conferences, Eucharistic Adoration, Opportunity for Confession and a special blessing with a Relic of St. Faustina. \$40 suggested donation, includes lunch

To register or for more information:
503-649-7127 or email sisters@olpretreat.org

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE	RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	FELLOWSHIP HOSTING
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Saturday, January 18th
 4:00 pm Reconciliation
 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 19th
 8:00 am Mass
 10:00 am Mass

Monday, January 20th

Tuesday, January 21st
 8:20 am Daily Mass
 Ester Niehaus

Wednesday, January 22nd
 8:20 am Daily Mass
 Helene Borch†

Thursday, January 23rd
 8:20 am Daily Mass
 Louise Bernards

Friday, January 24th
 8:20 am Daily Mass
 Rich Ganz

Saturday, January 25th
 4:00 pm Reconciliation
 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 26th
 8:00 am Mass
 10:00 am Mass

There will be no religious education classes on Sunday, January 19th.
 Have a great weekend!

FEASTDAYS
 January 19th
 St. Fabian, St. Germanicus of Smyrna, and St. Fillan

1/18	6:00	Wine and Cheese
1/19	9:00	Broadmoor Guild
1/19	11:00	Volunteer Needed
1/25	6:00	Wine and Cheese
1/26	9:00	Volunteer Needed
1/26	11:00	Patton Guild

Monthly Parish Offertory Report for January 2020—Week 2

Average Monthly Offertory Needed	\$32,500.00
Basket Collection Month to Date	\$10,054.83
eGiving Collection Month to Date	\$9,575.01
Total Offertory Month to Date	\$ 19,629.84
Offertory Budget FYTD	\$208,541.66
Offertory FYTD	\$207,833.66

STM fiscal year is July 1-June 30. Thank you for your support!

Office Closure

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

MATCHING Opportunity for Tuition Assistance!

The third annual National Catholic Education Association's Day of Giving is January 28-29. On this special day, EVERY dollar donated to the STM Tuition Assistance Fund is matched by the very generous Joe Weston Foundation. Please give and make sure that every family who wants their children to attend STM can make it happen, regardless of their financial situation.

Visit the STM School and Church websites for more information and the link to give. Or call the Development Office to make a donation. Let's work together and make sure that the biggest ministry of our Church — our school! — is a welcoming place for all families! Call Amy Dice, STM Development Director, with any questions.

Consider Ministry Service in 2020!

Share your time and talents!

We are in need of volunteers to help with some important jobs:

Mass

- Lectors
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Altar Servers (grades 5 and up)

*Be a part of our regular scheduling or jump in when you can.

Office

Offertory Counters on Monday mornings in the Parish Office.

Training is provided for Mass and Office opportunities. We hope you will consider learning more and consider volunteering your time and talents. Please call the Parish Office to learn more and sign up!

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Spiritual Reflection: Play That One Again

How many times have you sung the church song, "Here I Am, Lord"? If you grew up Catholic and are around my age (still 50!), the answer is more than you can count. The song that quotes various verses of Scripture is sung using guitar, piano, or organ, by cantors and choirs, in traditional and modern churches. It is truly a Catholic greatest hit of the modern Church. The question is how many times when singing the refrain have you really taken to heart what you were singing.

"Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night." Like the biblical figure Samuel, we are responding to the call of God by asking for clarification that we are indeed the one being called. We then follow up the question with a profound statement: "I will go if You lead me." It is profound because we are pledging to our God that we are willing to go wherever He wants. We are accepting the challenge put forth in the U.S. Bishops' pastoral letter, "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response," to become mature disciples who respond to the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We have sung this pledge repeatedly for many years.

We never have any idea what God will call us to do and where to go. Sometimes the request can ask us for quite a lot. Hopefully, we respond like a mature disciple. If not, maybe we should reflect more the next time this song is played. The melody will not allow for the words, "I will see if I am busy and then decide to go if you lead me." Then again, I don't want to sing that to God, the source of all life anyway. Do you?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**Help spread the word about our wonderful school and community.
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OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, January 23, 9-11am

Sunday, January 26, 12-2pm

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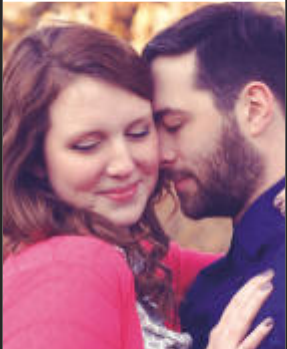
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