

# First Sunday of Advent

Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.

-Mark 13:33

3 December 2017

## Saint Thomas More Parish

Rev. Father Nicholas Schumm, *pastor*  
Rev. Father Eugene Casserly, *priest in residence*  
Rev. Monsignor John Cassidy, *pastor emeritus*  
Lois Hicks, *office manager & parish assistant*  
Sarah Manning, *youth group*  
Susan Henderson, *parish organist*  
Thomas More Salamida, *maintenance*  
Claudia Hill, *part-time office assistant*  
Betty Jo Tanner, *part-time data assistant*  
Kevin McCall, *missionary*

### Finance Council

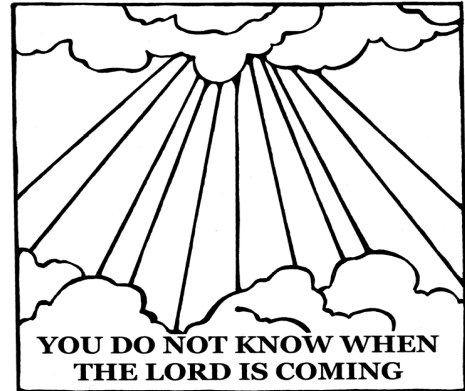
Mort O'Sullivan, *chairperson*  
Joe Buehler  
Jim Mathis

### Parish Pastoral Council

Michael Juhas, *chairperson*  
Ann Bode  
Stoney Dyson  
Becky Edmondson  
Casey Etheridge  
Molly Henley  
Patrick Kinnell  
Penny Locke  
Nelson Ortiz  
Al Sharlow  
Jane Turner

### Other Parish Groups and Ministries

Sacred Liturgy — Father Nicholas Schumm  
Organist & Sacred Music — Susan Henderson  
Ushers — Charlie Dickin  
Religious Education — Michele Keegan  
Youth Group—Sarah Manning  
RCIA – Father Nicholas Schumm  
Ladies Altar Society — Lynn VanNatter  
Knights of Columbus — Alan Tschirgi  
Bereavement — Charlene Grant  
Outreach — Lynn VanNatter  
HOPE Ministry — Nelson Ortiz  
Burse Club — Regina Booth  
Book Club — Mary Williams  
Prayer Chain—Stoney Dyson



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**WE WELCOME YOU!**

New to the parish? There are Parish Registration forms in the vestibule, please fill a form out and give it to an usher/greeter, place it in the offertory collection, or stop by the parish office to register.

### MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY – December 2nd – 4:00 PM

**Mary Fortney †**

Req. by: Jim Fortney

SUNDAY – December 3rd - 8:00 AM

**Felix & Edna Thompson †**

Req. by: Almadean Gillespie

SUNDAY – December 3rd - 10:00 AM

**Pro Populo (For the Parish)**

MONDAY– December 4th - 6:40 AM

**Patricia Collantes †**

Req. by: Delia Stierwalt

TUESDAY - December 5th - 6:40 AM

**Tosca Troise †**

Req. by: Eileen Gavagni

WEDNESDAY– December 6th - 6:40 AM

**Eunice Grier †**

Req. by: Joe Buehler

THURSDAY – December 7th – 6:40 AM

**Karl & Rita Cook †**

Req. by: Hanna Family

FRIDAY— December 8th – 6:40 AM

**Sandra Montero †**

Req. by: Eileen Gavagni

SATURDAY – December 9th – 4:00 PM

**Stephanie Suchy †**

Req. by: Connie Weiss

## Parish Events:

### **Parish Pastoral Council**

Next Meeting will be held on Thursday, **December 7th** starting at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Council members sit at the table. All parishioners are welcome to attend and sit in the row of chairs provided. For more info call Parish Office (850) 456-2543.

### **STM Ladies Altar Society**

Next Meeting will be Sunday, **December 10th** after 8 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall. They usually meet on the second Sunday. All women of the parish are welcome. For more info call Lynn Vanatter at (850) 456-1070.

### **Knights of Columbus**

#### **Father Keating Council #15836**

Next business meeting will be on Tuesday, **December 12th** at 6:00 PM in Parish Hall. For more info contact Grand Knight Alan Tschirgi . (850)458-2361

**Book Club Meeting** – The next meeting is Tuesday, **December 5th** at 9:30 AM in the Parish Office and Activities Center. The book for December is “Charming Billy”, by author Alice McDermott. All are welcome to attend book club.

**Weekly Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal** will be said here at Saint Thomas More Parish every **Wednesday morning** at 7:00 AM following the 6:40 AM Daily Mass.

### **Parish Breakfasts -**

First Sunday: Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast  
Second Sunday: Ladies Altar Society  
Third Sunday: Knights of Columbus– Coffee & Donuts  
Fourth Sunday: Shawn & Kathy Salamida  
Fifth Sunday (Occasional): Parish Council Breakfast

**Breaking Open the Word** scripture study of upcoming Sunday Gospel, **Wednesdays, 6:00—7:30 PM** in the Parish Hall. **NO BIBLE STUDY ON NOVEMBER 22nd.**

Traditional Latin Mass at 6:00 PM. **Tuesday, December 5th.**

Traditional Latin Mass at 12:30 PM, **Sunday, December 17th.** (Usually the Third Sunday)

**EVERY FRIDAY,** Eucharistic Adoration 7-8:00 AM.

**First Friday,** Mass at 6:40 AM with Eucharistic Holy Hour 7-8:00 AM. Unless otherwise noted. Also, **First Love Adoration** with praise and prayer from 6-8:30 PM.

**First Saturday,** The Holy Rosary will be recited at 3:30 PM in the church in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and her request at Fatima in 1917.



**Sunday, December 3rd**—There will **No** Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast due to Parish Advent Christmas Social.

**Sunday, December 3rd**—Parish Advent Christmas Social 4:00 pm—6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Heavy Hors d'oeuvres, drinks and desserts. Live music, Saint Nicholas visit and door prizes. All are welcome!

**Tuesday, December 5th**—Traditional Latin Mass at 6:00 pm

**Wednesday, December 6th**— Advent Penance Service at 6:00 pm. Father Schumm, Father Casserly, Msgr. Cassidy, Father Licari, Father Garvey and Father Perez will be hearing confessions.

**Friday, December 8th**—**Feast of Immaculate Conception. Holy Day of Obligation**—6:40 am Mass (no music or incense). **6:00 pm** Mass with music and incense.

**Sunday, December 10th**—Deadline to return gifts for Angel Tree families.

**Friday, December 15th**—Happy Anniversary of Priesthood Monsignor Cassidy.

**Sunday, December 17th**—Latin Mass at 12:30 pm.

**Tuesday, December 26th**—The Parish Office will be closed.

**Thursday, December 29th**—The Parish Office will be closed.

**Sunday, December 31st**—There will be **No** Parish Council Breakfast due to holiday.

**Tuesday, January 2nd**—The Parish Office will be closed. We will re-open on Wednesday, January 3rd.

**Thursday, January 4th**— Epiphany Concert in the Church at 6:00 pm.

### **Religious Education Classes**

There will be **No** Religious Ed on the following days -

Sunday—December 17th  
Sunday— December 24th  
Sunday, December 31st

### **Diocesan Second Collections**

*Retirement Fund for Religious - December 10, 2017*

## *Saint Thomas More Parish News & Noteworthy Items*

Our annual Angel Tree will be in the church beginning this weekend, November 18th. Saint Thomas More's parishioners have generously provided gifts for those less fortunate in our parish and in our community for many years. Please take a card and an ornament from the tree and show God's love to someone this holiday season. All gifts must be returned by Sunday, December 10th. We will be collecting gifts after all masses on Saturday, December 9th, and Sunday, December 10th. Please remember to return the tag with the gift, but keep the angel ornament for your tree and say a prayer throughout the Christmas season for the healing, reconciliation, and peace of those that you will be blessing this Christmas. Please contact James or Casey Etheridge at 251-294-0505 or 573-465-1406. [jbe333@gmail.com](mailto:jbe333@gmail.com) or [casey.j.craft@gmail.com](mailto:casey.j.craft@gmail.com)



### **Calling all Catholics who need Confirmation**

In the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee Confirmation is received in the 9th grade (age 15 or older). If you know someone who is baptized Catholic but needs confirmation please call the Parish office at (850) 456-2543 to be placed on the list. We will have 8 sessions in preparation for Confirmation, which will be on March 11, 2018 at the 10:00 am Mass.

### **Advent Morning of Renewal**

Ladies of the Parish, you are invited to the Advent Morning of Renewal sponsored by the Southwest Deanery of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women at Little Flower Parish on Saturday, December 2nd. Mass at 8:15 am. Father Worthen will give a "Reflection on Advent." Bring a brown bag lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. For more information and to register contact Roberta at 850-453-9046 or [cfrjm@yahoo.com](mailto:cfrjm@yahoo.com).

One who aspires to the grace of God must be pure, with a heart as innocent as a child's.

—*St. Nicholas*

### **RCIA**

Do you or someone you know have questions about the Catholic Faith, or want to become Catholic?

Father Nicholas Schumm would like to invite you to find out more about our beliefs, Church, and the process of Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A).

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, November 29th**. We will join Bible Study in the Parish Hall at 6:00 pm.



### **Parish Advent Christmas Social**

Sunday, December 3rd  
4:00 pm—6:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Heavy Hors d'oeuvres, drinks and desserts. Live music, Saint Nicholas and door prizes. Please join us for fellowship and delicious food. This is not a potluck, all food will be provided. All are welcome!



## *Thank You*

Thanks to all who participated in the Holiday Bake Sale, baking, working and buying. Only the loving hearts of each of you made this possible. The children of Warrington Elementary will be so blessed from your efforts. Thanks you for making this possible, you are the best of God's children.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

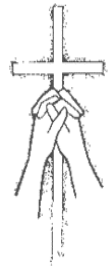
Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11  
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;  
 Lk 10:21-24  
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37  
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;  
 Mt 7:21, 24-27  
 Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4;  
 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38  
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;  
 Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8  
 Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14;  
 Mk 1:1-8

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent  
 Monday: St. John Damascene  
 Wednesday: St. Nicholas  
 Thursday: St. Ambrose;  
 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day  
 Friday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed  
 Virgin Mary  
 Saturday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

**Please, pray for our sick parishioners:**

John Clark  
 Bill Alexander  
 Richard Beechaer  
 Regina Booth  
 Needa Brazwell  
 Jack Brazwell  
 Rusty Budde  
 Anna Chrisco  
 Chipley Clopton  
 Tommy Clopton  
 Charles Hanson  
 Marylee Hanson  
 Regina Kaufman  
 Patrick Kelly  
 Alicia Kelson  
 Helen Manley  
 Genny Manwaring  
 Carolyn Merritt  
 Dan Owczarczak  
 Babe Rohan  
 Bob Russo  
 Chris Russo  
 Mary Teschel  
 Terry Teschel  
 Coreen Singh  
 Jinann Wey



If someone needs the *Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick*—please call the parish office. If no one answers, please leave a message with name and phone number and the priest will call you back.

**Notary Service**

We are now offering Notary services in the Parish Office. If you are in need of a notary, call Lois in the Parish office at (850) 456-2543. This is a free service.



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