



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 14, 2017
 4:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, January 15, 2017
 8:30 AM Reverend Robert C. Donovan
 11:00 AM Mary Theresa Sieczkowski -3rd
 Anniversary

Daily Mass this week will be held on Tuesday thru Thursday at 8:00 AM

Monday, January 16, 2017 HOLIDAY – NO MASS

Tuesday, January 17, 2017
 8:00 AM Emma Lemieux

Wednesday, January 18, 2017
 8:00AM Joseph Z. Beaulieu

Thursday, January 19, 2017
 8:00 AM Joanne F. Silva

Friday, January 20, 2017
 NO MASS

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 21, 2017
 4:00 PM Gerald Ferreira – 7th Anniversary

Sunday, January 22, 2017
 8:30 AM Margaret M. Foley
 11:00 AM Horace Costa
 People of the Parish

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of *Joseph Z. Beaulieu.*

Mass & Music Missalettes

Mass Missalettes for **2017** are available for reserving in memory of a loved one \$604/year or \$150/month. Music Missalettes for **2017** are available for reserving in memory of a loved one \$632/year or \$50.00/month.

Today's Hymns



Entrance: #422 All the Earth
 Preparation: #376 Here I Am, Lord
 Communion #357 I received the Living God
 Meditation: #646 Baptized in Water
 Recessional #418 The Church's One Foundation

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



As we begin a new year, let us take time to plan and make stewardship of time and talent a part of our lifestyle and stewardship of treasure a part of our budget.

Weekend Collection	\$1,015.25
Renovation Fund	\$ 568.25
E-Giving for December	\$1,766.00
20/20 Raffle up-to-date	\$ 740.00

The second collection this weekend is for the **Catholic Communications Campaign.**

This campaign helps support the televised Mass each Sunday that reaches a countless number of shut-ins. *Thank you for your support.*

Arranging of Masses & Candles

The books are open for 2017 anyone wishing to arrange a Mass, Sanctuary Candle, Marian Candle or Sacred Heart Candle in memory of a loved one. Please call the rectory at 508-673-7831

Altar Breads and Altar Wine

The books are also open for 2017 for the Altar Breads and Altar Wine for anyone wishing to donate in memory of a loved one. Altar Breads - \$100/3 Months and Altar Wine - \$40.00/3 Months.

NOTICE:

The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, January 16, 2017 due to the observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. If you need to contact the office for an emergency the Telephone Answering Service will be in contact with Msgr. Fitzgerald.

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM

First Communion Rehearsal Dates – Saturday, April 29, 2017 and Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM in the Church.

Sacrament of First Communion – Sunday, May 7, 2017 during the 11:00 AM Mass.

Important Notice!

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on **Sunday, April 30, 2017 at 2:00PM** in our parish. Confirmation Students from our parish and those of St. John of God, St. Louis de France and St. Patrick of Somerset will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation here. The celebrant will be Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.

Confirmation Rehearsal Dates

Monday, April 17, 2017

Candidates Only

at St. Thomas More Church at 6:30PM

Monday, April 24, 2017

Candidates and Sponsors

at St. Thomas More Church at 6:30PM

CANCELLATION OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

Please tune to **WSAR Channel 6** or Rhode Island Broadcasters on **Channels 10 or 12** for cancellation announcements. **Or sign onto ribroadcasters.com to view the list of cancellations.** If you have any questions, you may contact Michael Fitzpatrick, Director of Religious Education, at the Religious Education Office #508-679-1236 or at the Rectory Office #508-673-7831.

ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL FALL RIVER

On Sunday, January 9, 2017 St. Michael's Parish School will be having an open house from 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM. Pre-K (ages 3 and 4) through 8th grade. For more information call #508-678-0266.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The next WWME Weekends are Jan. 20-22, 2017 in Duxbury, MA and March 17-19, 2017 in South Kingstown, RI. For more information call #800-710-9963.

A Reminder...

Saturday, January 21st at 11:00AM, the First Communion Class will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Penance. **The Sacrament of Penance Students and their parents should be at the Church by 10:45AM.** There will be a luncheon served following the First Penance Service for students and their families in the Parish Center. *Please be reminded that all luncheon request forms must be returned to Mrs. Crook or Mr. Fitzpatrick no later than January 8th.*

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH 20/20 RAFFLE

This raffle is an important fund-raiser for our church renovation fund.

Tickets are on sale before and after the masses. Extra tickets are available to sell to friends and family. Tickets are \$20 each. **There will be one lucky winner! The winning ticket will be drawn on February 26, 2017 after the 11 o'clock mass.** The winner is guaranteed \$1,000 or 20% of what is totally collected, whichever is larger. **Your help makes this fundraiser successful. To date we have sold \$740.00 in Raffle Tickets. Thank you.**

St. Vincent de Paul News

The next scheduled meeting for St. Vincent de Paul members is on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017 at 2:00 PM.** Have you or someone you know fallen on hard times? The St. Vincent de Paul Society can provide some help – discreetly and confidentially. Call the Rectory Office #508-673-7831 for a referral.

ST. THOMAS MORE RETIREES CLUB

There will be a meeting of the St. Thomas More Retirees Club on **Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 1:00PM in the Parish Center.** New members are always welcome.

Inclement Weather – Daily Mass

For safety reasons, **when the Town of Somerset cancels or delays school because of inclement weather, daily Mass will be cancelled.** If you had a scheduled announced Mass for that day, please call the Rectory at 508-673-7831 and the Mass will be rescheduled as soon as possible. Thank you.



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

This reading is a short passage from the second song of the Servant of the Lord. The Lord will show his glory through His servant whose mission is to restore Israel and bring salvation “to the ends of the earth.”

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul sends greetings to the people of Corinth, who have been called to be holy and consecrated in Christ.

Gospel: John 1:29-34

When Jesus visits John, John recognizes Jesus as the “Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” John further indicates that Jesus is truly the Messiah and “God’s chosen One.”

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by *Rev. William J. Reilly*

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January 15, 2017

“But as I say, I did not recognize him. The one who sent me to baptize with water told me: ‘When you see the Spirit descend and rest on someone, it is he who is to baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ Now I have seen for myself, and have testified, ‘This is God’s chosen One.’

A logo or trademark makes it easy to recognize a product. The sari of St. Teresa of Calcutta or the gentle smile of Pope Francis leaves no doubt of whom we speak. A familiar melody or words from the scripture often bring joy to our ears. They stay with us.

When the Baptist said he did not at first recognize the Christ until another sign was offered, he kept on looking. I ask myself, where can I recognize Christ today? How can I discover Him? The saint of Calcutta found Him in the poor and abandoned. The Holy Father tells us He is out on the streets, in the poor, homeless and needy. Where do I look?

Many young people give of themselves as Jesuit Volunteers, builders for Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers and Sisters for our youth. These serve a dual role – they discover Christ and bring Him as well. It is kind of like a smile – something I give away and hold on to at the same time. May others recognize the Christ in me.