

Saint Thomas The Apostle Catholic Church

1720 NW 19th Street, Redmond, OR 97756

Very Rev. Todd Unger, Pastor

Rev. Alexandar Kalappurakkal Poulouse, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Chuck Amsberry

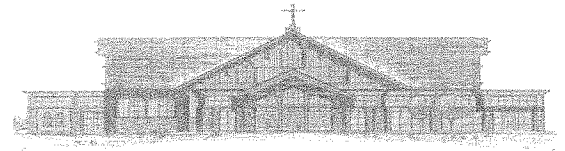
Former Pastors: Fr. Stan Strzyz

Please pray for the soul of:

Fr. John O'Donovan Fr. Michael Ahearne Fr. Francis McCormack

Msgr. William Stone Fr. Thomas Moore Msgr. Bernard Keating

Fr. Leo Weckerle Deacon Joseph Pickens



MARCH 11 AND 12, 2023 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (spring forward 1 hour)

MARCH 18 AND 19, 2023 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY)

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 9:00am–5:00pm

Phone: 541-923-3390 - **Fax :** 541-548-6630 – **Rectory:** 541-548-3548

St. Thomas Academy: 541-548-3785

Religious Education: 541-923-0597 - Noël Roy, Director and Coordinator Grades K-12

Hispanic Ministry: 541-350-2922 Angie Ornelas; 541-410-1526 Faviola Soto

Coordinator of Liturgical Music: 541-815-3424 Nick Wavers; musicministry@stthomasredmond.com

Web page: www.stthomasredmond.com & **e-mail:** djensen@stthomasredmond.com

Pastor : fathertodd@stthomasredmond.com

WEEKLY SCHEDULE - HOLY MASSES:

Weekdays 8 AM

Wednesday 8AM and 6PM – 10AM Academy Mass

Saturday 5:00PM Vigil ~ First Saturday 8:00AM

Sunday 8AM, 10AM & 12Noon (Spanish)

CONFESSION:

Wednesdays at 4:00-5:45pm and Saturdays at 3:00 to 4:30pm, or by appointment ; LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE:

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, at 6:00 pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Daily, from 8am-8pm

Friday, from 12Noon (24hrs) - closes at 12Noon on Saturday.

ROSARY:

Daily – At 7:25 am, Before 8:00am Daily Holy Mass

First Saturday – Before 8:00am Holy Mass; on the 22nd Day of the month for Respect for Life at 7:25 am

CANDLE INTENTIONS

LeRoy Newport – Sacred Heart ~ 3/13 – 3/25

Tim Carpenter – Sacred Heart ~ 3/13 – 3/25

Special Intention of Tim Krugh – Immaculate Mary ~ 3/13 – 3/25

Kathleen Wall – Immaculate Mary ~ 3/13 – 3/25

Familia de Garcia – St. Joseph ~ 3/13 – 3/25

Ron Jensen – St. Joseph ~ 3/13 – 3/25

NEW PARISHIONERS: Call the office to register between 9 AM and 5 PM, Monday-Friday @ 541-923-3390.

BAPTISMS: Parents of children to be baptized must be registered members of our parish. A Baptism preparation class is mandatory for both parents and godparents. For more information call the parish office at 541-923-3390. Baptismal paperwork must be completed and turned in at least 2 weeks prior to the date of Baptism. To schedule a Baptismal Class in English or Spanish, please call the office 541.923.3390. Baptisms in English are scheduled the 3rd Saturday of the month @ Noon or by appointment. Baptisms in Spanish are scheduled the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month.

QUINCEAÑERAS: Should make an appointment with Fr. Todd, six months before the proposed date. Preparation class is mandatory.

MARRIAGES: Couples planning to marry in this parish should call the office to make an appointment with the Pastor, Fr. Todd Unger, at least six months before the proposed date. Marriage Preparation course is mandatory.

CANDLE INTENTION OPPORTUNITIES: Parishioners may request that candles be lit in front of the Sacred Heart, Immaculate Mary and St. Joseph statues. Call the office for more details.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS: For those who have lost their lives in the Russian/Ukrainian war, Patty Roberts, sister of Bill Chisholm, Kathleen Wall, Erin Burk's mother, and James Hipp, Sr.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday; 6pm English; 7pm Spanish. For more Lenten activities, please see the inside pages.

Parish Pastoral Council meets 2nd Wednesdays at 6:45pm (September-May)– Parish Center - Conference Room. (Parish Council Members: Fr. Todd Unger, Angie Ornelas, Faviola Soto, Anne Maloney, John Turlak, Patti Hanken, and Patricia Schulte). Next Meeting is March 8.

Finance Council meets last Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm, Parish Office Conference Room (Except next mtg will be on March 21)

Knights of Columbus will meet on Monday, March 13, 7:00 pm in the Knights Room. Grand Knight: John Turlak

Altar Society will meet Monday, March 13, in the Altar Society Room at 1:00PM. President: Patti Hanken

St. Thomas Academy – SAC; 3rd Monday at 6pm. Principal: Patricia Schulte

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK
MARCH 11 – MARCH 19, 2023

MARCH 11, SATURDAY
5:00PM+NANCY JULIANO (VICKIE CHISHOLM & HENRY HUCKE)

MARCH 12, SUNDAY
8:00AM+LORRAINE LITTLE (PIERCE FAMILY)
10:00AM+CHRISTOPHER JONES (MOM & DAD)
NOON ALL PARISHIONERS

MARCH 13, MONDAY
8:00AM+CRAIG UNGER (PHYLLIS STURZA)
8:00AM+ROBERT & JACKIE ARMSTRONG (CATHY FREY)

MARCH 14, TUESDAY
8:00AM VALORIE WALLIS (TIM KRUGH)
8:00AM TIM KRUGH (RON & DONNA JENSEN)

MARCH 15, WEDNESDAY
8:00AM+WIRA KWASOWSKA LEGEDZA (ANNA & ULANA LEGEDZA)
10:00AM+PATTY ROBERTS (CORINNE & WILLIAM CHISHOLM)
6:00PM+ROXANNA WENDLER (SHIRLEY CARPENTER)

MARCH 16, THURSDAY
8:00AM+KEN SCHISSEL (CELIE & DICK BRYANT)
8:00AM+KATHY WALL (RYAN & CINDY SALE)

MARCH 17, FRIDAY
8:00AM+MARIAN CRAMER (HER FAMILY)
8:00AM JANELLE SCHISSEL (DOUG & ANNE THOMPSON)

MARCH 18, SATURDAY
5:00PM+RITA BORN (PAM & ED CHEENEY)

MARCH 19, SUNDAY
8:00AM ALL PARISHIONERS
10:00AM+ANN HAVELOCK (RAY HAVELOCK)
NOON+ARTURO CAMPOS PATINO (JOSE & ERIKA ROBLES)

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK
MARCH 18 – MARCH 26, 2023

MARCH 18, SATURDAY
+RITA BORN (PAM & ED CHEENEY)

MARCH 19, SUNDAY
8:00AM ALL PARISHIONERS
10:00AM+ANN HAVELOCK (RAY HAVELOCK)
NOON+ARTURO CAMPOS PATINO (JOSE & ERIKA ROBLES)

MARCH 20, MONDAY
8:00AM SVDP VOLUNTEERS
8:00AM TIM CARPENTER (SHIRLEY CARPENTER)

MARCH 21, TUESDAY
8:00AM+RAY HOUGHTON (CAROLYN HOUGHTON)
8:00AM THOMAS SMITH (TIM KRUGH)

MARCH 22, WEDNESDAY
8:00AM INTENTIONS OF ALISHA MARTIN (CINDY & RYAN SALE)
10:00AM+PATTY ROBERTS (VICKIE CHISHOLM & HENRY HUCKE)
6:00PM+TRACY HOWARD (SHIRLEY CARPENTER)

MARCH 23, THURSDAY
8:00AM MARY LEHNERTZ (DON LEHNERTZ)
8:00AM DALE LEHNERTZ (DON & MARY LEHNERTZ)

MARCH 24, FRIDAY
8:00AM+BILL SHAWVER (KATHLEEN SHAWVER)
8:00AM+MARY BOOTH (KATHLEEN SHAWVER)

MARCH 25, SATURDAY
5:00PM+RAY HOUGHTON (CAROLYN HOUGHTON)

MARCH 26, SUNDAY
8:00AM HAPPY BDAY JACKSON MEYER (CHUCK MEYER FAMILY)
10:00AM+MARILYN FRERES (PAUL FRERES)
NOON+CLEMENTINA LOPEZ (HERMINDA ORTIZ)



Thank you, St. Thomas parishioners, for an amazing Coat, Hat, Gloves and Sock drive! Because of your support, we were able to provide over 500 people with warm Coats, Socks, Scarves and Gloves during the coldest winter we have seen in a long time. Gratitude fills our hearts.

¡Gracias, feligreses de St. Thomas, por una increíble colecta de abrigos, sombreros y calcetines! Gracias a su apoyo, pudimos proporcionar abrigos, calcetines, bufandas y guantes abrigados a más de 500 personas durante el invierno más frío que hemos visto en mucho tiempo. La gratitud llena nuestros corazones.

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With Gratitude ~ The St. Vincent de Paul staff and volunteers

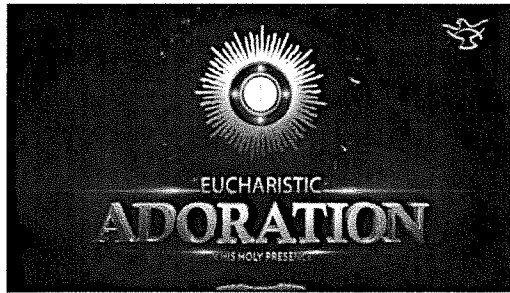


DIOCESE OF BAKER PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS



Throughout the Gospel, Christ calls upon His followers to care for the most vulnerable among us. Child Abuse Prevention month reminds us to be instruments of justice, working for the common good of all, which includes the protection of children. Report all allegations or incidents of sexual abuse by anyone against a minor immediately to the civil authorities to 1-855-503-SAFE (7233) Keep Oregon's Children Safe. After reporting abuse involving a minor to civil authorities please contact: Leah Bickett, Diocese of Baker, Safe Environment Coordinator, Email: leah@dioceseofbaker.org, Phone 541-388-4004. Reporting Misconduct (sexual or otherwise) involving clergy to adults: Very Rev. Saji Kumbungal Thomas, Vicar General, Email: vg@dioceseofbaker.org, Phone: 541-962-5574. Reporting allegations against a priest, deacon or seminarian, please contact: Angelina Montoya, MD, Victim's Assistance Coordinator, Phone: 541-678-5652. Reporting Sexual Misconduct involving a Bishop please contact: Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (CBARS), Phone: 800-276-1562.

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Keep Oregon's children safe



TO RENEW EUCHARISTIC AMAZEMENT:

Bishop Cary has asked that each parish print the following prayer in the parish bulletin:

*O Sacrament most Holy!
O Sacrament Divine!
All praise and all
thanksgiving,
be every moment Thine!*

This prayer will be recited after Holy Communion. Please commit it to memory or cut it out of this bulletin and carry it with you to Mass.



On the last weekend of each month, there will be Benediction in every parish. After the closing prayer at Mass, the priest will expose the Blessed Sacrament on the altar for a brief time of adoration and then conclude with a solemn blessing of the people. The prayers and hymns can be found on the inside back cover of the "Breaking Bread" missalettes in your pews. **The next weekend there will be Benediction at St. Thomas Parish is on March 25 and 26.**

Also, parishes across the Diocese will unite in prayer for a special HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION on March 19, May 21, July 16, September 17, and November 19 at 5:00PM PT/6:00PM MT**So, at 5:00 pm on Sunday, March 19, St. Thomas will have a Holy Hour of Adoration.**

The Diocesan website lists the various emails Bishop Cary sends to all those who wish to receive it. It is known as "Sharing Life in Christ with Bishop Liam Cary." As of this writing, the most recent was for January 23:

CHANGE ME INTO YOU

Dear Friend in Christ,

In this year of Eucharistic Revival, a daily prayer of consecration from a saint known for his devotion to the Blessed Sacrament: *St. Peter Julian Eymard*

"Lord, by the words of consecration the substance of the bread and wine is converted into the substance of your Body and Blood. All powerful Lord, say over me the word which will change me into You." -

St. Peter Julian Eymard

You are then given a link to sign up for the **Heart of the Revival Newsletter** – "for dynamic weekly reflections, videos, and resources from trusted voices in every corner of the Church designed to help you enkindle, rekindle, and deepen a living relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist."

For more information, including an informative video, go to DioceseOfBaker.org/Eucharistic-Revival and/or <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>. Nationwide, this is a 3-year endeavor.

Rekindling the Eucharistic Amazement

Christina M. Sorrentino | 12/10/2021 - Continued

If we believe that Jesus Christ is the God-Man; the Second Person of the Trinity Who is the Son of God then we know that He is the Truth. It is impossible for God to tell a lie, and the statement that Jesus makes while preaching on the Eucharist is not a symbolic one. If Jesus' disciples thought that His words were mere symbolism then why did many of His followers leave Him? They believed that He meant what He said really and truly and that is why they could not accept His words.

During every single Catholic Mass we come to the Lord's Table to receive His Body and His Blood. The Eucharist is the memorial of Christ's sacrifice; the re-presentation of the same sacrifice that took place at Calvary. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1366) After we partake in the Pascal Banquet we are called to share the fruits of the graces that we receive with the rest of humanity; especially the most neglected and spiritually abandoned souls. Our Pentecost moment; the dismissal at Mass, is when we are called to make present to the world the Pascal Mystery. As members of the lay faithful we have the duty to share our faith with others, and to serve the most vulnerable in our society; the unborn, our children, the aged and infirmed, the migrant and refugee, those with disabilities, and those who are away from the faith.

We must do as St. Pope John Paul II says in his encyclical, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, "rekindle the Eucharistic amazement," (no. 6) which will inspire us to have hope in our daily commitment to the work that lies ahead of us on our journey through this life. It is the Eucharist that

marries Heaven and Earth; where we receive a taste of Paradise in this world, that which prepares us for life in eternity with the Triune God-head. The Second Vatican Council teaches us that it is this reality that makes more significant "our sense of responsibility for the world today." (Gaudium et Spes, no. 39) St. Pope John Paul II speaks of the importance of not neglecting our duties as citizens of this world; one that lacks harmony and is filled with discord. How can we prepare our hearts to become citizens of the heavenly realm if we do not act first as citizens of this world? We have the obligation as Catholics to "think of the urgent need to work for peace, to base relationships between peoples on solid premises of justice and solidarity, and to defend human life from conception to its natural end." (Ecclesia de Eucharistia, no. 20) We must be the light of Christ in this world, which is only possible by uniting ourselves to Christ in the Eucharist. How can we offer to others that which we have not yet received ourselves? It is by receiving spiritual nourishment in the consuming of the Precious Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, that enables our hearts to be set on fire with His infinite love.

Our entire lives should burn with endless devotion to our Eucharistic Lord if we truly know Who and What the Eucharist is to us. The Lord gave Himself to remain with the human race forever, so that we can be united with Him as to transform the world by the message of the Gospel. We become endowed with the courage and zeal necessary to work towards changing our own lives, and the lives of those whom we encounter. It is by the mystery of the water and wine; the partaking in the "Supper of the Lamb," that we receive a share in the Divinity of Christ, who humbled Himself to share in our humanity. (Order of the Mass, no. 24) The love of Christ that enters into our very being when we receive the Real Presence in the Eucharist leads us to become more and more Christ-like in our thoughts, words, and deeds, where we can then authentically "live the celebration of the Eucharistic Mystery."

LENTEN RESOURCES:

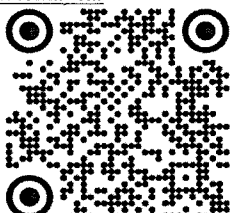
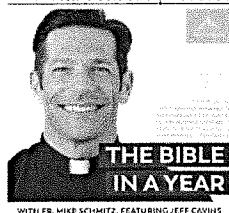
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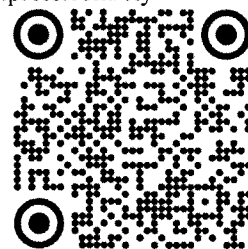
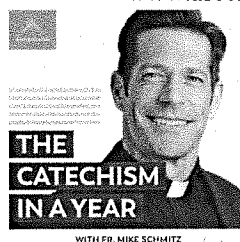
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ST. THOMAS LENDING LIBRARY: Along with participating in the sacraments and DAILY prayer, practicing regular **SPIRITUAL READING** is a VERY important way of developing a saintly Catholic life. Reading about the lives and writings of the saints can greatly soften our hearts. It is often in our spiritual reading that we find God speaking to us.

WHERE DO WE FIND THESE WONDERFUL SPIRITUAL READING MATERIALS? The bookshelves in the church hallway, (across from the flower room), are stocked full of tremendous holy books. Please come and take a look. Feel free to **TAKE ANY BOOK HOME** and keep it as long as you want....you can bring it back or pass it on to someone else. Don't miss this opportunity to rub elbows with the Saints. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from great theologians. Don't miss this opportunity to let your children and grandchildren see you trying to get closer to the Lord as you share with them some of the great things you are reading.

(Submitted by Marti Meyer)



BIBLE STUDIES: St Thomas has many **LIFE CHANGING** bible studies in the Fireside Room Library in the corner of the Church. There is a file box with an easy self-checkout system with directions next to it. Enjoy! "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." Saint Jerome



LENTEN SOUP AND BREAD SUPPERS: Every Wednesday in Lent following the 6pm Mass in the Parish Center Gym. The Lenten Soup & Bread experience is a small Lenten meal. Our meal reminds us of those who have little or nothing to eat. A donation basket is available each week. Your donations will be given to our local St. Vincent de Paul to help them in their aid to the poor. Please be generous. The following groups will provide soup and bread and the contact person for each group is listed:

MARCH 1 ~ St. Thomas CCD/Youth (Noél Roy) – Excellent!!
MARCH 8 ~ St. Thomas Academy (Lisa Velasquez)
MARCH 15 ~ St. Thomas Altar Society/Quilters (Patti Hanken)
MARCH 22 ~ Hispanic Community (Angi Ornelas/Faviola Soto)
MARCH 29 ~ Knights of Columbus (John Turlak)
APRIL 5 ~ Bible Study (Penny Greig)

If you are not part of any of the above groups but would like to donate soup and/or bread, please bring your soup and/or bread on whichever week/weeks work for you. Your soup/bread would be appreciated on any of the soup nights.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday in Lent – English 6:00 pm: Spanish 7:00 pm with Benediction.

FRIDAYS OF LENT:

WHAT CAN I EAT?

(On Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays during Lent)

YES

- Fish
- Eggs
- Milk
- Fruit
- Veggies
- Grains

NO

- Beef
- Pork
- Chicken
- Ham
- Deer
- Lamb

The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Roman Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.



ST. THOMAS ACADEMY PRESENTS PI NIGHT 2023: Parishioners are welcome to join in an evening of math activities on Tuesday, March 14, from 6:00 to 7:30 in the gymnasium.



DIOCESE OF BAKER MEN'S CONFERENCE: Here at St. Thomas on Saturday, March 18, 2023, 9am to 5pm, presented by the Bishop's 2023 Annual Appeal. Join Catholic men from around the Diocese for talks that inspire, conversations that give strength, and prayer that will help us become the husbands, fathers, and sons God is calling us to be.

As you may have heard, many studies are showing the direct correlation between the involvement of a father in church life and the likelihood of a child practicing his or her faith into adulthood. It is crucial that we get our men more deeply connected to Jesus and parish life. To quote Catholic Men's Leadership Alliance:

***Strengthen the man, strengthen the family.
 Strengthen the family, strengthen the Church.
 Strengthen the Church, transform the culture.***



LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE: Thursday, March 23, at 6:00 pm. Confessions in Spanish and English.



ALIANZA DE AMOR would like to thank you for your support for the Latin food sale held on Saturday, March 4, from 2-7pm in the Welcome Area of the gym. The total proceeds were \$4,175. Ten percent, or \$417.50, was given to the church maintenance fund.



RETIRO DE PAREJAS: March 25th and 26th, Cascade Retreat Center, Powell Butte – information: 541-668-1789.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Tuesday, March 28, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Make your appointment with the app, call Red Cross (1-800-733-2767), or call the church office 541-923-3390. The church office can also put you on a wait list. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops considers blood donations one of the corporal works of mercy under visiting the sick.



2023 CHRISM MASS: *Bishop Liam Cary cordially invites you to the blessing of the oils and the renewal of priestly promises at the 2023 Chrism Mass, March 30th, 11:00 am, Saint Francis de Sales Cathedral, 2235 First Street, Baker City. Reception to follow.*

Father Todd Unger, Father Alexandar Poulouse, and Deacon Chuck Amsberry will leave Tuesday, March 28, for Baker City to attend the Chrism Mass on Thursday, March 30. They will return late Thursday evening. There will be Mass on Friday morning, March 31, and Stations of the Cross that evening.



PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK, TRIDUUM SCHEDULE:

April 1-2 ~ Mass of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Saturday: 5:00PM; Sunday: 8AM, 10AM, NOON (Spanish)
April 3, Monday of Holy Week: Mass at 8AM
April 4, Tuesday of Holy Week: Mass at 8AM
April 5, Wednesday of Holy Week: Mass at 8AM; confessions at 4 to 5:45PM; Mass at 6PM followed by Lenten Soup and Bread
April 6, Holy Thursday: Mass at 7PM with washing of the feet, stripping of the altar and Adoration until midnight
April 7, Good Friday: Passion Play (time?); 7PM Liturgy of the Word, Holy Eucharist and Reverencing of the Cross- Office is closed
April 8, Holy Saturday: 8PM Service Of Light, Liturgy Of The Word, Liturgy Of Baptism, Liturgy Of The Eucharist (Easter Vigil Mass)
APRIL 9, EASTER SUNDAY: Masses: 8am, 10am and Noon (Spanish)
April 10, Easter Monday: Mass 8 am. Office is closed.



PLEASE JOIN US EASTER SUNDAY AFTER THE 10AM Mass for the Easter Egg Hunt in the Large Grass Field Beside the Church – See the flyers for donations



LENT-EASTER FLOWERS: Carol Mitchell



COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS: Sundays, March 12, and March 26, after the 8 and 10 am Masses.



ALTAR SOCIETY: The next monthly meeting is Monday, March 13, at 1:00 pm in the Altar Society Room.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Meet on Monday, March 13, at 7:00 pm in their meeting room located in the parish hall building. Fourth Degree Knights meet at Redmond Abby's Pizza on Thursday, March 16, at 6pm.



KNIGHTS MONTHLY BREAKFAST: on Sunday, March 19, after the 8 and 10am Masses. The Knights will be serving eggs, corned beef hash, muffins, juice and coffee. Proceeds from breakfast will be sent to the Diocese for the Cathedral Conservation Collection.



THE ST. THOMAS BOOK CLUB will meet on Tuesday, March 21st, from 6:30 to 8:00PM in the Bride's Room to discuss St. Therese of Lisieux, The Story of the Soul.



SAVE THE DATE FOR CASINO NIGHT!
April 29th from 5:30-9:00 at the St. Thomas Gymnasium
A benefit event for the St. Thomas Building Fund and Academy Scholarships. Casino style gaming, prizes, all night taco bar and no-host bar. \$50 per ticket includes taco bar and \$20 in play tokens. Tickets on sale soon at www.redmondacademy.com



THE DIOCESE OF BAKER is in need of a part-time seasonal housekeeper at the Cascade View Retreat Center in Powell Butte. Please email curt@dioceseofbaker.org for all inquiries.



PRO LIFE FACT OF THE WEEK: At 7 weeks a baby can hiccup.



HOMEBOUND MINISTRY: Are you aware that St Thomas has a ministry that will bring Holy Communion to those who are unable to come to Mass either temporarily or long term? We call it the Ministry to the Homebound. If you know of anyone who could benefit or if you are interested in the ministry, please contact the office.



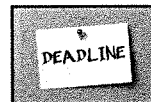
REGISTER AT FORMED.ORG: Click on St. Thomas, Redmond. Sign up to receive daily emails at daily.formed.org. Access studies and movies galore. Great resource!



WANT TO TRY ONLINE GIVING? Go to the home page at www.stthomasredmond.com and click on the brown box labelled "Giving Portal." (It is located right after the Mass times.)



PORTLAND RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT April 14-16, 2023, is for anyone impacted by abortion. The mercy and compassion of God and the group brings healing and restoration in unexpected, unimaginable ways by supporting you to identify and heal from involvement in abortion experiences that have knowingly and unknowingly altered your life and relationships. Lodging, meals, and materials are included for the cost of \$250. Financial assistance is available! Contact Project Aurora 541-942-2861 or info@project-aurora.org. Websites: www.Project-Aurora.org and www.RachelsVineyard.org



MARCH 26 AND APRIL 2 BULLETIN AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Due 5:00pm on Tuesday, March 28.

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Changes or Additions to Parish Records

- () I am a new parishioner and would like to register
- () I've moved ~ My new address, phone and email are shown below
- () I'm Moving. Please remove me from St. Thomas Parish
- () Please contact me regarding envelopes, online giving or parish directory

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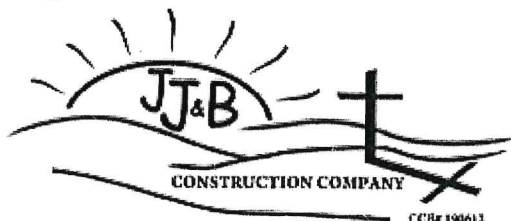
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One Minute Meditations

Fasting to detach

"Their God is their stomach; their glory is in their 'shame.'

Their minds are occupied with earthly things"

(Philippians 3:19). We tend to eat and drink so freely that we forget God, who gives us that which we eat and drink. Fasting, especially during Lent, helps us to detach from the things of this world and remember Him. Catholics are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and to abstain from meat on Fridays.

Believe in God

Believing in God means more than just saying He exists. Believers serve God, give time to Him, and put Him first. Spend more time in prayer this Lent, shed some possessions, perform works of charity and you will act on your baptismal promises.

"Yet even now," says the LORD, 'return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments'"
(Joel 2:12).



Preparing hearts for Easter joy

Lent is the Church's gift to us to help prepare our hearts for Easter by purifying our hearts, opening up to love, and putting love into action.

Purifying our hearts: Every heart yearns for love, yet only God's love can truly satisfy that yearning. The goal of Lenten penance is to purify ourselves of whatever blocks us from God's love or closes our heart to others. This can include excessive social media, materialism, gossip, or sinful habits like lust or deceit. From what does your heart need to detach so there's room for God and others?

Opening up to love: Mother Teresa

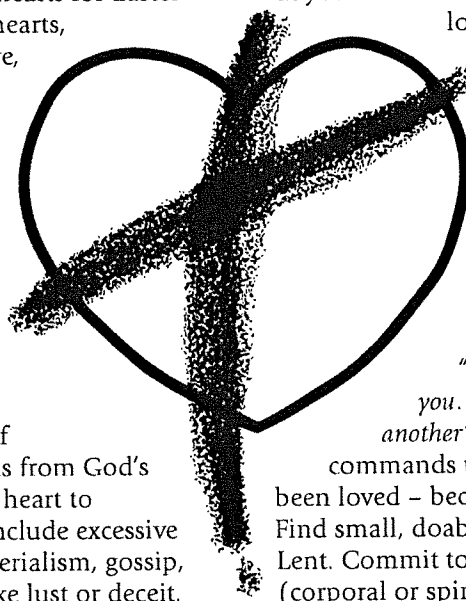
wrote, "Have you seen...how [Jesus] looks at you with love?... Have you heard the

loving words He speaks to you?" Strive to know God's heart. Seek Him, not just His gifts. Only by receiving God's love first, beginning with prayer, can we share it with others.

Put love in action:

"Even as I have loved you...you also love one another" (John 13:34). God

commands us to love as we've been loved – because we are loved. Find small, doable ways to serve during Lent. Commit to a Work of Mercy (corporal or spiritual). Practice patience. Give the gift of listening. True joy at Easter comes from loving Christ and imitating Him. Strive to do this throughout Lent and beyond.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Many churches cover statues and crucifixes in red or purple cloth for the final weeks in Lent, traditionally known as "Passiontide." The veils are visual cues that we're entering into a solemn time and remind us that sin separates us from God.

Why do Catholics cover statues during Lent?



This helps to build anticipation for Easter when the statues are unveiled and we are restored to Him. Lastly, the veils symbolize that heavenly glories are hidden in this life, but will be revealed when we enter eternity.

Cultivating a "holy hospitality"

Jesus asked us to make others feel welcome, seen and loved while they're with us. "Holy hospitality" is vital to building community around Christ. Try these tips:

Sit and listen: When Jesus visited with his dear friends, Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, He observed that Martha was so distracted and focused on her own concerns that she merely served Jesus instead of connecting with Him personally (Luke 10:41-42). Prepare for guests like Martha did, but enjoy them like Mary – with complete attention.



Fill your conversations with faith: A "holy hospitality" is a faith-informed one. The Samaritan woman's life changed when she encountered Christ (John 4:14-15) because He told her the Good News of salvation. Ensure your conversations are uplifting and reflect your hope and optimism for eternity.

Open your circle: Jesus ate with tax collectors and public sinners – those considered unpleasant. "Holy hospitality" means your social circle is open to the socially awkward, the frustrating coworker, the elderly neighbor who lives alone, because Christ is in all we serve (Matthew 25:40).

from Scripture

John 11:1-45, Generous trust, generous faith

In this Gospel passage, a beloved friend of Jesus' was fatally ill and his sisters sent urgent word to Jesus to come immediately. Jesus delayed, and Lazarus died, but this would not be His ultimate fate. Jesus had something else in mind for Lazarus and his family.

When He finally arrived, Martha didn't demand Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead, although she acknowledged His power to do so. Even though her brother's body had been in the tomb for days and the decay had begun in earnest, her trust in Jesus was complete. She knew that God's love

is more powerful than death and left the outcome in His hands.

God never leaves us in our troubles but uses them to draw us closer to Him.

Martha's generous trust in God's will rested on her close friendship with Christ. Whatever He thought would be best

was best. God's timing is not ours, yet everything He does – even when He does it – is for our good. Martha's trust in Jesus was rewarded in the most magnificent way. Ours will be, too.



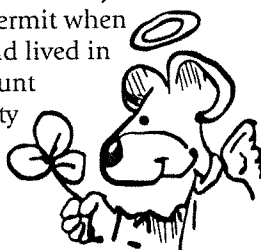
Feasts & Celebrations

March 9 – St. Frances of Rome (1440). Although she preferred a life of service, St. Frances' wealthy parents required that she marry. With her sister-in-law, Vannoza, St. Frances formed a group of women dedicated to serving the poor, all while caring for her family.

March 22 – St. Deogratias of Carthage (456): As Bishop of Carthage, St. Deogratias is best known for aiding slaves captured by the Vandal king, Geiseric. He ransomed hundreds of captives and sheltered them in two large cathedrals.

March 25 – The Annunciation of the Lord (1st century). The angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary with the extraordinary news of her role as the mother of God. Even at her young age, she had confidence in God's grace and trusted in His wisdom.

March 30 – St. John Climacus (606): Born in 525 near Syria, St. John became a hermit when he was sixteen and lived in the region of Mount Sinai. A community of monks formed around him and elected him abbot.



Q & A How can I overcome the temptations in my life?

Jesus knows that the battle for holiness is challenging in a fallen world, so He gave St. Faustina Kowalska twenty-five strategies to help (*Divine Mercy in My Soul*, #1760). Here is a sample:

"Do not bargain with any temptation; lock yourself immediately in My Heart."

Don't assume you are strong enough for a "little" temptation. Run immediately to the refuge of Jesus' sacred heart for protection.

"Bear with yourself with great patience." Saints aren't made overnight. See yourself as God does – beloved. Be patient and keep trying.

"Do not neglect interior mortifications." Withhold a biting remark, give up a luxury for the day, cut down on screen time. Sacrifices for love are powerful.

"Shun murmurs like a plague." Gossip is never in God's service. False accusations and rumors that hurt reputations are Satan's favorite tools. Don't indulge.

"Always fight with the deep conviction that I am with you." Our courage comes from being rooted in God (John 15:5). Recall God's loving presence throughout the day: "Jesus, I trust in you!"



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(The following groups will provide soup and bread)

March 1.....St. Thomas CCD/Youth (Noél Roy)
March 8.....St. Thomas Academy (Lisa Velasquez)
March 15.....St. Thomas Altar Society & Quilters (Patti Hanken)
March 22.....Hispanic Community (Angie Ornelas/Faviola Soto)
March 29.....Knights of Columbus (John Turlak)
April 5.....Bible Study (Penny Greig)

Contact persons are listed following the name of each group.

If you are not a part of any of the above groups but would like to donate soup and/or bread please bring your soup and/or bread on whichever week/weeks works for you.

Your soup/bread would be appreciated on any of the soup nights.



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Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>"Lent is the liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert in fasting and prayer" (<i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i>).</p>							
26	Imagine being responsible for all the souls in the world. Offer a Rosary for the intentions of the pope.	27	Ask God to show you what is keeping you from experiencing His love fully—worry, fears, sin. Resolve to deal with it by Easter.	28	Offer an extra small sacrifice for God, just for today - coffee without cream, lukewarm shower, no snacking, etc.		
5	After Mass today, go out to eat with other parishioners from church.	6	Dive deeper into your faith. Skim the glossary in the Catechism for an unfamiliar term and learn the Church's teaching about it.	7	Pick an issue in the news and pray over it today.		
12	Reread John 4:5-30. How is Christ calling you closer to Him? What "jug" would you leave behind?	13	Refuse to gossip, either in person or on screen. Affirm every person or keep silent.	14	Write down your worries. Place the list under a statue or image of Jesus. Pray, "Jesus, I surrender this to You. Take care of everything."		
19	Laetare Sunday Unless it's sinful, enjoy something you gave up for Lent in joyful anticipation of Easter!	20	St. Joseph's Day St. Joseph silently, selflessly cared for Mary and Jesus. Pray for fathers and entrust them to St. Joseph's care.	21	Do an act of kindness. Whether openly or secretly, do it for God's glory. It's really Him you're serving.		
26	Fast from unnecessary screen use today. Use the time to read a book, walk outside, pray.	27	This week, get up when the alarm goes off and offer your day to God's service.	28	Send your parish priests a "spiritual bouquet" — listing the prayers you'll offer for them (e.g. three Hail Marys, an Our Father).		
2	Palm Sunday Display blessed palms around your home, "that the King of Glory may come in!" (Psalm 24:7)	3	Holy Week is a busy time for parishes. Stop by your parish office and ask how you can help.	4	Pray for those who are coming into the Church at the Easter Vigil.		
				5	Judas betrayed Christ. Consider how our sins betray Jesus and make a sincere Act of Contrition.		
				6	Visit the Blessed Sacrament. Offer Him your love for the "lost hour" of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:40).		
				29	Today, complete an errand or chore you've been putting off.		
				22	Take the box of clothes you set up on March 4 to a clothing drive.		
				15	Attend Confession and experience God's mercy. Resolve to make amends where you can.		
				8	Figure out on which luxuries you spend the most money. Take a tenth of that amount and put it in the poor box at church.		
				1	March Enjoy pretzels -- a traditional Lenten snack. The "crossed" arms of the pretzel recalled monks at prayer.		
				23	Start a prayer book and record those for whom you pray or for what you pray. Also keep track of how God answers your prayers.		
				24	Catholics are required to abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent as a form of penance.		
				25	The Bible teaches us to deny ourselves and give instead to those in need. Read Matthew 6:1-4 to learn more about sacrificial almsgiving.		
				4	Set up an empty box or bin. Throughout Lent, fill it with gently used clothes. Bring it to a local charity at the end of Lent.		
				10	Resist "idle curiosity." Don't research trivial questions or follow every browser thread. Unless it's important, it's okay not knowing.		
				17	St. Patrick's Day In honor of St. Patrick, evangelize silently by wearing a symbol of your faith (e.g. a cross, medal).		
				18	Contact local shelters and soup kitchens and ask if they need volunteers.		
				25	Annunciation of the Lord Mary said "Yes!" to God's plan. Pray three Hail Marys, for the grace to give your "Yes" to Him, too.		
				31	Today, fast from complaining. Cultivate gratitude instead.		
				8	Holy Saturday Renew your baptismal vows and commit to living your faith more fully this year.		