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July 27, 2014

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday thru Friday: 8:00 am and 12:15 pm
Saturday: 8:00 am and 12:15 pm

CONFESSIONS

Monday thru Friday
12:00 pm - 12:10 pm (before Mass)
Saturday 5:00 – 5:30 pm

BAPTISM

1:00 pm on Sunday
(Arrangements must be made in advance)

MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made at least six months prior to the wedding

VISITS TO HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Our clergy are happy to visit.
Call the parish office to arrange.

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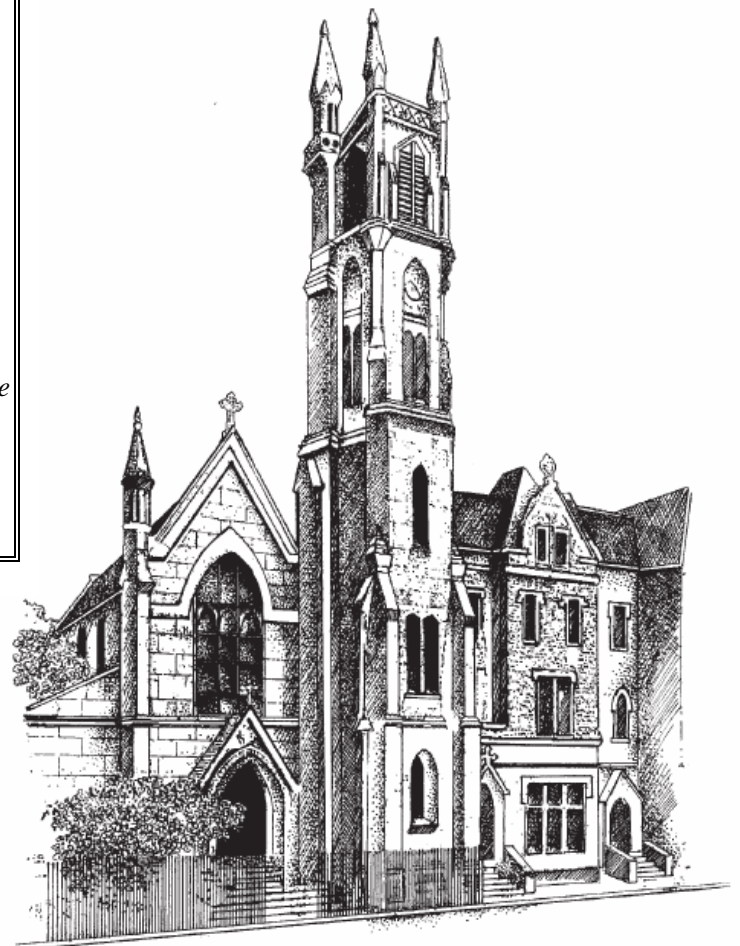
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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 5:45 p.m.
Sunday Morning: 8:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m. (Family Mass)
Families and children are encouraged to attend the Family Mass at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Afternoon: 12:00 p.m. (Choral Mass)
Sunday Evening: 5:45 p.m.



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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme/Call To Worship

Our readings for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time remind us of what is truly important for Christians. In all that we do, seek first the kingdom of heaven.

Introduction To The Word

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12: The first reading from First Kings entails a dream that Solomon experienced near the beginning of his reign. In the dream, God said to Solomon, "Ask anything of me and I will give it to you." Solomon responds by asking God for "an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong." In his dream, Solomon saw the importance of a proper disposition to be an effective leader and judge for his people.

Romans 8:28-30: In the second reading, taken from Paul's Letter to the Romans, Paul saw that the Christians in his day, both those known to him and those he had yet to meet (like the Christians in Rome), were foreknown by God and "predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son." For Paul, this predestination was evidenced in one's call to be a believer.

Matthew 13:44-52: Today's Gospel reading from Matthew concludes the string of parables we have heard proclaimed for the past three Sundays. At the end of the parables today, Matthew concludes with a very important characterization of the disciples. Jesus asks them a key question: "Do you understand all these things?" For Matthew, part of the challenge of discipleship involves hearing and understanding the meaning of Jesus' parables of the kingdom of heaven.

Adapted from Liturgical Publications Inc, Connect! Uniting Word & World, Dr. Daniel J. Scholz

At St. Thomas More This Week

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
07/28	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
07/29	No Leisure Club Lunch	
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
07/30	Christian Meditation - Chapel	6:00 pm
07/31	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
08/01	A.A. Meeting	6:30 pm
08/02	A.A Meeting	2:00 pm

Sunday Collection – July 20, 2014
 Weekly Collection – \$4,743.79
 Weekly Expenses - \$9,310.73
 Adult Attendance – 354

Join the St. Thomas More E-Group

Send an email with your Name and the words
 Join the E-Group (Currently 286 members) to
stmbusiness@gmail.com receive the weekly Bulletin
 and other important information.

Celebrant / Lector Mass Schedule

<i>July 27</i>	<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>Lector</i>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Gisela White
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Diaz	Louisa Martin
Sun 10:00 am	Msgr. Pepe	Branche Family
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Diaz	Bob Burke
Sun 5:45 pm	Msgr. Pepe	Jim Sterling

Sunday Coffee Hour: Volunteer for this important Community Service. We extend our thanks to our volunteer the **Branche Family** for hosting this gathering, which is a wonderful way for parishioners to meet and get to know one another as well as to share a sweet and a cup of coffee or apple juice for the children. We look forward to meeting you there **after the 10:00 am Mass**.

<i>August 03</i>	<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>Lector</i>
Sat 5:45 pm	Fr. Pepe	The Rosses
Sun 8:30 am	Fr. Pepe	Mary Ellen McEvily
Sun 10:00 am	Fr. Diaz	TBD
Sun 12:00 pm	Fr. Broderick	Nilsa Santiago
Sun 5:45 pm	Fr. Diaz	Chris Baldwin

***Let your compassion come to me
 that I may live,
 for your law is my delight.***

Christian Meditation The next session will be held in the Chapel on July 30th.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND FEAST
DAYS AT ST. THOMAS MORE
FOR WEEK OF
JULY 27 – AUGUST 02**

Mon. July 28

8:00 Marjorie Isban (L)

* 12:15 Joey Awlasewicz (D)

Tues. July 29 *St. Martha*

8:00 Egidio & Marianne Spinelli (D)

* 12:15 Frederic J. Fuller, Sr. (D)

Wed. July 30 *St. Peter Chrysologus*

8:00 Jenna Nolan (D)

* 12:15 Catherine A. Gilvary (D)

Thurs. July 31 *St. Ignatius of Loyola*

8:00 Anthony Perella (D)

* 12:15 Mae E. Rooney (D)

Fri. August 01 *St. Alphonsus Liguori*

8:00 Mae E. Rooney (D)

* 12:15 Jaime Rendon (D)

Sat. August 02 *St. Eusebius of Vercelli*
St. Peter Julian Eymard

8:00 Antoinette Martin (L)

* 12:15 Anthony Declemente (D)

Sunday Vigil

5:45 Elizabeth Roach (D)

* **Rosary said after the 12:15 Mass**

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

07/28 Mon: Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35

07/29 Tues: Jer 14:17-22;

Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

07/30 Wed: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Mt 13:44-46

07/31 Thurs: Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53

08/01 Fri: Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58

08/02 Sat: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12

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Dear Parishioners,

I am pleased to inform you that Fr. Richard Broderick has accepted my invitation to come to our parish on the weekend of August 2nd and 3rd. Fr. Broderick will speak to us about the work being done by **Unbound** (previously know as CFCA), and how this provides a trustworthy way to actively participate in the social outreach of the Catholic Church and answer the Gospel's call to serve the poor.

Founded by lay Catholics, **Unbound** is an organization that has served more than 600,000 children, youth and elderly in 21 developing countries since 1981 – empowering them to make more choices in their lives, live with dignity and reach their potential.

Unbound's unique sponsorship program is highly personalized. It matches a child, youth or aging person at a project overseas, with a sponsor in the U.S. who cares about and encourages that person. For about a dollar a day, a sponsor helps to provide much-needed nourishing food, medical and dental care, the chance for a child to go to school, livelihood programs for families and much more. All these efforts are directed at affirming the dignity of every person in their local community.

For more information about **Unbound** please call (800)875-6564 or visit www.unbound.org.

Please join me in welcoming Father Broderick to our parish.

**Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Kevin V. Madigan
Pastor**