



Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More

AND CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER DIOCESE OF PENSACOLA-TALLAHASSEE
We exist to reflect Jesus Christ, to worship Him, and to proclaim His good news to all.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
APRIL 14, 2019

"LORD, WHEN YOUR GLORY APPEARS,
MY JOY WILL BE FULL." -PSALM 17



What's Happening This Week

Father John's Corner

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Fellowship Sunday

There is no Fellowship Sunday today or on Easter Sunday, April 21. We will resume on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28

Cover art: (Leullier Louis Felix, "Christ's Entrance into Jerusalem")

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 7:00am, 5:15pm

Saturday: 8:00am, 5:15pm Vigil

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:45am,
6:00pm

CONFESSION

Saturday (in the chapel) from

12:00pm - 1:00pm and

4:00pm - 5:00pm or by appointment.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm

RECTORY (EMERGENCIES ONLY)

(850) 224-4887

WIFI NETWORK: STM Guest

WIFI PASSWORD: stm1967!

Father Murray Scholarship

Congratulations to the winners of the Father J. Franklin Murray Awards for Academic Excellence. St. Thomas More has given these awards annually in memory of Fr. Murray who worked faithfully with students of all ages. These Trinity Catholic School students were selected for their outstanding academic and leadership achievements Congratulations to:

Winners:

7th Grade Winner: Isabella Santana
7th Grade Finalist: Charlie Miller
7th Grade Finalist: Evangeline Oguledo

8th Grade Winner: Lily Moore
8th Grade Finalist: Frankie Johnson
8th Grade Finalist: Camryn Whitley

John Series by Dr. Sonya Cronin

Tuesday May 7th/ 14th / 21st, 7-8pm

Deepen your Easter season by diving into the Gospel of John and its impact. Dr. Sonya Cronin will be leading a three week Overview of the Gospel of John: This study will introduce you to the background of John's Gospel, its connection to Old Testament, the implication or "punch" of John's claims, and what it all means for the Church. See the website for details

Chrism Mass Invitation

Bishop Wack cordially invites all the faithful of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee to attend the **Chrism Mass on Tuesday, April 16 at 10:00 a.m. CDT** at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. Immediately following the Chrism Mass, you are also invited to a luncheon reception in the Ave Maria Hall adjoining the Cathedral.

We pray for all our beloved departed and for those in our parish who are ill. Please email any prayer requests for those who are deceased or ill to: media@cocathedral.com.

St. Vincent de Paul Society



Please remember to support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in 2019, so that together we can continue to bring comfort and peace to our brothers and sisters who are poor and suffering. May the peace of God be with you.

The monthly collection will be this weekend after all Masses.

Consider becoming an active member of SVdP. Society meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month at 6pm, Room #6, Parish Center. www.facebook.com/svdptally | svdptally@gmail.com

Easter Flowers

Flowers for Easter Sunday Masses may be purchased in memory of or in thanksgiving for family and friends. Suggested donation is \$10. Go to the parish website or call the office at 222-9630 to make arrangements.

Welcome New Parishioners

Todd and Vanessa Lara
 Michael and Ann Riley
 Matthew and Angelica Long
 Romeo and Gloria Aggabao

Congratulations!

Congratulations to all our Religious Ed students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 6th, 2019

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| Jack Brooks | Stephen Jensen |
| Phillip Byrd | Antonio Laudenslager |
| Charlene Denyo | Ian McFarlin |
| Jacques Dixon | Camila Nunez |
| Kiara Falcasantos | Reagan Pfeiffer |
| Diana Fernandez | Alyssa Pumariega |
| Nicolas Fonseca | Jackson Rignanese |
| Caden Gavagni | Joseph Sobeski |
| Cameron Greene | Nicolas Tsy-pin |
| Connor Herbst | Mahalie Vera |
| Jhonathan Herrera | Bryce Vieux |
| Annette Howard | Calvin Vu |

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

APRIL 2019 Dates: 04/01 – 04/07

Weekly Need:	\$ 20,000
Weekly Giving:	\$ 17,887
Year-to-Date Need:	\$250,000
Year-to-Date Giving:	\$251,229

To give online, visit www.cocathedral.com and go to the "Donate" page.

Now Hiring: FINANCE ASSISTANT

This part-time position is responsible for the oversight of counting & depositing of funds, the accounting of parishioner donations and other duties under the direction of the parish business manager. If interested, please complete an application on our website, www.cocathedral.com, and submit via email to Dasha Nixon, dasha@cocathedral.com.

Religious Education

NO Religious Education on Sunday April 21 for Easter. Class resumes on 4/28 which is the last day of Religious Education class.

Vacation Bible School registration is online **through May 10**. Our theme is an African adventure called **Roar! Life is Wild, God is Good!** by Totally Catholic/ Our Sunday Visitor. VBS is for rising Prek4 through 6th grade children from **8:30 am to 12 noon June 10 to June 14**. Contact maureen@cocathedral.com for more info.

Lighthouse CD of the Week

The Healing Power of Confession
Dr. Scott Hahn presents the historical and biblical origins of the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation). He provides an important guide for new Catholics, a source of renewal for "old hands", and a challenge to all of us to deepen our relationship with Christ through regular use of the Sacrament of Penance. CD display is located by the parking lot entrance. \$3/CD.

*The Catholic Student Union*

Want to find out more about what the Catholic Student Union is all about? Find out on the Catholic Student Union at FSU, TCC, & FAMU Facebook page, Twitter (@CatholicNoles), Instagram (@catholicnoles), and at fsucatholic.org.

*This Week at Our Parish***Sunday, April 14**

SVdP Collection after Mass

8:30am Religious Ed, 1-8gr. Upstairs/SL

Classrooms

10am RCIA

10am Religious Ed Prek4 - Kg Upstairs CR# 6 and 7

11am Fellowship Sunday, after 10 AM Ma

Monday, April 15

4pm Adoration, CSU, Church

Tuesday, April 16

7am Communion Service

6pm SVdP meeting, Room #6, Parish Center

6pm Haiti Parish Committee, LCR

7pm Bible Study, Wisdom, Social Hall

Wednesday, April 17

10am Amazing Parish Team Meeting, Msgr. Kerr Room

6:30 Adult Confirmation Class, Kerr Room

7pm Pastoral Council, LCR

8pm Tenebrae Service, Church

Thursday, April 18

7pm Mass of The Lord's Supper

Friday, April 19

3pm Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 20

10am RCIA Practice and Retreat

8:30pm Easter Vigil

Assistance for Victims of Sexual Abuse

Our Diocese has established Victim Assistance Coordinators to help anyone who has been abused by church personnel. Victims should call Dr. James Gagnon at 877-0205. To report a case, call the 24-Hour Child Abuse Hotline at [800-962-2873](tel:800-962-2873).

Father John's Corner

The Sacred Experience Of Silence

Recently I received an article from the Wall Street Journal, written by Christine Rosen, entitled *The Rest Is Noise*. It's a short expo on the book by Jane Brox, "*Silence: A Social History of One of the Least Understood Elements of Our Lives*." It recounts Jane's experience of two primary places of institutional silence, Eastern State Penitentiary in Philadelphia and Gethsemani Abbey and how each encodes silence in their daily lives. There is a history and cultural meaning of silence of institutions. This specific penitentiary was purposely designed with the idea that each prisoner could be live by themselves with no chance to interact with other prisoners or guards. Not only could they not engage with the other prisoners, but they also couldn't even hear them. All they could listen to was "*the heat through the vents, the wind in the chinks, the feed slots opening and promptly closing. The silence was meant to be total.*" Eventually, this kind of isolation and silence drove some prisoners to insanity. One man "*beat his head against the walls of his cell until he was bloodied and so gravely battered that he eventually lost an eye.*"

That is not the experience of silence any one of us would want to have. By contrast, Jane Brox's book explores the Abbey of Gethsemani. Yes, another institution that has rules for silence. But this silence is referred to as sacred and has its moments that are broken for human interaction and fellowship. This is the Abbey so many people pilgrimage to for an experience outside their busy lives of constant noise. "*Silence is seemingly neutral but can be used as both a punitive tool and a liberating practice. Its meanings are lost in an era of nonstop sound.*" This is what makes Gethsemani such a memorable experience for the many who go on retreat here. Thomas Merton, its more notable occupant (1915-68), says "*The silence with people moving in it was ten times more gripping than it had been in my own empty room.*" People can move in silence and even this can create an experience. How often have you seen an old couple at dinner and not say a word? At some point, words seem to fail and presence is enough. As the saying goes "*silence is golden.*"

Today, noise constantly invades our personal space. Christine Rosen says "*Musak piped into elevators and shopping malls seems almost quaint, now that televisions and video screens are everywhere- in waiting rooms, restaurants and taxis- and every stroll down a store aisle is accompanied by a pop soundtrack. Even pumps at the gas station blare music and weather updates and earphones make it possible to go through an entire day listening to podcasts, phone conversations or playlist of tunes. Our eagerness for nonstop sound suggests that mere quiet is an uncomfortable experience for many people.*"

Ms. Rosen continues, "*A culture that supports a market for high-end noise-canceling headphones while also embracing the endless tweeting, chattering, and live-streaming of the online world is a culture that hasn't thought seriously enough about the value of silence.*" Max Picard, who is the author of "*The World of Silence*", says "*Silence is as much a part of history as noise.*" Today, Gethsemani is a thriving Monastery with a very active Retreat House, while Eastern State Penitentiary, once the world's most expensive prison and social experiment, is a crumbling museum that sells tickets for daily tours.

I haven't read it, but I'm certainly thinking of getting Jane Brox's book "*Silence: A Social History of One of the Least Understood Elements of Our Lives*." Sounds like a good read.

Fv. John

*Mass Intentions***Sunday, April 14 - Palm Sunday**

8:30am For the people of Saint Thomas More

10:00am † Raquel Lopez by *Carlos Lopez*

11:45am Collins Family by *Kathy Collins*

6:00pm † Lori Bittner by *CL School of Community*

Monday, April 15

7:00am † Toan Trinh by *Giang Trinh*

5:15pm

Tuesday, April 16

7:00am Communion Service

5:15pm

Wednesday, April 17

7:00am † Dr. William Coburn by *Mary Coburn*

5:15pm † Toan Trinh by *Giang Trinh*

Thursday, April 18 - Holy Thursday

7:00pm † Herman Engemann by *Delores Henderson*

Friday, April 19 - Good Friday**Saturday, April 20 - Holy Saturday**

8:30pm For the people of Saint Thomas More

We pray for our military men and women serving overseas. Please provide the names of military service members so that they and their families can be remembered at Mass and in the prayers of our parishioners. Call the office at (850) 222-9630 to have a name added to or removed from this list.

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Francis Jr. Medehue, Christopher Brian Jones, Joseph Legros, Matthew Pickles Chase Murray, Paul Rolston, Joseph Westberry, and Steven Vuis

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Registration Information

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: All Catholics who regularly worship at St. Thomas More should be registered as parishioners.

REGISTRATION: All parishioners are asked to return a completed registration form to the parish office and make identifiable contributions either through offertory envelopes or by personal checks.

MATRIMONY: Arrangements should be made with a priest at least six months in advance. Important guidelines for marriage at St. Thomas More Co-Cathedral can be found at our website: www.cocathedral.com or by calling the office.

BAPTISM: Parents must be registered members of our parish and attend Baptism Preparation Classes. To register and obtain further information, contact the church office.

TITHING: Our parish encourages parishioners to thank God for their material blessings by returning a percentage of their income to Him through charitable donations. God in return richly blesses those who tithe. The recommended distribution of tithing is half to the parish and half to other charities, including the Bishop's Catholic Sharing Appeal and second collections. A household can begin tithing by returning 2% of their income to God, and increasing it to 10% over a period of years as household finances allow. Please make parish donations by writing checks to St. Thomas More. To give on-line, go to www.securegive.com.

PRIEST OR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER VISITATION: Those needing to have a priest or extraordinary minister visit them at home, hospital or prison, call the parish office.