

CALENDARS & CONTACTS

LITURGICAL MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

SATURDAY EVENING MASS

	NOVEMBER 15	NOVEMBER 22
4:30 PM	L Steve Brown	Lupe Rankin
EM HC	Rex Rankin, Lupe Rankin	Debra Layer, Megan Seiner

SUNDAY MASSES

	NOVEMBER 16	NOVEMBER 23
9 AM	L Ellen McLeod	Michael Myer
EMHC	Michael Myer, JoAnne Anderson	Mike & Anna Dickson
11 AM	L Ron Evans	Michele Doto
EMHC	Robert Henry, Brittain Torrence, Allision Meyer	JoAnne Anderson, Robert Henry, Sean Rayman
7 PM	L Sara Hinojosa	Silvia Hunziker
EMHC	Adam Bintz, Anamarie Gonzalez	Ryan Brunner, Eugene Boullain

L= LECTOR

EMHC = EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Got something everyone needs to know?

Please submit Bulletin announcements by Tuesday before the weekend when they need to appear. Fax to the Parish Office (765.0800) or email to bulletin@stthomasmoreusc.org.

NOVEMBER 15—NOVEMBER 23, 2008 @ STM

Saturday, November 15 Mass: 4:30 PM Confession: 3:30 PM	St. Albert the Great Kate Bockman †
Sunday, November 16 Mass: 9, 11 AM & 7 PM <i>Christian Formation @ 10 AM</i>	St. Margaret of Scotland 9 AM: People of STM 11 AM: Leonard Family 7 PM: Intention Available
Monday, November 17 Mass: 12:30 PM	St. Elizabeth of Hungary Intention Available
Tuesday, November 18 Mass: 12:30 PM Newman Club: 7 PM	Feast of Bailicas Sts. Peter and Paul Intention Available
Wednesday, November 19 Mass: 12:30 PM	St. Agnes of Assisi Intention Available
Thursday, November 20 Mass: 12:30 PM	St. Bernward Intention Available
Friday, November 21 Mass: 12:30 PM	Feast of the Presentation of the Virgin Mary Intention Available
Saturday, November 22 Mass: 4:30 PM Confession: 3:30 PM	St. Cecilia Intention Available
Sunday, November 23 Mass: 9, 11 AM & 7 PM <i>Christian Formation @ 10 AM</i>	Our Lord Jesus Christ the King 9 AM: Intention Available 11 AM: Intention Available 7 PM: Intention Available

STM OFFICE STAFF

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STM MOM'S GROUP & YOUTH GROUP

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PASTORAL COUNCIL

Karen Pund-Hutto: Facilitator
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2008

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SACRAMENTS

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30 PM
Sunday 9 & 11 AM, **7 PM**
Daily Mass 12:30 PM*

* Contact the Parish Office for any changes in the Daily Mass Schedule.

RECONCILIATION / CONFESSIONS

- ◆ Saturdays, 3:30 PM until Mass starts
- ◆ Immediately before and after all Daily and Weekend Masses
- ◆ By appointment

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

Contact the Parish Office to schedule Baptismal preparation sessions. Contact Zach about Confirmation preparation for teens and for anyone who missed confirmation in high school.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday Mornings at 10 AM.

MARRIAGE / MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Our Diocese requires that the instruction and preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage begin **at least six months** before the wedding. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

READINGS FOR OUR LITURGIES

NOVEMBER 16	NOVEMBER 23
◆ Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31	◆ Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
◆ 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6	◆ 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
◆ Matthew 25:14-30	◆ Matthew 25:31-46

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 4:30 PM Kate Bockman †
Sunday 9 AM People of STM
11 AM The Leonard Family
7 PM **Intention Available**

CHRISTMAS ANGELS

We will once again collect toys for the children affiliated with CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for children). We have attached two and three angels and request that people purchase all items (these are less expensive gifts). We have separated more expensive items onto single angels. Gifts must be returned by **Sunday, November 30, 2008!**

During Mass, please set cell phones, pagers and other electronic devices to courtesy mode. Thank you.

Childcare is available for the 11 AM Mass in the nursery across from the Chapel.

PARISH LIFE

RAFFLE FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED

The Newman Club will sell raffle tickets, in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus. Monies will go toward *Special Olympics for South Carolina* and the *Pendergrass Fairwold School* for the severally mentally disabled in Richland county. Up for raffle is a visor signed by Coach Steve Spurrier, two baseball hats and a baseball signed by Coach Ray Tanner.

NEWMAN CLUB

WHAT'S ON THE SCHEDULE?

Tuesday, November 18 - 7 PM: *Mini-Retreat.*
Join us for a relaxation retreat during exams!

BIBLE STUDIES

- ◆ **Monday @ 7:30 PM:** Join Sara in Woodrow Apt #103 across from the Russell House. We will discuss the **Letters of St. Paul.**
- ◆ **Wednesday @ 7 PM:** Join Evelyn and Emily in South Quad, Rm 412. Plan to meet at the main entrance around 7:25 PM. Our Bible study will focus on the **Holy Spirit.**
- ◆ **Thursday @ 7:30 PM:** Join Jewel in the lobby of Cornell Arms.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The Campaign for Human Development Collection will be given to the **Catholic Charities of Charleston.**

STM COLLECTION REPORT		
November 8/9	\$	3,014.04
<i>Weekly Goal</i>	\$	3200.00
<i>Below our goal</i>	\$	85.96

Thank you for you Generosity!

ST. THOMAS MORE YOUTH GROUP

Fall Get-Together: Please join us Sunday, **Nov. 16** for our fall meeting. We will gather at **Barnes and Noble on Forest Drive** from **4:30-6:00pm**. Our topic is **Defending the Faith: Top 10 Questions Most Commonly Asked of Catholics**. Also, we will play board games following our discussion. Please bring your favorite board game to share with other group members. Finally, there will be going out to an all-family dinner. Youth group members, their parents, and their siblings are invited to join us for fellowship and fun at 6pm at Moe's, right across the street from Barnes and Noble. Please RSVP to Pamela no later than **Saturday, Nov. 15** (pachalfant@aol.com or 790-9962).

ST. THOMAS MORE MOMS GROUP

Please join us on Saturday, **Nov. 22, 2008**. We will meet at Barnes and Noble, on Forest Drive, from **10:30 to 11:30am**. We are continuing our discussion of **TWELVE EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN**. We will be reading the chapter on Hannah. Please RSVP to Pamela by **Friday, Nov. 21** (pachalfant@aol.com or 790-9962).

PRAYER REQUESTS

James Ahearn, Helen Moosbrugger, Ellis Cornett, Susan Ficacci, Beth Carter Gibson, Paul Hollingsworth, Cecilia Hem Lee, Lisa Lijewski, Siomara Maldonado, Cole McKinney, Olga Mamayari Ogooussan, Lu Parkinson, Christiane Proietto, Adrian Pund, Stephanie Rayman, Patricia Reid, George Rice Sr., Sam Scott, Joseph Sniezak, Richie Starnes, Stephanie Stilwell, Sandi Tomes, Leslie Wallace, Austin Ziegler.

PRAYING FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS

Lance Cpl. John "Linz" Buikema, Lance Cpl William Meyer.

is wisdom, for he truly shows who God is, that is, a force of love which went even as far as the Cross to save men and women. God uses ways and means that seem to us at first sight to be merely weakness. The Crucified One reveals on the one hand man's frailty and on the other, the true power of God, that is the free gift of love: this totally gratuitous love is true wisdom.

St Paul experienced this even in his flesh and tells us about it in various passages of his spiritual journey which have become precise reference points for every disciple of Jesus: "He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor 12: 9); and again "God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong" (1 Cor 1: 27).

The Apostle identified so closely with Christ that in spite of being in the midst of so many trials, he too lived in the faith of the Son of God who loved him and gave himself for his sins and for the sins of all (cf. Gal 1: 4; 2: 20).

This autobiographical fact concerning the Apostle becomes paradigmatic for all of us.

St Paul gave a wonderful synthesis of the theology of the Cross in the Second Letter to the Corinthians (5: 14-21) where everything is enclosed between two fundamental affirmations: on the one hand Christ, whom God made to be sin for our sake (v. 21), *he died for all* (v. 14); and on the other, God *reconciled us to himself* without imputing our sins to us (vv. 18-20).

It is from this "ministry of reconciliation" that every form of slavery is already redeemed (cf. 1 Cor 6: 20; 7: 23). Here it appears how important this is for our lives. We too must enter into this "ministry of recon-

ciliation" that always implies relinquishing one's superiority and opting for the folly of love.

St Paul sacrificed his own life, devoting himself without reserve to the ministry of reconciliation, of the Cross, which is salvation for us all. And we too must be able to do this: may we be able to find our strength precisely in the humility of love and our wisdom in the weakness of renunciation, entering thereby into God's power.

We must all model our lives on this true wisdom: we must not live for ourselves but must live in faith in that God of whom we can all say: "he loved me and gave himself for me".

To special groups

I offer a warm welcome to all the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors present, especially those from Britain and Ireland, Norway, Australia, Korea, Vietnam and the United States of America. I greet especially the Delegation of Papal Knights from Great Britain, and the members and benefactors of the Gregorian University Foundation of New York. Upon you and your families, I cordially invoke God's Blessings of peace and joy. Lastly, I greet the *young people*, the *sick* and the *newlyweds*. Yesterday the Liturgy commemorated the Holy Apostles Simon and Jude Thaddeus. May their example sustain you, dear *young people*, in your commitment of daily fidelity to Christ; may it encourage you, dear *sick people*, always to follow Jesus in the process of trial and suffering; may it help you, dear *newlyweds*, to make your family a place of constant encounter with the love of God and of the brethren.

By Pope Benedict XVI

want to remind the Corinthians or the Galatians but also all of us that the Risen One is always the One who has been crucified.

The "stumbling block" and "folly" of the Cross lie in the very fact that where there seems to be nothing but failure, sorrow and defeat, there is the full power of God's boundless love, for the Cross is an expression of love and love is the true power that is revealed precisely in this seeming weakness.

For the Jews, the Cross is *skandalon*, that is, a snare or a stumbling block. It seems to hinder the faith of the devout Israelite who finds it difficult to discover anything like it in the Sacred Scriptures.

With some courage, Paul seems to be saying that here the stakes at play are high: in the opinion of the Jews the Cross contradicts the very essence of God who manifested himself in wonderful signs. To accept the Cross of Christ therefore means bringing about a profound conversion in the way of relating to God.

If, for the Jews, the reason for rejecting the Cross is found in Revelation, that is, the faithfulness to God of the Fathers, for the Greeks, that is, the Gentiles, the criterion of judgment for opposing the Cross is reason. Indeed, the Cross for the latter is *moría*, folly, literally *ignorance*, that is, saltless food; thus, rather than an error, it is an insult to common sense.

Paul himself, on more than one occasion had the bitter experience of the rejection of the Christian proclamation, considered "insipid", devoid of importance, not even worthy of being taken into consideration at the level of rational logic.

For those who, like the Greeks, see perfection in the spirit, in pure thought, it was already unacceptable that God should become man, immersing himself in all the limitations of space and time. Then for them it was definitely inconceivable to believe that a God could end on a Cross! And we see that this Greek logic is also the common logic of our time. How could the concept of *apátheia*, indifference, as an absence of passions in God, have understood a God who became man and was defeated, and was even to reassume his body subsequently to live as the Risen One?

"We will hear you again about this" (Acts 17: 32) the Athenians said scornfully to Paul when they heard him talking about the resurrection of the dead. They considered liberation from the body conceived as a prison as perfection. How could they not see the resumption of the body as an aberration?

In ancient culture there did not seem to be room for the message of the Incarnate God. The entire "Jesus of Nazareth" event seemed to be marked by foolishness through and through and the Cross was certainly its most emblematic point.

But why did St Paul make precisely this, the word of the Cross, the fundamental core of his teaching? The answer is not difficult: the Cross reveals "the power of God" (cf. 1 Cor 1: 24), which is different from human power; indeed, it reveals his love: "For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men" (*ibid.*, v. 25).

Centuries after Paul we see that in history it was the Cross that triumphed and not the wisdom that opposed it. The Crucified One

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DINNER WITH FR MARCIN

The winners of dinner with Fr. Marcin are **Sara Reilly, The Burkes** and **Ben Gause**. This past Friday evening, the Newman Club prepared a wonderful dinner of pork medallion alfredo for dinner and brownie delights for desert.

HISTORY BOOK OF THE DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

Beginning in December we will have an illustrated history of our Diocese available. This volume was produced by *Editions du Signe*, a Catholic book publisher based in France. Each parish, including our own, will have two pages including pictures of the parish grounds and a history of the parish. Fr. Marcin has ordered a small number of these books.

THE ORDER OF CARMELITE DISCALCED SECULAR (OCDS)

Will begin formation classes in January 2009. The three year formation program introduces candidates in depth into the teachings and writings of Sts. Teresa of Jesus, John of the Cross, and Therese of Lisieux, as as Carmelite spirituality in general, laying a sound foundation for living a contemplative life in the world. If you are an adult Roman Catholic, participating fully in the sacramental life of the Church, and think you may have a vocation with the secular disalced Carmelites, and would like to find out more information, we like you to call or email. We meet on the 4th Sunday of each month from 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM at Good Shepherd Catholic Church. Contact Sharon Crocker at 356.3042 (H), or 309-2480, or email: scrocker4@windstream.net.

HARVEST HOPE FOOD BANK

Harvest Hope has asked for donations of various items: peanut butter, rice, instant potatoes, cereal, oatmeal, grits, coffee, crackers, powdered milk, beans, meat, vegetables, fruit, tomato sauce, beans,

soup, stews, pop-top cans, evaporated milk, pens/markers, paper bags, plastic bags, detergent, diapers, baby wipes, soap, shampoo, feminine products and toothpaste. If you can help with any of these items please drop by Harvest Hope Food Bank at 2220 Shop Rd, Monday—Friday 8 am to 3:30 PM or arrange pickup with Wendy Jo DuRant at (803) 254-4432 ext. 100.

THANKSGIVING DAY FEAST

St. Peter's Catholic Church will once again feed the less fortunate, homeless and elderly a Thanksgiving Day Feast at the coliseum and in a nursing and assisted living facilities on Thanksgiving Day from 11 AM to 1 PM. We are asking each one of our friends of the poor to adopt a 10-12 lb turkey for \$10 to feed our guests on Thanksgiving Day. Each turkey will feed approximately 8-10 people. Please contact Robert Keeder at 796-9802 for more details or to donate to this wonderful cause!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize." Do we value the prize we have in our spouse enough to take time to enjoy it? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are Feb 6-8, 2009 in Hilton Head, SC and May 1-3, 2009 and Sep 25-27, 2009 in Myrtle Beach. For more information visit our South Carolina website at <http://sc.wwme.org/> or contact the Huffmans at 864-575-4951 / lahuffman@prtncnet.com or our registration couple the Burdicks 803-798-8296 / scwwme@gmail.com.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Join us for RCIA on Sundays at 5:30 PM or send Zach an email at zach@stthomasmoreusc.org!

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY: ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

St. Margaret was an English princess who fled from William the Conqueror. She was welcomed into Scotland by King Malcom and they were later married. She is most noted for softening her husbands temper and helping him to become a virtuous king. She helped to improve her adopted country by promoting the arts and education. She also was responsible for helping with the Church in England.

MONDAY: ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

St. Elizabeth is the patroness of Catholic charities and of the Secular Franciscan Order. She is most noted for her sacrifice and service to the poor.

TUESDAY: FEAST OF BASILICAS OF STS. PETER AND PAUL

Vatican Hill, the site of St. Peter's Basilica, was a simple cemetery where believers gathered at St. Peter's tomb to pray. In 319 Constantine built on the site a basilica that stood for more than a thousand years until, despite numerous restorations, it threatened to collapse. In 1506 Pope Julius II ordered it razed and reconstructed, but the new basilica was not completed and dedicated for more than two centuries.

St. Paul's Outside the Walls is located where St. Paul is believed to have been beheaded and buried. The most recent edifice was constructed after a fire in 1823. The first basilica was also Constantine's doing.

WEDNESDAY: ST. AGNES OF ASSISI

Agnes is the sister of St. Clare. She matched her sister in devotion to prayer and in willingness to endure the strict penances which characterized their lives in San Damiano. Agnes was responsible for establishing Poor Clare monasteries in northern Italy.

THURSDAY: ST. BERNWARD

He was the imperial chaplain and tutor to the child Emperor Otto III of Saxony. Bernward was also responsible for building St. Michael's church and monastery in Hildesheim.

FRIDAY: FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE VIRGIN MARY



Celebrated since at least the sixth century in Jerusalem, this feast was only recognized by the West in the 11th century. We read only of Mary's presentation in the temple in a p o c r y p h a l literature, but there still remains t h e o l o g i c a l importance because it emphasizes the holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life. According to the *Protoevangelium of James*, Mary was presented at age three, by Anna and Joachim, in the temple because of the promise made to God whilst Anna was still childless.

SATURDAY: ST. CECILIA

Cecilia was a young Christian of high rank during the third century. She betrothed to a Roman named Valerian. Through her influence Valerian was converted, and was martyred along with his brother. The legend about Cecilia's death says that after being struck three times on the neck with a sword, she lived for three days, and asked the pope to convert her home into a church.

THE CROSS: GOD'S POWER MADE PERFECT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the personal experience of St Paul there is an incontrovertible factor: while he was at first a persecutor and perpetrated violence against Christians, from the moment of his conversion on the road to Damascus he switched to the side of the Crucified Christ, making Christ his *raison d'être* and the reason for his preaching.

His was a life neither quiet nor free from dangers and difficulties, but spent entirely for souls (cf. 2 Cor 12: 15).

In his encounter with Jesus the central significance of the Cross had been made clear to him: he understood that Jesus *had died and rose for all* and for himself. Both these things were important; universality: Jesus really died for all, and subjectivity: he also died for me.

Thus God's freely given and merciful love had been made manifest in the Cross. Paul experienced this love in himself first of all (cf. Gal 2: 20) and from being a sinner he became a believer, from a persecutor an apostle. Day after day, in his new life, he experienced that salvation was "grace", that everything derived from the death of Christ and not from his own merit, which moreover did not exist.

The "Gospel of grace" thus became for him the only way of understanding the Cross, not only the criterion of his new existence but also his response to those who questioned him.

First and foremost among these were the Jews who put their hope in deeds and from these hoped for salvation; then there were the Greeks who challenged the Cross with their human knowledge; lastly, there were those

groups of heretics who had forged their own idea of Christianity to suit their own model of life.

For St Paul the Cross has a fundamental primacy in the history of humanity; it represents the focal point of his theology because to say "Cross" is to say *salvation as grace* given to every creature. The topic of the Cross of Christ becomes an essential and primary element of the Apostle's preaching: the clearest example concerns the community of Corinth. Facing a Church in which disorder and scandal were disturbingly present, where communion was threatened by internal factions and ruptures which damaged the unity of the Body of Christ, Paul did not present himself with sublime words or wisdom but with the proclamation of Christ, of Christ crucified.

His strength is not in the use of persuasive language but, paradoxically, in the weakness and trepidation of those who entrust themselves solely to the "power of God" (cf. 1 Cor 2: 1-5). The Cross, for all it represents, hence also for the theological message it contains, is scandal and folly. The Apostle says so with an impressive force that it is good to hear directly from his words: "for the word of the Cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God... it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles" (1 Cor 1: 18-23).

The first Christian communities that Paul addressed knew well that Jesus was henceforth alive and risen; the Apostle does not only