

CALENDARS & CONTACTS

LITURGICAL MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

SATURDAY EVENING MASS

		NOVEMBER 29	DECEMBER 6
4:30 PM	L	Steve Brown	Bob Bockman
	EM HC	Debra Layer, Lupe Rankin	Rex & Lupe Rankin

SUNDAY MASSES

		NOVEMBER 30	DECEMBER 7
9 AM	L	Ellen McLeod	Dave Flickinger
	EMHC	Katherine Boland, Michael Myer	Katherine Boland, Denise Burke
11 AM	L	Ron Evans	Michele Doto
	EMHC	Sean & Stephanie Rayman, Ron Evans	Bob Henry, Brittain Torrence, Allison Meyer
7 PM	L	No 7 PM	Chris Broadbent
	EMHC	No 7 PM	Elizabeth Catanese, Sara Hinojosa

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.

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Karen Pund-Hutto: Facilitator
Zach Dorsch: Convener
Michelle Myer: Recorder
Bob Bockman, Stephen Brown, Denise Burke, Silvia Hunziker, Michael Myer, Vince Pace

NOVEMBER 29—DECEMBER 7, 2008 @ STM

Saturday, November 29 Mass: 4:30 PM Confession: 3:30 PM	St. Saturninus Intention Available
Sunday, November 30 Mass: 9, 11 AM & 7 PM	First Sunday of Advent 9 AM: Intention Available 11 AM: Intention Available 7 PM: Intention Available
Monday, December 1 Mass: 12:30 PM	St. Eligius Intention Available
Tuesday, December 2 Mass: 12:30 PM Newman Club: 7 PM	St. Bibiana Intention Available
Wednesday, December 3 Mass: 12:30 PM	St. Francis Xavier Intention Available
Thursday, December 4 Mass: 12:30 PM	St. John Damascus Intention Available
Friday, December 5 Mass: 12:30 PM	St. Gerald Intention Available
Saturday, December 6 Mass: 4:30 PM Confession: 3:30 PM	St. Nicholas Intention Available
Sunday, December 7 Mass: 9, 11 AM & 7 PM NO Christian Formation	Second Sunday of Advent 9 AM: Intention Available 11 AM: Intention Available 7 PM: Intention Available



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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2008

First Sunday of Advent

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 30	DECEMBER 7
◆ Isaiah 63:16-17, 19, 64:2-7	◆ Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
◆ 1 Corinthians 1:3-9	◆ 2 Peter 3:8-14
◆ Mark 13:33-37	◆ Mark 1:1-8

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 4:30 PM Intention Available
Sunday 9 AM Intention Available
11 AM Intention Available

NO 7 PM Mass

CHRISTMAS ANGELS

Today, November 30, is the last day to have gifts back to the STM Center! **If gifts are not received today, the children will not receive their gifts.**

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY

Monday, December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics. Mass times will be **8 AM, 12:30 PM and 7 PM.**

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

CHRISTMAS MASS MUSIC

Attention all choir members! This year's STM Christmas Masses will be at **4 PM** and **7:30 PM**. Please let Zach (zach@stthomasmoreusc.org) know which Mass you plan to attend and if you plan on participating in the choir. The Pastoral Council has also asks if you would be interested in playing Christmas music, with the help of the congregation, before each of the Masses for those arriving to Mass early?

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Pageant practice will be on **December 6 at 3 PM**. The pageant will be on **December 7 at 10 AM**.

NEWMAN CLUB

WHAT'S ON THE SCHEDULE?

Tuesday, December 2 - 7 PM: *Christmas Traditions*. Join us as we explore the different traditions that Catholics celebrate around the world!

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.

STM COLLECTION REPORT		
November 22/23	\$	3,014.04
<i>Weekly Goal</i>	\$	3200.00
<i>Below our goal</i>	\$	85.96
Catholic Charities (2nd Collect)	\$	114.04

Thank you for your Generosity!

ADVENT PARTY

This year's party will be on **Saturday, December 6 at 6 PM**. **Bring the family!** The parish will supply the main dish (meat and meat alternative) and beverages. We ask that parishioners bring a covered dish or desert.

VOLUNTEER PARTY

This is the party for all those whom have helped out around the parish during the last year (i.e. lectors, EM's, choir members, etc). The volunteer party is scheduled for **Friday, December 12 at 7 PM**. All food is provided by the parish! There will also be a white elephant gift exchange for those who wish to participate (\$15 Limit)!

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.

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.

A MESSAGE FROM FR. MARCIN

Dear Parishioners in Christ,

I would like to take the opportunity in this week's bulletin to briefly discuss what it means for me to be a confessor or the Lord's messenger who shows and distributes to his people an abundant mercy.

I have been a priest for only two and a half years and I must say that whenever I sit in the confessional, I am very thankful to our God for plentiful mercy which is given to us whenever we approach the sacrament of reconciliation. I also keep in mind the best sign of Christ's attitude toward the confessional which we can find in the story of the first Easter Sunday.

After His Resurrection His first gift to the Apostles, and through them to us, was the power to forgive sins. Every time I hear a confession I try to recall for myself again and again the story of that first Easter and extend to one more soul that blessed peace that is had only in Christ. "My peace I give to you. As the Father has sent Me, I also send you. Whose sin you shall forgive..." Before going to the confessional I always pray to the patrons of confessors: Alphonsus Maria de Liguori, Francis de Sales, John Mary Vianney and John Nepomucene for myself so I can be a good "healer" and for you my brothers and sisters, so you can experience God's mercy.

Jesus Christ never sat in a confessional but He lived and suffered and died to take away sin and to make grace abound. One of the most powerful parables which present Our Merciful God are the parables of Prodigal Son and the Good Shepherd - concern sinners and show us His own divine attitude toward them. He took pains to announce to us the great joy in heaven over one sinner doing penance. His miracles were often accompanied by the remission of sin. In His own personal contacts with the human heart, He showed a special love for sinners - as is evidenced by the stories of Mary Magdalene, the woman of Samaria, the good thief, Peter's denial, and Thomas's unbelief. But this seemingly special love for the "big sinners" did not dull His devotion to the "little sinners," the good people with the little faults, whose lives can seem so very dull when one is hunting for the spectacular.

I am so grateful to the Almighty Father for using me to spread the good news about his abundant mercy to his chosen people.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Marcin Zahuta

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY: ST. ANDREW

St. Peter's brother who was also a fisherman. He originally followed St. John, but when John pointed to Jesus Andrew began to follow Him. He is believed to have been put to death on a cross in Greece (he was tied and not nailed to the cross).

MONDAY: ST. ELIGIUS

This patron of metalworkers was appointed master of the mint by King Clotaire II of Paris. With this title came much fortune, which was shared with the poor and used to construct several churches and a monastery. Eligius was ordained a priest around the age of 50 and was later made bishop of Noyon and Tournai.

TUESDAY: ST. BIBIANA

This saint is believed to have been persecuted in Rome during the late fourth century. She was the daughter of Christians and refused to deny her faith after extreme torture.

WEDNESDAY: ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

One of the seven founders of the Society of Jesus in the sixteenth century. In 1542 he arrived in Goa, India to preach to the natives and reform his fellow Europeans who were adopting the local customs. During the next decade he converted tens of thousands of people to Christianity.

THURSDAY: ST. JOHN OF DAMASCUS

John spent most of his life in the monastery of St. Sabas, near Jerusalem, and all of his life under Muslim rule, indeed, protected by it.

He is famous in three areas. First, he is known for his writings against the iconoclasts, who opposed the veneration of images. Paradoxically, it was the Eastern Christian emperor Leo who forbade the practice, and it was because John lived in Muslim territory that his enemies could not silence him. Second, he is famous for his treatise, *Exposition of the Orthodox Faith*, a summary of the Greek Fathers

(of which he became the last). It is said that this book is to Eastern schools what the *Summa* of Aquinas became to the West. Thirdly, he is known as a poet, one of the two greatest of the Eastern Church, the other being Romanus the Melodist. His devotion to the Blessed Mother and his sermons on her feasts are well known.

FRIDAY: ST. GERALD

St. Gerald, Abbott of Moissac, was appointed choir director of the Cathedral of Toledo by the Archbishop.

So well did this saintly man fulfill his duties and so much did he influence the people for good, that when the See of Braga became vacant, Gerald was selected by the clergy and people of that city to be their bishop. Gerald visited his diocese eradicating the abuses that had cropped up, especially that of the administering of ecclesiastical investiture by laymen.

SATURDAY: ST. NICHOLAS

St. Nicholas was the bishop of Myra and became famous for his extraordinary piety and zeal and many astonishing miracles. He suffered imprisonment of the faith under Diocletian. He was also present at the Council of Nicaea.

Perhaps the best-known story about Nicholas concerns his charity toward a poor man who was unable to provide dowries for his three daughters of marriageable age. Rather than see them forced into prostitution, Nicholas secretly tossed a bag of gold through the poor man's window on three separate occasions, thus enabling the daughters to be married. Over the centuries, this particular legend evolved into the custom of gift-giving on the saint's feast. In the English-speaking countries, St. Nicholas became, by a twist of the tongue, Santa Claus—further expanding the example of generosity portrayed by this holy bishop.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STM MOM'S GROUP

This holiday season, St. Thomas More moms and their children will be volunteering for the Salvation Army. On Friday, December 12th, between 10am and 12pm, we will be ringing the bell and collecting contributions for this worthy cause. Please come and visit us at the S & S Cafeteria entrance of Midtown at Forest Acres. If you have any questions, please write or call Pamela (pachalfant@aol.com or 790-9962).

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 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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

What am I most thankful for in my marriage for this past year? Make the blessing of your spouse come alive in your life by enriching your marriage. 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@prtcnet.com or our registration couple the Burdicks 803-798-8296 / scwwme@gmail.com.

CHRISTKINDLMARKET

The Christ Child Celebration will be held on **Saturday, Dec. 6 at Transfiguration Catholic Church from 12 Noon to 7 PM.** This is an event based on the old European tradition of open air street markets associated with the seasons of Advent and Christmas. A tent village at the church will appear overnight, sparkling with Christmas lights, beckoning young and old alike to come celebrate the season. There will be a rock wall, a bounce house and other games for children; music of the season; live entertainment; and a selection of international foods and gift and craft vendors. Please bring family and friends! More info can be found here www.Christchildcelebration.com or contact Beth Franco at 708-2688.

MUSIC AT ST. PETERS

Beginning at 5:30 PM on Saturday, December 6, there will be music, festive food and drinks at St. Peters located at 1529 Assembly St.

6:30 PM Christmas Drop-in with Global Goodies & National Treats (From South-of-the-Border Chile con Carne to Carolina Fried Chicken)
7:15 PM Mark Husey & The Gallery Choir

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!