Parish Mission Statement

We, the members of Saint Thomas More Parish, are a family of Christians led by the Holy Spirit in communion with the Catholic Church.

We dedicate ourselves to proclaiming and living the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We devote ourselves to sharing our faith, strengthening family bonds, promoting social justice and growing in love. We commit to each other through prayer and action.

September 29, 2019

First Reading - Amos 6:1a, 4-7
Second Reading - 1 Timothy 6:11-16

"Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.'" - Lk 16:25
Life In Our Parish

Monday, September 30
9:00 am Mass
6:15 pm Rel. Ed.- Confirmation Year 1, Rooms 4-5, Year 2, Rooms 8-9
6:15 pm Confirmation Y-2 Parent/student Mtg. Meyer Hall
6:30 pm Rel. Ed.-- Second Grade, Room 1
7:30 pm Youth Group HS, Room 12 and Meyer Hall
7:30 pm Youth Group Middle School, Rooms 6-7 and Meyer Hall

Tuesday, October 1
9:00 am Mass
4:30 pm Girl Scouts, Rooms 1-2, 4-7
6:00 PM Ladies STM Meeting, Room 12
7:00 pm Cub Scouts Rooms 1, 4-7
7:30 pm Adoration, Chapel

Wednesday, October 2
9:00 am Mass
10:00 am Adult Bible Class, Room 7

Thursday, October 3
9:00 am Mass
9:30 am Adoration, Chapel
10:00 am Retreat on Daily Life– Rooms 6-7
6:00 pm Retreat on Daily Life– Rooms 6-7
7:00 pm Adult Bible Class, Rooms 4-5

Friday, October 4
6:45 am Men’s Prayer Group, Middle Foyer
9:00 am Mass
6:00 pm Retreat on Daily Life
9:30 am Adoration, Chapel

Friday, October 11—Wendover Trip
To get on the list, make your reservation by calling Shauna or Tom Carl at 801-942-5072 or 801-971-0821. The cost is $18. Included is a fun bus trip with bingo, $7.00 in free play, the Montego Bay seafood buffet, and a movie on the way home. Arrive in the church parking lot by 9:45 a.m. The bus leaves the casino to return home at 6:00 p.m. Payment should be made, in advance of the trip, to Saint Thomas More. Note on the memo line of your check that it’s for the Fun Bunch trip and turn it in to the Church office. Call Tom or Shauna soon; reservations go fast!

Saturday, October 13- Current Altar Servers
We will have the MANDATORY annual retraining and Pizza Party on Sunday, October 13th, 1:30-4:00 PM. Please attend, get to know each other again, and learn more about procedures for All Altar Servers.

Saturday, October 19—Ladies Half Day Retreat “Images of Mary”
We will begin with continental breakfast from 9:00-9:30 am followed by a prayer service, rosary, and other reflections. Registration forms are available after all Masses. If you need more information, please contact Annette Pressley at (601)-862-7112

Saturday, October 19- Not Quite Halloween

Friday/Saturday, December 6-7 Christmas Boutique
We will need volunteers to help tape and lay down the card board mats in the Gym on December 4 and 5 at about 6 pm. If you would like to help, please contact Kathy Koltiska, LSTM Boutique Chair, at kmkoltiska@yahoo.com, cell # 559-260-1906, Her work hours are 8 am to 4:30 pm, M-F, so please communication with her should be done after working hours or by e-mail.
Saturday, December 7

Ladies Christmas Luncheon.
More details to follow.

The St. Thomas More Choir have resumed rehearsals. We still have room for more members, so if you are interested in joining the choir, please contact our Music Director, Melinda Voss, at (630) 649-8110 or mlkvoss@gmail.com. The choir rehearses every Wednesday at 7:00 pm and alternates singing at the 9:00 and 11:30 Sunday Masses (September to May), in addition to other special holidays and Masses during the season. Please consider joining us!

**EUCARISTIC ADORATION:** You are invited to come and spend an hour with Jesus on the following days:

- Tuesdays 7:30 pm
- Thursdays 9:30 am
- Saturdays 9:30-11:00 am

**CREEK ROAD CHILDCARE**
Open Registration for Preschool. It is time to enroll for the 2019-20 school year! We offer classes for three and four year olds to prepare them for elementary school. If you are interested in enrolling a child for preschool, please email claire@stmutah.org or call 385-246-0144 ext. 113.

**CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOLING:** Are you interested in joining other Catholics who Homeschool? St. Thomas More is blessed to have a group of dedicated Catholics who bring their talents, skills, children, support, and coordination together to enrich the lives of the children who participate. If interested, contact Ruth Lowe, homeschool@stmutah.org or 801-942-5285 ext. 210. We meet monthly!

**BIBLE STUDY** September 25 thru November 21. You have a choice of attending Wednesday mornings 10:00 am or Thursday evenings 7:00 pm. We will be discovering the book of Acts of the Apostles. This course is perfect for beginners as well as those who may be more familiar with scripture. To register please contact Tami Bernstein in the parish office by phone 801-942-5285 #101 or by e-mail tami@stmutah.org. There is a $16.00 donation for materials

**Religious education** - Registration forms are available in the social center. Classes begin Sept 8 and 9. Children who are signing up for a sacramental preparation class will need to provide a copy of their baptismal certificate at the time of registration. The exception being children who were baptized at Saint Thomas More.

**Attention parents** of students preparing for Confirmation. There will be a change this fall in our Confirmation program. Children will attend class on Monday evening as they always have from 6:15 to 7:30 pm. However, after class from 7:30 to 8:30 they will be attending our new youth group. Look for more details to come about this exciting new ministry.

If you yourself or if you know someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, please contact the parish office. Or plan on joining Father John on the first Sunday of the month after the 11:30 Mass to learn more. Everyone is welcome!

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** “Share Your Blessings” We are collecting these regularly needed items: canned fruit, canned veggies, cereal, chili, stew, pasta & sauce, tuna, peanut butter, soup, rice, beans, sugar, flour, canned meats. Non-perishable food items. Also, personal hygiene items are also needed such as: toilet paper, soap, toothpaste, detergent, shampoo, conditioner, infant diapers. Food to be dropped off in the barrels in the Church entry. All personal hygiene items to be dropped off in the church.

**HOSPITAL NOTICE:**
Federal Privacy Regulation-HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act), prohibits all hospitals from informing churches of a patient’s presence unless the patient gives permission for the hospital to do so. If you are admitted to a hospital and would like a member of the clergy or a caregiver to visit you, please notify the hospital or call the parish office. You may be visited by a pastoral care member from the area not necessarily Saint Thomas More.

**LOW GLUTEN HOST** If you wish to receive a low-gluten host (0.01%) at Communion, please let the priest or deacon know before Mass so that it may be consecrated. The host will be kept in a separate Pyx used only for these hosts during celebration of the Eucharist.

**CRIME ALERT:** Please DO NOT leave any valuables in your car, there has been a few break-ins in our parking lot during the day and evening hours.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT:** The Catholic Diocese of Salt Lake City is committed to protecting children and young people. If you are aware of abuse or have been abused by clerics, church volunteers or Church workers, contact the Division of Child & Family Services, 1-800-678.9399. For pastoral assistance contact the Pastoral Center, 801-328-8641. For a copy of the Safe Environment policy or training, please visit: [www.dioslc/safe-environment](http://www.dioslc/safe-environment)

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** The deadline to submit items for the current week’s bulletin is no later than NOON ON MONDAY (except special holiday weeks, where the
LORD, PROTECT OUR TROOPS AS THEY PROTECT US

AIR FORCE
Brant Stokes – Chris & Gene Cutak’s son

ARMY
AJ Santi – Anthony Santi’s father
Brad Carlisle – Kip & Joni Quinn’s nephew
Charles Egan – Sean Egan & Mary Powers-Egan’s son
Kyle Frazer – Craig & Christine Frazer’s son
Mark Taylor Dolores Montoya Taylor & Bill Taylor’s son
Nicholas L. Lee – Darrel & Sandy Smith’s friend

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
Bonnie Oulette – Alyson & Chris Young’s sister
C.S. Scott – Joe & Natalie Day’s nephew

MARINES
Jonathan Nentl – Carla Kulinsky’s son-in-law
Michael Knight – Michael Mallory’s nephew

NAVY
Matthew Ren – Suzanne & Gary Ren’s son
Ryan Mooney – Millie Gallagher’s nephew
Scott M. Gibson – Joan & Francis Hanson’s grandson
David McKibben – Bob & Camille Stackhouse’s great-nephew

Be sure to let the parish office know when your loved one has returned home safely and can be removed from the military list.

Other Happenings

ACTS Ministry - Men’s Retreat October 3-6, Quinn Roosendaal - Director (435) 994-1451
Women’s Retreat November 7-10, Erin Akins - Director (617) 840-0861 Register at www.sjb-acts.org

Focus on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service

Gain a better understanding of God’s love for you 3 days / 3 nights; Run Thursday evening thru early Sunday afternoon. Cost is $195 (full or partial scholarships are available).

Saturday, October 5 - Secular Carmelite Community

Does your prayer life need a boost? The Secular Carmelite Community of Holladay is hosting a discussion using Father Donald Haggerty’s new book, “Contemplative Hunger” at Blessed Sacrament Parish. The schedule includes morning prayer at 8:35 followed by 9:00 Mass and mental prayer, continental breakfast at 10:00, followed by the book discussion until around 12:00. It is not necessary to read the book beforehand, but please let us know if you would like us to have a copy on hand for you at $15 each. For questions or to reserve a book please call or text Katie at 801-864-0107.

The rosary is a sacred and popular Catholic devotion, but its origins are mysterious. Prayer beads to facilitate meditation began in the early ages of the Church. In the early medieval period, bead strings were used to count Hail Marys or Our Fathers. A tradition has developed that the rosary in its current form was given to St. Dominic by the Blessed Mother. However, the earliest biographies of the saint do not include this story. In the Middle Ages, the prayers were grouped into 50 Hail Marys with verses from Psalms and vignettes from the lives of Jesus and Mary. By the 16th century, the Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries were established.

The rosary rose to prominence in the late 1500s. The Turkish Empire was spreading across eastern Europe, and pirates were raiding Christian ships. The Christian nations of Europe rallied for a great battle at sea. Pope St. Pius V urged all Christians to pray the rosary for victory. While vastly outnumbered, the Christian fleet was victorious at the Battle of Lepanto. The pope established October 7 as the feast of the Holy Rosary. Later, all of October would come to be known as the Month of the Rosary.

If you saw someone dead come to life tomorrow, what would you change about your life? Would you say "nothing"? That's what Jesus seems to hope. After all, we already know what to do. In this Sunday's Gospel, a rich man and a poor man pass away, the former to damnation and the latter to peaceful rest alongside the Jewish patriarchs. The rich man asks if the poor man can appear to his brothers and advise them to live a more virtuous life. The parable offers a strong rebuke: "They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them." In other words, they should already know what to do.

We, too, know what to do. More than Moses, Jesus Christ himself has spoken, and continues to speak through his Church. The rich man did not heed the wise words, despite knowing them. If we are convicted against certain Christian teachings in our heart, how much good will miraculous "proofs" do? We know more than the law and the prophets - we know the prophetic law of love proclaimed by Jesus Christ. Are we living like we believe it?

Where in our lives are we like the rich man? Do we know how to treat the poor but still we ignore them in our excess? Do we know the third commandment, but the Sunday liturgy feels "optional" when other weekend commitments arise? Have we heard Christ's teachings on sexuality, but consider them out of reach for us? We have received a great many truths as Christian people. We are blessed by God with the sacraments and the abundance of His graces. We have what we need - in Him - to begin to live a virtuous life now.

October, month of the Rosary
What is the story behind the rosary?
Go to our parish website: http://stmutah.org

Menu Item MyOwnChurch to update your registration or register in the parish, register for religious education classes, obtain a report on your donation history.

Menu Item Stewardship to make online donations to the above financial goals of the parish.

Please Pray For Those In Need of Healing

Adele Farmer
Alexandra Vasquez
Alisha Hernandez
Amy Dotson
Analyse Riley
Angela Vredevelde
Angie Allen
Anne Fox
Asa Sapilovic
Antonio Cortez
Barbara Hudson
Baylee Bearden
Becci Rogers
Bill Chamberland
Bill Selmer
Bob Leaper
Bob Schartmann
Brad Jordison
Brian Palmer
Braydon Smith
Carla Mejia Tamariz
Carlee Albrecht
Carol Logston
Carol Nich
Carole Jakeman
Cathy Tretman
Cecilia Dearth
Charles Patrick Zinn

Chris Kalipetsis
Chris Carpenter
Christina Eldredge
Christopher D. Bell
Cindy Conger
Cindy Pacconi
Conner Fitzsimons
Daniel Smith
David Stevens
David Vega
Denny Clare
Diana Broomfield
Erika Larson
Ernest "Bud" Currey
Evan Green
Flora Lawson
Frank Jones
Frank Ziebert
Gemma Larcher
German Visbal
Gilberto Diaz
Gracie Mickelsen
Harry Short
Hope Thornton
Isabella Jones
Jane Stickel
Janet Sainsbury

Jasper Scott
Jenean Carver
Jennifer Orellana
Jessica Spingler
Jim Olson
Joan Maurice
John Fogarty
John Karg
John Lawson
John Tretman
Jonathan Cook
Jordon Wardle
Judy Hooper
Julia Gould
Juliana Smith
Julie Holman-Senior
Karín Krueger
Kathleen Boyer
Kayle Le Moine
Kelly Mease
Kenton Castillo
Kevin MacGilvery
Leslie Gertz
Linda Gould
Linda Sidelko
Marcus Fernandez
Marie Minnick
Mark Dabrowski & Parents
Marlene Sanders
Marva Burman
Mary Barcikoski
MaryAnn Head
Mary Leaper
Merrill & Don Wood
Michael Hendrickson
Michael Randall
Millie Gallagher
Mirian Sorensen
Monet Frank
Nathan Wattersen
Nedra Christenson
Nickie Williams
Nicole Castillo
Nina Baumann
Omar Bernal Quijano
Orlando Rachele
Palla Vaculin
Pamela Kriss Gomez
Pat Carney
Patti Farrell
Penny Cline
Peter Katz
Phillip Baumann
Ramon Rojas
Ray Minette
Richard Rehmer
Rita Kresuk
Ronan Poyurs
Shane Poyurs
Shannon Bruce
Sharla Tanner
Sharon Martinez
Sharrie Martin
Sherie Davidson
Stephen Taylor
Steve Emsley
Susan Montgomery
Susan Mease
Teresse Jones
Terry Halls
Teri Young
Tim de Jong
Tim Pfieger
Timmy Short
Tom Warner
Tom Zuehlke
Ursula Gober
Victoria Martinez
Virgina Morales

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**SACRAMENTS**

- **Baptism**
  Adults and children contact Tami Bernstein above

- **Reconciliation**
  Saturdays 4:00 PM or by appointment

- **First Communion**
  Adults and children contact Tami Bernstein above

- **Confirmation**
  Adults and children contact Tami Bernstein above

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**Event Rentals**

Did you know you can rent rooms, the parish hall, gym and even the foyer for private events? Reservations are required at least 15 business days ahead of time to comply with our liability insurance needs. Please contact the office if interested, and we will be sure to put any rental monies to good use!

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**October 6, Readings**

- **First Reading** - Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
- **Second Reading** - 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
- **Gospel** - Luke 17:5-10