On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines.

— Isaiah 25:6
TODAY'S READINGS
First Reading -- On this mountain the LORD will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines (Isaiah 25:6-10a).
Psalm -- I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life (Psalm 23).
Second Reading -- God will supply whatever you need (Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20).
Gospel -- I have prepared my banquet, and everything is ready. Come to the feast! (Matthew 22:1-14 [1-10]).

The Lord invites us to a banquet (3), one of the favorite images of messianic times (1). This banquet is spread before us (Ps) and can fully satisfy our needs (2), yet how often have we refused the Lord’s invitation to share in the riches prepared for us (3)?

READING FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque: Hedwig, +1243; born in Bavaria; duchess of Silesia and mother of seven children; peacemaker dedicated to the poor and prisoners; as a widow, retired to a Cistercian convent. Margaret Mary, +1690; French Visitandine mystic who promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a feast which helped free the Church from the spirit of Jansenism; promoted first Friday devotion.

Tuesday: St. Ignatius of Antioch, Martyr: +107 under Trajan in Rome’s amphitheater; from Syria; Apostolic Father known as the second successor of St. Peter in Antioch; wrote seven letters to local communities on church unity and structure esp., the monoepiscopacy; first to use the term “Catholic Church” as a collective designation for Christians; mentioned in the Roman Canon.

Wednesday: St. Luke: +1st cen.; Syrian physician from Antioch and companion of St. Paul; authored (c. 70-85) Acts of the Apostles and a gospel for gentile Christians which speaks of God’s mercy, universal salvation, love of the poor and the marginalized, absolute renunciation, prayers, and the Holy Spirit; represented by a winged ox (cf. Ezekial 1); patron of the medical profession, painters, artists, sculptors, and butchers.

Thursday: Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions

Friday: St. Paul of the Cross: +1775; born in Liguria; renowned preacher and founder (1720) of the Passionists [C.P.], today numbering about 2,160 members, who combine the apostolate of retreats and missions with penitential monasticism.

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT
In a caring environment dedicated to celebrating the Catholic faith and modeling the life of Jesus Christ, St. Thomas More Church provides worship, education, ministerial and social opportunities for the spiritual growth of the parish family.
THE HEAVENLY BANQUET

The mountain of the Lord described in today's first reading is a place where there is no more hunger, no more weeping, and no more division of any kind. We need to pause and ponder these images every now and then, especially given the fact that we live in such a fractured world. The responsorial psalm continues to paint a picture of a place where only goodness and kindness flourish. These readings describe the heavenly banquet, to which God calls each of us through baptism and continues to call us throughout our lives. Let us "RSVP" to God's invitation and live our lives consistent with gospel values so that one day we will be welcomed to the table of the kingdom.

Mass of Remembrance

The annual Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated at the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Oct. 28. The Mass will serve as a time for remembrance of all who were buried from St. Thomas More Church this past year.

The Book of Remembrance will be placed in the church the weekend of Oct. 21-22 for parishioners to write down the names of their deceased loved ones and will remain there until the end of November. Those who are included in the Book of Remembrance will be especially remembered at Masses on the Feast of All Saints and All Souls Day, and during the Masses in November.

STM Preschool Jambalaya Fundraiser

STM Preschool invites everyone to join them for their annual jambalaya fundraiser on Sunday, October 29. This is the same day as the STM Parish Picnic. You're invited to an exciting day filled with great food, lots of fun and fellowship with our parish.

Dinners will be available for pick up beginning after the 10 a.m. Outdoor Mass on the football field. Hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, and sweets will also be sold. Advanced tickets can also be purchased after all Masses this weekend and next weekend, and at the preschool and church offices. Jambalaya tickets will sell for $6 in advance and $7 the day of the event. STM Preschool is happy to accept cash donations from individuals or businesses.

We look forward to seeing you there!
MASS INTENTIONS

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

The sanctuary light in the church will burn in memory of Ricky Metz the week of October 15 as requested by Brenda Kaiser.

The sanctuary light in the chapel will burn in memory of Leven LeJeune the week of October 15 as requested by Dorothy LeJeune.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Oct. 16 – 7 a.m.: Earl Bulot, Theresa Gascon, Major Ward Hatfield

Tuesday, Oct. 17 – 6 p.m.: Joseph Tracy, Earl Bulot

Wednesday, Oct. 18 – 7 a.m.: Allen and Mary Anne Hickman, Ricky Metz

Thursday, Oct. 19 – 8:45 a.m.: Tom Fox Family, J. Ben Meyer, Joseph and Susan Monjure

Friday, Oct. 20 – 7 a.m.: Bayani Gervacio

Saturday, Oct. 21 - 8:45 a.m.: Communion Service; 4:30 p.m.: Leven LeJeune, Bert Guibertea Sr., Majorie Beard, Gary LeBlanc

Sunday, Oct. 22 – 8 a.m.: J. Ben Meyer, Bert Guibertea Sr., Thomas Day, Clifton Lasseigne; 10 a.m.: For the People; 5 p.m.: Yolanda Garrido

THE WEEK AHEAD AT ST. THOMAS MORE

Monday, Oct. 16 - SVDP, 3 p.m.: James Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 17 – James Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; RCIA, 6:30 p.m.; Décor, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 18 – Come Lord Jesus, 1:30 p.m.;
Small Group Bible Study, 4 p.m.; Parish Choir, 7 p.m.;
Wednesday Night Rosary, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 19 – Confession, 8 a.m.; Men’s Ultreya, 7 p.m.; Sacrament of Confirmation, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 20—Youth TGIF, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 21 – Confession, 3:15 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 22 – PSR Pre-K thru 12th, 11 a.m.; Life Teen, 6 p.m.

PRAYER LIST


*If you are hospitalized or in a rehabilitative facility, we would like to visit and pray with you during your stay — please call or have a family member call the parish office. Because of privacy laws, local hospitals are no longer informing parishes when parishioners are admitted.

PRAYER CHAIN: For serious or urgent prayer requests, call Sharon Hebert at 978-1246. If no answer, please leave your name and phone number for a callback.

Parish Stewardship Summary

Fiscal Year 07/01/17 – 06/30/18

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Monday thru Friday: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
(Closed during the lunch hour, 12—1 p.m.)
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017
10 AM OUTDOOR MASS
11 AM TO 2 PM PICNIC
STM FOOTBALL FIELD

OUTDOOR MASS & ANNUAL PICNIC
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
STM PRESCHOOL JAMBALAYA
DINNER FUNDRAISER

ADVANCED TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
AT THE PRESCHOOL, PARISH OFFICE,
AND AFTER ALL Masses OCT 14/15 & 21/22.

MUSIC BY BLU ROUGE
12 PM TO 2 PM
WITH A SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY
THE STM PRESCHOOL CHILDREN
1:15 PM

JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN, AND
FELLOWSHIP!

Iced tea, lemonade, water &
soft drinks sold!

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In 1971, the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship completed a survey of the presidents of the national liturgical commissions around the world. How were children doing in the liturgical reform? Probably to their surprise, the cardinals learned of special weekday Masses for children designed to teach them how to participate on Sunday, Masses with separate components for children. The decision was made quickly to develop adaptations for Masses where children were a majority of the assembly. Changes would include a simpler structure, understandable texts, a simplified Lectionary, more active participation, and most surprisingly, new Eucharistic Prayers. By 1973 the work was done, and with very specific advice from Pope Paul VI, including the need for two new Eucharistic Prayers, the Directory for Masses with Children was published on December 20, a timely Christmas gift for the children of the world.

The prayers are the first to be written fresh in a modern language—not Latin, but French and German—then translated into English, Italian, and Spanish. With a sense of caution, these new prayers were approved for three years, until 1977, but it soon became apparent that they had truly been embraced.

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