

 **Masses For The Week**

SUNDAY, February 21, 2010

8:00 AM Intentions of the members of STM
9:30 AM Soul of Linda Harrison †
11:30 AM Soul of Janet Hendrix †
6:00 PM Protection of the unborn

MONDAY, February 22, 2010

12:15 PM Soul of Kim Gehle †
5:30 PM Soul of Ziggy Olkowski †

TUESDAY, February 23, 2010

7:30 AM Intentions of Gypsy Black
5:30 PM Soul of Mike Slusney †

WEDNESDAY, February 24, 2010

12:15 PM Soul of Jimmie R Keel †
5:30 PM Intentions of Maggie Bangston

THURSDAY, February 25, 2010

7:30 AM Intentions of Doug Wilson
5:30 PM Intentions of Mary DeVincent

FRIDAY, February 26, 2010

12:15 PM Soul of Alice Stiso †
5:30 PM Intentions of Glenese Monge

SATURDAY, February 27, 2010

9:00 AM Soul of Gerard Magri †
5:30 PM Protection of the unborn

SUNDAY, February 28, 2010

8:00 AM Soul of Frank Jean †
9:30 AM Soul of Lilia Lucio Geraldo †
11:30 AM Intentions of the members of STM
6:00 PM Intentions of thanksgiving

**WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS
February 22-27**

Mon	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23; Mt 16:13-19
Tue	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34; Mt 6:7-15
Wed	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51; Lk 11:29-32
Thur	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138; Mt 7:7-12
Fri	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130; Mt 5:20-26
Sat AM	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119; Mt 5:43-48

**SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS
February 27-28**

1st Reading **Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18**
2nd Reading **Philippians 3:17-4:1**
Gospel **Luke 9:28b-36**

MORNING LENTEN REFLECTION

LADIES OF STM - Save the date for our annual Lenten women's morning of reflection. Please join us Saturday, March 13, from 9:00 am to noon in the Parish Library for this special morning. Louanne Bachner will facilitate. For questions or to RSVP, please contact Eileen at 404.534.1117 or eileencorey@bellsouth.net.

JOIN "MORE STEPS" AND FIGHT HUNGER

Sign up today for the Atlanta Hunger 5K Run/Walk on Sun, Mar 14. Make a donation or join the St. Thomas More team online at <http://acfb.convio.net/goto/more.steps>
For more info e-mail teri.nagel@hotmail.com

**MINISTER'S SCHEDULE
February 27-28**

<p>5:30 PM MASS VAN DRIVER Chris Chambers LECTORS Marylou Seltzer Steve Stoffle ALTAR SERVERS Langston Guyden Brianna Pino Sarah Mottram</p>
<p>8:00 AM MASS LECTORS David O'Connell Stephen Dobranski ALTAR SERVERS Anna Jones Isabella DiCristina Gemma DiCristina</p>
<p>9:30 AM MASS LECTORS Susan Vanous Jim Refi ALTAR SERVERS Steve Mandarino Denden Mussie Fevin Mussie</p>
<p>11:30 AM MASS LECTORS Harold Biggs Heather Abbott Lyon ALTAR SERVERS Claire Monsour Noh Mengisteab Merih Menigsteab</p>
<p>6:00 PM MASS LECTORS Youth Mass Youth Mass ALTAR SERVERS Youth Mass Youth Mass Youth Mass</p>

The altar server, cantor & lector schedules are available on the parish website www.stmqaparish.org

February 28
No family or individual has signed up to receive the Elijah Cup at the 6:00 pm mass

If a family or individual would like to receive the Elijah Cup the signup sheet is outside the vesting room

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Paula Adams	Connie Hosier
Faith Bachner	John Hunt
Joseph Balegamire	Joseph Hyde
Bill Barran	Ed Kilgore
Richard Benson, Sr	Jose Leyton
Theresa Brady	Michael Llop
Pat White Bryant	Mary Maher
Dwight Buller	Genevieve McLendon
Paula Camp	Genny Mitchell
Stan Camp	Rudolphe Motard
Flora Chen	Otavia Muraro
Galo Cimadevilla	Fr Peter Rau
Lilia Comendador	Ruth Schwab
Gerard Dupuis	Susan Scaletta
Jessica Finley	Steve Schwab
Jane Gavin	Nada Sekelja
Jody Harrison	Tyler Thomas
Lynn Hodges	Sr M Thomasine
Betty Hoffmeyer	Ayleene Turner
Charles Hoffmeyer	Emmet Walsh, Jr
Cyrus Troy Horton	

To add the names of those who are seriously ill or remove names please contact Marie Diebold 404-378-4588 or mdiebold@stmga.org.

You are always most welcome to add names or special intentions in the book outside of the Adoration Chapel.

**STAND FOR THE
RIGHT TO LIFE**

Please, join us during our public prayer vigils at the abortion facility located on Cliff Valley Way on Saturday mornings at 8:30 am. Contact Aileen Barreca (Stmcathforlife@aol.com) 404-558-3276 or Jayme Caspall (prolife@decatur-knights.org) 404-578-1623 for information.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

"Children, and those who are dependent on us due to disability or age, offer us the opportunity to grow in patience, kindness, and love. They teach us that life is a shared gift, not an encumbrance. At the end of life, we will be judged on love alone."

~ Cardinal Justin Rigali, Statement for Respect Life Sunday, September 29, 2009

ST THOMAS MORE AUCTION DINNER

Come spend a **STARRY NIGHT** at the St Thomas More School Auction. Join us Saturday, March 20th at 7:00 pm for an evening of live music by Webster and catering by The OceanAire Seafood Room in Midtown

Live and Silent Auction
Raffle Tickets

Plus More "Surprises" to Come

RSVP for tickets today! Send Name and \$30 per ticket through Kids Mail to: Michele McHale Pickard c/o Kelly 6K or McPdimples@bellsouth.net Phone: 404-284-2800

BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULED FOR STM

Please come out to support the upcoming blood drive at St Thomas More Catholic Church on March 7th from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm in Mulhern Hall. You can select an appointment time that works best for you online now at www.givelife.org or by **signing up after one of the masses this weekend**. Please use the sponsor code "sttmcc" when signing up online. Thank you for your support! It is critical to give blood if you are eligible. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime.

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

The practice of Lent is too often a solitary effort at self-discipline that fails by the second week. Like so many New Year's resolutions, our Lenten promises are forgotten and we find ourselves unchanged and frustrated that we cannot seem to make a difference in our lives.

This year we will journey through Lent together as a parish family and allow the Sunday readings to bring about change and conversion in our lives. There will be cards available in the narthex with weekly suggested discipline for the season. It is always good to have guidance from the Sunday readings to let Jesus' message influence our daily lives and to change our hearts.

a strong foundation  a stronger faith
saint thomas more capital campaign



GOAL
\$2.5 MILLION

74.6% OF
GOAL MET

PLEGGED AS OF
02/15/2010
\$1,870,573.00

It is never too late to make a pledge (one time, pay monthly, yearly, your choice). Or if you have completed your pledge consider making an extra gift to help us reach our goal. Your pledge or gift whether large or small is an important part of our goal. Thanks

JOIN THE SPRING 40 DAYS FOR LIFE, ATLANTA

What will God accomplish when people of faith across our community and beyond unite for 40 days of prayer and fasting, pulling out all the stops to end the violence of abortion? Christians throughout Atlanta are invited to take part in the international 40 Days for Life effort through March 28. In addition to 40 days of peaceful prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, please consider volunteering to pray outside of the abortion facility or participate in community outreach. To get more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact: Kateri Howard at 770-547-8493 or by e-mail at atlanta40days@gmail.com, or visit our website at www.40daysforlife.com/atlanta All are welcome!

IN HONOR OF THE 40 DAYS FOR LIFE ATLANTA, THE STM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WOULD LIKE TO INVITE EVERYONE TO JOIN THEM IN PRAYING THE ROSARY IN THE ADORATION CHAPEL ON FEB 21ST, 28TH, MARCH 7TH, 14TH 21ST AND 28TH STARTING AT 10:45 AM FOLLOWING THE 9:30 AM MASS.

ALTAR SERVERS – DID YOU KNOW?

- 1) The cup-like vessel used for distributing the Host at Communion is called the "Ciborium". It is also used to reserve the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. The vessel used for distributing the Holy Blood is called the "Communion Cup".
- 2) During the Offertory, wine is brought up to the altar in a bottle or pitcher-like vessel called the "decanter" or "flagon". The bread is brought up in a large "paten". The plate used with the Chalice is also called the "paten".



ST. THOMAS MORE

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Feb 26 th	Stations of the Cross	6:00 pm Church
Feb 26 th	KC Fish Dinners	6:30 pm Mulhern Hall

WEEKLY & MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	TIME & PLACE
Perpetual Adoration	7 days/24 hours Chapel
Holy Hour (Tuesdays)	7:00 pm Adoration Chapel
Nursery	Sunday 9:30 & 11:30 am Mass
Baptism Class (1 st Sun monthly)	1:00 pm School Media Center
Children's Liturgy of the Word	9:30 and 11:30 am
Children's Choir (Sunday)	10:45 to 11:15 am Choir Room
Cherub Choir (Sunday)	10:45 to 11:15 am Church
Adult Choir (Thursday)	7:00 pm Choir Room
Nursery available for Adult Choir	

UPCOMING PARISH LENTEN ACTIVITIES

March 6th – ANOINTING OF THE SICK after the 5:30 pm Mass This sacrament is for those whose health is “gravely” or “dangerously” impaired due to sickness, those who are notably weakened by age, even though not suffering serious illness and those who will be undergoing surgery in the near future.

March 11th – LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE (Sacrament of Reconciliation) at 7:00 pm. There will be visiting priests available for individual confessions.

March 22nd, 23rd, 24th & 25th - PARISH MISSION
The Theme of the mission is “The Freedom to Believe: Becoming an Adult Catholic” This mission will consider the great challenge of growth in Faith as Cardinal J. H. Newman once said: “The only evidence of life is growth. “ This principle must be applied to all levels of life including the Faith-Life. Using the insights of the Scriptures, Twelve-Step Recovery programs and the writings of St Ignatius of Loyola this theme of Freedom and Growth will be explored. The Mission will be presented by Fr Simeon Gallagher.

Morning Conference begins with Mass at 9:00 am with talk to follow Mass

Evening Conference begins at 7:00 pm

March 22nd – First Conference “Stories of Escape from Self”

March 23rd – Second Conference “Escape from False Values and Religious Adolescence”

March 24th – Third Conference “Quest Stories: Humanity as Grace”

March 25th – Fourth Conference “Love Stories: The Freedom Only Christ Can Give”

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

YOUR \$ \$ \$ ARE NEEDED TO HELP US MEET OUR GOAL



2010

Parish Goal \$95,082
Amount Pledged \$87,669
Pledge percent 92.20%

If you need a pledge envelope they are available in the narthex. Special thanks to all who have already made pledges

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Today's first reading describes the offering of first fruits the people of Israel were to present to the Lord in thanksgiving for their deliverance from Egypt and the gift of the Promised Land. Is my offering at today's Mass an appropriate response to the many blessings the Lord has given me?

Parish Offertory Goal \$24,500.00
February 6-7 \$28,705.16

SECOND COLLECTION NOTICE

The second collection for Feb 27-28 will be for the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers to benefit their Capital Campaign Program.

the lighter side

A man walks into a flower shop. The counter girl says, “What did you do wrong?”

Stop by Mulhern Hall for donuts & coffee after the 8:00 & 9:30 am Masses

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL LENTEN FRIDAY FISH DINNERS



Feb 26th, Mar 5th, 12th,
19th & 26th

**SERVING 6:30 – 8:00 PM
IN MULHERN HALL**

Come and enjoy a baked or fried fish dinner with your STM family and friends! As always, we will get you through the service lines FAST so you can enjoy more time eating and visiting with friends!

Adults \$7.00

Children \$3.00

ALL OF YOUR FAVORITE LENTEN FISH FRY FOODS PLUS A KIDS MEAL INCLUDING FISH STICKS, TATER TOTS, AND APPLE SAUCE

Take Out Available

WHAT DO THE KNIGHTS DO WITH THE MONEY THEY RAISE?

Donate to Charities- St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Birthright, K of C Wheelchairs for Veterans, MS Society to name a few

Community Service- Sponsor Essay and Poster Contests, Teacher Luncheons, Easter Egg Hunts, Student Sports Competitions, Cub Scout Lunches, Assist with More Fest and much more.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Each Friday during Lent the Stations of the Cross will be celebrated following the 5:30 pm Mass in the church

HOLY HOUR

The time is changing for the Tuesday Holy Hour in the Adoration Chapel. It will now be from 7:00 to 8:00 pm every Tuesday. All are welcome to join the STM group and to pray for our parish and one another.

YOUTH Doings...

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH (9th to 12th Grade)

Feb 21 – Youth Group meeting 7:00 – 8:30 in the Youth room

Feb 28th Newcomers & visitors reception 7:00 pm

If you can volunteer for planning, leading or sponsoring one big event per year for the youth, let Cindy Palmer know at cpalmer@stmga.org

Those interested in working with our youth, please see our website for an application.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sr High Youth Leaders will meet weekly at 5:15 pm in the Youth Room next to the gym. If you are interested in being a Youth Leader, please fill out the application on the STM website (stmgaparish.org)

Questions about the Senior High Youth group contact Mrs. Cindy Palmer at cpalmer@stmga.org

EDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH (6th to 8th grade)

EDGE night: Lent is MORE than just giving up candy!

SPECIAL NOTE: Our EDGE lock-in is planned for April. You must have attended or participated in 6 EDGE functions during the year to be eligible to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 28th EDGE hosts Youth Mass at 6:00 pm followed by food and open gym.

March activities include Ice Cream, Cars and Christ, a Habitat Build (ages 14 & over), back to basics, a day trip with a picnic at the Monastery

Questions about the Edge Middle School Youth group contact Mrs McP 404-378-4588 X119 or email Youth@stmga.org

For Youth activities check out the parish website www.stmgaparish.org

BAPTISM CLASS

The next Baptism class will be held Sun, March 7th. If this is your first child is to be baptized at STM you must be registered at STM. After you have been registered two or more months you will need to attend a Baptism class. The class begins promptly at 1:00 pm. Please try to arrive at least 10 minutes early to complete the paperwork. The class is held in the school Media Center (from the back parking lot enter through the double glass doors, then turn to the right, and the Media center will be on the left). We ask that you register for the class and that you do not bring children to the class. For more info or to register call Marie Diebold at 404-378-4588

Bulletin

SAINT THOMAS MORE CHURCH & SCHOOL
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 Ms. Terry Collis, Principal, S.T.M. School
 Ms. Cindy Palmer, Senior High Youth Minister
 Ms. Michele McHale Pickard, Edge Middle School Youth Minister

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday 9:00 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)
 Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 am & 6:00 pm
 Daily Mon, Wed, Fri: 12:15 & 5:30 pm
 Tue & Thurs: 7:30 am & 5:30 pm



PERPETUAL ADORATION

Seven days a week, 24 hours

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

For information concerning Baptism, call the parish office at 404.378.4588.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements with the Church should be made at least 6 months in advance.

SPONSORS

Those wishing to act as sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation please note the requirements.

1. The person must be a registered parishioner for at least 3 months.
2. They must be active in the parish community by Mass attendance and by support of the church.

SUNDAY BULLETIN

Deadline for bulletin notices is Monday by 9:00 a.m. in writing. Inserts must be scheduled with the parish secretary.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

We welcome new families and individuals to our parish. Registration packets are available in the parish office Mon-Fri, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, by asking a priest or usher after the weekend Masses, or in the Immaculata Gift Shop. Those who move away, change addresses, phone numbers, or family status are asked to notify the parish office.

The Annual 8th Grade Retreat was a great success!
The graduating class of 2010 would like to thank the STM community for their many prayers and support, especially those who helped us financially by baking for and purchasing items from the bake sale last fall!
We prayed for you every day!



VISITORS & NEWCOMERS
 You are invited to a reception
 Sponsored by the 2010 Confirmation Class
 Sunday, Feb 28th
 After the 6:00 pm Liturgy
 7:00 – 8:00
 in the Parish Office

