“No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon”

Readings for the week of September 22, 2019

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 [cf. 1a, 7b]/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4b-efghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12a, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

Observances for the week of September 22, 2019

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Thursday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
Friday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
Saturday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs
Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
STM’s 2019 Silent Auction will take place in conjunction with the Oktoberfest on the 19th of October. If you have donations for the auction please bring them to the parish office or contact Craig Braun at webmaster@stmva.org or 434-237-5911. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the Christians in the Holy Land.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 27th

David Haas Liturgical writer and composer will be here at St. Thomas More 27 September at 7:00 PM for a Concert in the Nave. Tickets are $10 in advance or $15 at the door. Get your tickets online at www.stmva.org.

September 28th

David Haas, the renown composer and liturgist, will be giving a free music workshop open to all church musicians (whether your sing or play at mass or not). Join us September 28th from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Spaces are limited so please RSVP at www.stmva.org.

October 1st

BONFIRE! Please join us Tuesday, Oct 1 at 6pm as we host the Nott Homes and all the area community homes for hot dogs, s’mores and singing round the campfire. Contact Anne Nilles for more information @ outreach@stmva.org

October 4th

Blessing of the Animals

Oct. 4th at 6:00 PM

The Blessing of the Animals will be Friday, October 4th at 6:00 PM on the Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi. Please have your dogs on a leash and cats and other small animals in a pet carrier. If you would like to bring a donation of pet food, kitty litter, towels, etc., we will take your donations to the Humane Society for you. A bin will be available to place your donation.

October 9th

Life Matters

Learning about the issues

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Dinner - 6:00 pm
Presentation - 6:45 pm

On October 9th the STM Respect Life Ministry has invited the Virginia Catholic Conference to St. Thomas More for a night of “Life Matters: Learning about the issues”. The evening will start at 6 pm with dinner followed at 6:45 pm with the presentation and discussion. RSVP on our website at www.stmva.org.

October 10th

October 12th

LORD’S PRAYER RETREAT

Come immerse yourself in the prayer of Jesus in our Lord’s own language, Aramaic. Experience and pray our Lord’s prayer as his 12 disciples did. For more information and to RSVP contact Norah Jones (presenter) at (434) 907-1709 or the parish office.

October 19th

STM Oktoberfest

Set aside the 19th of October at 6:30 pm for Sausages, Sauerkraut, Beer, Wine, and entertainment. STM will be having it’s first ever Oktoberfest. All proceed got to the Christians in the Holy Land. Speak with Sybil Frey in the parish office for more information.

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The best gift parents can give their newborn is the gift of Baptism. Parents who would like to have their infant baptized are required to take the Baptismal Preparation class which consists of two sessions. These classes are held Monday evenings from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm at St. Thomas More. The finalized Baptismal Preparation Schedule includes the following sessions and ceremonies:

**Classes:**
Monday, October 7 & 21
Monday, January 6 & 13

**Scheduled Baptisms:**
Weekend of November 9 / 10 - Dependent upon the number of infants / toddlers to be baptized, the ceremony will either be Saturday, November 9 at 10:30 am or Sunday, November 10 at 11 am Mass. Saturday, February 1 at 10:30 am, Saturday, May 9 at 10:30 am.

**Please note:** There are no Baptism Ceremonies in March and April due to Lent.

Please contact Trish Pabis, reformation@stmva.org for more information.

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Unlock the Sunday Readings
Tuesdays at 3 & 7 PM / Fridays at 1 PM

FAITH MATTERS
Thursdays at 7 PM

Special Collections
Debt Reduction $2,349.50
Poor Box $2,962.05

Please remember for STM to cover our budget the weekly collection needs to be at least $18,000 each week. THANKS!

24 WEEK CLASS 10 SEPTE - 3 APRIL

The Story of Salvation

FAITH MATTERS
Thursdays at 7 PM
VOCATIONS

"No servant can serve two masters." Are you discerning a vocation to serve the Lord as a priest? The Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

**VOCACTIONS**

St. Tarcisius

When shopping on Amazon go to smile.amazon.com and set up your account to support Saint Thomas More Lynchburg VA and we get a percentage back from everything you purchase. It’s an easy way to support our parish while doing your everyday shopping! Thanks!

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Number of households receiving food assistance: 85
- 85 households (265 individuals) received a total of 131 food bags. 48% of the individuals were 0-18 years old.

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Prayer Intentions

Peter Gulak
Stephen Salsabod
Lucas Pierce
Clair Ickes
Stuart Desso
Ashley Cook
Carmen Evans
Don Moser
Leigh Grundy
Rosemary Quadrini
Geri Cousart
Gloria Flicker
Silvana Faulkenberry
Sandy Mieczkowski
Kenny Murphy

And for the Repose of...
Marie Borkowski mother of Linda Radgowski

Names may be added to the prayer list by calling the parish office during business hours or after 4:00 PM leaving a voice mail at (434) 237-5911 and selecting option 4. You can also email intentions to info@stmva.org. You may also add names to the book of intentions to the right of the main altar. Prayer intentions are prayed over during Mass and intercessory prayer each Monday morning.

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Catholic Diocese of Richmond
1820 Bicentennial 2020

In preparation for the Diocesan 200th anniversary a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC will take place on Saturday, October 12, 2019. Information about registering for the pilgrimage is available on the bicentennial website https://2020.richmonddiocese.org/

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