As he was entering a village, ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance from him and raised their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!” Luke 17:11-19
Readings for the week of October 13, 2019

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13b]/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab [7]/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8a]/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 2]/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8

Observances for the week of October 13, 2019

Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr; Columbus Day

Tuesday: St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

Thursday: St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

Friday: St. Luke, Evangelist

Saturday: Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, & Companions, Martyrs

Next Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday
FAITH FORMATION

BAPTISM

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 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, relformation@stmva.org for more information.

ADULT FORMATION

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
Are you interested in becoming Catholic or know someone who is? Or just curious about Catholicism? Come join us on Wednesdays starting between 6:30 and 7:00 PM for fellowship followed by the presentation. We look forward to seeing you there! For more information contact Andy & Jo-Ann LaClair at rcia@stmva.org or contact the parish office at (434)237-5911.

THANKS FOR AMAZON SMILING....
Thanks to everyone who has been using Amazon Smile to make purchases. St. Thomas More has received back $60.34 this quarter and $584.16 overall.

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! Every penny spent adds up. Thanks!
HOLY CROSS REGIONAL
SCHOOL NEWS!

Breakfast with Santa Vendors
If you are interested in being a vendor at the annual Holy Cross Breakfast with Santa and Christmas Bazaar on December 7th, please email pto@hcfaculty.com.

Visit Holy Cross
If you are interested in learning more about Holy Cross Regional Catholic School please call Ellie Nixon at 847-5436 to arrange a private tour.

Golf Coach
We are in need of a golf coach for the spring season. If you love golf and would like to teach young people about this sport, please contact Doug Washington at dwashington@hcfaculty.com.

Happenings at Holy Cross
*Join us every Thursday at 10:15 for our weekly liturgy.

*Wednesday, October 16-Open House 9-10:30 and 5:00-6:00

*Thursday, October 24-Living Rosary -10:15 AM

*Friday, October 25 & Tuesday, October 29-Scholastic Book Fair (all day)

*Friday, November 15-High School Drama Presents “This is a Test”

VOCATIONS

“But the word of God is not chained.” Are you considering a vocation to proclaim the word of God as a priest? The Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

Social Ministry

The bonfire for all the community was a great time! Many thanks to all who came and helped host this fun night. Special thanks to Mark Colkitt and the scouts that manned the campfire.

KOC Baby Bottle Fundraiser
In honor of October as Respect Life / Prolife month The Knights of Columbus are raising funds by conducting a Baby Bottle Campaign at our church the weekend of October 12-13. After mass they will be passing out baby bottles for you to take home and asking you to return them with your donation no later than October 27th to the parish. If you would like to write a check address it to Knights of Columbus – Council #595, and indicate it’s for the Respect Life Campaign. All monies raised will go to support respect life/prolife projects, such as sponsoring a bus for the March for Life in January.

The Respect Life Committee will meet this Wednesday, Oct 16 at 6:30 pm – all are welcome!

RESPECT LIFE MEETING

Oct 16 at 6:30 pm

Social Ministry

SMILE YOU'RE ON CAMERA

To increase the security of our building camera’s have been installed at the entryways to the commons and More Aid. The camera’s are on 24/7 and are motion sensitive. Anyone entering or leaving the church will be recorded.
Clair Ickes
Stuart Desso
Ashley Cook
Carmen Evans
Mae Moser
Don Moser
Leigh Grundy
Rosemary Quadrini
Geri Cousart
Sandy Mieczkowski
Kenny Murphy
Rita Clark
Ann Williams
Brooks Wallman

And for the repose...
Dorothy Jackson
Sister of Mary Carwile

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.

* If you know someone who is sick, a shut-in or in a nursing home contact our office at 434-237-5911 so that we can ensure that the Eucharist is brought to them.

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October 19th

STM’s 2019 Silent Auction will take place in conjunction with the Oktoberfest on the 19th of October. We will have information sheets out in the commons with a description of each item. Opening bids may be made throughout the week. Silent Auction items will be on display the night of the Oktoberfest when final bids will be taken.

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NEW 2019

October 19th

Join us the 19th of October at 6:30 pm for Sausages, Sauerkraut, Beer, Wine, and entertainment. STM will be having its first ever Oktoberfest. Tickets are now on sale after Mass and at the parish office. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children 5 to 12 years old with under 5 years old are free.

STM Oktoberfest

October 31st

STM will be hosting a Trunk or Treat in our parking lot starting at 6:00 pm on the 31st of October. Please contact Trish Pabis at info@stmva.org or (434) 237-5911 ext. 211, if you would like to host a “Trunk” or run games. Sign up at www.stmva.org/TOT.

November 1st

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ALL SAINTS DAY MASS

STEWARDSHIP

5/6 October

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

Online Giving Reminder

If you manage your bills online, you can give to St. Thomas More online too. It's safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. Online Giving lets you set up recurring weekly offerings and special donations, so you will be able to give the way you want—even if you've forgotten your envelope. Getting started is easy! Please visit www.stmva.org.