

Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

Independent Roman Catholic Church

Diocese of Nevada



September 2018

We the Catholic community of St. Thomas Parish, come together to be transformed by the Eucharist. We regularly help each other to hear the Sunday Gospel, serve those in need, and bring our lives to faith and bring faith to our lives. Parish mission Statement

Most Reverend Brian P. Spencer, Pastor,
Presiding Bishop, Independent Roman Catholic Church, Diocese of Nevada
Deacon Imani Boyd, Associate Pastor

MASS TIMES: Wednesday - 9:00am; Saturday - 5:00pm; Sunday – 10:00am

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Thursday 8:30 AM to 12 :30 PM

OFFICE MANAGER: Judy Baxter

PARISH COUNCIL: Bishop Brian Spencer-Pastor, Jan Moore- Senior Steward, Second Steward/Secretary – Allison Spencer, Marie Kirker-Fundraising/Treasurer, Jeff Ryder -Website , Archie Kirker- Building and Grounds, Judy Baxter

CHURCH SACRISTAN: Marge Campbell

Baptism: Baptism class is held on the second Thursday of every month. Baptisms take place the third Sunday of every month. Parents and Godparents are required to attend the same class. **Matrimony:** Please contact the Church office. It is not advisable to set a date before your first appointment with a priest. **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** For individual confession, contact Bishop Brian at the Church office. **Anointing of the Sick:** Please contact the Church office.

CHURCH FOOD PANTRY: Wednesdays 10:00am to 12:00pm **Thank you of your Donations!**

Thank you for your continual financial support to Saint Thomas Church.



ROSARY AND BIBLE STUDY: The Rosary and Bible Study Class are held every Wednesday after the 9:00 AM mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Ron Myers, Rita Anderson, Danny Hitchcock, Roman Morgan, Gretchen Likes, Ken Roberge, Connie Pagano, Bernard and Edith Clark, Frank Dooley, Sharon Smith, Nell McCree, and all who have requested prayers. To be added to our prayer list, please contact Carol Anderson. cmcal117@cox.net or call the church office at 702-655-5840



Registration for First Holy Communion and Confirmation – Contact Fr. Brian or Judy – 702-655-5840.

UP COMING EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER: September 8th – Father Brian Spencer’s Ordination - September 15th – Bishop Brian’s Cocktail Party – 6:00pm - September 23rd –Classes begin for 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation -September 24th – Women’s Guild Chat Room – 6:30pm - October 5th – Oktoberfest – 6:00pm – 10:00pm

OKTOBERFEST COMING – October 5th -6:00pm – 10:00pm. Please pick up your Raffle Tickets before or after mass. We are asking each family to sell 10 tickets. Tickets sell for \$10.00 each to win Visa Gift Cards -1 \$500 - 1 \$250. – 1 \$100. And 4 \$50. Dinner tickets will go on sale September 16th for \$12 per person {10years & older}. Due to occupancy limitations, we are limited to selling only 125 ticket. They will be sold on a first come basis. Live entertainment, brats, fellowship and much, much more. Please see Marie Kirker. Allison Spencer or Judy Baxter for tickets and/or more information.

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*Please see Bishop Brian if you are interested in volunteering at the church food pantry.

*Interersted in working with our youth? Please see Bishop Brian.

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God’s Justice



Justice is a concept under attack in today's world. When I watch the news, I see so many distortions of justice. One person's notion of fairness is sometimes far from another's understanding of justice. Perhaps the issue is that human justice often becomes corrupted by selfishness and greed. Justice for one's self always seems more important than justice for another. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to use what we have been given not only to fight for human justice alone, but also to offer a more benevolent justice that can only come from God. We are called to offer all we have to God for His greater intentions. Our gifts cannot only level the playing field for some but can serve as instruments of grace for those who, in the eyes of the world, do not even deserve it. In God's framework of justice, second chances and overflowing generosity are commonplace. Everyone created in the image of God deserves love regardless of their state in life or the actions they have taken against another. The world will never understand this type of justice. Humans have a hard enough time figuring out the simple concepts of equity or fair play. For those who do not believe in Jesus, his justice seems even more difficult to comprehend. In fact, it can appear downright crazy.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

