

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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CONFESSION 1st Wednesday 5P - 6P

Important Dates

17MAR: ROSARY 30MINS before Mass Today!
17MAR: HOY! ROSARIO 30 min. antes de la Misa
 19MAR: Solemnity of St. Joseph Mass SJB 730A & 6P
 22MAR: Estaciones de la Cruz STM 3P
 22MAR: Soup & Stations of the Cross STM 5P
 24MAR: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord STM 12p

Sunday Readings

Fifth Sunday in Lent
V Domingo de Cuaresma
1st Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15
 Create a clean heart in me, O God.
 Crea en mí, Señor, un corazón puro.
2nd Reading Hebrews 5:7-9
Gospel John 12:20-33



MEDITATION OF THE DAY

“It was for this purpose that I came”

**Pardon, Lord; pardon your people
 whom you have redeemed with your blood, O Christ;**

Meditation of the Day continues on next page

MARCH INTENTIONS of the HOLY FATHER

For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Por los nuevos mártires

Oramos para que quienes arriesgan su vida por el Evangelio en diversas partes del mundo enciendan a la Iglesia con su valentía y entusiasmo misionero.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SUNDAY MARCH 17TH

Antonia Reyes †
 Emily Leon †
 Jerry Hegenbart †
 Wade Strang †

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Billy Abumada
 Cathy Larsen
 Diana Wise
 Angela Babcock
 Sharon Calboun
 Bill Bechtold
 James & Lillian Daley
 Victor Garcia
 Pat Mortensen
 Pam Casey

Rod Montgomery
 Carrie Sue Sonsteng
 Sam Kempner
 Josie Weaver
 Denise Hughes
 Kimberly Helgeson Avoy

Sofia Garcia
 Bruce Hasek
 Barbara Maldonado
 Adriana Sepulveda
 Senona Gonzalez
 Samia Zumout
 Karen Reynolds
 Patricia Laird
 David Jorgensen
 Andrea Inzunza

This Week's Readings

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

Monday; March 18th

1st Reading: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62

Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.

Gospel: John 8:1-11

**SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH,
HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY**

Tuesday; March 19th

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12 - 14a, 16

Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29

The son of David will live for ever.

2nd Reading: Romans 4:13,16-18, 22

Gospel: Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Wednesday; March 20th

1st Reading: Daniel 3:14-20,91-92,95

Psalm Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56

Glory and praise for ever!

Gospel: John 8:31-42

Thursday; March 21st

1st Reading: Exodus 32:7-14

Psalm 106:19-20, 21-22, 23

Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.

Gospel: John 5:31-47

Friday; March 22nd

1st Reading: Genesis 17:3-9

Psalm 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Gospel: John 8:51-59

Saturday; March 23rd

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Psalm 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7

In my distress I called upon the Lord, and he heard my voice.

Gospel: John 10:31-42



Meditation of the Day continued from front page.

MEDITATION OF THE DAY "It was for this purpose that I came"

may your anger not weigh upon us.

We pray you for your infinite clemency; turn away your wrath from this city and turn from this holy house.

We have sinned against you

and you have been angry with us

and no one can flee from your punishments.

We have sinned against you, O Lord, we have sinned. Be merciful to us, set us free from ills

which every day fall upon us.

Pardon, O Lord, the sins of your people, according to your infinite generosity.

You once showed kindness to our fathers: be merciful to us and your glory

will shine out in our lives.

Pardon, O Lord, those who have sinned; give your grace to those who repent; have pity on us who pray to you,

O Christ, Savior of the world.

Jesus, look upon us and have pity. Amen.

-A MEDIEVAL CELTIC HYMN ASKING FOR FORGIVENESS.

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Excerpt from Magnificat Magazine, Meditation of the Day, March 17, 2024

40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING CAMPAIGN IS ON!
February 14 - March 23

Please pray the daily intentions!

The intention for Sunday; March 17 (Day 33): May we absorb the truth that God is paying attention to us, and to each human life, personally and individually.

*You can sign up for hours at: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/chiconorth>
Questions? See Kathy DiChristofaro after Mass.*

The Eucharistic Camino continues
at
Our Divine Savior Catholic Church 566 E. Lassen Ave., Chico
Thursday, March 21 & Friday, March 22

Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration

See Thursday March 21 schedule on back page
(For Friday March 22 schedule go to ODS website)



¡Bienvenido a marchar! La devoción de este mes a San José, este gran santo, padre adoptivo de Cristo. La solemnidad de San José es el 19 de marzo. "Conviene mucho a los cristianos, honrando a la Virgen Madre de Dios, invocar constantemente con profunda piedad y confianza a su castísimo esposo, San José. Tenemos la firme convicción de que tal es la especial deseo de la misma Santísima Virgen." --Papa León XIII



Welcome to March! This month's devotion to St. Joseph, this great saint, the foster father of Christ. The solemnity of Saint Joseph is March 19. "It greatly behooves Christians, while honoring the Virgin Mother of God, constantly to invoke with deep piety and confidence her most chaste spouse, Saint Joseph. We

have a well grounded conviction that such is the special desire of the Blessed Virgin herself." --Pope Leo XIII

Las lecturas del 19 de marzo de 2024 para la Misa de la Solemnidad de

San José, esposo de la Santísima Virgen María

Primera Lectura: 2Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16

Salmo 88, 2-3, 4-5, 27 y 29

"Su descendencia perdurará eternamente".

Segunda Lectura: Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22

Evangelio: Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a o Luke 2:41-51a

The readings on March 19, 2024 for Mass on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1st Reading: 2Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16

Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29

"The son of David will live for ever."

2nd Reading: Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22

Gospel: Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a

ORACIÓN A SAN JOSÉ

La siguiente oración se encontró en el año 50 de Nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesucristo. En 1505 fue enviado por el Papa al emperador Carlos cuando iba a la batalla. Quienquiera que lea esta oración, la escuche o la guarde, nunca morirá de muerte súbita, ni se ahogará, ni el veneno le hará efecto; ni caerán en manos del enemigo, ni serán quemados en ningún fuego, ni serán vencidos en la batalla. La tradición anima a los fieles a rezarlo durante nueve mañanas para cualquier cosa que deseen. Nunca se ha sabido que falle, así que asegúrese de querer realmente lo que pide.

Oh San José, cuya protección es tan grande, tan fuerte, tan pronta ante el trono de Dios, en ti pongo todos mis intereses y deseos. Oh San José, ayúdame con tu poderosa intercesión, y obtén para mí de tu divino Hijo todas las bendiciones espirituales, por Jesucristo, nuestro Señor. Para que, habiendo comprometido aquí abajo tu poder celestial, pueda ofrecer mi acción de gracias y homenaje al más amoroso de los Padres. Oh San José, nunca me canso de contemplarte a ti, y a Jesús dormido en tus brazos; No me atrevo a acercarme mientras Él reposa cerca de tu corazón. Presiónalo en mi nombre y besa su hermosa cabeza por mí; y pedirle que me devuelva el beso cuando exhale mi último aliento. San José, patrón de las almas que parten, ruega por mí. Amén.

Fuente de oración: Imprimi Potent: John N. McCormick, C.S.S.R. Provincial, St. Louis Province, Redemptorist Fathers May 1, 1962 | Imprimatur: St. Louis, May 4, 1962 Joseph Cardinal Ritter Archbishop of St. Louis

Fuente: <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/prayers/view.cfm?id=755>; <https://www.ecatholic2000.com/cts/untilled-n6.shtml#:~:text=Joseph%2C%20whose%20protection%20is%20so,through%20Jesus%20Christ%2C%20our%20Lord>

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

The prayer below was found in the 50th year of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. In 1505 it was sent from the Pope to Emperor Charles when he was going into battle. Whoever shall read this prayer or hear it or keep it about themselves, shall never die a sudden death, or be drowned, or shall poison take effect on them; neither shall they fall into the hands of the enemy, or shall be burned in any fire or shall be overpowered in battle.

Tradition has encouraged the faithful to say it for nine mornings for anything you may desire. It has never been known to fail, so be sure you really want what you ask.

O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in thee all my interest and desires. O St. Joseph, do assist me by thy powerful intercession, and obtain for me from thy divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below thy heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving & homage to the most loving of Fathers. O St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating thee, and Jesus asleep in thine arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near thy heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me; and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls, Pray for me. Amen.

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PARISH UPDATES

The STM DateBook

☑ **TODAY! March 17 | ¡HOY! 17 de marzo**



ROSARY 30 minutes before Mass!

ROSARIO 30 minutos antes de la Misa

Thank you STM! for your support!

The St. Vincent de Paul Hawaii Trip Raffle Tickets Sale has ended. We've sold our allotment of tickets thanks to you. The drawing will be in April. Questions? See Dirk Woblau after Mass.



¡Gracias STM! ¡por tu apoyo! La venta de boletos para la rifa del viaje a Hawaii de St. Vincent de Paul ha finalizado. Hemos vendido nuestra asignación de entradas gracias a ti. El sorteo será en abril. ¿Preguntas? Ver a Dirk Woblau después de la misa.

☑ **Friday, March 22 | Viernes 22 de marzo**

Estaciones de la Cruz STM 3P

Soup & Stations of the Cross STM 5P

☑ **Sunday, March 24 | Martes 26 de marzo**



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion STM 12p

Domingo de Ramos "De la pasión del Señor" STM 12p

☑ **Tuesday, March 26 | Martes 26 de marzo**

Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres STM 10A

Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration Thursday, March 21 at Our Divine Savior

- 830A Holy Mass
 - 9A Stamping of Passports
 - 930A Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 - 12P Midday Prayers (Liturgy of the Hours)
 - 1p-2P Sacrament of Reconciliation
 - 3P Mid-Afternoon Prayers (Liturgy of the Hours)
Divine Mercy Chaplet (Bilingual)
 - 4P Reflection & Sharing: "This Is My Body"
Bishop Barron's Book | Social Hall
 - 5P-6P Sacrament of Reconciliation
 - 6P Angelus/Evening Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)
 - 7P Reflection & Sharing: "This Is My Body"
Bishop Barron's Book | Social Hall
 - 9P Night Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) Adoration
- For Friday schedule go to the ODS website**

The St. Thomas More Parish family offers our deepest condolences to the the family and friends of Victoria Wilsey. Victoria passed away March 12. Funeral details will be published once available.

Please add Agnes to your prayers.

Women of STM Scholarships Available

The Women of STM are again offering \$500 scholarships to parishioners. Application packets are available in the church office & online at <https://www.stmparadise.net/> Deadline to turn in your application is Monday, April 15.

Congratulations Sister Zuly on your birthday!

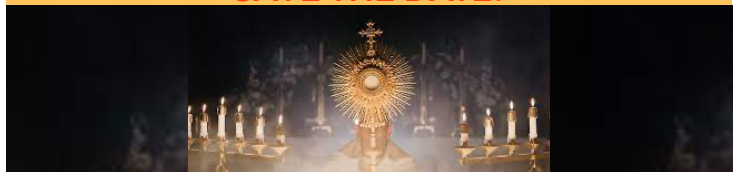
Muchas Felicidades a la Hermana Zuly en su Cumpleaños!

St. Thomas More Catholic Church thanks you for your love and dedication to our parish community. And we thank you for always praying for us.

STM quiere agradecerle por su amor y dedicación hacia nuestra comunidad parroquial. Gracias por siempre rezar por nosotros.



SAVE THE DATE!



Eucharistic Amazement 1-Day Retreat
With Special Guest Retreat Leader
Dr. Anthony Lilles
Saturday; April 6 at 8:30A

Dr. Anthony Lilles will lead us on a one day amazing Eucharistic journey. Watch the bulletin for more info!

**See insert for Holy Week Schedule
Ver Inserto Para El Horario de Semana Santa**