

# ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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**CONFESSION 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 5P - 6P**

## Important Dates

21MAY: Women of STM host Hospitality after Mass  
**21MAY: Dish signup 2day for June 11 dinner**  
**21MAY: Table signup 2day for June 11 dinner**  
 23MAY: Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres STM 10A  
 28MAY: Pentecost Sunday STM 12P  
**29MAY: Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of the Church**  
**29MAY: Memorial Day | STM OFFICE CLOSED**  
 31MAY: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## Sunday Readings

*Seventh Sunday of Easter - Ascension*  
*Séptimo Domingo de Pascua - Ascensión*

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Acts 1:12-14

**Psalm** 27:1, 4, 7-8

*I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.*

*El Señor es mi luz y mi salvación. Aleluya.*

**2nd Reading** 1 Peter 4:13-16

**Gospel** John 17:1-11a



## MEDITATION OF THE DAY

How He Is Glorified in Us

**The redemptive work of Christ eagerly awaits being poured out abundantly over us. Christ is the head of humanity and the life of grace**

*Meditation of the Day continues on next page*

## MAY INTENTIONS of the HOLY FATHER

**For church movements and groups**

*We pray that Church movements & groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.*

**Para movimientos y grupos de la iglesia**

*Oramos para que los movimientos y grupos de la Iglesia redescubran cada día su misión de evangelización, poniendo sus propios carismas al servicio de las necesidades del mundo.*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR SUNDAY MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>

Al Penna †

Carol Zellmer †

Larry Campbell †

Kevin MacPhail †



## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

The Wise Family  
 Karen Phillips  
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 Carrie Sue Sonsteng  
 Theresa Durant  
 Ken Keesling  
 Angela Babcock  
 John Johnson

Sharon Wilson  
 Bruce Hasek  
 Kathy & Greg DeCristofaro  
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 Monica Dominguez Cornejo

Judi Moreno  
 Dan Hegenbart  
 Bruce Hasek  
 Barbara Maldonado  
 Sam Kempner  
 Renee Kelly  
 Samia Zumout

## This Week's Readings

### SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER

#### Monday; May 22<sup>nd</sup>

1st Reading: Acts 19:1-8  
 Psalm 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab  
 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.  
 Gospel: John 16:29-33

#### Tuesday; May 23<sup>rd</sup>

1st Reading: Acts 20:17-27  
 Psalm 68:10-11, 20-21  
 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.  
 Gospel: John 17:1-11a

#### Wednesday; May 24<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: Acts 20:28-38  
 Psalm 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab  
 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.  
 Gospel: John 17:11b-19

#### Thursday; May 25<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11  
 Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11  
 Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.  
 Gospel: John 17:20-26

#### Friday; May 26<sup>th</sup> **MEMORIAL OF SAINT PHILIP NERI, PRIEST**

1st Reading: Acts 25:13b-21  
 Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab  
 The Lord has established his throne in heaven.  
 Gospel: John 21:15-19

#### Saturday; May 27<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31  
 Psalm 11:4, 5 and 7  
 The just will gaze on your face, O Lord.  
 Gospel: John 21:20-25



*Meditation of the Day continued from front page.*

## MEDITATION OF THE DAY How He Is Glorified in Us

*flows from him into mankind.... Souls united to Christ through faith and charity form, in fact, a body that is aptly called the Mystical Body of Christ.... The principal act of the Mystical Body of the Lord is the oblation of the sacrifice of the Mass. The priest offers the sacrifice in the name of the faithful, but it is principally Christ who offers himself through the priest. It is always the same and unique oblation of the sacrifice of the cross that is repeated in unbloody form, an act ever alive in the heart of Christ who does not cease interceding and offering himself to his Father for us. I would even say, under this aspect, that Christ continues to suffer for us, as the devotion to the Sacred Heart says—to suffer in his members and in his saints, as a mother suffers in her son when she sees him in pain. The sacrifice of the cross continues, then, in a mysterious but real way in the sacrifice of the Mass, and it is this act of oblation of the Son to his Father that sustains the world.*

***Life is poured out into the Mystical Body by means of the sacraments: by means of absolution that raises the dead members to life; through the Eucharist that conserves the life of grace and renews the fervor that venial sin has weakened; and finally by means of all the interior inspirations and all the actual graces with which the Lord favors us. It is a fountain of divine life that flows from him to us, streaming forth into everlasting life. How many times we have noticed this power of Christ: in our individual lives, through absolution and Communion; and in the social life of the Church, always rising from the worst persecutions younger and stronger! Hence, we should have confidence in this redemptive power of Christ. We should listen to his invitation: Come to me and I will give you rest. “In baptism I gave you a pure and shining soul,” he seems to say to us, “and see how spoiled is the one you have, but come to me and I shall refashion it. Come to me, all you who have darkened your intelligence and lost sight of the ideal, and I shall enlighten you. Come to me, you who have a conscience that has gone astray, and I shall set it straight. Come to me, you who have a weak will, and I shall strengthen it for you; and you who have a stubborn heart, come and I shall teach it anew the joy and love of God.” Jesus Christ has the power to lead us to our ultimate end and he alone can configure us to the Word of God because he is the Word. Knowing our sins, he wishes not only to heal us but through his blood to raise us up higher.***

—FATHER REGINALD GARRIGOU-LAGRANGE, O.P.

*Father Garrigou-Lagrange († 1964) was a prolific Dominican theologian and spiritual writer. He was the theology doctoral advisor of the future Saint John Paul II. / From Knowing the Love of God: Lessons from a Spiritual Master, Raymond Smith, O.P. & Rod Gorton, Trs. © 2015, Lighthouse Catholic Media, Dekalb, IL.*

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## REGISTER HERE

### ATTENTION NEW PARISHIONERS!

**Welcome to St. Thomas More!** We are so happy you are here. To ensure we can communicate important information to you, please register your contact information with us by completing a Parishioner Contact Information Form. This form can be found on the information table in the Narthex. Thank you!



**Mayo es el mes de la devoción a María la Santísima Madre, que se originó en Roma en el siglo XVIII para contrarrestar la inmoralidad y la infidelidad entre los estudiantes de una universidad allí.**

Hacia fines del siglo XVIII, un celoso sacerdote jesuita, el Padre Lalomia, inició entre los alumnos del colegio romano de su Sociedad, la práctica de dedicar el mes de mayo a la Virgen. La devoción, que otros habían promovido en pequeña medida, pronto se extendió a otros colegios jesuitas ya toda la iglesia latina y desde entonces ha sido un rasgo habitual de la vida católica. Esta devoción ahora se ha extendido por la mayor parte de la Iglesia latina. Debido a que la festividad norteamericana del Día de la Madre cae en mayo, los católicos aprovechan este tiempo para recordar y tratar de emular el papel de María como madre. Por lo tanto, la devoción a María en el mes de mayo se centra tanto en María como modelo a seguir para las madres cristianas, como en la eterna castidad y pureza de María, y su fidelidad a la voluntad de Dios.

### **MARÍA: NUESTRA MODELO EN LA VIDA ORDINARIA**

"No podemos olvidar que María pasó casi todos los días de su vida como millones de otras mujeres que cuidan de sus familias, crían a sus hijos y cuidan sus casas. María santifica las cosas ordinarias y cotidianas, lo que algunas la gente considera erróneamente como sin importancia e insignificante: el trabajo cotidiano, el cuidado de los más allegados, las visitas a amigos y familiares. Qué bendita cotidianidad, que puede estar tan llena de amor de Dios". Ofrecamos hoy a nuestra Madre: Afectuosos detalles de servicio y atención a los más allegados".

(Este extracto tomado de homilias de San Josemaría Escrivá en *Es Cristo que Pasa* (=CPB) y *Amigos de Dios*(=FG), Princeton, N. J.: Sceptre Publications, 1968/1973. Este es de "Madre de Dios y Madre Nuestra", FG, 274.)

### **Oración para esta semana: Oración de María**

"Pidámosle a la Santísima Virgen que nos haga contemplativos, que nos enseñe a reconocer las constantes llamadas de Dios a la puerta de nuestro corazón. Pidámosle ahora:

Madre nuestra, que trajiste a la tierra a Jesús, que revela el amor de nuestro Padre Dios. Ayúdanos a reconocerlo en medio de los afanes de cada día. Despierta nuestra mente y nuestra voluntad para que podamos escuchar la voz de Dios, las llamadas de la gracia".

Ofrecamos hoy a nuestra Madre: Una visita a Jesús verdaderamente presente en el Santísimo Sacramento.

En el Nombre del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo. Amén.

FUENTES: <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/resource/240688/month-of-mary-may-devotions>; <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/prayers/view.cfm?id=758>

Oración: Prayer Book, The by Reverend John P. O'Connell, M.A., S.T.D. and Jex Martin, M.A., The Catholic Press, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, 1954

**May is the month of devotion to Mary the Blessed Mother, which originated in Rome in the 18th century to counter immorality and infidelity among students at a college there.**

Toward the end of the 18th century a zealous Jesuit priest, Father Lalomia started,

among the students of the Roman college of his Society, the practice of dedicating May to Our Lady. The devotion, which others had promoted in a small way, soon spread to other Jesuit Colleges and to the entire Latin church and since that time it has been a regular feature of Catholic life. This devotion has now spread through most of the Latin Church. Because the North American holiday of Mother's Day falls in May, Catholics take this time to recall and try to emulate Mary's role as mother. Therefore devotion to Mary in the month of May focuses both on Mary as a role model for Christian mothers, and Mary's ever lasting chastity and purity, and her fidelity to God's will.

### **MARY: OUR MODEL IN ORDINARY LIFE**

"We can't forget that Mary spent nearly every day of her life just like millions of other women who look after their families, bring up their children, and take care of their houses. Mary sanctifies the ordinary, everyday things -- what some people wrongly regard as unimportant and insignificant: everyday work, looking after those closest to you, visits to friends and relatives. What a blessed ordinariness, that can be so full of love of God." Let us offer to our Mother today: Affectionate details of service and attention to those closest to us."

(This excerpt taken from homilies of Saint Josemaría Escrivá in *Christ Is Passing By* (=CPB) and *Friends of God*(=FG), Princeton, N. J.: Sceptre Publications, 1968/1973. This one is from "Mother of God and Our Mother," FG, 274.)

### **Prayer for this week: Mary's Prayer**

"Let us ask the Blessed Virgin to make us contemplatives, to teach us to recognize the constant calls from God at the door of our heart. Let us ask her now:

Our Mother, you brought to earth Jesus, who reveals the love of our Father God. Help us to recognize him in the midst of the cares of each day. Stir up our mind and will so that we may listen to the voice of God, to the calls of grace."

Let us offer to our Mother today:

A visit to Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SOURCES: Catholic Diocese of Dallas.

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## PARISH UPDATES



**THANKS FOR SUPPORTING STM Tree Delivery & Parish BBQ Saturday May 20!**

**The Welcome Home to the Ridge Team says "thank you!" to everyone who helped to make our tree delivery & BBQ a great success!** We plan to do this again and will let you know in plenty of time. Thanks so much for your support. **Questions?** See Chris Rehmann or Lori MacPhail.

### SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN TODAY!

**There's a special collection today to support the Catholic Communication Campaign.**

The Catholic Communication Campaign helps the Church spread the Gospel message in the U.S. and developing countries using modern media tools to inform, inspire, and enlighten. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Sacramento to fund local communications efforts.

Please support this collection to help spread the Gospel message!

**To learn more:** [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc)

**To donate online:** [www.scd.org/commscollection](http://www.scd.org/commscollection)

### THE WOMEN OF STM SCHOLARSHIPS OPEN TIL JUNE 1!

**There's still time to apply! These scholarships offered by the Women of STM aren't typical. They are available to a wide variety of student types – adult learners, re-entry students, continuing college, advance degree or technical school students, as well as graduating high school seniors!** If you would like a bit of financial help to achieve your educational goals The Women of STM are here to help!

Applications now available at the STM church office.

Return completed applications by June 1.

**Questions?** See Madeline Riley, Rosanne Valentine, Susan Bartek, or Rosemary Peterson.



## KEY DATES WITH OUR LORD & SAVIOR WEEK of May 21<sup>st</sup>

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday; May 22	9A to 2P	Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday; May 23	9A to 2P	Eucharistic Adoration
Wed.; May 24	1p to 2P*	Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday; May 25	11A to 2P*	Eucharistic Adoration
Friday; May 26	9A to 12P	Eucharistic Adoration



### Graveside Service for Eleanor Guy

A graveside service for Eleanor Guy will be held Saturday, May 27 at 1p at Magalia Cemetery, Old Magalia.

Eleanor passed away on January 2, 2023. We extend our deepest condolences to her family. Please add Eleanor to your prayers.

### The Care Net of Paradise Baby Bottle Campaign in Full Swing at St. Thomas More

**STM is partnering with CareNet** to raise money through its annual baby bottle campaign. CareNet exists to serve women and men as they walk through an unplanned pregnancy and into their role as parents.



All parishioners are asked to join with area churches to make an impact on this vital ministry. It's easy to do!

- Pick up an empty baby bottle** in the narthex.
- Fill it** with your spare change and/or cash, and/or check.
- Return to STM** on Father's Day, June 18.

### TABLE SIGNUPS OPEN AFTER MASS FOR 75TH ANNIV. DINNER SUNDAY, JUNE 11

**Table signups open today! Select your table by doing this:**

1. **SIGN FIRST & LAST NAME NEXT TO THE TABLE SELECTED.**
2. **IF YOU HAVE GUESTS, SIGN EACH GUEST'S FIRST & LAST NAME NEXT TO THE TABLE SELECTED.**

**Questions?** See Lori MacPhail, Yvonne Kidder, or Rolawn Rehmann.



### CALLING ALL CHEFS! SIDE-DISH SIGNUPS OPEN TODAY AFTER MASS FOR THE 75TH ANNIV. DINNER SUNDAY, JUNE 11

**Side-dish signups open today! We need volunteers to prepare menu-based side dishes.** Select one or more sides to prepare from our sides menu: GREEN BEANS | RICE & BEANS | GREEN SALAD | PASTA SALAD | POTATO SALAD. The pan(s) for your side-dish will be provided to you today at sign-up. Then, on the day of the event, drop-off your prepared side-dish at the Veterans Hall (next door) on Sunday, June 11, between 9A and 11A. **Questions?** See Lori MacPhail, Yvonne Kidder, or Rolawn Rehmann.

