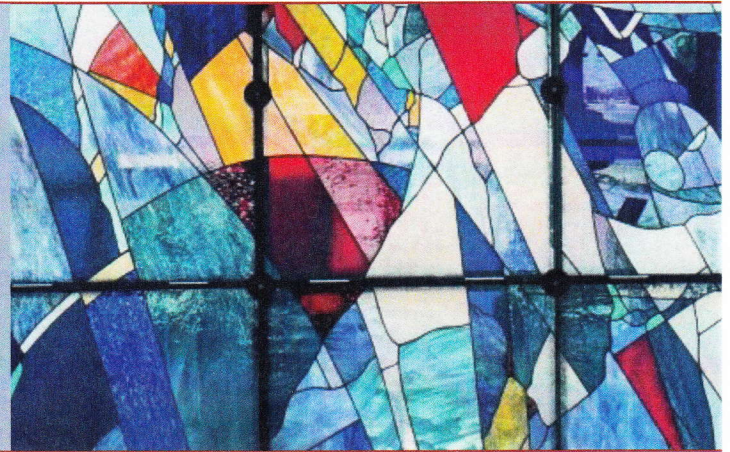
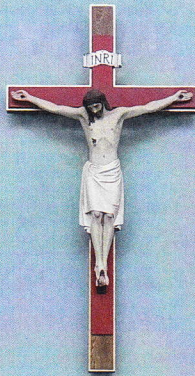


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Important Dates

07MAY: **Knights BBQ Fundraiser & Tree pic-up 2DAY**
 09MAY: Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres STM 10A
 09MAY: Holy Is His Name Tuesday Study STM 6P
 10MAY: Holy Is His Name Wednesday Study STM 10A
 10MAY: Prayer for Peace STM 515P
 11MAY: Women of STM Mtg & Potluck STM 12P
 14MAY: Mother's Day
 18MAY: The Ascension of the Lord ODS 830A Mass

Sunday Readings

Fifth Sunday of Easter
V Domingo de Pascua

1st Reading Acts 6:1-7

Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.
 El Señor cuida de aquellos que lo temen. Aleluya.

2nd Reading 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel John 14:1-12



MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Place Prepared with the Father

When the battle of life finally draws to a close, our Father, whom we have never seen, will send for us to come home, the home we have never

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 7TH

Mary Denofrio †

Carol Zellmer †

Maria de la Luz Linn-Galan †

The Intentions of Mellonne Faultry on her birthday

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Brennan Lopez
 Camilo Ospina
 The Wise Family
 Karen Phillips
 Deacon Ray Helgeson
 Carrie Sue Sonsteng
 Theresa Durant
 Ken Keesling



Sharon Wilson
 Bruce Hasek
 Kathy & Greg DeCristofaro
 Kimberly Helgeson Avoy
 Maria del Refugio Garcia
 Monica Dominguez
 Cornejo

Angela Babcock
 John Johnson
 Judi Moreno
 Dan Hegenbart
 Barbara Maldonado
 Sam Kempner
 Renee Kelly
 Samia Zumout

This Week's Readings

FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER

Monday; May 8th

1st Reading: Acts 14:5-18

Psalms 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16

Not to us, O Lord, but to your name give the glory.

Gospel: John 14:21-26

Tuesday; May 9th

1st Reading: Acts 14:19-28

Psalms 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21

Your friends make known, O Lord, the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Gospel: John 14:27-31a

Wednesday; May 10th

1st Reading: Acts 15:1-6

Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Thursday; May 11th

1st Reading: Acts 15:7-21

Psalms 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10

Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Gospel: John 15:9-11

Friday; May 12th

1st Reading: Acts 15:22-31

Psalms 57:8-9, 10 and 12

I will give you thanks among the peoples, O Lord.

Gospel: John 15:12-17

Saturday; May 13th

1st Reading: Acts 16:1-10

Psalms 100:1b-2, 3, 5

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Gospel: John 15:18-21



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MEDITATION OF THE DAY A Place Prepared with the Father

known. In that new life our soul will one day be reunited to the body: not the feeble, imperfect body we have on earth, but a glorified body like the risen Christ, free from every defect and blemish; a spiritualized body incapable of illness, injury, or pain, just as the soul will be incapable of sorrow, temptation, or any kind of suffering, for all these former things shall have passed away.

When we arrive at our Father's house, it will not be as a stranger. Waiting for us will be the members of our family and our friends who were taken from us by death. How wonderful will be that reunion with those who were dearest and closest to us on earth, a reunion never again to be broken up by separation, by misunderstandings, by human frailties. But there are other and larger groups of persons waiting to give us a most ardent welcome. Most of the persons in these groups were on earth total strangers to us; but they know us, they have known us for a long time. One of these groups is the men and women who, while they were in this world, often offered up to God their prayers, sacrifices, and sufferings for the salvation of souls. It was through them that we obtained many a grace from God when we badly needed help. God reveals to them how their love has helped us, and so they are waiting to welcome into heaven the soul they helped to arrive there. And the members of the next group will give us an equally warm welcome, for they are those whom we by our prayers and sufferings helped to gain heaven. They are longing to express to us their gratitude, a gratitude that will last forever.

These are the promises of Christ. These promises were guaranteed and confirmed by the Resurrection of our Lord from the dead. This is the reason why the first Christians, recently converted from paganism, were so transported with joy on Easter morn that they were wont to greet one another with the salutation: Christ has arisen from the dead! And the enthusiastic response was: Yes, he has truly risen! Since he has risen, he will fulfill his promises! For those Christians, no price was too great for so radiant an eternity. The confiscation of their wealth and estates; the loss of all civil rights, honors, and titles; exile in a distant, barbarous land; cruel and revolting forms of torture ending in death: What were these temporary sufferings compared to the ecstasy of beholding the beatific vision throughout the unending ages of eternity?

—FATHER WILLIAM R. BONNIWELL, O.P.

Father Bonniwell († 1984) was a Dominican priest, preacher, and historian. / From What Think You of Christ? Published by B. Herder Book Company, 1958. St. Louis, MO.

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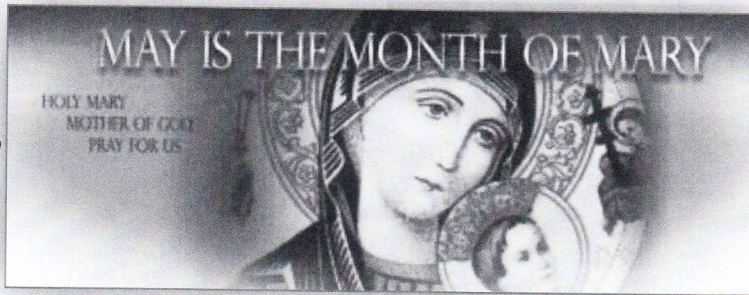
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ATTENTION NEW PARISHIONERS!

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". Ofrezcamos 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: Por ayuda de la Santísima Madre

Tú que eras virgen antes de tu parto, ruega por nosotros. {1 Ave María

Tú que fuiste virgen en tu parto, ruega por nosotros. {1 Ave María.

Tú que fuiste virgen después de tu parto, ruega por nosotros. {1 Ave María

Madre mía, líbrame del pecado mortal. {3 Ave Marías

Madre del amor, del dolor y de la misericordia, ruega por nosotros.

Acuérdate, oh Virgen Madre de Dios, cuando estés ante el rostro del Señor, que hables cosas favorables a nuestro favor y que Él aleje de nosotros Su indignación.

Tú eres mi Madre, oh Virgen María: protégeme para que nunca ofenda a tu amado Hijo, y obtén para mí la gracia de agradecerle siempre y en todas las cosas. 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.,

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.: Scepter Publications, 1968/1973. This one is from "Mother of God and Our Mother," FG, 274.)

Prayer for this week: For the Help of the Blessed Mother

Thou who wast a virgin before thy delivery, pray for us. {1 Hail Mary

Thou who wast a virgin in thy delivery, pray for us. {1 Hail Mary.

Thou who wast a virgin after thy delivery, pray for us. {1 Hail Mary

My Mother, deliver me from mortal sin. {3 Hail Marys

Mother of love, of sorrow and of mercy, pray for us.

Remember, O Virgin Mother of God, when thou shalt stand before the face of the Lord, that thou speak favorable things in our behalf and that He may turn away His indignation from us.

Thou art my Mother, O Virgin Mary: keep me safe lest I ever offend thy dear Son, and obtain for me the grace to please Him always and in all things. Amen.

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PARISH UPDATES

THE WOMEN OF STM NOW OFFERING SCHOLARSHIPS!

The 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 will be available at the STM church office May 1.
- 📄 Return completed applications by June 1.

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



A belated thank you to the Knights of Columbus and their team for erecting the tents for another spring/summer season!

The Knights of Columbus BBQ Fundraiser after Mass Today.

Along with supporting the Knights fundraiser today we'll also kick off our Welcome Home to the Ridge program for 2023. This is the STM program to give trees to homeowners new or rebuilding on the Ridge. We will still go out & present trees to new homeowners, but today we did something different: we mailed letters to a number of new homeowners inviting them to come and pickup a tree after Mass. So, if you see someone new on campus be sure to give them a big St. Thomas More welcome! And enjoy the BBQ! Thanks Knights!



KEY DATES WITH OUR LORD & SAVIOR WEEK of May 7th

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday; May 8	9A to 2P	Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday; May 9	1230p to 2P	Eucharistic Adoration
Wed.; May 10	12p to 2P*	Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday; May 11	11A to 2P*	Eucharistic Adoration
Friday; May 12	9A to 12P	Eucharistic Adoration

The Woman of St. Thomas More Meeting & Potluck Thursday: May 11 @ Noon STM Narthex

The Women of St. Thomas More will hold their next meeting Thursday, May 11 at Noon in the church narthex. Ladies are invited to bring a dish to share. As we break bread together there are a number of things to discuss and finalize.

Leadership: Nominations are open for: (1) president, (2) vice-president, (3) secretary/treasurer (4) chaplain. (Or possibly combine secty & chaplain)

Jubilee!! The weekend of June 9-11th is fast approaching. We will need to talk about how the Women of STM will contribute, review & update tasks/assignments, side dishes, other duties as needed.

Budget: Review & finalize budget for this fiscal year which ends June 30.



Fai un buon viaggio! Have a good trip! ¡Que tengan un buen viaje!

Our dear Sisters (Zuly, Antonia & Ana Luisa) are in Rome for study courses at St. Mary's University. They hope to be able to see Pope Francis. Please add them to your prayers.