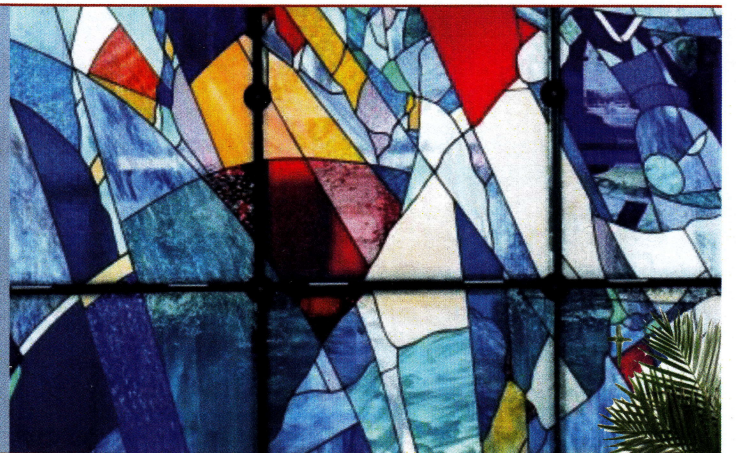


ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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CONFESSION 1st Wednesday 5P - 6P

Important Dates

25MAR: Holy Week Prayers & Devotions STM 9A-2P
 26MAR: Holy Week Prayers & Devotions STM 9A-2P
 26MAR: Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres STM 10A
 28MAR: Holy Thursday Last Supper Mass ODS 6P
29MAR: Good Friday Service STM 3P
 30MAR: Holy Saturday Easter Vigil ODS 8P

Sunday Readings

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Domingo de Ramos "De la pasión del Señor"
Procession Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16
1st Reading Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
 My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
 Dios mío, Dios mío, ¿por qué me has abandonado?
2nd Reading Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel Mark 14:1-15:47



MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Imitating Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

Mystically, this dinner of our Lord, at which Martha served and Lazarus reclined with the others, designates the faith of the

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 24TH



Al Penna †

Maria de la Luz Linn-Galan †

Maria de los Angeles Galen Moyoral †

John Johnson †

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Billy Abumada
 Cathy Larsen
 Diana Wise
 Angela Babcock
 Sharon Calhoun
 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
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 Barbara Maldonado
 Adriana Sepulveda
 Senona Gonzalez
 Samia Zumout
 Karen Reynolds
 Patricia Laird
 David Jorgensen
 Andrea Inzunza

*Mass will begin with a Reading & Procession outside in front of the Church.
 La Misa comenzará con una Lectura y Procesión afuera frente a la Iglesia.*

This Week's Readings

HOLY WEEK

Monday; March 25th

1st Reading: Isaiah 42:1-7

Psalms 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Gospel: John 12:1-11

Tuesday; March 26th

1st Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6

Psalms 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17

I will sing of your salvation.

Gospel: John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday; March 27th

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Gospel: Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday; March 28th HOLY THURSDAY - EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

1st Reading: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14

Psalms 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18

Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel: John 13:1-15

Friday; March 29th GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

1st Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalms 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9

Gospel: John 18:1-19:42

Saturday; March 30th HOLY SATURDAY AT THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT OF EASTER EASTER SUNDAY THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

1st Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a

Psalms 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

or 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22
The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

2nd Reading: Genesis 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Psalms 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

3rd Reading: Exodus 14:15-15:1

Psalms Exodus 15:1-2, 3-6, 17-18

Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

Meditation of the Day continued from front page.

MEDITATION OF THE DAY Imitating Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

*Church, which works through love. Hence our Lord says elsewhere of the people who were to believe in him, I have food to eat of which you do not know (Jn 4:32), and explaining this he continued, My food is to do the will of the one who sent me & to finish his work. Martha serves at this dinner when every faithful soul commits itself to doing the work of its devotion to the Lord. Lazarus becomes one of those reclining at table with our Lord when those who after the death of sin have been restored to righteousness are one with those who have remained in their righteousness. Being repentant, they exult in the presence of the truth, & along with the innocent are nourished with the favors of heavenly grace.. **Here also Mary, Lazarus' other sister, as an indication of her great love, took precious pure ointment made from spikenard, and anointed Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. By this she not only gave an indication of her devotion, but also expressed the holy service of other souls faithful to God.... It was compounded from spikenard that was pure (that is, untainted and unadulterated with other kinds) and which was precious, implying the chastity of perfect faith and action....***

We anoint his feet when we proclaim with due praise the mystery of the Incarnation he took upon himself. [And] by his feet can appropriately be understood his lowliest members, of whom he will say at the end, As often as you did this for one of the least of my brothers, you did it for me. We anoint our Lord's feet when we vivify his poor by a word of consolation, so that they may not lose hope when they are under duress. We wipe the feet of these same ones with our hair when we share some of what is superfluous to us to alleviate the wants of the needy.

And there comes about in our case too what follows: The house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. The world will be filled with the renown of our devotion, by which we prove that we venerate and love God and our neighbors with a simple and pure heart.... What Mary once did as a type, the entire Church and every perfect soul should do always.

-SAINT BEDE THE VENERABLE

Saint Bede the Venerable († 735) was an English Benedictine monk, a biblical scholar, and the first English historian. He is a Doctor of the Church. / From Homilies on the Gospels, Book Two: Lent to the Dedication of the Church, Lawrence T. Martin and David Hurst, O.S.B., Trs. Copyright © 1991, Cistercian Publications, Inc. © 2008 by The Order of Saint Benedict, Collegeville, Minnesota.

Excerpt from Magnificat Magazine, Meditation of the Day, March 24, 2024

4th Reading: Isaiah 54:5-14

Psalms 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

5th Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11

Psalms Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

6th Reading: Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4

Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

7th Reading: Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28

Psalms 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4

Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God.

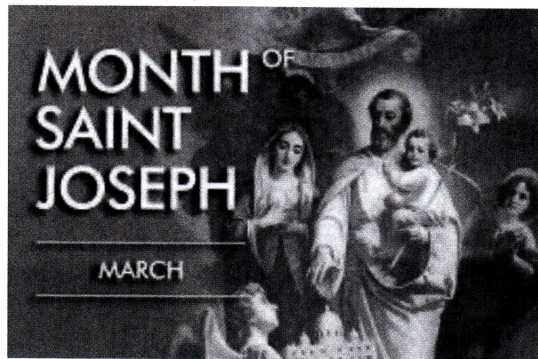
Epistle: Romans 6:3-11

Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Mark 16:1-7

¡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 was 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

EXTRACTO DE LAS DEVOCIONES DIARIAS A SAN JOSÉ

por San Alfonso de Liguorio adaptado por Hugh J. O'Connell, C.S.S.R.

Una serie de breves pero fervientes devociones a San José, dispuestas para cada día del mes, fueron tomadas de los escritos de San Alfonso de Liguorio. Cada línea da testimonio del respeto, la confianza y el amor que San Alfonso sentía por el padre adoptivo de Jesús. A continuación se muestra la devoción para el día 24 del mes.

"Un ángel del Señor se apareció en sueños a José, diciéndole: Levántate, toma al niño y a su madre, y huye a Egipto" (Mateo 2:13).

Consideremos la pronta obediencia de San José, quien no puso dudas sobre la hora del viaje, ni sobre la forma de viajar, ni sobre el lugar de Egipto en el que debían permanecer, sino que inmediatamente se dispuso a partir. Instantáneamente da a conocer a María la orden del ángel, y esa misma noche emprende sin guía un viaje de 400 millas a través de montañas, a través de caminos escarpados y desiertos.

*Mi santo protector, obtén para mí la gracia de la perfecta obediencia a la voluntad divina.

Fuente de oración: <https://www.ecatholic2000.com/cts/untitled-116.shtml#:~:text=Joseph%2C%20whose%20protection%20is%20so,through%20Jesus%20Christ%2C%20our%20Lord>

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EXCERPT FROM DAILY DEVOTIONS TO SAINT JOSEPH

by St. Alphonsus Liguori adapted by Hugh J. O'Connell, C.S.S.R.

A series of short but fervent devotions to St. Joseph, arranged for each day in the month, were taken from the writings of St. Alphonsus Liguori. Every line bears testimony to the respect, confidence, and love which St. Alphonsus felt for the foster father of Jesus. Below is the devotion for the 24th day of the month.

'An angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph, saying, Arise, and take the child and His mother and flee into Egypt" (Matt. 2:13).

Consider the ready obedience of St. Joseph, who raised no doubts about the time of the journey, nor about the manner of traveling, nor about the place in Egypt in which they were to stay, but immediately prepared to set out. He instantly makes known to Mary the command of the angel, and on the same night sets out without guide on a journey of 400 miles through mountains, across rugged roads and deserts.

*My holy protector, obtain for me the grace of perfect obedience to the divine will.

Prayer Source: <https://www.ecatholic2000.com/cts/untitled-116.shtml#:~:text=Joseph%2C%20whose%20protection%20is%20so,through%20Jesus%20Christ%2C%20our%20Lord>

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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.

El programa de becas Mujeres de STM ya está abierto

Las Mujeres de STM están ofreciendo nuevamente becas de \$500 a los feligreses. Los paquetes de solicitud están disponibles en la oficina de la iglesia y en línea en <https://www.stmparadise.net/> La fecha límite para entregar su solicitud es el lunes 15 de abril.

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 Victoria to your prayers.

PARISH UPDATES

The STM DateBook

☑ **TODAY! March 24 | ¡HOY! 24 de marzo**



We will start Mass with a Reading & Procession outside in front of the Church.

Comenzaremos antes de la Misa con una lectura y una procesión afuera frente a la Iglesia.

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

Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres STM 10A

☑ **Thursday, March 28 | Jueves 26 de marzo**

Holy Thursday Last Supper Mass ODS 6P

Misa de la Última Cena del Jueves Santo ODS 6P

☑ **Friday, March 29 | Viernes 26 de marzo**

Good Friday Service STM 3P

Servicio de Viernes Santo STM 3P

☑ **Saturday, March 30 | Sábado 30 de marzo**

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil ODS 8P

Vigilia Pascual del Sábado Santo ODS 8P

☑ **Sunday, March 31 | Domingo 31 de marzo**

The Mass of Easter Day STM 12P

La misa del día de Pascua STM 12P

☑ **Sunday, April 7 | Domingo 7 de Abril**

Eucharistic Amazement Journey with Dr. Anthony Lilles STM 930A - 1130A

Viaje Eucarístico de Asombro con el Dr. Anthony Lilles STM 930A - 1130A

Crown Rosary with the Secular Franciscans STM 1130A



Rosario de la corona con los franciscanos seculares STM 1130A

Chaplet of Divine Mercy STM 1P

Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia STM 1P

See insert for Holy Week Schedule

Ver Inserto Para El Horario de Semana Santa

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!



Knights of Columbus

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM

Now Accepting Applications!

Applications for Scholarships (up to \$1,000) are being accepted and are due by the last day of May. See details and application on the STM Website at: <https://www.stmparadise.net/k-of-c-council-7773>

Submit your application to: jimcollins_95991@yahoo.com or you may mail your application to: K of C 7773 Scholarships, 767 Elliott Rd., Paradise, CA 95969. Questions? See Jim Collins!

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ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH

Tri-Tip BBQ



Council 7773 - Paradise

Sunday, April 14th,

following the Noon Mass
benefiting Knights of Columbus
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