

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Mass: Sunday at Noon

CONFESSION 1st Wednesday 5P - 6P

Important Dates

30APR: Catholic Home Missions Appeal TODAY
 30APR: St. Vincent de Paul 2nd Collection TODAY
 02MAY: Holy Is His Name Tuesday Study STM 6P
 03MAY: Holy Is His Name Wednesday Study STM 10A
 03MAY: Sacrament of Reconciliation STM 5P
 09MAY: Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres STM 10A
 10MAY: Prayer for Peace STM 515P
 11MAY: Women of STM Mtg & Potluck STM 12P

Sunday Readings

Fourth Sunday of Easter

IV Domingo de Pascua

1st Reading Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

El Señor es mi pastor, nada me faltará. Aleluya.

2nd Reading 1 Peter 2:20b-25

Gospel John 10:1-10



MEDITATION OF THE DAY

The Shepherd's Voice

Lord, in a mysterious way, what you are saying to us rings true with what we feel within. We know when it is your voice we hear & when it

Meditation of the Day continues on next page

APRIL INTENTIONS of the HOLY FATHER

For a culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

Por una cultura de paz y no violencia

Oramos por la difusión de la paz y la no violencia, mediante la disminución del uso de armas por parte de los Estados y ciudadanos.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SUNDAY APRIL 30TH

Tony Gerspacher †

For the Intentions of Victor Furrer & Victoria Wilsey on their birthday

For the health & personal Intentions of Deacon Ray Helgeson

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Mary Denofrio
 Deacon Ray Helgeson
 Carrie Sue Sonsteng
 Theresa Durant
 Rainy Carr
 Ken Keesling
 Angela Babcock
 John Johnson
 Karen Phillips



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

Judi Moreno
 Dan Hegenbart
 Victor Furrer
 Victoria Wilsey
 Barbara Maldonado
 Sam Kempner
 Renee Kelly
 Samia Zumout
 Sharon Wilson

This Week's Readings

FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

Monday; May 1st

1st Reading: Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3, 4
Athirst is my soul for the living God.
Gospel: John 10:11-18

MEMORIAL OF SAINT
ATHANASIUS, BISHOP AND
DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Tuesday; May 2nd

1st Reading: Acts 11:19-26
Psalm 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7
All you nations, praise the Lord.
Gospel: John 10:22-30

FEAST OF
SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES,
APOSTLES

Wednesday; May 3rd

1st Reading: 1 Cor 15:1-8
Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5
Their message goes out through all the earth.
Gospel: John 14:6-14

Thursday; May 4th

1st Reading: Acts 13:13-25
Psalm 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27
For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.
Gospel: John 13:16-20

Friday; May 5th

1st Reading: Acts 13:26-33
Psalm 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab
You are my Son; this day I have begotten you.
Gospel: John 14:1-6

Saturday; May 6th

1st Reading: Acts 13:44-52
Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
All the ends of the earth have seen
the saving power of God.
Gospel: John 14:7-14

Becoming
the Eucharist
We Celebrate



Meditation of the Day continued from front page.

MEDITATION OF THE DAY The Shepherd's Voice

it is not.

Thank you for having compared us to sheep as they are so good and docile. You are like a mother who never fails to recognize the innocent child in her son gone astray. You give us courage, because you believe in our goodness. For this we thank you.

Our whole life is an adventure of love. You believe in our love, and we should and want to believe in yours. You lead us, Jesus. You guide those who already know and follow you as well as those who don't yet, but one day will.

Jesus, you are the world's only great leader. No one deserves this title but you, the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for our own. But how conscious of this are we?

We can't fathom it completely. Often our eyes are blinded, we are concerned only with matters of this world & we forget to be thankful to you.

Jesus, you are with us, making us hear your voice. Your voice awakens us: We want to follow you. — Servant of God Chiara Lubich

Chiara Lubich († 2008) was the founder and president of the Focolare movement. Excerpt from Magnificat Magazine, Meditation of the Day, April 30, 2023

Weekly
Reflection
and
Meditation

Week of
April 30

Beatitude 12

During Father Martin's homily, Jan. 29, he focused on the Beatitudes and suggested that the people of St. Thomas More meditate on 1 of them each week until Easter. There are 12. With this in mind, below is the 12th and final Beatitude for meditation this week.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

-Matthew 5:12

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: We will ask for nominations 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 be contributing, review & update tasks/ assignments, side dishes, other duties as needed.

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



Abril está tradicionalmente dedicado a la devoción a Jesús en la Sagrada Eucaristía.

"La Iglesia, a lo largo de los siglos, ha introducido diversas formas de este culto eucarístico, cada vez más bellas y útiles; como, por ejemplo, las visitas de devoción a los sagrarios, incluso todos los días; la bendición del Santísimo Sacramento; las procesiones solemnes, especialmente en la época de los Congresos Eucarísticos, que recorren ciudades y pueblos, y la adoración del Santísimo Sacramento expuesta públicamente... Estos ejercicios de piedad han traído un admirable aumento de fe y de vida sobrenatural a la Iglesia militante en la tierra y son repercutido en cierta medida por la Iglesia triunfante en el cielo, que canta continuamente un himno de alabanza a Dios y al Cordero 'que fue inmolado'.--Pope Pius XII



April is traditionally dedicated to devotion to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

"The Church in the course of the centuries has introduced various forms of this Eucharistic worship which are ever increasing in beauty and helpfulness; as, for example, visits of devotion to the tabernacles, even every day; Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; solemn processions,

especially at the time of Eucharistic Congresses, which pass through cities and villages; and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament publicly exposed . . . These exercises of piety have brought a wonderful increase in faith and supernatural life to the Church militant upon earth and they are re-echoed to a certain extent by the Church triumphant in heaven, which sings continually a hymn of praise to God and to the Lamb 'Who was slain.' " --Pope Pius XII

Oración para esta semana: Radiating Christ prayer (Cardinal Newman)

Querido Jesús, ayúdame a esparcir Tu fragancia donde quiera que vaya. Inunda mi alma con Tu espíritu y vida. Penetra y posee todo mi ser tan completamente, que mi vida sea sólo un resplandor de la Tuya. Brilla a través de mí, y sé tan en mí que cada alma con la que entre en contacto pueda sentir Tu presencia en mi alma. ¡Que miren hacia arriba y ya no me vean a mí, sino sólo a Jesús! Quédate conmigo y entonces empezaré a brillar como Tú brillas, a brillar para ser luz para los demás. La luz, oh Jesús, será toda de Ti; nada de eso será mío. Serás Tú brillando sobre los demás a través de mí. Permíteme alabarte de la manera que más amas, iluminando a los que me rodean. Déjame predicarte sin predicar, no con palabras sino con mi ejemplo, con la fuerza cautivadora de la influencia simpática de lo que hago, la plenitud evidente del amor que mi corazón te tiene. Amén.

El Beato John Henry Newman (1801-1890) fue un clérigo anglicano que se convirtió a la Iglesia Católica en 1845 a los 44 años y fue ordenado sacerdote. Teólogo e historiador de la Iglesia, dedicó su vida a la educación católica, el trabajo pastoral y la escritura. Además de teólogo y escritor, el cardenal John Henry Newman era un hombre de oración. El cardenal Newman fundó la Universidad Católica de Irlanda en 1854; fue nombrado cardenal por el Papa León XIII en 1879; y canonizado por el Papa Francisco el 13 de octubre de 2019.

FUENTES <https://divinemercy.life/the-prayers-of-saint-faustina/> <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/prayers/view.cfm?id=756>

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

Prayer for this week: Radiating Christ prayer (–Cardinal Newman)

Dear Jesus, help me to spread Your fragrance wherever I go.
Flood my soul with Your spirit and life.
Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly, that my life may only be a radiance of Yours.
Shine through me, and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel Your presence in my soul.
Let them look up and see no longer me, but only Jesus!
Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as You shine, so to shine as to be a light to others.
The light, O Jesus, will be all from You; none of it will be mine.
It will be You shining on others through me.
Let me thus praise You the way You love best, by shining on those around me.
Let me preach You without preaching, not by words but by my example, by the catching force of the sympathetic influence of what I do, the evident fullness of the love my heart bears to You. Amen.

Blessed John Henry Newman (1801-1890) was an Anglican clergyman who converted to the Catholic Church in 1845 at age 44 & was ordained a priest. A theologian and Church historian, he devoted his life to Catholic education, pastoral work, and writing. Besides being a theologian and writer, John Henry Cardinal Newman was a man of prayer. Cardinal Newman founded the Catholic University of Ireland in 1854; was named a cardinal by Pope Leo XIII in 1879; and canonized by Pope Francis October 13, 2019.

Sources: <https://divinemercy.life/the-prayers-of-saint-faustina/> <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/prayers/view.cfm?id=756>; <https://www.knightsoftheholyeucharist.com/blessed-john-henry-newman-prayer-download/>

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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 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.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Week of April 30: Key information from The Diocese of Sacramento for Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Did you know?

- • Training is provided for all adults and youth to identify warning signs and develop strategies for maintaining a safe environment for all.
- • A designated Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to receive reports and accompany victims through their journey.
- • A volunteer independent Review Board assists the bishop in the review of cases and makes recommendations for moving forward.
- • A Safe Environment Coordinator assists parish and school personnel with training and background screenings for anyone who may have access to children.
- • An audit is conducted by an independent firm to evaluate implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.
- Findings are incorporated with those of other dioceses and made available in an Annual Report.

Reporting Abuse

If anyone has witnessed, or has reason to believe, or might suspect, there is or has been abuse involving clergy, employees or volunteers at any of our Catholic schools, parish religious education programs or other church-related events, those suspicions or allegations are to be reported first to civil authorities (law enforcement, child protective services, or adult protective services) and then to the Diocese via the toll-free line at 866-777-9133. You may also reach the Pastoral Care Coordinator at 916-733-0142. Reports can be made in English and Spanish.

KEY DATES WITH OUR LORD & SAVIOR WEEK of APRIL 16th

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday; May 1	9A to 2P	Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday; May 2	9A to 2P	Eucharistic Adoration
Wed.; May 3	12p to 2P*	Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday; May 4	11A to 2P*	Eucharistic Adoration
Friday; May 5	9A to 2P	Eucharistic Adoration

Catholic Home Missions Appeal Collection Today! More than 40% of dioceses in the U.S. and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation & sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Questions? Visit www.usccb.org/home-missions Donate at <https://www.scd.org/>

Abril es el Mes de la Prevención del Abuso Infantil

Semana del 30 de abril: Información clave de la Diócesis de Sacramento para el Mes de Prevención del Abuso Infantil.

¿Sabía que...?

- • Se ofrece formación a todos los adultos y jóvenes para que identifiquen las señales de advertencia y desarrollan estrategias para mantener un ambiente seguro para todos
- • Un coordinador de asistencia a las víctimas designado está disponible para recibir las denuncias y acompañar a las víctimas a lo largo de su recorrido.
- • Una Junta de Revisión independiente y voluntaria asiste al obispo en la revisión de los casos y hace recomendaciones para seguir adelante.
- • Un Coordinador de Ambiente Seguro ayuda al personal de la parroquia y de la escuela con la formación y la verificación de los antecedentes de cualquier persona que pueda tener acceso a los niños.
- • Una empresa independiente lleva a cabo una auditoría para evaluar la aplicación de la Carta para la Protección de los Niños y Jóvenes.
- Los resultados se incorporan con los de otras diócesis y se publican en un informe anual.

Reportar abuso

Si alguien ha presenciado, o tiene razones para creer, o sospecha, que hay o ha habido abuso que involucra al clero, empleados o voluntarios en cualquiera de nuestras escuelas católicas, programas de educación religiosa parroquial u otros eventos relacionados con la iglesia, esas sospechas o acusaciones deben ser informadas primero a las autoridades civiles (cumplimiento de la ley, servicios de protección infantil o servicios de protección de adultos) y luego a la Diócesis a través de la línea gratuita al 866-777-9133. También puede comunicarse con el Coordinador de Cuidado Pastoral al 916-733-0142. Los informes se pueden hacer en inglés y español.