

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Mass: Sunday at Noon
CONFESSION 1st Wednesday 5P - 6P

Important Dates

17JAN: El Camino: St. Monica, Willows 6P
 17JAN: Knights of Columbus Mtg. STM 7P
 19JAN: Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary STM 3P
 20JAN: Walk For Life San Francisco
 22JAN: Pray for the protection of the unborn
 23JAN: Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres STM 10a
 31JAN: Gabrielle Frederick Funeral ODS 10A

Sunday Readings

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Segunda Domingo Ordinario

1st Reading 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

Psalms 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Aquí estoy, Señor, para hacer tu voluntad.

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Gospel John 1:35-42



MEDITATION OF THE DAY

"Come, and you will see"

In faith, Christ is not simply the one in whom we believe, the supreme manifestation of God's love; he is also the one with whom

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JANUARY INTENTIONS of the HOLY FATHER

For the gift of diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

Por el don de la diversidad en la Iglesia

Oramos para que el Espíritu Santo nos ayude a reconocer el don de los diferentes carismas dentro de la comunidad cristiana y a descubrir la riqueza de las diferentes tradiciones y rituales en la Iglesia Católica.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SUNDAY JANUARY 14TH

Joseph Sr. Wise †

Idalie Collazo †



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Patricia Laird
 Cathy Larsen
 John Johnson
 Angela Babcock
 Sharon Calhoun
 Barbara Collins
 James & Lillian Daley

Rod Montgomery
 Kathy & Greg DeCristofaro
 Carrie Sue Sonsteng
 Sam Kempner
 Larry Penna
 Denise Hughes
 Kimberly Helgeson Avoy

Sofia Garcia
 Bruce Hasek
 Barbara Maldonado
 Renee Kelly
 Senona Gonzalez
 Samia Zumout
 Karen Reynolds

This Week's Readings

SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday; January 15th

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 15:16-23

Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23

To the upright I will show the saving power of God.

Gospel: Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday; January 16th

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm 89:20, 21-22, 27-28

I have found David, my servant.

Gospel: Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday; January 17th MEMORIAL OF SAINT ANTHONY, ABBOT

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51

Psalm 144:1b, 2, 9-10

Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!

Gospel: Mark 3:1-6

Thursday; January 18th

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7

Psalm 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13

In God I trust; I shall not fear.

Gospel: Mark 3:7-12

Friday; January 19th

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 24:3-21

Psalm 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11

Have mercy on me, God, have mercy.

Gospel: Mark 3:13-19

Saturday; January 20th

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27

Psalm 80:2-3, 5-7

Let us see your face, Lord, and we shall be saved.

Gospel: Mark 3:20-21



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MEDITATION OF THE DAY "Come, and you will see"

we are united precisely in order to believe.

Faith does not merely gaze at Jesus, but sees things as Jesus himself sees them, with his own eyes: it is a participation in his way of seeing. In many areas in our lives we trust others who know more than we do. We trust the architect who builds our home, the pharmacist who gives us medicine for healing, the lawyer who defends us in court. We also need someone trustworthy and knowledgeable where God is concerned. Jesus, the Son of God, is the one who makes God known to us. Christ's life, his way of knowing the Father and living in complete and constant relationship with him, opens up new and inviting vistas for human experience.

Saint John brings out the importance of a personal relationship with Jesus for our faith by using various forms of the verb to believe. In addition to believing that what Jesus tells us is true, John also speaks of believing Jesus and believing in Jesus. We believe Jesus when we accept his word, his testimony, because he is truthful. We believe in Jesus when we personally welcome him into our lives and journey towards him, clinging to him in love and following in his footsteps along the way. To enable us to know, accept, and follow him, the Son of God took on our flesh.... Christian faith is faith in the Incarnation of the Word and his bodily resurrection; it is faith in a God who is so close to us that he entered our human history. Far from divorcing us from reality, our faith in the Son of God made man in Jesus of Nazareth enables us to grasp reality's deepest meaning and to see how much God loves this world and is constantly guiding it towards himself. This leads us, as Christians, to live our lives in this world with ever greater commitment and intensity.

-POPE FRANCIS

His Holiness Pope Francis was elected to the See of Saint Peter in 2013. / From Encyclical Letter Lumen Fidei, The Light of Faith.

Excerpt from Magnificat Magazine, Meditation of the Day, January 14, 2024

Enero está tradicionalmente dedicado al Santo Nombre de Jesús. Según la tradición católica, cada mes del año se centra en un aspecto de nuestra fe. La devoción de enero nos da un mes entero para honrar el Santo Nombre de Jesús. Su fiesta, el 3 de enero, es celebrada por la Iglesia católica desde el siglo XV.

¿No es hermoso que nuestra Iglesia nos regale un día (¡y un mes!) especial para meditar sobre el misterio de la acción salvadora de Dios en nuestras vidas a través de Su Hijo? El nombre de Jesús es santo. Por eso lo honramos y por eso tomar Su divino nombre en vano es un pecado tan grave.

Su nombre es poderoso: sanador, transformador y eficaz. Debemos profundizar nuestra devoción a Él invocándolo frecuentemente a lo largo de nuestro día y de nuestra vida. Su nombre, Jesús, significa "Dios salva". Jesús mismo reveló el poder de Su Santo Nombre:

"De cierto, de cierto os digo, que si pidéis algo al Padre, os lo dará en mi nombre". – Juan 16:23

Sus Apóstoles rápidamente predicaron y sanaron a través del poder de Su Nombre: "[S]e notorio a todos vosotros, y a todo el pueblo de Israel, que en el nombre de Jesucristo de Nazaret... este hombre está delante de vosotros [sanado]." – Hechos 4:10

Salmo para orar para glorificar su santo nombre

Ciertamente hay muchas oraciones y letanías que recitar; sin embargo, una forma adicional de honrar el Santo Nombre de Jesús es recitar el Salmo 96. Aquí hay una excepción de este Salmo que puede usarse como oración y meditación sobre la bondad de Dios para con nosotros.

Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo; Cantad al Señor, toda la tierra. Cantad al Señor, bendecid su nombre; proclamad su salvación día tras día. Contad su gloria entre las naciones; entre todos los pueblos, sus maravillas. Porque grande es el Señor, y muy digno de alabanza, temible más que todos los dioses. Porque los dioses de las naciones son ídolos, pero el Señor hizo los cielos. El esplendor y el poder van delante de él; poder y grandeza están en su lugar santo. Dad al Señor, familias de naciones, dad al Señor gloria y poder; ¡Dad al Señor la gloria debida a su nombre! Traed regalos y entrad en sus atrios; postraos ante el Señor, espléndidos en santidad. Tiemblen ante él, toda la tierra; declarad entre las naciones: El Señor es rey. El mundo seguramente se mantendrá firme y nunca será sacudido. Gobierna a los pueblos con justicia. Alégrese los cielos y regójese la tierra. Amén.

Fuente de oración: <https://aleteia.org/2021/01/01/pray-this-psalm-to-glorify-jesus-holy-name/>



January is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. According to Catholic tradition, each month of the year focuses on an aspect of our faith. January's devotion gives us a whole month to honor the Holy Name of Jesus. His feast, January 3rd, has been celebrated by the Catholic Church since the 15th century.

Isn't it beautiful that our Church gives us a special day (and month!) to meditate on the mystery of God's saving action in our lives through His Son? Jesus' name is holy. That's why we honor it and why taking His divine

name in vain is such a grave sin.

His name is powerful: healing, transforming, and efficacious. We should deepen our devotion to it by frequently calling upon Him throughout our day and throughout our lives. His name, Jesus, means "God saves". Jesus Himself revealed the power of His Holy Name:

"Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father, he will give it to you in my name." – John 16:23

His Apostles promptly preached and healed thru the power of His Name: "[B]e it known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth... this man is standing before you [healed]." – Acts 4:10

Psalm to Pray to Glorify His Holy Name

Certainly there are many prayers and litanies to recite; however, an additional way to honor Jesus' Holy Name is to recite Psalm 96. Here is an excerpt from this Psalm that can be used as a prayer and meditation on God's goodness to us.

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his marvelous deeds. For great is the Lord and highly to be praised, to be feared above all gods. For the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendor and power go before him; power and grandeur are in his holy place. Give to the Lord, you families of nations, give to the Lord glory and might; give to the Lord the glory due his name! Bring gifts and enter his courts; bow down to the Lord, splendid in holiness. Tremble before him, all the earth; declare among the nations: The Lord is king. The world will surely stand fast, never to be shaken. He rules the peoples with fairness. Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice. Amen.

Prayer Source: <https://aleteia.org/2021/01/01/pray-this-psalm-to-glorify-jesus-holy-name/>

PARISH UPDATES

The STM DateBook

✓ Wednesday, Jan. 17

*El Camino | St. Monica Parish | 6p
1129 West Wood St., Willows, CA. 95988*

✓ Thursday, Jan. 18



Knights of Columbus Meeting | 7p | Multipurpose Room

✓ Friday, Jan. 19

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary | 3p | STM

✓ Saturday, Jan. 20

Walk for Life | 12:30p | Civic Center Plaza | San Francisco

FATHER MARTIN BRAVES THE LADDER FOR STM BLESSING!

St. Thomas More was blessed for another year as we move into our 76th anniversary.

This ancient tradition occurs around the Epiphany. It not only places God at the entrance of your home, it places your entire family under His



protection. Chalk is distributed after Mass & each household can lead this blessing in place of a priest. This beautiful blessing brings many graces when practiced in faith & adds protection against spiritual enemies. Questions? Pick up info sheet in the narthex.



Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Gabrielle Frederick, long time STM Parishioner. She passed away January 8.

On January 31 at Our Divine Savior in Chico, there will be a rosary at 10 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass 10:30 a.m. Please remember Gabrielle in your prayers this week.

SIGN UP NOW FOR THE STM WOMEN'S RETREAT in CITRUS HEIGHTS FEBRUARY 2 TO 4



CHRIST THE KING PASSIONIST RETREAT CENTER

All women of the parish are invited to a retreat at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center Friday, Feb. 2 thru Sunday, Feb. 4. The season's theme, *The Kingdom of God is at Hand*, is a response to the concerns and hopes of retreatants who have expressed fear for the next generation... concerns over war & climate change, break-up of the family as they continue to pray about immigration, racism, and dignity of life. The conference will center upon God's dream for the next millennium and God's love in our time.

Register online at ChristTheKingRetreatCenter.org or by calling the retreat center at 916.725.4720 x307 or 301. Or pick up a registration sheet in the narthex, complete and mail it to the address listed on the flyer.

Cost is \$250 for a single room or \$230 per person for a double. Includes the retreat conference and all meals.

Questions? See Cheryl Barron after Mass or call 530.514.8859.



SAN FRANCISCO

Here are three ways to get info on the 20th Anniversary Walk for Life in San Francisco:

1. Online: <https://www.walkforlifewc.com/>
2. Phone: 415-658-1793
3. Email: info@walkforlifewc.com