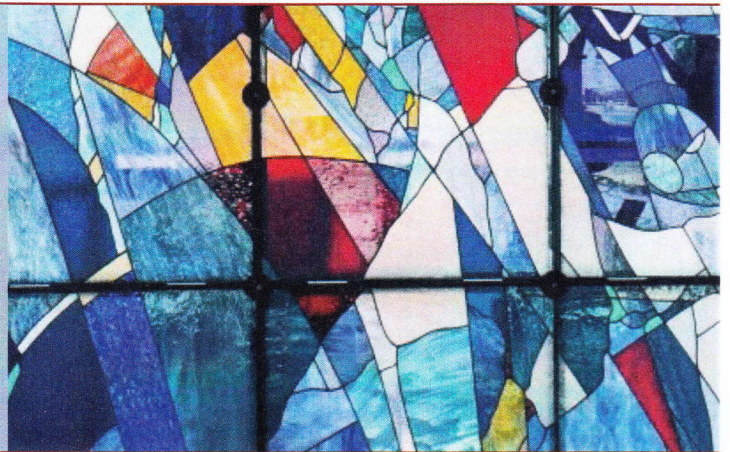
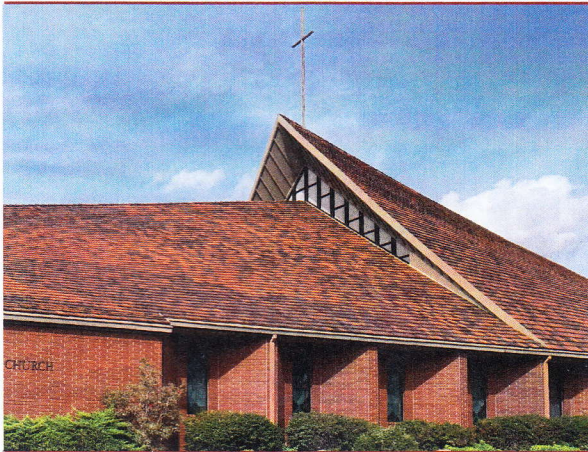


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CONFESSION 1st Wednesday 5P - 6P

Important Dates

28MAY: Table & Dish signups today for June 11 dinner
29MAY: Memorial Day | STM OFFICE CLOSED
 29MAY: Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of the Church SJB 730A
 03JUNE: Adoration STM 10A
 04JUNE: Crown Rosary STM 10A
 07JUNE: Sacrament of Reconciliation STM 5P
11JUNE: 75th Anniv. Mass 12P & Dinner 130P
 13JUNE: Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres STM 10A

Sunday Readings

Pentecost Sunday
Domingo de Pentecostés
1st Reading Acts 2:1-11
Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
 Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.
 Envía, Señor, tu Espíritu, a renovar la tierra. Aleluya.
2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
Gospel John 20:19-23



MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Putting Fear to Flight

On his way up to Jerusalem Jesus declared to his disciples: I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled! (Lk

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 28TH

Betty Mollis †
 Cothena Brown †
 Randy Bayne †

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR



The Wise Family
 Karen Phillips
 Deacon Ray Helgeson
 Carrie Sue Sonsteng
 Rod Montgomery
 Leroy Howard
 Ken Keesling
 Maria del Refugio Garcia

Bruce Hasek
 Judi Moreno
 Kathy & Greg DeCristofaro
 Kimberly Helgeson Avoy
 Monica Dominguez Cornejo

Barbara Maldonado
 Sam Kempner
 Renee Kelly
 Samia Zumout
 Sharon Wilson
 Angela Babcock
 John Johnson
 Dan Hegenbart

This Week's Readings

EIGHTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Monday; May 29th MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

1st Reading: Gn 3:9-15, 20

Psalms 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7

Glorious things are said of you, O city of God!

Gospel: John 19:25-34

Tuesday; May 30th

1st Reading: Sirach 35:1-12

Psalms 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23

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

Gospel: Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday; May 31st FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

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

Among you is the great & Holy One of Israel.

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

Thursday; June 1st MEMORIAL OF SAINT JUSTIN, MARTYR

1st Reading: Sirach 42:15-25

Psalms 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made.

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Friday; June 2nd

1st Reading: Sirach 44:1, 9-13

Psalms 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b

The Lord takes delight in his people.

Gospel: Mark 11:11-26

Saturday; June 3rd SAINT CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

1st Reading: Sirach 51:12 cd-20

Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Gospel: Mark 11:27-33



Meditation of the Day continued from front page.

MEDITATION OF THE DAY Putting Fear to Flight

12:49). These words were most visibly brought about fifty days after the Resurrection, at Pentecost.

The real fire, the Holy Spirit, was brought to the earth by Christ. He did not steal it from the gods like Prometheus, according to the Greek myth, but rather made himself the mediator of the gift of God, obtaining it for us with the greatest act of love in history: his death on the cross. In turn Jesus Christ constituted the Church as his Mystical Body so that she might extend his mission in history. Receive the Holy Spirit, the Lord said to the apostles on the evening of the Resurrection. Accompanying these words with an expressive gesture, he breathed on them. In this way he showed that he was communicating his Spirit to them.

Now in today's solemnity Scripture tells us once again how...to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. [The first reading] recalls that the disciples were all together in one place. This place was the Upper Room where Jesus had eaten the Last Supper with his apostles, where he had appeared to them risen—that room that had become, so to speak, the headquarters of the nascent Church.... This also applies to the Church today, it applies to us. If we want to prevent Pentecost from being reduced to a mere rite or even an evocative commemoration, but want it to be an actual event of salvation, we must prepare ourselves in devout expectation for the gift of God through humble and silent listening to his Word....

Lastly, a final thought may also be found in the account of the Acts of the Apostles: the Holy Spirit overcomes fear. We know that the disciples sought shelter in the Upper Room after the arrest of their Lord and that they had remained isolated for fear of suffering the same fate. After Jesus' Resurrection their fear was not suddenly dispelled. But here at Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit rested upon them, those men emerged fearless and began to proclaim the Good News of the crucified and risen Christ to all. They were not afraid because they felt they were in the hands of the strongest One. Yes, wherever the Spirit of God enters he puts fear to flight; he makes us know and feel that we are in the hands of an Omnipotence of love. His infinite love does not abandon us. It is demonstrated by the witness of martyrs, the courage of confessors of the faith, the undaunted zeal of missionaries, the frankness of preachers, and the example of all the saints, even some who were adolescents and children. It is demonstrated by the very existence of the Church, which despite the limitations and sins of men and women continues to cross the ocean of history, blown by the breath of God and enlivened by his purifying fire. —POPE BENEDICT XVI

Pope Benedict XVI († 2022) reigned as pope from 2005 until 2013. / From Holy Mass on the Solemnity of Pentecost, May 23, 2010, Saint Peter's Basilica, Rome.

Excerpt from Magnificat Magazine, Meditation of the Day, May 28, 2023

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 norte americana 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.

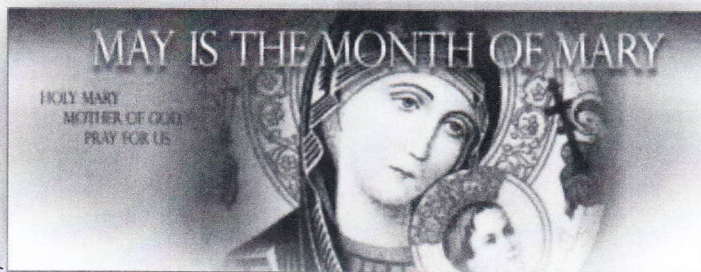
María: La Reina del Cielo

"Ella vive ahora y nos está protegiendo. Ella está allí [en el cielo], en cuerpo y alma, con el Padre y el Hijo y el Espíritu Santo. Es la misma persona que nació en Palestina, que se entregó a Dios siendo aún una niña, que recibió el mensaje de San Gabriel Arcángel, que dio a luz a nuestro Salvador, y que estuvo a su lado al pie de la Cruz, en ella todos los ideales se hacen realidad, pero nunca debemos pensar que esta sublime Su grandeza la hace inaccesible para nosotros. Ella es la llena de gracia y la suma de todas las perfecciones... y es también nuestra Madre".

Oración para esta semana: Oración por la Paz, Papa Juan Pablo II

"¡Salva, Madre santa!" Virgen Hija de Sion, ¡cuánto debe sufrir el corazón de tu Madre por este derramamiento de sangre! El niño que abrazas tiene un nombre querido por los pueblos de la religión bíblica: "Jesús", que significa "Dios salva." Así lo nombró el Arcángel antes de que fuera concebido en tu vientre (cf. Lc 2,21). En el rostro del Mesías recién nacido, reconocemos el rostro de todos tus hijos, que sufren por ser despreciados y explotados. Reconocemos especialmente los rostros de tus hijos, de cualquier raza, nación o cultura a la que pertenezcan. Por ellos, oh María, por su futuro, te pedimos que muevas los corazones endurecidos por el odio para que se abran al amor y para que la venganza pueda finalmente dar paso al perdón. Consigue para nosotros, oh Madre, que la verdad de esta afirmación –ni paz sin justicia, ni justicia sin perdón– quede grabada en todos los corazones. Así la familia humana podrá encontrar la verdadera paz, que brota de la unión de la justicia y la misericordia. ¡Santa Madre, Madre del Príncipe de la Paz, ayúdanos! ¡Madre de la Humanidad y Reina de la Paz, ruega por nosotros!

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



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: THE QUEEN OF HEAVEN

"She lives now and is protecting us. She is there [in heaven], body and soul, with the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. She is the same person who was born in Palestine, who gave herself to God while still a child, who received the message from St. Gabriel the Archangel, who gave birth to our Savior, and who stood beside him at the foot of the Cross. In her, all ideals become a reality. But we should never think that this sublime greatness of hers makes her inaccessible to us. She is the one who is full of grace and the sum of all perfections . . . and she is also our Mother."

(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: Prayer for Peace, Pope John Paul II

"Salve, Madre santa!" Virgin Daughter of Zion, how deeply must your Mother's heart suffer for this bloodshed! The child you embrace has a name that is dear to the peoples of biblical religion: "Jesus," which means "God saves." So the Archangel named him before he was conceived in your womb (cf. Lk 2,21). In the face of the newborn Messiah, we recognize the face of all your children, who suffer from being despised and exploited. We recognize especially the faces of your children, to whatever race, nation or culture they may belong. For them, O Mary, for their future, we ask you to move hearts hardened by hatred so that they may open to love and so that revenge may finally give way to forgiveness. Obtain for us, O Mother, that the truth of this affirmation – no peace without justice, no justice without forgiveness – be engraved on every heart. Thus the human family will be able to find the true peace, that flows from the union of justice and mercy. Holy Mother, Mother of the Prince of Peace, help us! Mother of Humanity and Queen of Peace, pray for us!

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

PARISH UPDATES

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.



THE WOMEN OF STM SCHOLARSHIPS CLOSE JUNE 1!

Last week to apply! These scholarships offered by the Women of STM aren't typical & 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!

Pick up application in the STM church office & return by June 1

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

TABLE SIGNUPS OPEN AFTER MASS TODAY 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 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.**



KEY DATES WITH OUR LORD & SAVIOR WEEK of May 28TH

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday; May 29	CLOSED	MEMORIAL DAY
Tuesday; May 30	9A to 2P	Eucharistic Adoration
Wed.; May 31	1p to 2P	Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday; June 1	11A to 2P	Eucharistic Adoration
Friday; June 2	9A to 12P	Eucharistic Adoration

Graveside Svc for Donna Marie Stanbery

Donna Marie Stanbery passed away on May 11. There will be a graveside service at Paradise Cemetery Friday, June 2 at 130P. Please add Donna Marie to your prayers this week.



Emily Kremper Passes Away

Emily Kremper passed away on May 8. Information on services and reception are still being planned. Watch the bulletin for more information. Please add Emily to your prayers this week.



Important Reminders

Adoration is this week Saturday, June 3rd, 10A at STM

We will pray the Crown Rosary Sunday, June 4th, 10A at STM

Dear Heavenly Father,

Remember and Honor

MEMORIAL DAY



We thank you for the freedom you have given to us and for the price that was paid by Christ so that we could live free.

We remember today the cost of it all! The great sacrifice for freedom.

For all those who have protected our nation, for the men and women in uniform, together, we say "Thank You."