

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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 530.877.4501 (Office closed Fri)
Mass: Sunday at Noon

CONFESSION 1st Wednesday 5P - 6P

Important Dates

03MAR: We pray **Crown Rosary** today 30mins b4 Mass
 03MAR: **El rosario** 30 mins antes de la misa de hoy
 05MAR: John Johnson Funeral Mass STM 1030A
 05MAR: STM Lenten Series Tuesday 6P
 06MAR: **STM Lenten Series Wed. 10A CANCELLED**
 06MAR: Dottie Waelbrock Rosary & Funeral Wed 1030A

Sunday Readings

Third Sunday in Lent
 III Domingo de Cuaresma

1st Reading Exodus 17:3-7

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Señor, que no seamos sordos a tu voz.

2nd Reading Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel John 4:5-42



MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Zeal for the House of Our Souls

Dear Mama, I had a wonderful Sunday, one of the best days of my life. Spent in continual joy, light, & warmth. It was the Blessed
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 3RD

Alexandria Contreras †
 Estela & Verling Velayo †
 Ramon & Rose Reyes †

For the personal intentions of Josie Weaver

For the intentions of Joseph Michael Linn-Galan on his birthday

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Billy Abumada	Rod Montgomery	Sofia Garcia
Cathy Larsen	Carrie Sue Sonsteng	Bruce Hasek
Victoria Wilsey	Sam Kempner	Barbara Maldonado
Angela Babcock	Josie Weaver	Adriana Sepulveda
Sharon Calhoun	Denise Hughes	Senona Gonzalez
Barbara Collins	Kimberly Helgeson Avoy	Samia Zumout
James & Lillian Daley	Diana Wise	Karen Reynolds
Victor Garcia	Bill Bechtold	Patricia Laird
Pat Mortensen		David Jorgensen
		Andrea Inzunza



This Week's Readings

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Monday; March 4th

2 Kings 5:1-15ab
 Psalm 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4
 Athirst is my soul for the living God.
 When shall I go and behold the face of God?
 Gospel: Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday; March 5th

1st Reading: Daniel 3:25, 34-43
 Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9
 Remember your mercies, O Lord.
 Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday; March 6th

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9
 Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20
 Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.
 Gospel: Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday; March 7th

1st Reading: Jeremiah 7:23-28
 Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
 If today you hear his voice, harden
 not your hearts.
 Gospel: Luke 11:14-23

Friday; March 8th

1st Reading: Hosea 14:2-10
 Psalm 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9-11ab, 14-17
 I am the Lord your God: hear my
 voice.
 Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

Saturday; March 9th

1st Reading: Hosea 6:1-6
 Psalm 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab
 It is mercy I desire, & not sacrifice.
 Gospel: Luke 18:9-14



Meditation of the Day continued from front page.

MEDITATION OF THE DAY Zeal for the House of Our Souls

Virgin who showered me with all this. Who can fail to discover all the beauty and goodness of God in the graces he gives us! It is so good when he touches the soul. Such joy floods it that it can no longer desire anything outside of our Savior. Yes, it is consoling to realize that a sinner like me can receive such gifts. You know my weak nature — spineless, inclining to what is evil and to the line of least resistance. If I am so filled with delights, what can we say about others who are far more willing and generous? May you too turn to the love of God. At this very moment you are fluttering around the light like a blind butterfly. You sense its nearness but you can't make your way toward it because you don't know how. I have firm hope that you too will find it.

You know that I am frank with you, even if it means saying terrible things to you. Well, look—never write and never think that now you have the right to rest in an artificial and illusory life! If you thought that, you would be insulting the cross. Mama, after years spent far from the Lord, it is not rest that awaits you, but repentance. You have to expiate and ask forgiveness from God. You do not have great misdeeds to your account, but great lacks. It is this passivity that must be filled up. The acts of love that you are making now, God appreciates and takes into account.... As a result he will enlighten you some day.... Then saving tears will flow down your cheeks! But to describe to you the joys which will flood your soul cannot do it in human words!...

Try to meditate on the cross a little. You do not understand it. I am sure you do not see the connection between Jesus crucified and yourself. Ask God to enlighten you, and when you come to understand that the nails that pierced Christ's hands and feet have their like awaiting you, then you will be saved!... Finally, dear Mama, until tomorrow, big, big kisses.

-SERVANT OF GOD JACQUES FESCH

Jacques Fesch († 1957) was a murderer who experienced a profound conversion before his execution in a French prison. He wrote this letter a few days before he died. / From Light over the Scaffold: Prison Letters of Jacques Fesch and Cell 18: Unedited Letters of Jacques Fesch, Sr. Mary Thomas Noble, O.P., Tr. © 1996, The Fathers and Brothers of the Society of St. Paul, ST PAULS/Alba House, Staten Island, NY. www.stpauls.us.

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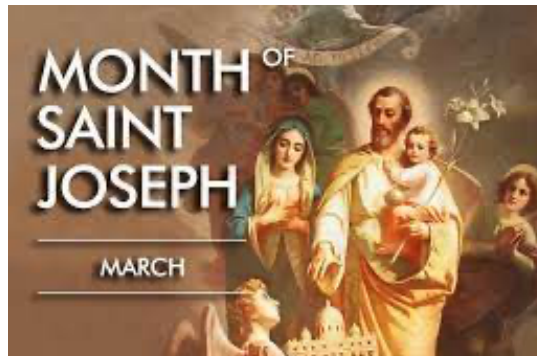
40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING CAMPAIGN IS ON!
 February 14 - March 23

Please pray the daily intentions!

The intention for Sunday; March 3: In the effort to protect and defend life, let us appeal not only to the special revelation of Scripture, but also to the general revelation of science and the created order.

*You can sign up for hours at: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/chiconorth>
 Questions? See Kathy DiChristofaro after Mass.*

¡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 is 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

La oración de San José por nuestro trabajo

Glorioso San José, modelo de todos los que se dedican al trabajo, alcánzame la gracia de trabajar con espíritu de penitencia, para así expiar mis muchos pecados; trabajar concienzudamente, anteponiendo la devoción al deber a mis propias inclinaciones; trabajar con agradecimiento y alegría, considerando un honor emplear y desarrollar, con mi trabajo, los dones que he recibido de Dios Todopoderoso; trabajar con orden, paz, moderación y paciencia, sin retroceder jamás ante el cansancio y las dificultades; trabajar sobre todo con una intención pura y con desapego de uno mismo, teniendo siempre ante mis ojos la hora de la muerte y la cuenta que luego debo rendir del tiempo mal empleado, de los talentos desocupados, del bien deshecho y de mi orgullo vacío. en el éxito, lo cual es tan fatal para la obra de Dios. ¡Todo por Jesús, todo por María, todo a imitación tuya, oh Patriarca José! Este será mi lema en la vida y en la muerte. Amén.

POR LA INTERCESIÓN DE SAN JOSÉ

Oh José, virgen-padre de Jesús, purísimo esposo de la Virgen María, ruega cada día por nosotros al mismo Jesús, el Hijo de Dios, para que, defendidos por el poder de su gracia y esforzándonos diligentemente en la vida, podamos ser coronado por Él en la hora de la muerte.

Fuente: <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/prayers/view.cfm?id=755>

Fuente de 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

MINISTRIES PHOTOS UPDATE

Photo taking for the parish directory is going much faster than anticipated. Here's an update on group photos:

1. **Are you a member of an STM Ministry?** If yes:
2. All Ministry group photos will be taken either before or immediately after Mass next Sunday, March 10.
3. Your group Leader will contact you with the exact time.
4. REMINDER: If you have a uniform wear it March 10.

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.

The St. Joseph Prayer For Our Work

Glorious Saint Joseph, pattern of all who are devoted to toil, obtain for me the grace to toil in the spirit of penance, in order thereby to atone for my many sins; to toil conscientiously, putting devotion to duty before my own inclinations; to labor with thankfulness and joy, deeming it an honor to employ and to develop, by my labor, the gifts I have received from Almighty God; to work with order, peace, moderation, and patience, without ever shrinking from weariness and difficulties; to work above all with a pure intention and with detachment from self, having always before my eyes the hour of death and the accounting which I must then render of time ill-spent, of talents unemployed, of good undone, and of my empty pride in success, which is so fatal to the work of God. All for Jesus, all through Mary, all in imitation of thee, O Patriarch Joseph! This shall be my motto in life and in death. Amen.

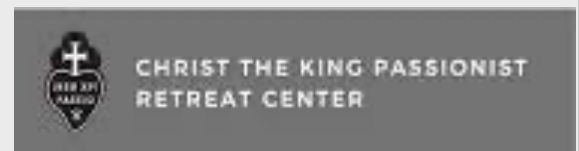
FOR THE INTERCESSION OF SAINT JOSEPH

O Joseph, virgin-father of Jesus, most pure spouse of the Virgin Mary, pray every day for us to the same Jesus, the Son of God, that we, being defended by the power of His grace and striving dutifully in life, may be crowned by Him at the hour of death.

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SIGN UP NOW FOR THE STM MEN'S



RETREAT in CITRUS HEIGHTS MARCH 1 TO 3

All MEN of the parish are invited to a retreat at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center Fri., March 1 to Sunday, March 3. Register online at ChristTheKingRetreatCenter.org or by calling the retreat center at 916.725.4720 x307 or 301. **Questions?** See Deacon Gary after Mass.

PARISH UPDATES

The STM DateBook

☑ **TODAY!** March 3 | **¡HOY!** 3 de marzo

*Crown Rosary with the Secular Franciscans
30 minutes before Mass!*

*Rosario de la corona con los franciscanos
seglares ¡30 minutos antes de misa!*

ON SALE AFTER MASS: *St. Vincent de Paul Hawaii Trip Raffle Tickets! The winner will receive airfare + accommodations at the Sheraton on Maui for two! Plus a rental car and a \$500 credit card. Tickets are \$10 each. The drawing is in April. Questions? See Dirk Wohlauf after Mass.*



A LA VENTA DESPUÉS DE LA MISA:
¡Boletos para la rifa del viaje a Hawaii de St. Vincent de Paul! ¡El ganador recibirá pasaje aéreo + alojamiento en el Sheraton en Maui para dos personas! Además de un auto de alquiler y una tarjeta de crédito de \$500. Los boletos cuestan \$10 cada uno. El sorteo es en abril. ¿Preguntas? Ver a Dirk Wohlauf después de la misa.

☑ **Tuesday, March 5** | **Martes 5 de marzo**

John Johnson Funeral Mass STM 1030A
Lectio Divina (Divine Reading) Contemplation & Meditation Session STM 6P

Sesión de contemplación y meditación de Lectio Divina (Lectura Divina) STM 6P

☑ **Wednesday, March 6** | **Miércoles 6 de marzo**

Dottie Waelbrock Funeral Mass STM 11A
Rosary before Mass at 1030A

CANCELLED: *Lectio Divina (Divine Reading) Contemplation & Meditation Session STM 10A*

¡CANCELADO! *Sesión de contemplación y meditación de Lectio Divina (Lectura Divina) STM 10A*

*Sacrament of Reconciliation STM 5p
Sacramento de la Reconciliación STM 5p*

☑ **Friday, March 8** | **Viernes 8 de marzo**

*Estaciones de la Cruz STM 3P
Soup & Stations of the Cross STM 5P*

☑ **Tuesday, March 12** | **Martes 12 de marzo**

Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres STM 10A

All are invited

**to the St. Thomas More Parish Lenten Series
Lectio Divina (Divine Reading)**

These are excellent sessions on meditation & contemplation in light of Teresa of Avila, Thomas Kempis, and Thomas Keating. Learn tips that will help you pray more deeply, more contemplatively.

Let's deepen our prayer & reflection during Lent.

These sessions are led by Deacons Tom & Mike with two times available.

6 p.m. Sessions

Tues.; March 5
Tues.; March 12

10 a.m. Sessions

Wed.; March 6
Wed.; March 13

The St. Thomas More Parish family offers our deepest condolences to the family & friends of **John Johnson & Dottie Waelbrock**. Dottie passed away Feb. 21. John passed on Feb. 23. See STM Datebook, at left, for all Funeral Mass details.

Please add John & Dottie to your prayers.

PARISHIONER PHOTOS UPDATE

Photo taking for the parish directory is going much faster than anticipated so we need to make changes to the March 10 schedule:

1. **Are you scheduled for photos March 10?** If yes:
2. *Please come to the Achieve Charter Multipurpose Room today March 3, anytime between 1:30p and 5p to have your photo taken.*

NOTE: *If you cannot change your March 10 date then keep it! And on Sunday, March 10, go to the Multipurpose Room immediately after Mass.*

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!