

# ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## About St. Thomas More

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**Mass: Sunday at Noon**  
**CONFESSION 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 5P - 6P**  
*(Call to schedule an appointment)*

## Important Dates

10MAY: Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres STM 10A  
**10MAY: Sacrament of Reconciliation STM 5p**  
 13MAY: Our Lady of Fatima Feast St Thos. the Apostle 6p  
 14MAY: Tony Duffy Funeral Mass STM 11A  
 15MAY: Rosary to honor Our Lady of Fatima STM 11A  
 19MAY: Women of STM Deanery Mtg 1030A Oroville

## Sunday Readings

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
*IV Domingo de Pascua*

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Acts 13:14, 43-52  
**Psalm** 100:1-2, 3, 5

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.  
 El Señor es nuestro Dios y nosotros su pueblo.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** Revelations 7:9, 14b-17  
**Gospel** John 10:27-30

## MEDITATION OF THE DAY

### The Good Shepherd

*Each year, when spring with its breezes begins to usher in the birth of so many sheep, and to deposit the numerous young of the fruitful*

*Meditation of the Day continues on next page*

## MAY INTENTIONS of the HOLY FATHER

### Faith-Filled Young People

*We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.*

### Jóvenes llenos de fe

*Oramos por todos los jóvenes, llamados a vivir la vida en plenitud; que vean en la vida de María el camino de la escucha, la profundidad del discernimiento, la valentía que genera la fe y la vocación de servicio.*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR SUNDAY MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>

Cathy Valenzuela †  
 Gloria Rivera †  
 Eufemia Petro Garcia †

*Intentions of Mellonne Faultry on her 80th birthday*

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK; LET US PRAY FOR

Bella Cortez  
 Pamela Casey  
 Maria Clemencia Rico  
 Samia Zumout  
 Sheila Turner  
 Bella Ospina  
 Jeanie Avery  
 Cheryl Baron



Greg DeCristofaro  
 Sam Weaver  
 Robert Ralston  
 Sharon Wilson  
 Rosemary Peterson

Yvonne Hawkins  
 Walt Carrel  
 Patricia Laird  
 Ella Galik  
 Hailey Rose  
 Karen Phillips  
 Susie Aldrich  
 Renee Kelly

## This Week's Readings

### THE FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

#### Monday; May 9<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Tuesday; May 10<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Wednesday; May 11<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: Acts 12:24—13:5a  
 Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8  
 O God, let all the nations praise you!  
 Gospel: John 12:44-50

#### Thursday; May 12<sup>th</sup>

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 13<sup>th</sup>

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 14<sup>th</sup>

**FEAST OF SAINT  
 MATTHIAS, APOSTLE**

1st Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26  
 Psalm 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8  
 The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders  
 of his people.  
 Gospel: John 15:9-17



*Meditation of the Day continued from front page.*

## MEDITATION OF THE DAY The Good Shepherd

flock about the fields, the meadows, and the paths, a good shepherd puts aside his songs. He anxiously searches for the tender sheplings, picks them up, and gathers them together. Happy to carry them, he places them about his neck, on his shoulders, and in his arms. He wants them to be safe as he carries or leads them to the protecting sheepfolds. The good shepherd, the text reads, lays down his life for his sheep. The force of love makes a man brave, because genuine love counts nothing as hard, or bitter, or serious, or deadly. What sword, what wounds, what penalty, what deaths can avail to overcome perfect love? Love is an impenetrable breastplate. It wards off missiles, sheds the blows of swords, taunts dangers, laughs at death. If love is present, it conquers everything. But is that death of the shepherd advantageous to the sheep? Let us investigate. It leaves them abandoned, exposes them defenseless to the wolves, hands over the beloved flock to the gnawing jaws of beasts, gives them over to plunder and exposes them to death. But what are we to do, since Life himself could not die unless he had decided to? Who could have taken life away from the Giver of life if he were unwilling? **He himself said: I have the power to lay down my life, and I have the power to take it up again. No one takes it from me.** Therefore, he willed to die—he who permitted himself to be slain although he was unable to die. And who doubts that these slain martyrs will arise, and live, and reign, since Christ himself, though slain, has arisen, and lives, and reigns? Hear the voice of the Shepherd: My sheep hear my voice and follow me. The sheep who have followed him to death must also follow him to life. They who have accompanied him into the midst of insults must also accompany him into honor. They who shared his passion must also share his glory. Where I am, he says, there also shall my servant be. Where? Truly, above the skies where Christ is sitting at the Father's right hand. O man, let not living by faith disturb you, nor the long time you must hope fatigue you. Your destiny is a certain one, and is being kept for you with the very Author of all things! You have died, Scripture says, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, your life, shall appear, then you too will appear with him in glory (Col 3:3-4) — SAINT PETER CHRYSOLOGUS

*Saint Peter Chrysologus († 450), Doctor of the Church, was the archbishop of Ravenna, Italy. / From Saint Peter Chrysologus: Selected Sermons and Saint Valerian Homilies, The Fathers of the Church, Volume 17, George E. Ganss, S.J., Tr. © 1953, The Catholic University of America Press, Washington, D.C.*

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### **MONDAY MAY 9 IS LAST DAY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM!**

**The Knights of Columbus will accept applications for their Scholarship Awards Program until TOMORROW, Monday May 9!** Applications can be submitted electronically, mailed or dropped off at the St. Thomas More Office. The number of scholarships awarded may increase if there are more equally qualified applicants.

**For details** go to: <https://www.stmparadise.net/k-of-c-council-7773>. Click the link to the Scholarship Program view/print the pdf file.

**Submit applications** via email, [jimcollins\\_95991@yahoo.com](mailto:jimcollins_95991@yahoo.com); or mail to St. Thomas More, KofC 7773 Scholarships, 767 Elliot Rd., Paradise, CA 95969; or drop off at STM ofc.

**Questions?** Call Jim Collins, Financial Secretary, KofC, cell 831.821.9369 or email above.

**Mayo es el mes de la devoción a la Santísima Madre. Esta devoción se originó en Roma en el siglo 18 para contrarrestar la inmoralidad y la infidelidad entre los estudiantes de una**

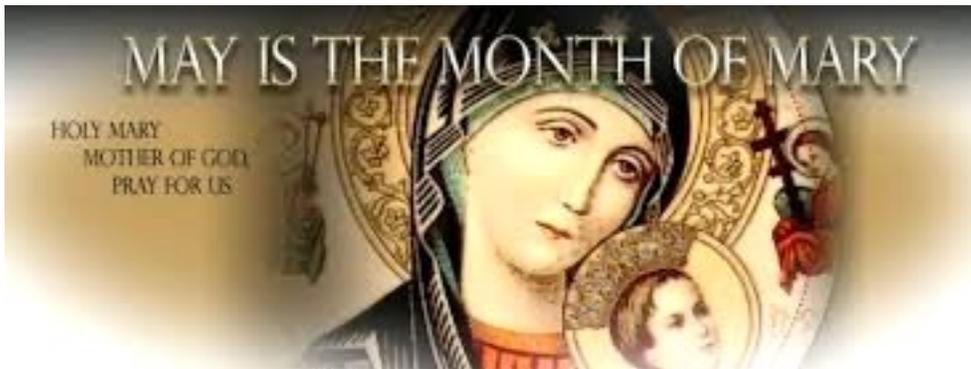
**universidad allí.** Se ha extendido a través de la mayor parte de la Iglesia latina ahora. Debido a que la festividad norteamericana del Día de la Madre cae en mayo, los católicos aprovechamos este tiempo para recordar y tratar de emular el papel de María como madre. Por lo tanto, la devoción a María en el mes de mayo se centra tanto en María como modelo a seguir para las madres cristianas, como en la castidad y pureza eternas de María, y su fidelidad a la voluntad de Dios.

Durante el mes de mayo, en las iglesias y en los hogares particulares, se eleva a María el más afectuoso y ferviente homenaje de oraciones y devociones del corazón de los cristianos.

Para los católicos, queriendo estar siempre cerca de ella, ofrézcanle regalos especiales en mayo: peregrinaciones, visitas a las iglesias dedicadas a ella, pequeños sacrificios en su honor, períodos de estudio y trabajo bien terminado que se le ofrecen, y una atención más atenta rezo del rosario.

### **ORACIÓN: A LA SANTÍSIMA VIRGEN MARÍA**

O Santísima Virgen María, ¿quién puede pagarte dignamente tu justa deuda de alabanza y acción de gracias, tú que con el maravilloso asentimiento de tu voluntad rescataste a un mundo caído? ¿Qué cantos de alabanza puede recitar en tu honor nuestra débil naturaleza humana, que sólo por tu intervención ha encontrado el camino de la restauración? Acepta, pues, las pobres gracias que tenemos aquí para ofrecer, aunque no estén a la altura de tus méritos; y, recibiendo nuestros votos, obtén con tus oraciones la remisión de nuestras ofensas. Lleva nuestras oraciones dentro del santuario de la audiencia celestial, y saca de allí el antídoto de nuestra reconciliación. Que los pecados que presentamos ante Dios Todopoderoso a través de ti, sean perdonables a través de ti; que lo que pedimos con confianza segura, a través de ti sea concedido. Toma nuestra ofrenda, concédenos nuestras peticiones, obtén perdón por lo que tememos, porque tú eres la única esperanza de los pecadores. Por ti esperamos la remisión de nuestros pecados, y en ti, oh Señora bendita, está nuestra esperanza de recompensa. Santa María, socorre a los miserables, ayuda a los pusilánimes, consuela a los afligidos, ruega por tu pueblo, suplica por el clero, intercede por todas las mujeres consagradas a Dios; que todos los que guardan tu santa conmemoración sientan ahora tu ayuda y protección. Esté siempre listo para ayudarnos cuando oremos, y traernos las respuestas a nuestras oraciones. Procura siempre orar por el pueblo de Dios, tú que, bendita de Dios, mereciste dar a luz al Redentor del mundo, que vive y reina por los siglos de los siglos. Amén. San Agustín  
Madre mía, líbrame del pecado mortal. Ave María (tres veces).



**May is the month of devotion to the Blessed Mother. This devotion originated in Rome in the 18th century** to counter immorality and infidelity among students at a college there. It has spread through most of the Latin Church now. Because the North

American holiday of Mother's Day falls in May, we Catholics take this time to recall and try to emulate Mary's role as mother. Therefore devotion to Mary in May focuses both on Mary as a role model for Christian mothers, and Mary's ever lasting chastity & purity, and her fidelity to God's will.

During May, in churches and individual homes, the most affectionate and fervent homage of prayers and devotions from the hearts of Christians are raised to Mary.

For Catholics, wanting to be close to her always, offer her special presents in May: pilgrimages, visits to churches dedicated to her, little sacrifices in her honor, periods of study and well-finished work offered up to her, and a more attentive recitation of the rosary.

### **PRAYER: TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

O blessed Virgin Mary, who can worthily repay thee thy just dues of praise and thanksgiving, thou who by the wondrous assent of thy will didst rescue a fallen world? What songs of praise can our weak human nature recite in thy honor, since it is by thy intervention alone that it has found the way to restoration? Accept, then, such poor thanks as we have here to offer, though they be unequal to thy merits; and, receiving our vows, obtain by thy prayers the remission of our offenses. Carry thou our prayers within the sanctuary of the heavenly audience, and bring forth from it the antidote of our reconciliation. May the sins we bring before Almighty God through thee, become pardonable through thee; may what we ask for with sure confidence, through thee be granted. Take our offering, grant us our requests, obtain pardon for what we fear, for thou art the sole hope of sinners. Through thee we hope for the remission of our sins, and in thee, O blessed Lady, is our hope of reward. Holy Mary, succor the miserable, help the fainthearted, comfort the sorrowful, pray for thy people, plead for the clergy, intercede for all women consecrated to God; may all who keep thy holy commemoration feel now thy help and protection. Be thou ever ready to assist us when we pray, and bring back to us the answers to our prayers. Make it thy continual care to pray for the people of God, thou who, blessed by God, didst merit to bear the Redeemer of the world, who liveth and reigneth, world without end. Amen. Saint Augustine

My Mother, deliver me from mortal sin. Hail Mary (three times).

**Sources:** <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/prayers/view.cfm?id=758>;

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**PARISH UPDATES**

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA'S FEAST DAY FRIDAY, MAY 13**

**On Friday, May 13 this week Our Lady of Fatima's Feast Day Mass will take place at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 1330 Bird St. in Oroville at 6P. Let's join the Missionary Sisters on this special day! They will be renewing their religious vows.**

**ROSARY TO HONOR OUR LADY OF FATIMA MAY 15 11A**

**Next Sunday, May 15 at 11A, St. Thomas More will recite a Rosary in honor of Our Lady of Fatima in the church. Please join us.**

**LADIES! SPECIAL EVENT THURSDAY; MAY 19, 1030A**

**Women of St. Thomas More! On Thursday May 19 lets join other ladies of our Deanery at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church (1330 Bird Street, Oroville) for an inspirational day of spiritual renewal & fellowship.** Catholic Ladies Relief Society and Altar Society of Oroville will host the Spring Deanery Meeting for the Sacramento Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Deanery is the regional area within our diocese. We strive to "empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service, responding with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world".

**Guest speaker, Deacon Ray Helgeson, will discuss "Growth Through Hardship-Returning to the Father".**

Deacon Ray has taught at the parish, diocesan and university levels; serving in various positions as a deacon over 35 years.

Come spend time with us as we share ideas, prayers, a meal and our faith as Catholic Women \$10. Sign in: 10:30A to 11A.

**Event Schedule**

**11A Mass**

**NOON Lunch**

**1P Meeting**

Please RSVP to: Maeva Barickman 530-679-0704  
[maevabarickman@yahoo.com](mailto:maevabarickman@yahoo.com)

Please Note This Important Date Change  
**The Sacrament of Reconciliation has been rescheduled to Tuesday May 10 at 5P.** This is due to all priests from the Diocese of Sacramento in retreat last week.



**KEY EASTER DATES with OUR LORD & SAVIOR**

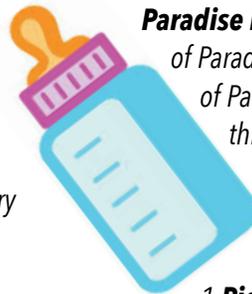


DATE	TIME	EVENT
MON., MAY 9	9A to 2P	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
TUE., MAY 10	9A to 2P	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
WED., MAY 11	9A to 2P	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
THU., MAY 12	9A to 2P	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
FRI., MAY 13	6P	OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS St. Thomas the Apostle 1330 Bird St., Oroville

**PARISH UPDATES (CONTINUED)**

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN BEGINS TODAY, SUNDAY, MAY 8**

**Please join the Women of St. Thomas More and Care Net of Paradise in the support of this important fundraiser.** Care Net of Paradise is a charity supported by the Women of STM. Care Net of Paradise exists to serve women and men as they walk through an unplanned pregnancy and into their role as parents. Today we are asked to join with other churches in our area to support this vital ministry. There are three easy steps:



1. **Pick up an empty bottle** and take it home or to work.
2. **Fill it** with spare change, cash or check(s) and prayer for Care Net.
3. **Return your filled baby bottle** to St. Thomas More by no later than Father's Day June 19.



**¡The Knights of Columbus están aceptando solicitudes para su Programa de Premios de Becas hasta el 9 de mayo!** Las solicitudes pueden enviarse electrónicamente, enviarse por correo o dejarse en la oficina de St. Thomas More. El número de becas otorgadas puede aumentar si hay más solicitantes igualmente calificados.

Para detalles ir a <https://www.stmparadise.net/k-of-c-council-7773> . Haga clic en el enlace al Programa de Becas para ver/imprimir el archivo pdf.

Enviar solicitudes por correo electrónico a [jimcollins\\_95991@yahoo.com](mailto:jimcollins_95991@yahoo.com); o envíe por correo a St. Thomas More, KofC 7773 Scholarships, 767 Elliot Rd., Paradise, CA 95969; o entregue las solicitudes en la oficina de STM

**PARISHIONER UPDATES**  
**PASSINGS**



**Tony Duffy's Funeral Mass** will be held Saturday, May 14 at 11 a.m. A get together will follow the Mass in the STM Memorial Plaza. Everyone is invited.