

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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 530.877.4501 (Office closed Fri)
Mass: Sunday at Noon
CONFESSION 1st Wednesday 5P - 6P
(Call to schedule an appointment)

Important Dates

20APR: MESSIAH Formed Study Session STM 10A
24APR: Divine Mercy Sunday STM Noon
 26APR: Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres STM 10A
30APR: Trees & Barbecue STM 10A
 04MAY: Sacrament of Reconciliation STM 5P
07MAY: Secular Franciscans Game Day! STM 11A

Sunday Readings

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Domingo de Pascua - La Resurrección del Señor

1st Reading Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.
Éste es el día del triunfo del Señor. Aleluya.
2nd Reading Colossians 3:1-4 or I Cor 5:6b-8
Gospel John 20:1-9

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Rejoicing in the Resurrection

Though you descended into the tomb, O immortal one, yet you destroyed the power of hell, and you arose as victor, O Christ God, calling to
Meditation of the Day continues on next page

APRIL INTENTIONS of the HOLY FATHER

Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick & the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

Trabajadores de la salud

Oramos por los trabajadores de la salud que atienden a los enfermos y ancianos, especialmente en los países más pobres; que reciban el apoyo adecuado de los gobiernos y las comunidades locales.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SUNDAY APRIL 17TH

Albert Penna †
Jim Brown †
Larry Campbell †

Intentions of Barbara Brown

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK; LET US PRAY FOR

Pamela Casey
Maria Clemencia Rico
Samia Zumout
Sheila Turner
Bella Ospina
Yvonne Hawkins
Walt Carrel
Patricia Laird



Robert Ralston
Sharon Wilson
Rosemary Peterson
Ella Galik
Sam Weaver

Kathy Sanchez
Hailey Rose
Karen Phillips
Susie Aldrich
Jeanie Avery
Cheryl Baron
Renee Kelly
Greg DeCristofaro

This Week's Readings

THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Monday; April 18th

1st Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33
 Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
 Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.
 Gospel: Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday; April 19th

1st Reading: Acts 2:36-41
 Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22
 The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.
 Gospel: John 20:11-18

Wednesday; April 20th

1st Reading: Acts 3:1-10
 Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9
 Rejoice, O hearts that seek the Lord.
 Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Thursday; April 21st

1st Reading: Acts 3:11-26
 Psalm 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9
 O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!
 Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

Friday; April 22nd

1st Reading: Acts 4:1-12
 Psalm 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a
 The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.
 Gospel: John 21:1-14

Saturday; April 23rd

1st Reading: Acts 4:13-21
 Psalm 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21
 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me.
 Gospel: Mark 16:9-15

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MEDITATION OF THE DAY Rejoicing in the Resurrection

the myrrh-bearing women, "Rejoice!" and giving peace to your apostles, O you who grant resurrection to the fallen.

The women, when they reached your grave and did not find your most pure body, wept pitiable tears and said, "Could he have been stolen? Could he have been raised, the one who foretold his rising even before his Passion?" Truly Christ is risen who grants resurrection to the fallen....

Taking blameless courage from the voice of the angel, prudently the women answered him, "Truly the Lord has risen, as you said. You have shown us by both word and attitude that the Merciful has risen indeed." Mingling joy with fear and happiness and grief, the women returned from the tomb to the apostles and they said, "Why are you downcast? Why do you hide your faces? Let hearts be on high. Christ has risen. Form your choirs and say with us, 'The Lord has arisen.' The one born before the morning star has shone forth. So do not be sad, but sprout again. The spring has appeared. Flower, your branches, with a harvest of fruit, not misery. Let us all clap our hands and say, He has risen, the one who grants resurrection to the fallen."

Having clearly heard, and filled with joy at the word, they were at once amazed and said to the women, "From where, maidens, have you learned what you now say? Did an angel speak?" "Yes," they said, "both spoke and showed us. And the God and fashioner of angels appeared to Mary & said, 'Say to my own, The Lord has arisen.' Come, then, like rams and like young sheep. Let us all leap & say, 'Our Shepherd, come gather us together who were scattered by cowardice. You have trampled on death. Come near those who love you, who grant resurrection to the fallen.'" May my dead soul, O Savior, rise again with you. Do not let grief destroy it, and may it not come to forget those songs that sanctify it. Yes, O merciful one, I implore you, do not abandon me who am stained with offenses, for in iniquities and in my sins my mother bore me. My Father, holy and compassionate, may your name be ever hallowed by my mouth and by my lips, by my voice and by my song. Give me grace as I proclaim your hymns, for you can do so, who grant resurrection to the fallen.

— SAINT ROMANOS THE MELODIST

Saint Romanos the Melodist († c. 565) was a deacon in Constantinople who composed several chanted sermons. / From On the Life of Christ, Archimandrite Ephrem Lash, Tr. Excerpt from Magnificat Magazine, Meditation of the Day, April 17, 2022



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM

The Knights of Columbus are accepting applications for their Scholarship Awards Program until 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; 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.

Don't be afraid,
 I know you are looking for Jesus
 Who was crucified.

He is not here!
 For He has been resurrected, just as He said.
Matthew 28

He is Risen!

Abril está dedicado a la devoción a la Eucaristía y la devoción al Espíritu Santo.

Recordamos el sacrificio eucarístico que Cristo nos dio y el bautismo en el Espíritu Santo, que vendría después de la resurrección de Jesús. "Pongo ante ustedes la única gran cosa para amar en la tierra: el Santísimo Sacramento", J.R.R. Tolkien (autor de El señor de los anillos y El hobbit).

Cristo dio su vida por nosotros y resucitó, ascendió al cielo y no nos abandonó. Su misericordia es infinita (que celebraremos el 24 de abril el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia), un recordatorio de Su verdadera presencia en la Eucaristía. Como algunos no creen en la presencia real de Cristo en la Eucaristía, depende de nosotros que creemos difundir la fe. Ha habido cristianos que sabían con tanta certeza de la verdadera presencia de Cristo en el Santísimo Sacramento que se enfrentaron al peligro de estar con él y algunos murieron antes que dejar que el Santísimo Sacramento cayera en manos equivocadas. San Padre Pío dijo: "Permanezcan siempre cerca de la Iglesia Católica, porque solo ella puede darles la verdadera paz, ya que solo ella posee a Jesús en el Santísimo Sacramento, el verdadero Príncipe de la Paz". Seamos agradecidos por el privilegio de recibir la comunión.



April is dedicated to devotion to the Eucharist & devotion to the Holy Spirit.

We remember the Eucharistic sacrifice Christ gave us and the baptism in the Holy Spirit, which would come after Jesus's resurrection. "I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament," J.R.R. Tolkien (author of Lord of the Rings & The Hobbit.)

Christ gave His life for us & rose again, He ascended into heaven and did not abandon us. His mercy is endless (which we will celebrate April 24 on Divine Mercy Sunday), a reminder of His true presence in the Eucharist. As some don't believe in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, it is up to us who do believe to spread the faith. There have been Christians who knew with such certainty of Christ's true presence in the Blessed Sacrament that they faced danger to be with him & some died rather than let the Blessed Sacrament fall into the wrong hands. St. Padre Pio said, "Always remain close to the Catholic Church, because it alone can give you true peace, since it alone possesses Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, the true Prince of Peace." Let's be thankful for the privilege of receiving communion.

ORACIÓN: AL VISITAR EL SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO

Señor mío Jesucristo, por el amor que tienes a los hombres, permaneces noche y día en este Sacramento lleno de compasión y de amor, esperando, llamando y acogiendo a todos los que vienen a visitarte. Creo que estás presente en el Sacramento del Altar: te adoro desde el abismo de mi nada, y te doy gracias por todas las gracias que me has hecho y en particular por haberme dado a Ti mismo en este Sacramento, por haberme dado por abogada a vuestra santa Madre María, y por haberme llamado a visitaros en esta capilla. Saludo ahora a tu amantísimo Corazón: y esto por tres fines:

1. **En acción de gracias** por este gran regalo;
2. **Para repararte todos** los ultrajes que recibes en este Sacramento de todos tus enemigos;
3. Con esta visita pretendo **adorarte** en todos los lugares de la tierra en los que eres el menos venerado y el más abandonado.

Jesús mío, te amo con todo mi corazón. Me duele haber ofendido tantas veces tu bondad infinita. Prometo con Tu gracia nunca más ofenderte en el futuro.

Ahora, por miserable e indigno que sea, me consagro a Ti sin reservas; Te doy toda mi voluntad, mis afectos, mis deseos y todo lo que poseo. De ahora en adelante dispone de mí y de todo lo que tengo como te plazca. Todo lo que te pido y deseo es tu santo amor, la perseverancia final y el cumplimiento perfecto de tu voluntad. Te recomiendo las almas del purgatorio; pero especialmente los que tenían la mayor devoción al Santísimo Sacramento ya la Santísima Virgen María. También te recomiendo a todos los pobres pecadores. Mi querido Salvador, uno todos mis afectos con los afectos de Tu amantísimo Corazón; y los ofrezco, así unidos, a vuestro Padre eterno, y le suplico en vuestro nombre que se dé por vuestro amor acogerlos. Amén (por San Alfonso de Ligorio)

PRAYER: WHEN VISITING THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

My Lord Jesus Christ, for the love which You bear to men, You remain night and day in this Sacrament full of compassion and of love, awaiting, calling, and welcoming all who come to visit You. I believe that You are present in the Sacrament of the Altar: I adore You from the abyss of my nothingness, and I thank You for all the graces which You have bestowed upon me and in particular for having given me Yourself in this Sacrament, for having given me your holy Mother Mary for my advocate, and for having called me to visit You in this chapel. I now salute Your most loving Heart: and this for three ends:

1. **In thanksgiving** for this great gift;
2. **To make amends** to You for all the outrages which You receive in this Sacrament from all Your enemies;
3. I intend by this visit **to adore You** in all the places on earth in which You are the least revered and the most abandoned.

My Jesus, I love You with all my heart. I grieve for having so many times offended Your infinite goodness. I promise with Your grace never more to offend You in the future.

Now, miserable and unworthy though I be, I consecrate myself to You without reserve; I give You my entire will, my affections, my desires, and all that I possess. From now on dispose of me and of all that I have as You please. All that I ask of You and desire is Your holy love, final perseverance, and the perfect accomplishment of Your will. I recommend to You the souls in purgatory; but especially those who had the greatest devotion to the most Blessed Sacrament and to the Blessed Virgin Mary. I also recommend to You all poor sinners.

My dear Savior, I unite all my affections with the affections of Your most loving Heart; and I offer them, thus united, to Your eternal Father, and beseech Him in Your name to vouchsafe, for Your love, to accept them. Amen. (by St. Alphonsus Liguori)

Fuentes/Sources: www.catholic-link.com ; www.catholic.org/prayers; <https://excorde.org/2019/real-presence-real-faith-9-eucharistic-martyrs>. <https://www.stfrancisandmary.org/monthly-devotions/april>

PARISH UPDATES

SESSION 7 OF MESSIAH IS THIS WED AT 10A

Join us for Messiah Session 7 this Wednesday at 10A! Whether you see 1 or all, you'll enjoy any session you chose to attend. We will view a 30-minute video followed by a discussion. All parishioners are welcome. Our focus this week is St. Paul & how he spread the Gospel. Formerly known as Saul, he had set out on the Road to Damascus as perhaps the most zealous enemy of the Messiah, Jesus – only to be thrown to the ground and placed like a footstool at his feet. Yet in conquering him, Jesus had raised him up. When Saul arose, he was no longer an enemy but an emissary. In the years to come he would be known to the world by his Roman name, Paul – the great Apostle to the Gentiles, the man set apart and chosen by the Lord Jesus to bring his light to the nations. Refreshments and workbooks provided. Sign up after Mass. Questions? Contact Jim Collins: jimcollins_95991@yahoo.com or **831.821.9369**. To review MESSIAH on your own, go to: <https://formed.org/> and sign in.

Other FORMED Programs: Gender theory vs. truth with Chris Everett: <https://watch.formed.org/videos/the-chris-stefanick-show-gender-theory-vs-truth> Cosmic Origins: <https://watch.formed.org/cosmic-origins>
To sign up for FORMED, go to the link on the parish website: <https://www.stmparadise.net/formed>

Save The Date  **STM COMMUNITY EVENT SAT, APRIL 30 AT 10A**
SATURDAY APRIL 30 IT'S TREES & BBQ AT STM! Please join us at 10A for a special event to give trees to new homeowners on the Ridge. At 10A we will meet at the church; at 10:30A we depart as **one big parish team** to greet new homeowners and gift them a tree as part of our Welcome Home to the Ridge ministry! At 1P we 'll meet back at the church for food & fellowship to enjoy a BBQ lunch and share stories about the day's adventure. It's going to be a lot of fun and great visibility for our parish. Be sure to wear your STM t-shirt. Don't have one? Come anyway!!!

EVENTO DE LA COMUNIDAD STM SÁBADO 30 DE ABRIL A LAS 10A
Reserva tu Fecha **SÁBADO 30 DE ABRIL ;TENDREMOS ÁRBOLES Y BARBACOA EN STM!** Únase a nosotros a las 10A para un evento especial para dar árboles a los nuevos propietarios en el Ridge. A las 10A nos encontraremos en la iglesia; a las 10:30A partiremos como un gran equipo parroquial para saludar a los nuevos propietarios y regalarles un árbol como parte de nuestro ministerio ¡Bienvenidos a casa en el Ridge! A las 1P nos reuniremos en la iglesia para comer, compartir y disfrutar de un almuerzo de barbacoa. Compartiremos historias sobre la aventura del día. Va a ser muy divertido y una forma de dar a conocer a nuestra parroquia. Asegúrese de usar su camiseta de STM. No tienes uno? Ven de todos modos!!!



KEY EASTER DATES with OUR LORD & SAVIOR

DATE	TIME	EVENT
MON., APRIL 18	9A to 2P	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
TUE., APRIL 19	9A to 2P	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
WED., APRIL 20	9A to 2P	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
THU., APRIL 21	9A to 2P	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

PARISH UPDATES (CONTINUED)

Saturday May 7th, 11A to 3P, the Franciscans are very excited to bring back Games Day! Tickets on sale now! See Larry or Shirley Ahumada or any Secular Franciscan. Save the Date! Don't miss all the fun, food & prizes!

The Secular Franciscans Games Day!

Saturday, May 7
11A to 3P

All proceeds go to support the work of St. Vincent De Paul!

Tickets \$10

- ★ Food
- ★ Raffle Prizes
- ★ Silent Auction

PARISHIONER UPDATES

CONGRATULATIONS!

St. Thomas More Parish congratulates and celebrates with Lillian L. Daley on her Baptism, Confirmation & First Communion, and with Karla M. Valenzuela on her Confirmation. We also congratulate and celebrate with Leon D. Contreras on his Confirmation & First Communion.

Dear Leon, Lillian, and Karla, may God bless you with a good life, full of love, joy, and contentment. May you always stay strong in your faith and trust in His plan. On this special day, our prayer for all of you is this: Remember, no matter what, Jesus loves you and that your faith remains forever in Him. **Let us all remember, with Lillian** that as we keep the covenant each of us made at baptism, the Lord will bless each of us for our faithfulness. Among the many blessings we receive is the constant companionship of the Holy Spirit, the remission of sins, and the privilege of being spiritually reborn.

PASSINGS



Nancy Hess, the mother of Teresa Young, passed away on April 11. Her Funeral Mass and Committal is set for Tuesday, April 26, at 11A. Please add Nancy, Teresa and their family to your prayers this week.