

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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CONFESSION 1st Wednesday 5P - 6P

Important Dates

21APR: Rosary Today 1130A / Rosario Hoy 1130A
 23APR: Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres STM 10A
 23APR: Victoria Wilsey Funeral Mass STM 1030A
 01MAY: Sacrament of Reconciliation STM 5P
 05MAY: Crown Rosary w Secular Franciscans STM 1130a
 11MAY: Women of STM Meeting STM 10A

Sunday Readings

Fourth Sunday of Easter
 IV Domingo de Pascua

1st Reading Acts 4:8-12

Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.
 La piedra que desecharon los constructores es ahora la piedra angular. Aleluya.

2nd Reading 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel John 10:11-18



MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Safe in the Hands of the Good Shepherd
I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly (John 10:10). *It is within the context of the passage about the good shepherd that*

Meditation of the Day continues on next page

APRIL INTENTIONS of the HOLY FATHER

For the role of women

We pray the dignity & immense value of women be recognized in every culture & for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Por el papel de la mujer

Oramos para que se reconozca la dignidad y el inmenso valor de las mujeres en todas las culturas y por el fin de la discriminación que experimentan en diferentes partes del mundo.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SUNDAY APRIL 21ST

Dottie Waelbrock †
 Larry Campbell †
 Marlene Brindel †
 Victoria Wilsey †

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Billy Abumada
 Cathy Larsen
 Diana Wise
 Angela Babcock
 Sharon Calboun
 Jeff & Diane Clark
 James Daley
 Pam Casey
 Pat Mortensen
 Stephanie Lowman

Rod Montgomery
 Carrie Sue Sonsteng
 Sam Kempner
 Tylor Koski
 Denise Hughes
 Kimberly Helgeson Avoy

Sofia Garcia
 Bruce Hasek
 Barbara Maldonado
 Adriana Sepulveda
 Senona Gonzalez
 Samia Zumout
 Karen Reynolds
 Andrea Inzunza
 David Jorgensen



This Week's Readings

THE FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

Monday; April 22nd

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; April 23rd

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; April 24th

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; April 25th Feast of Saint Mark, evangelist

1st Reading: 1 Peter 5:5b-14
 Psalm 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17
 For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.
 Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

Friday; April 26th

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; April 27th

1st Reading: Acts 13:44-52
 Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
 All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.
 Gospel: John 14:7-14



Meditation of the Day continued from front page.

MEDITATION OF THE DAY *Safe in the Hands of the Good Shepherd*

Jesus shared this reason for his presence among us. He is the Good Shepherd, who knows his sheep, and his sheep recognize his voice, which calls them to good pastures. Jesus acknowledged that others break into the sheepfold, thieves and robbers, with the intention to destroy, but my sheep hear my voice...and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand (Jn 10:27-28).

The sheepfold of this life is shown as a vulnerable place. Thieves break in to destroy and hirelings flee when danger arrives, abandoning the sheep when the wolf comes. More than anyone, Jesus understands the anger that may result from this broken trust. It is a natural reaction, and we can be angry at God, the person who hurt us, and ourselves for how we handled what was difficult. Rather than inflicting punishment in the moment, or taking revenge (which is what justice seems to demand), Jesus goes beyond. Instead of an eye for an eye, the Lord says, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you (Mt 5:44). He did not come to destroy, but proclaimed, I lay down my life for my sheep.

The Good Shepherd shows the sheep their worth. This is the one trait that Jesus points out for us to distinguish him by: he has given his life in the fight for yours. Whatever harm we experience will not go unanswered. His mercy is always leading us to the ultimate pasture where there are no hirelings or thieves. In the wake of choices—whether they be our own or those of others— that had destructive consequences, we may come to know more clearly the difference between the voice calling us to good pastures and the voice that leads to death.... Listening to his voice, we come to know, I know my own and my own know me. This laying down of his life for me opens the gate to the eternal pastures where he prepares a table before me (Ps 23:5). Despite feelings of abandonment in this life, Jesus' promise remains: I am with you always (Mt 28:20). —SISTER FAUSTINA MARIA PIA, S.V.

Sister Faustina is a member of the Sisters of Life, a congregation founded in 1991 by Cardinal John O'Connor to promote the dignity of human life. / From Jesus I Trust in You: A 30-Day Personal Retreat with the Litany of Trust. © 2021, Emmaus Road Publishing, Steubenville, OH.

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Year of Hope 2025

The Holy Father has decreed 2025 the year of Jubilee which happens every 25 years. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope".

<https://www.iubilaum2025.va/en.html>

As the diocese makes plans for this Jubilee year, we are encouraged to reflect on what we hope to gain; what it means for our diocese; what is the most effective way to participate as a parish. Plans will be shared as more is learned.

La Iglesia tradicionalmente fomenta una mayor devoción a Jesús en la Sagrada Eucaristía durante abril. "La

Iglesia a lo largo de los siglos ha introducido diversas formas de este culto eucarístico que son cada vez más hermosas y útiles; como, por ejemplo, visitas de devoción a los sagrarios, incluso todos los días; Bendición del Santísimo Sacramento; procesiones

solemnes, especialmente durante los Congresos Eucarísticos, que pasan por ciudades y pueblos; y adoración del Santísimo Sacramento expuesta públicamente. . . Estos ejercicios de piedad han aportado un maravilloso aumento de fe y de vida sobrenatural a la Iglesia militante en la tierra y tienen su eco en cierta medida en la Iglesia triunfante en el cielo, que canta continuamente un himno de alabanza a Dios y al Cordero. 'Quién fue asesinado'. --Papa Pío XII



The Church traditionally encourages increased devotion to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist during April. "The

Church over the centuries has introduced various forms of this Eucharistic worship which are ever increasing in beauty and helpfulness; as, for example, visits of devotion to the tabernacles, even every day; Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; solemn processions, especially

at the time of Eucharistic Congresses, which pass through cities & villages; and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament publicly exposed . . . These exercises of piety have brought a wonderful increase in faith and supernatural life to the Church militant upon earth and they are re-echoed to a certain extent by the Church triumphant in heaven, which sings continually a hymn of praise to God and to the Lamb 'Who was slain.'" --Pope Pius XII

COMPAÑERO DE ORACIÓN EUCHARÍSTICA: IV DOMINGO DE PASCUA

El inserto de Meditación Eucarística está diseñado para ayudarle a pasar de 30 minutos a una hora en meditación y oración silenciosa con Jesús durante la adoración eucarística. Incluso si no puedes estar físicamente presente en una iglesia o capilla de adoración con el Santísimo Sacramento, puedes unirte espiritualmente a la Eucaristía mientras pasas este tiempo en oración.

La Meditación Eucarística de hoy seguirá este formato:

1. Comience con las oraciones iniciales, pidiéndole gracia a Jesús esta semana. Esta oración tiene como objetivo ayudarnos a aprender cómo buscar un regalo de Dios en la oración.
2. Ore con el pasaje de las Escrituras provisto. Esté abierto a este encuentro con Jesús. Léelo de 3 a 4 veces lentamente. Permita que las palabras de las Escrituras inunden su mente y su corazón. Permita que el Espíritu Santo le hable a través de este pasaje.
3. Siéntate con cada pregunta de reflexión, estando atento a cómo el Señor habla en tu corazón.
4. Lea el siguiente pasaje 3 o 4 veces lentamente. Permita que el Espíritu Santo le hable personalmente a través de este pasaje.
5. Pasa tiempo en silencio con el Señor usando la siguiente pregunta de reflexión. Permítele hablarle a tu corazón en ese silencio. Recibe su presencia. Si te ayuda, escribe lo que sientes que el Señor te comunica durante este tiempo de oración.
6. Haz la oración final.
7. Reflexione sobre las indicaciones de Conexión y Fe en Acción de la Misa Dominical.

Gracias por orar con nosotros mientras buscamos pasar tiempo con nuestro Señor Eucarístico.

Fuente: <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/post/fourth-sunday-of-easter-becoming-gods-children>

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER COMPANION: 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Eucharistic Meditation insert is designed to help you spend 30 minutes to an hour in meditation & silent prayer with Jesus during Eucharistic adoration. Even if you cannot be physically present in a church or adoration chapel with the Blessed Sacrament, you can unite yourself spiritually to the Eucharist as you spend this time in prayer.

Today's Eucharistic Meditation will follow this format:

1. Begin with the opening prayers, asking Jesus for grace this week. This prayer is intended to help us learn how to seek a gift from God in prayer.
2. Pray with the Scripture passage provided. Be open to this encounter with Jesus. Read it 3-4 times slowly. Allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind & heart. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you through this passage.
3. Sit with each reflection question, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.
4. Read the next passage 3-4 times slowly. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you personally through this passage.
5. Spend time in silence with the Lord using the next reflection question. Allow him to speak to your heart in that silence. Receive his presence. If it helps, write down what you sense the Lord communicating to you during this time of prayer.
6. Pray the Closing Prayer.
7. Reflect on the Sunday Mass Connection & Faith in Action prompts.

Thank you for praying with us as we seek to spend time with our Eucharistic Lord.

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PARISH UPDATES



The Funeral Mass for Victoria Wilsey will be held at St. Thomas More
Tuesday, April 23
10:30 a.m. – Rosary
11:00 a.m. – Funeral Mass

Sincere condolences to family & friends of our recently passed parishioners.

Lillian Daley who passed away April 2.

Patricia Laird who also passed away April 2.

Michael Turk passed away on April 11. His Funeral Mass will be at St. John the Baptist in Chico on Friday, May 3 at 1030A.

Please add Lillian, Patricia, and Michael and their family & friends to your prayers this week.

The STM DateBook

TODAY! HOY!

☑ **Sunday, April 21 | Domingo 21 de Abril**



Rosary STM 1130A

Rosario STM 1130A

☑ **Tuesday, April 23 | Martes 23 de Abril**

Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres STM 10A

Funeral Mass for Victoria Wilsey STM 1030A

Misa funeral de Victoria Wilsey STM 1030A

☑ **Wed, May 1 | Miércoles 1 de Mayo**

Sacrament of Reconciliation STM 5P

Sacramento de la Reconciliación STM 5P

☑ **Sunday, May 5 | Domingo 5 de Mayo**



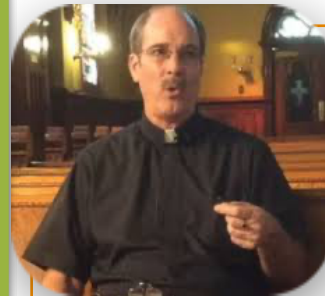
Crown Rosary w/ the Secular Franciscans STM 1130A

Rosario de la corona con los franciscanos seculares STM 1130A

☑ **Saturday, May 11 | Sábado 11 de Mayo**

Women of STM Meeting STM 10A

Encuentro Mujeres de STM 10A STM



New Full-Time Priest Announced for St. Thomas More

Last Sunday Father Martin announced that Father Charles P. "Fr. Chuck" Kelly would become the full-time priest here at St. Thomas More. It is expected that Father Kelly would officially begin his duties on or around the first Sunday in July.

Being assigned a full-time priest is great news for STM and truly a work of the Lord since we don't have a Rectory to house a priest. Even so, the Lord heard our cries and made a way although there didn't appear to be one; because, as it turns out, Father Kelly built his home here in Paradise which is where he will live while he shepherds our parish.

Of course great blessings come with great responsibilities. There will be changes. And in the coming weeks and months we expect our support needs to grow which will require greater support from our parish community. For instance, two key Ministries already needing more support are Altar Servers & Faith Formation. These are just two examples but it's expected that more support needs will come to light. As needs are identified you can expect the parish administration to reach out to our parish family for help. We know that with God's grace we'll all step up together.



Farewell Dinner June 2 After Mass

The Eucharistic Missionaries of Jesus Infante & Our Lady of Fatima Sisters will be leaving soon. The Hispanic Community of St. Thomas More will prepare a dinner for the parish to say farewell to Sister Zuly, Sister Ana Luisa, and Sister Antonia Despedida on Sunday, June 2 after Mass. Please save the date!