

# 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**

## Important Dates

25DEC: STM Office Closed  
 26DEC: Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres STM 10a  
 29DEC: Las Posadas Celebration! STM 5:30P  
 01JAN: Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 03JAN: Sacrament of Reconciliation STM 5P  
 07JAN: Crown Rosary w/ Secular Franciscans STM 10A  
 09JAN: Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres STM 10a

## Monday Readings

*The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)*  
*La Natividad del Señor (Navidad)*  
**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Isaiah 52:7-10  
**Psalm** 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6.  
 All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.  
 Toda la tierra ha visto al Salvador.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** Hebrews 1:1-6  
**Gospel** John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14



## MEDITATION OF THANKS ON THIS DAY

“No one, whether shepherd or wise man, can approach God here below except by kneeling before the manger at Bethlehem and adoring him hidden in the weakness of a new-born child.” (CCC 563) *Lord Jesus, as I kneel before your manger, in adoration, let my first Christmas word be: Thank you. Thank you, Gift of the Father, for coming to save me from my sins. (Father Peter John Cameron, O.P.)*

## DECEMBER INTENTIONS of the HOLY FATHER

### For persons with disabilities

*We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.*

### Para personas con discapacidad

*Oramos para que las personas que viven con discapacidad estén en el centro de atención de la sociedad y para que las instituciones puedan ofrecer programas inclusivos que valoren su participación activa.*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR MONDAY DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>

Larry & Tim Campbell ††  
 Herb Peterson †  
 The Holy Souls in Purgatory †

*Intentions of Francisco & Julieta's on their wedding anniversary*

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR



Mary Helgeson Dentino  
 and baby Chloe  
 Patricia Laird  
 Cathy Larsen  
 David Moreno  
 Angela Babcock  
 Sharon Calhoun  
 Barbara Collins  
 David Jorgenson

Kathy & Greg DeCristofaro  
 Carrie Sue Sonsteng  
 Sam Kempner  
 Larry Penna  
 Denise Hughes  
 Rod Montgomery

Kimberly Helgeson Avoy  
 Sofia Garcia  
 Bruce Hasek  
 Barbara Maldonado  
 Renee Kelly  
 Senona Gonzalez  
 Samia Zumout  
 Karen Reynolds

## This Week's Readings

### THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

**Tues.; December 26<sup>th</sup>** **FEAST OF SAINT STEPHEN,  
FIRST MARTYR**

1st Reading: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59

Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6 & 8ab, 16bc-17

Into your hands, O Lord, I

commend my spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 10:17-22

**Wednesday; Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>** **FEAST OF SAINT JOHN,  
APOSTLE & EVANGELIST**

1st Reading: 1 John 1:1-4

Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12

Rejoice in the Lord, you just!

Gospel: John 20:1a and 2-8

**Thursday; Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>** **FEAST OF THE HOLY  
INNOCENTS, MARTYRS**

1st Reading: 1 John 1:5—2:2

Psalm 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8

Our soul has been rescued like a  
bird from the fowler's snare.

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-18

**Friday; December 29<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: 1 John 2:3-11

Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6

Let the heavens be glad and the  
earth rejoice!

Gospel: Luke 2:22-35

**Saturday; December 30<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: 1 John 2:12-17

Psalm 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!

Gospel: Luke 2:36-40



the Living  
**WORD**  
THIS WEEK

## PARISH UPDATES

JOIN US AT  **LAS POSADAS CELEBRATION!**

**Friday; Dec. 29 | 5:30p | St. Thomas More**

*We will pray a rosary in Spanish,  
There will be a piñata for the kids,  
And a potluck for everyone!*

This is one of Mexico's biggest holiday celebrations which commemorates Mary & Joseph's journey through Bethlehem as they search for room at an inn.

During the celebration, participants reenact Mary and Joseph's journey, going door to door asking for a place to stay. After being turned away, they are accepted and invited to stay in a stable where the infant Jesus would later be born. Traditional songs and prayers are recited during the procession with plenty of drink, food, and sweets when it concludes.

Please bring your favorite dish to share.



### Sacrament of Reconciliation



January 3, 2024 | 5p - 6p | STM

**WELCOME THE NEW YEAR at STM  
WITH THE SECULAR FRANCISCANS  
THE CROWN ROSARY & PRAYERS**

**10A | St. Thomas More | Sun.; Jan. 7**

### PARISH NOTE!

#### STM PARISH DIRECTORY IS COMING!

Yay!!! St. Thomas More is in the process of producing a new parish directory! Lori Mac Phail will head the team with Chris Pena handling all photography. Watch this space for sign-up dates and more information.

