

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Mass: Sunday at Noon

CONFESSION 1st Wednesday 5P - 6P

Important Dates

14MAR: Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres STM 10A
 14MAR: Holy Is His Name Tuesday Study Group STM 6p
 15MAR: Holy Is His Name Wednesday Study STM 10A
 17MAR: Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary STM 3P
 17MAR: Soup Supper 5P / Stations of the Cross STM 6P
17MAR: St. Patrick's Day
 18MAR: Women of STM Meeting STM 10A
 19MAR: Women of STM Host Hospitality after Mass STM

Sunday Readings

Third Sunday of Lent

III Domingo de Cuaresma

1st Reading Exodus 17:3-7

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

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
 Señor, ten misericordia de nosotros.

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

Gospel John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Adoring Our Merciful Father

Christ said one day to the Samaritan woman that the Father seeks true adorers in spirit and truth. To give joy to his heart, let us be these true

Meditation of the Day continues on next page

MARCH INTENTIONS of the HOLY FATHER

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Para víctimas de abuso

Oramos por aquellos que han sufrido daño por parte de miembros de la Iglesia; que encuentren en la Iglesia misma una respuesta concreta a su dolor y sufrimiento.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SUNDAY MARCH 12TH

Gustavo Angel Ramirez †

Medardo Dumaguio †

Robert John Metz †

For the personal Intentions of Fernanda Basurto

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Rainy Carr
 Ken Keesling
 Ron Martin
 Cothena L Brown
 Angela Babcock
 John Johnson
 Arianna Ospina
 Bruce Hasek
 Sharon Wilson



LET US PRAY FOR

Maria Anoba
 Judi Moreno
 Kathy & Greg DeCristofaro
 Kimberly Helgeson Avoy
 Maria del Refugio Garcia
 Juan Alberto Dominguez
 Espinosa

Dan Hegenbart
 Victor Furrer
 Victoria Wilsey
 Richard Pesce
 Angela Coker
 Barbara Maldonado
 Sam Kempner
 Renee Kelly
 Samia Zumout

This Week's Readings

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Monday; March 13th

1st Reading: 2Kings 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 14th

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 15th

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 16th

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 17th

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

Saturday; March 18th

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

Please join us at St. Thomas More to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by the Rosary...

this Friday, March 17; 3p



Meditation of the Day continued from front page.

MEDITATION OF THE DAY Adoring Our Merciful Father

adorers. Let us adore him in spirit, that is, with our hearts and our thoughts fixed on him, and our mind filled with his knowledge imparted by the light of faith. Let us adore him in truth, that is, by our works, for it is above all by our actions that we show we are true: this is to do always what is pleasing to the Father, whose children we are. And finally, let us adore through Jesus Christ and with Jesus Christ, for he alone is the true Adorer in spirit and truth.

Then we will be children of God; we will know with an experiential knowledge the truth of these words of Isaiah: *You will be carried at the breast and he will caress you on his knees. In fact, "God seems to be wholly occupied with overwhelming the soul with caresses and marks of affection like a mother who brings up her child and feeds it with her own milk" (John of the Cross). Oh! Let us be attentive to the mysterious voice of our Father! My daughter, he says, give me your heart (cf. Prov. 23:26). God who is rich in mercy, impelled by his exceeding love, even when we were dead because of our sins has brought us back to life in Christ Jesus (Eph 2:4-5). Because all have sinned and have need of the glory of God, they are justified freely by his grace, through the redemption which is in Christ, whom God has set forth as a propitiation for sins, showing both that he is just and that he makes just him who has faith in him (Rom 3:23-26). How can we keep from fainting in adoration when we plunge into the abyss of mercy and the eyes of our soul are fixed upon this fact: God has taken away our sins. He said so himself: I will blot out their iniquities and I will no longer remember their sins (Is 43:25). The Lord in his mercy willed to turn our sins against themselves to our advantage. He found a way to make them useful for us, to convert them in our hands into a means of salvation. But do not let this diminish in any way our horror of sinning, nor our sorrow for having sinned. But our sins have become a source of humility for us. —SAINT ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY*

Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity († 1906) was a French Carmelite nun whose writings focused on the indwelling of the Trinity. She died from Addison's disease at the age of 26. / From I Have Found God: Complete Works, Volume I, General Introduction: Major Spiritual Writings, Sister Aletheia Kane, O.C.D., Tr. © 1984, ICS Publications, Washington Province of Discalced Carmelites, Inc., Washington, DC.

Excerpt from Magnificat Magazine, Meditation of the Day, March 12, 2023

Weekly Reflection and Meditation

Week of March 12

Beatitude 6

During Father Martin's homily, Jan. 29, he focused on the Beatitudes and suggested that the people of St. Thomas More meditate on 1 of them each week until Easter. There are 9. With this in mind, the 6th Beatitude for meditation this week appears below.

"Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied."

-Matthew 5:5

Marzo está tradicionalmente dedicado a San José. Debido a la solemnidad de San José el 20 de marzo, este mes está dedicado a este gran santo, el padre adoptivo de Cristo. "A los cristianos les corresponde en gran medida, mientras honran a la Virgen Madre de Dios, invocar constantemente con profunda piedad y confianza a su castísimo esposo, San José. Tenemos una convicción bien fundada de que tal es el deseo especial de la misma Santísima Virgen". --Papa León XIII.



March is traditionally dedicated to St. Joseph. Due to the solemnity of Saint Joseph on March 20, this month is devoted to this great saint, the foster father of Christ. "It greatly behooves Christians, while honoring the Virgin Mother of God, constantly to invoke with deep piety & 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

Sobre la Oración de Esta Semana

La oración de esta semana data del siglo XVI y fue enviada por el Papa al emperador Carlos V cuando iba a la batalla en un intento de defender la integridad del Sacro Imperio Romano Germánico de la Reforma protestante, la expansión de los reinos musulmanes del Imperio Otomano y una serie de guerras con Francia. Carlos se puso del lado del Papa León X y declaró proscrito a Martín Lutero en la Dieta de Worms (1521).

Se ha dicho que cualquiera que lea esta oración o la escuche o la lleve, nunca morirá de muerte súbita, ni se ahogará, ni le hará efecto el veneno. No caerán en manos del enemigo ni serán quemados en ningún fuego, ni serán derrotados en la batalla. Las tradiciones antiguas con respecto a esta oración también sostienen que cuando se recita durante nueve mañanas consecutivas por cualquier cosa que desee, rara vez falla. Carlos V, aunque acumuló una gran deuda en estas campañas, la gran mayoría fueron, de hecho, exitosas.

POR LA INTERCESIÓN DE SAN JOSÉ

Oh José, virgen-padre de Jesús, purísima esposa de la Virgen María, ruega todos los días por nosotros al mismo Jesús, Hijo de Dios, para que, defendidos por el poder de su gracia y luchando diligentemente en la vida, podamos ser coronado por Él en la hora de la muerte.

ORACIÓN PARA ESTA SEMANA: Bendiciones Espirituales

Oh San José, cuya protección es tan grande, tan fuerte, tan pronta ante el Trono de Dios, pongo en ti todos mis intereses y deseos. Oh San José, ayúdame por tu poderosa intercesión y obtén para mí de tu Divino Hijo todas las bendiciones espirituales a través de Jesucristo, Nuestro Señor; para que habiendo ocupado aquí abajo tu poder Celestial pueda ofrecer mi Acción de Gracias y Homenaje al Amadísimo de los Padres. Oh San José, nunca me canso de contemplarte a ti ya Jesús dormido en tus brazos. No me atrevo a acercarme mientras Él reposa cerca de tu corazón. Presiónalo en mi nombre y besa Su hermosa Cabeza por mí, y pídele que me devuelva el Beso cuando exhale mi último aliento. San José, Patrono de las almas que parten, ruega por nosotros. Amén.

FUENTES <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/03.1.cfm>; https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_V,_Holy_Roman_Emperor
Oración: <https://www.saintanneshelper.com/prayer-to-st-joseph.html#3>

About the Prayer for This Week

The prayer for this week is from the 1500's and was sent by the Pope to Emperor Charles V when he was going into battle in an attempt to defend the integrity of the Holy Roman Empire from the Protestant Reformation, the expansion of the Muslim realms of the Ottoman Empire, and a series of wars with France. Charles sided with Pope Leo X and declared Martin Luther an outlaw at the Diet of Worms (1521). It has been said that whoever reads this prayer or hears it or carries it, will never die a sudden death, nor be drowned, nor will poison take effect on them. They will not fall into the hands of the enemy nor be burned in any fire, nor will they be defeated in battle. Ancient traditions regarding this prayer also hold that when recited for nine consecutive mornings for anything you may desire it has seldom been known to fail. Charles V, though he accrued great debt in these campaigns, the vast majority of them were, in fact, successful.

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.

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK: Spiritual Blessings

O St. Joseph whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the Throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. O St. Joseph do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord; so that having engaged here below your Heavenly power I may offer my Thanksgiving and Homage to the most Loving of Fathers. O St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press him in my name and kiss His fine Head for me, and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen.

Sources: <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/03.1.cfm>; https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_V,_Holy_Roman_Emperor

Prayer: <https://www.saintanneshelper.com/prayer-to-st-joseph.html#3>

PARISH UPDATES

HOLY IS HIS NAME GROUP STUDY REGISTRATION OPEN!

St. Thomas More is sponsoring Holy Is His Name, a Bible study in 12 beautifully produced lessons by Scott Hahn. It's not too late to register! This study explores the Scriptural encounters with the Divine – the burning bush, the ark of the covenant, the burning coal, and much more!

This is a study especially designed to help ordinary Catholics grow in knowledge of Scripture while deepening their understanding of the riches of faith.

STM parishioners can choose between two 90-minute sessions.

1. **Tuesdays at 6p** (preceded by a potluck at 5:30p)
2. **Wednesdays at 10A** (will include light refreshments)

Questions? See Jim Collins or Deacon Mike Mangan.



Rifa Annual a Hawaii de San Vincent de Paul

Gran Premio

6 Días/Noches en el Hotel & SPA Sheraton en Maui

Incluye tarifa aérea para dos personas, alquiler de un carro a través de la agencia Hertz y una tarjeta American Express con \$500

Los boletos estarán a la venta después de la Misa @ \$10.00 c/u

Todos los fondos obtenidos serán distribuidos directamente para beneficio de nuestro SVDP local.

El sorteo será el 28 de abril de 2023



Annual St. Vincent de Paul Hawaii Raffle Prize

6 Days/Nights at the Sheraton Hotel & Spa in Maui

Airfare for two

Hertz Car Rental

American Express \$500 gift card

Tickets \$10.00

On Sale After Mass

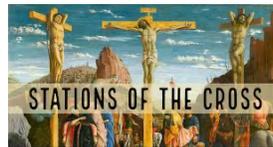
Funds raised go directly to our local St. Vincent de Paul

Drawing will be held Friday, April 28, 2023



KEY DATES THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD & SAVIOR

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday; March 13	9A to 2P	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Tuesday; March 14	9A to 2P	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Wed.; March 15	9A to 2P	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Thursday; March 16	9A to 2P	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Friday; March 17	3P	Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary
	5P	<u>Soup Supper</u>
	6P	<u>Stations of the Cross</u>



The people of St. Thomas More extend their sincere condolences to Suzanne Grijalva and her family on the passing of her mother, Ruth.

CARENET OF PARADISE DESPERATELY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

The Women of St. Thomas More support CareNet of Paradise and have learned from CareNet's Executive Director, Ashley Lundberg that the organization is in desperate need of volunteers to greet clients, handle light clerical, and other duties.

CareNet is an important resource for mothers with young children and mothers-to-be; many of whom are in crisis and some unsure whether or not to continue their pregnancy. CareNet serves both mothers and fathers on their walk through pregnancy & parenting. Questions? Talk to parishioners Madeline Riley or Kathy DiChristofaro after Mass. Or call CareNet during office hours at 530.876.1113. CareNet is located at 6585 Clark Road Suite 320 and open Mon. to Wed., 11A to 4P.

The Women of St. Thomas More Meeting Saturday, March 18 @ 10A

The Women of St. Thomas More will hold their next meeting Saturday, March 18 at 10A at the church in the narthex. Coffee & water will be provided. Snacks are welcome and appreciated.

The Women of St. Thomas More Host Hospitality Sunday, March 19, After Mass



Happy St. Patrick's Day

5th century Missionary Bishop of Ireland

Patron Saint of Ireland