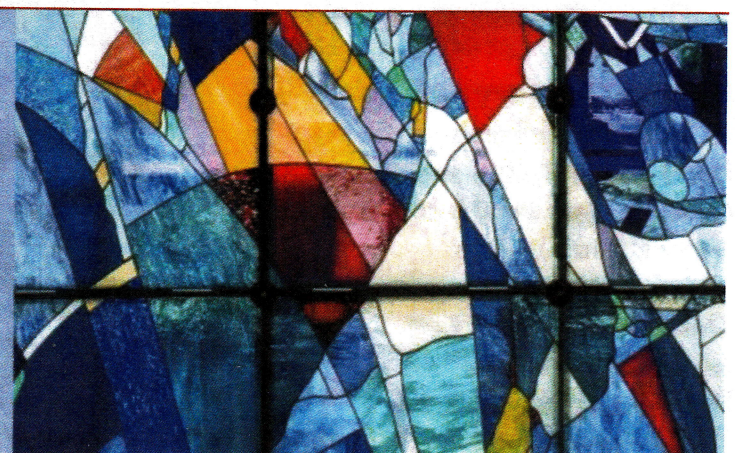
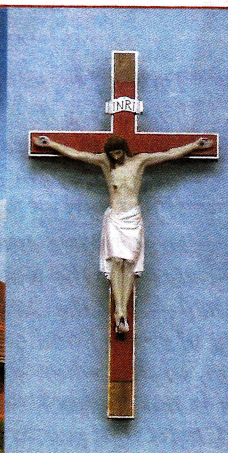
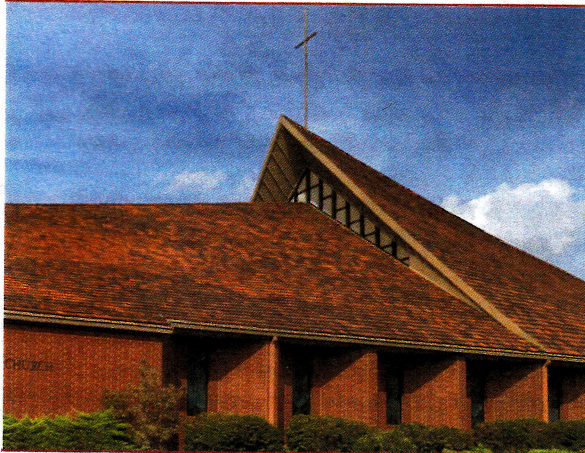


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Mass Times

Sunday 1030A
Domingo Misa en español 1230p
Tuesday 6p
Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 830A

Sunday Readings

1st Reading Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11
Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or 104:1b-2, 3-4,
24-25, 27-28, 29-30
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Te alabamos, Señor.

2nd Reading Acts 10:34-38 or Titus 2:11-14;
3:4-7

Gospel Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 12TH

Sunday; Jan. 12	Gustavo Angel Ramirez †	1030A
Domingo; 12 enero	Silvia y Salvador Aniversario de Bodas	1230P español
Tuesday; Jan. 14	Malaquias Valleadaris †	6P
Wed.; Jan. 15	xxxxx †	830A
Thurs.; Jan. 16	Casey Leishman †	830A
Friday; Jan. 17	Father Michael Carroll †	830A

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR



Karla Valenzuela
Cathy Larsen
Lorraine Carr
Angela Babcock
Sharon Calboun
Nancy Cornett
Linda Alberghotti
Amanda McDonald
Patrick Wallenan

Mary Braddick
Carrie Sue Sonsteng
Sam Kempner
Tylor Koski
Victor Furrer
Kimberly Helgeson Avoy
Denis Helgeson
Chris Rehmman

Rod Montgomery
David Porter
Barbara Maldonado
Lora Ginn
Senona Gonzalez
Samia Zumout
Karen Reynolds
Don H

JANUARY INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS

For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

INTENCIONES DE ENERO DEL PAPA FRANCISCO

Por el derecho a la educación

Oremos por los migrantes, los refugiados y los afectados por la guerra, para que siempre se respete su derecho a la educación, necesaria para construir un mundo mejor.

This Week's Readings

FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday; January 13th

1st Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6
Psalm 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9
Let all his angels worship him.
Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday; January 14th

1st Reading: Hebrews 2:5-12
Psalm 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9
You have given your Son rule over the works of your hands.
Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday; January 15th

1st Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18
Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9
The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.
Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Thursday; January 16th

1st Reading: Hebrews 3:7-14
Psalm 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11
If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

Friday; January 17th

MEMORIAL OF SAINT ANTHONY, ABBOT

1st Reading: Hebrews 4:1-5, 11
Psalm 78:3 & 4bc, 6c-7, 8
Do not forget the works of the Lord!
Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

Saturday; January 18th

1st Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16
Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15
Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.
Gospel: Mark 2:13-17

MEDITATION OF THE DAY



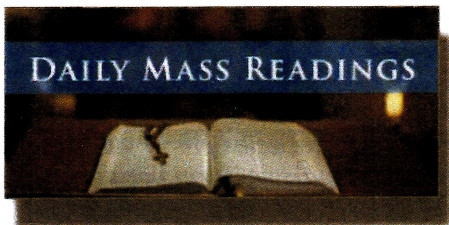
The Saving Streams of Baptism

Today, [Jesus] is baptized in the Jordan. What sort of baptism is this, when the one who is dipped is purer than the font, and where the water that soaks the one whom it has received is not dirtied but honored with blessings?
What sort of baptism is this of the Savior, in which the streams are made pure more than they purify? For by a new kind of consecration the water does not so much wash Christ as submit to being washed. Since the Savior plunged into the waters, he sanctified the outpouring of every flood and the course of every stream by the mystery of his baptism, so that when someone wishes to be baptized in the name of the Lord it is not so much the waters of this world that cover him but the waters of Christ that purify him.
Yet the Savior willed to be baptized for this reason — not that he might cleanse himself but that he might cleanse the waters for our sake....
We must, therefore, be baptized by the same stream as the Savior was. But in order to be dipped in the same water, we do not require the regions of the East nor the river in Jewish lands, for now Christ is everywhere and the Jordan is everywhere. The same consecration that blessed the rivers of the East sanctifies the waters of the West. Thus even if perchance a river should have some other name in this world, there is in it nonetheless the mystery of the Jordan.
What was accomplished then is accomplished now by the same sacraments For then we saw the Trinity with bodily eyes, but now we contemplate the same Trinity with the eyes of faith; then the human face scarcely gazed upon Christ, but now the human mind embraces him; then the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove poured over a man, but now by the same power of divinity he is poured within a man; then the Father came to us on account of his Son by a distant voice, but now he and his Son both come down upon us. —SAINT MAXIMUS OF TURIN

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HOMILY NOTES



Enero está dedicado al Santo Nombre de Jesús, el cual se celebra el 3 de enero, como una forma formal y señalada para darle honor al Nombre de Jesús. *"En el nombre de Jesús se doble*

toda rodilla de los que están en el cielo, en la tierra y debajo de la tierra" (Flp 2, 10). La veneración del Nombre de Jesús se remonta al siglo XIV.

San Bernardino de Siena y sus discípulos difundieron la veneración del Nombre de Jesús en el siglo XV.

Juan, el Bautista, quien marcó el comienzo del tiempo de Adviento, está presente una vez más para cerrar la Navidad en la fiesta del Bautismo de Nuestro Señor (El Primer Misterio Luminoso), y para abrir el Tiempo Ordinario. Señala a Jesús, el Cordero de Dios que une el tiempo y la eternidad en el Sacrificio Eucarístico, e incluso la oscuridad cada vez menor de enero parece hacer eco de la oración de San Juan: "Él debe crecer y yo menguar".

En este tiempo litúrgico la Iglesia sigue con entusiasmo a Nuestro Señor mientras reúne a sus apóstoles y anuncia su misión. En las bodas de Caná (El Segundo Misterio Luminoso) realiza su primer milagro público a petición de su Madre, y sus discípulos vieron su gloria y creyeron en él.

Nosotros, sus discípulos actuales, oramos por una fe similar mientras contemplamos la fiesta de bodas eterna del Cordero y el papel único de la Santísima Madre en el plan de salvación. Que obedezcamos de todo corazón sus palabras de consejo: "Hagan lo que él les diga.

JESÚS DULCIS MEMORIA

Jesús, el solo pensamiento de Ti llena de dulzura mi pecho, pero es mucho más dulce ver Tu rostro y descansar en Tu presencia.

Ni la voz puede cantar ni el corazón puede encuadrar; ni la memoria puede encontrar un sonido más dulce que Tu bendito nombre, oh Salvador de la humanidad. ¡Oh esperanza de todo corazón contrito, oh alegría de todos los mansos con los que caen, qué bondadoso eres, qué bueno con los que buscan!

¿Pero qué pasa con quienes lo encuentran? Ah, esto ni la lengua ni la pluma pueden demostrarlo; el amor de Jesús, lo que es, sólo sus seres queridos lo saben.

Jesús, nuestro único gozo seas Tú, ya que serás nuestro premio; Jesús, sé nuestra gloria ahora y por la eternidad. Amén



January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus, which was celebrated on Jan. 3, as a formal way and appointed time to give honor to The Name of Jesus.

"In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). The veneration of the Name of Jesus dates back to the 14th century. St. Bernardine of Siena and his disciples spread the veneration of the Name of Jesus in the 15th century.

John, the Baptist, who ushered in the Advent season, is present once again to close Christmastide on the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord (The First Luminous Mystery), and to open the Season of Ordinary Time. He points to Jesus, the Lamb of God who unites time and eternity in the Eucharistic Sacrifice, and even January's diminishing darkness seems to echo St. John's prayer: "He must increase and I must decrease."

In this liturgical season the Church eagerly follows Our Lord as he gathers his apostles and announces his mission. At Cana's wedding feast (The Second Luminous Mystery) he performs his first public miracle at the request of his Mother, and his disciples saw his glory and believed in him.

We, his present-day disciples pray for a like faith as we contemplate the eternal wedding feast of the Lamb and the unique role of the Blessed Mother in the plan of salvation. May we wholeheartedly obey her words of counsel: "Do whatever he tells you.

JESU DULCIS MEMORIA

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Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast, But sweeter far Thy face to see and in Thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing nor heart can frame, Nor can the memory find a sweeter sound than Thy blest name, O Savior of mankind.

O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek to those who fall, how kind Thou art, how good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah this nor tongue nor pen can show; the love of Jesus, what it is none but His loved ones know.

Jesus our only joy be Thou as Thou our prize wilt be; Jesus, be Thou our glory now and through eternity. Amen



Attention St. Thomas More Parishioners! Help Radiate Love!

Our Bishop, Jaime Soto, along with all bishops of the California Catholic Conference, invite Catholics to celebrate the beauty and goodness of marriage and family through the Radiate Love initiative.

Men & women marry in love, becoming husbands and wives then see their love deepen thru good times & the challenges of a lifetime of marriage.

If these couples are blessed to become parents, they are tasked with teaching their children how to be human. What a concept!

The mission of the family is not for the fainthearted. It entails sacrifice and sometimes heartache, but all of that is meant to bring spouses closer and further along the path to holiness.

Help radiate love to the world! Visit <https://cacatholic.org/radiatelove/> for monthly reflections, prayers, videos, and other materials designed to help families become witnesses of God's love.

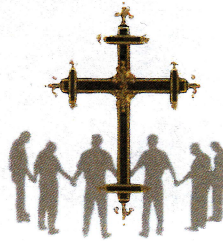
About the Pope's Prayer Intentions

We print the Pope's prayer intention for each month on the front page of the STM Bulletin. Every month Pope Francis entrusts his Worldwide Prayer Network with prayer intentions that express his great concerns for humanity and for the mission of the Church. His monthly prayer intention is a global summons to transform our prayers into "concrete actions"; it is a compass for a mission of compassion for the world. See the Pope's video message on his intentions at <https://www.popesprayer.va/the-challenges-facing-humanity-and-assists-the-mission-of-the-church/>

STM Women's Group

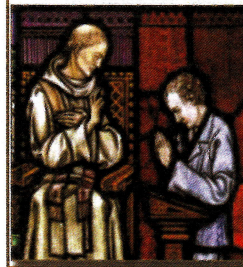
1st Meeting of 2025 - Sat, Jan 18th @ 10am

In the New Church Hall - ALL are Welcome



Attention Men of STM!

Please join Deacon Tom O'Connell for the **Men's Ministry** Friday | 7A | in the Hall (go to the small room)



Sacrament of Reconciliation Times Expanded!

Tuesdays 5p to 5:45p
Wed., & Thurs. 8a to 8:25a
Friday 8a to 8:25A & 4:30p to 5:45p



Our parish website now offers a free listing for business owners who are registered parishioners at STM!

Add your business to our site; it's easy!

1. Email an electronic copy of your flyer, business card, or the URL to your business's website to jimcollins_95991@yahoo.com

(Note: Or give Jim a paper copy of your info before or after Mass.)

That's it! Jim will then add your business to the STM website. Donations to our church are always appreciated.

To see the list of current businesses click the QR Code above or go to <https://stmparadise.org/>

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PARISHIONERS BY PATRONIZING THEIR BUSINESSES

Women's Retreat

The retreat, at Christ the King Retreat Center, is fast approaching. "Creating the Hope We Seek. The Sacredness in Everyday Life" is the theme. Please join us Jan 31st through Feb 2nd as we move beyond mere wishful thinking and actively strive towards hope in God and one

Mark the Date!

Our friends from Bethlehem will be at STM on Sunday, February 2nd. Their olive wood figures are beautiful and our purchases support Catholics in Bethlehem as they struggle to make a living in these trying times of war. Welcome Sam and his wife who will bring their artifacts and speak at mass.