



# ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH


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## About St. Thomas More

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**CONFESION:** Tuesday 5p to 545p  
Wednesday & Thursday 8A to 825A  
Friday 8A to 825A and 430p to 545p

## Mass Times

Sunday 1030A  
Domingo Misa en español 1230p  
Tuesday 6P  
Wednesday, Thurs., & Friday 830A

## Sunday Readings

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

**Psalm** 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Dichosos los pobres de espíritu, porque de ellos es el Reino de los cielos.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

**Gospel** Matthew 5:1-12a

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>

Sunday; February 1	Ilse Arellano †	1030A
Domingo; 1 de febrero	Andrea Ornelas (salud) Jared Navarro (cumpleaños)	1230P español
Tues.; February 3	Frankie Rivera (cumpleaños) Maximina León Mendez (salud)	6p
Wed.; February 4	For the health of Barbara Braun	830A
Thurs.; February 5	Ken Campbell † Isabel Rivera Leon (salud)	830A
Friday; February 6	Miriam Boebringer † Hector Torres (birthday)	830A

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Rod Montgomery	Samia Zumout	Tim Steffen
Steve Neeley	Greg DeCristofaro	Elaine Little
Kim Steffen-Parkney	Carrie Sonsteng	Ron Keyes
Mary Anne Durant	Art Sanchez	Theresa Durant
Isabel Rivera Leon	Santiago Ávila	Sam Kempner
Andrea Inzunza	Joe DiDuca	Richard Carmack
Joan Memmer	Carlos Torres	Dolores Costello
Leo Benedetti	Bernhard Family	Barbara Braun
Kim Avoy Helgeson	Gloria Klinger	Rosemary Peterson

## FEBRUARY INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

*For children with incurable diseases*

*Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.*

## INTENCIÓNES DE FEBRERO DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

*Para los niños con enfermedades incurables*

*Oremos para que los niños que padecen enfermedades incurables y sus familias reciban la atención médica y el apoyo necesarios, sin perder nunca la fuerza ni la esperanza.*

## This Week's Readings

## FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Monday; February 2<sup>nd</sup>

1st Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10

*Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!*

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Tuesday; February 3<sup>rd</sup>

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3

Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

*Listen, Lord, and answer me.*

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday; February 4<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17

Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7

*Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.*

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

Thursday; Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> MEMORIAL OF SAINT AGATHA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

1st Reading: 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12

Psalm 1 Chronicles 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd

*Lord, you are exalted over all.*

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

Friday; Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> MEMORIAL OF SAINT PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

1st Reading: Sirach 47:2-11

Psalm 18:31, 47 and 50, 51

*Blessed be God my salvation!*

Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

Saturday; February 7<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: 1 Kings 3:4-13

Psalm 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

*Lord, teach me your statutes.*

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

Sunday; February 8<sup>th</sup>

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

*The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.*

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

MEDITATION OF THE DAY  
A Portrait of Christ and His Disciple

**The Beatitudes, one might say, are not only the most profound revelation of the mystery of God but also a complete treatise on spiritual life.** They show what we are called to be as Christians, what it really means to live the Gospel. They describe true human and spiritual maturity. A portrait of Christ, they are also the portrait of the mature Christian in Christ, a son or daughter of the Father who is free in the Spirit. They sum up the most perfect realization of human existence. A pathway to humanization, they are also a way of fruitfulness, showing us how to bear fruit that lasts, how to spread love & inspire others to true life.

**The Gospel isn't a legal code superimposed on life** (and perhaps making it more difficult or complicated). Rather, it discloses the fundamental laws of existence and describes the conditions that make authentic, free, and fruitful love possible. Embracing the Gospel means going directly to the roots—to the simplicity and unity of life, by uncovering its ultimate meaning and understanding the conditions of true happiness.

**The Beatitudes are intrinsically interrelated.** Probing deeply into any one of them leads to the others. Nor can we truly live one without living all. They are inseparable, indissoluble. While each has its own specific nature and value, the person described by each phrase (poor, meek, merciful, etc.) is always the same person: a disciple of Jesus, considered in different aspects of his or her life. Similarly, the reward announced (inheriting the Kingdom, being consoled, being called children of God, etc.) is always the same, considered in different ways. It is always access to the Kingdom, entry into the richness of the mystery of God. — FATHER JACQUES PHILIPPE

Father Philippe is a member of the Community of the Beatitudes and a renowned spiritual director. / From The Eight Doors of the Kingdom: Meditation on the Beatitudes. © 2018, Scepter Publishers, Inc., Strongsville, Ohio. www.scepterpublishers.org.

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## ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS!!

## For the month of March the Mass on Tuesday at 6P will move to 830A.

This move enables Father Chuck to support brother priests at local parishes during Lent.

Sorry for the inconvenience. Thanks for understanding.

## HOMILY NOTES

**¡Bienvenidos a febrero! Este mes está dedicado a la Sagrada Familia, una rica tradición que nos invita a reflexionar sobre la importancia eterna de la vida familiar dentro de la tradición católica.**

La Iglesia instituyó oficialmente la Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia en 1893, cuando el Papa León XIII la aprobó. Posteriormente, en 1921, el Papa Benedicto XV la extendió a toda la Iglesia, tras el desarrollo de esta devoción en el siglo XVII. También celebramos la Fiesta de la Purificación, conocida también como la Fiesta de la Presentación, que tiene lugar 40 días después del nacimiento de Jesús, cuando María y José, según la ley judía, presentaron a Jesús en el templo ante San Simeón.

Este mes, expresemos de manera especial nuestra devoción a la Sagrada Familia y busquemos la guía y la intercesión de Jesús, María y José en nuestra vida diaria. Que la Sagrada Familia nos guíe, nos proteja y nos inspire mientras nos esforzamos por imitarlos en el camino de la fe, el amor y la santidad en nuestras propias familias.

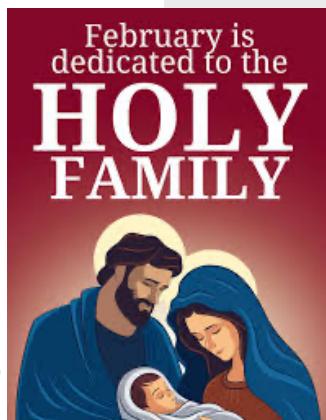
## PRINCIPALES FESTIVIDADES CATÓLICAS EN FEBRERO

**Febrero es un mes rico en celebraciones litúrgicas, comenzando con la Fiesta de la Presentación del Señor, el 2 de febrero.**

- Fiesta de la Presentación del Señor - Lunes, 2 de febrero**  
Experimenta una profunda paz y alegría, incluso en medio de las dificultades, invocando el nombre de Jesús como fuente de consuelo.
- La Fiesta de San Blas - Martes, 3 de febrero - Misa a las 6p**  
La Iglesia tradicionalmente bendice las gargantas de los fieles, invocando la protección de San Blas contra las enfermedades de la garganta. Muchas familias católicas esperan con ilusión esta festividad y llevan a sus hijos para que reciban la bendición.
- Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes - Miércoles, 11 de febrero - (8:30A Misa cancelada)**  
Conmemora las apariciones de la Virgen María, la Madre del Niño Divino, a Santa Bernadette Soubirous, una niña que llevaba una vida de devoción y pobreza en Lourdes, Francia, en 1858.
- La Catedral de San Pedro - Domingo, 22 de febrero - Misa 10:30 a. m. y 12:30 p. m. (en español)**  
Esta festividad honra el papel del Papa como sucesor de San Pedro y cabeza visible de la Iglesia. Al reflexionar sobre la Sagrada Familia en este día, podemos considerar cómo su hogar en Nazaret fue el primer atisbo de la santa unidad que Cristo pediría más tarde al Padre para su Cuerpo, la Iglesia Católica.

### Una invocación piadosa

Jesús, María y José, os entrego mi corazón y mi alma. Jesús, María y José, asistidme en mi última agonía. Jesús, María y José, que mi alma exhale su último aliento en paz con vosotros.



**Welcome to February! This month is devoted to the Holy Family, a rich tradition that invites us to reflect on the eternal significance of family life within the Catholic tradition.**

The Church officially instituted the Feast of the Holy Family in 1893 when Pope Leo XIII approved it. It was later extended to the universal Church in 1921 by Pope Benedict XV, following the development of the devotion in the 17th century. We also celebrate the Feast of the Purification, also known as the Feast of the Presentation which occurs 40 days after the birth of Jesus, when Mary

and Joseph, according to Jewish law, presented Jesus in the temple to Saint Simeon.

This month, let us especially express our devotion to the Holy Family and seek the guidance and intercession of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in our daily lives. May the Holy Family guide, protect, and inspire us as we strive to imitate them on the path of faith, love, and holiness within our own families.

## KEY CATHOLIC FEAST DAYS IN FEBRUARY

**February is a month rich in liturgical celebrations starting with the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, on February 2.**

- Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - Monday; Feb. 2**  
Experience profound peace and joy, even amidst trials, by calling on Jesus's name as a source of comfort.
- The Feast of Saint Blaise - Tuesday; Feb. 3 - Mass 6p**  
The Church traditionally blesses the throats of the faithful, invoking the protection of Saint Blaise against throat ailments. Many Catholic families anticipate this feast & present their children for the blessing.
- Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes - Wed.; Feb. 11 - (No Mass)**  
Commemorates the apparitions of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of the Divine Child, to Saint Bernadette Soubirous, herself a child living a devout life of poverty in Lourdes, France, in 1858.
- The Chair of Saint Peter - Sunday; Feb. 22 - Mass 1030A & 1230p (Spanish)**  
This feast day honors the role of the Pope as the successor of Saint Peter and the visible head of the Church. As we turn our thoughts to the Holy Family on this day, we can consider how their home in Nazareth was the first glimpse of the holy unity that Christ would later ask the Father to grant to His Body, the Catholic Church.

### A Pious Invocation

*Jesus, María, and José, I give thee my heart & my soul.  
Jesus, María, and José assist me in my last agony.  
Jesus, María, and José, may I breathe forth my soul in peace with thee!*

**World Day of Consecrated Life - Monday; Feb. 2, 2026**

*Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation. (www.usccb.org)*

**Jornada Mundial de la Vida Consagrada - 2 de febrero**

*Oremos por todos aquellos que han asumido compromisos en la vida consagrada y favor de agradecerles en su día especial. Que continúen siendo inspirados por Jesucristo y respondan generosamente a Dios por el regalo de su vocación. www.usccb.org*

**Ladies Bible Study Begins New Topic!**

*The Ladies Bible Study will now begin a study of the Gospel of Matthew after finishing Mark this past week. Please join us for this new topic Thursday at 1P in the Parish Hall's small meeting room. All ladies are welcome.*

**Questions?** Call Gail Crowley 530-877-8474  
**Next study session Thursday, February 5 at 1P**

**ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS!!**

**Father Chuck will be on vacation for one week starting next Monday Feb. 9 thru Monday, Feb. 16**

**All weekday Masses next week cancelled  
— Tuesday thru Friday —**

**NOTE - We will still have ADORATION 9A to 6P next Friday**

**ASH WEDNESDAY  
MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA**

**February 18  
18 de febrero**

**8:30A English Mass**

**5:30P Liturgy of the Word | Liturgia de la Palabra**

**7P Liturgy of the Word | Liturgia de la Palabra  
(Música: Voces de Fe)**



Next week: Complete Lenten Schedule Insert

**ATTENTION!**

**MEN  
of STM**

**SAVE  
THESE  
DATES:**

**Feb 27 thru  
March 1**



**Join Deacon Gary & the Passionist Retreat Team at The Men's Retreat!**

*Christ the King Retreat Center  
Friday, February 27 to Sunday, March 1*

*Something is happening! Listen... Jesus is calling! Let's gather together for reflection, prayer, and community as we listen to the voice of Christ in our midst.*

*"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am in the midst of them." —Matthew 18:20*

*Registration: \$290-Single | \$260-Double  
Ride share will be available.  
Pick up a flyer in the narthex for details.*

**Questions?** See Deacon Gary after Mass

**ATTENTION MEN OF ST. THOMAS MORE!**

**SIX GREAT REASONS TO ATTEND THE MEN'S RETREAT FEB 27 to MARCH 1**

- Spiritually Refocus:** Step away from the chaos of everyday life for some dedicated prayer time, worship, and scripture study, allowing you to deepen your connection with God.
- Fellowship:** Christ the King Retreat Center is a beautiful, tranquil setting to share struggles, build brotherhood, and break isolation.
- Address Real-Life Issues:** Honestly discuss faith's role in work, marriage, fatherhood, and personal life with peers.
- Personal Growth & Clarity:** Gain new perspectives on life, and develop tools for resilience and self-improvement.
- Recharge:** Realign priorities, discover deeper meaning, and get energized to live a more Christ-centered life.
- Self-Care:** Nurture your inner self and mind in a calm, natural, therapeutic environment that promotes well-being.



**Here's a chance for some  
"guy time" with a group of  
great men who love Jesus!**

**¡ATENCIÓN A TODOS LOS FELIGRESES!**

**El padre Chuck estará de vacaciones durante una semana, desde el lunes 9 de febrero hasta el lunes 16 de febrero.**

**Todas las misas de entre semana de la próxima semana han sido canceladas.**

**— De martes a viernes —**

**NOTA - Habrá adoración eucarística de 9:00 a 18:00 el próximo viernes.**