

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



FEAST OF THE
PRESENTATION
OF THE LORD

February 2nd

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Office Hrs: Mon. - Thurs. 9a-2p (Closed Friday)

CONFESSION: *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, Thursday, and Friday 830A

Sunday Readings

1st Reading *Malachi 3:1-4*

Psalm *Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10*

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

El Señor es el rey de la gloria.

2nd Reading *Hebrews 2:14-18*

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2ND

<i>Sunday; Feb. 2</i>	<i>Gertrude Valentine †</i>	<i>1030A</i>
<i>Domingo; 2 feb.</i>	_____	<i>1230P español</i>
<i>Tuesday; Feb. 4</i>	_____	<i>6P</i>
<i>Wed.; Feb. 5</i>	<i>Ken Campbell †</i>	<i>830A</i>
<i>Thurs.; Feb. 6</i>	<i>For the birthday intentions of Hector Torres</i>	<i>830A</i>
<i>Friday; Feb. 7</i>	<i>Carol Zellmer †</i>	<i>830A</i>

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Eduardo Dominguez

*Barbara Maldonado
Samia Zumout
Cbris Rehmann*

Elaine Little

FEBRUARY INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

INTENCIONES DE FEBRERO DEL PAPA FRANCISCO

Para vocaciones al sacerdocio y a la vida religiosa

Oremos para que la comunidad eclesial acoja los anhelos y las dudas de aquellos jóvenes que sienten el llamado a servir la misión de Cristo en el sacerdocio y la vida religiosa.

This Week's Readings

FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday; February 3rd

1st Reading: Hebrews 11:32-40

Psalm 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24

Let your hearts take comfort, all who hope in the Lord.

Gospel: Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday; February 4th

1st Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

Psalm 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32

They will praise you, Lord, who long for you.

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday; February 5th MEMORIAL OF SAINT AGATHA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

1st Reading: Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15

Psalm 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a

The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

Thursday; February 6th MEMORIAL OF SAINT PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

1st Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24

Psalm 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11

O God, we ponder your mercy within your temple.

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

Friday; February 7th

1st Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8

Psalm 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

Saturday; February 8th

1st Reading: Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21

Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

She Who Understands Our Hearts



*One of Our Lady's most beautiful titles is **Consoler of the Afflicted, or Comforter of the Afflicted.** We can reach out to ask her help in our most aching needs and on behalf of our loved ones who are suffering.... We do not enter deeply enough into the meaning of "consoler" and into the meaning of "affliction." Affliction pertains to an abiding state.... We do not say a person is afflicted with a headache or with a toothache. We use the term "affliction" for an infirmity that will always be there, that cannot be cured or stopped....*

*Similarly, on the spiritual level we have the affliction of our fallen nature. We have high resolves, but we tend often enough not to act according to those high resolves. We are afflicted with an abiding weakness. We are all afflicted with the results of original sin, and we are afflicted with the results of our own repeated failings and bad behavior. **Everyone has some sort of affliction** —a weakness, a tendency that to some extent will always be there. A person may have an extreme sensitivity to pain, whether physical, psychological, or spiritual, that is always going to be there. A person may be by nature very irascible, and although this can and must be reduced, the tendency will always be there. It is an affliction of the temperament. Matching that abiding state of affliction is the consoler who is always there, and is not dependent in her service upon the results but is a sustaining presence in the prolonged weakness of the other....*

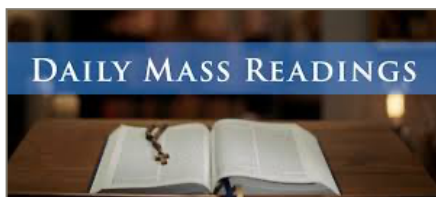
This is most wonderful, that we are encouraged to call the Mother of God the Consolatrix afflictorum.... It is not to condone weakness, not at all. Our Lady never does this, but Our Lady understands.... She enters into it, bears it with the person, sustains it with the person. This is her office, so closely linked to that of the Holy Spirit, the Consolator optime, the best Consoler of all. One could say that she is right there after the Holy Spirit. I find this so beautiful, that they work together: the Spirit of God, the Consolator optime, and Our Lady, Consolatrix afflictorum. —MOTHER MARY FRANCIS OF OUR LADY, P.C.C.

Mother Mary Francis († 2006) was abbess of the Poor Clare Monastery of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Roswell, New Mexico. / From Cause of Our Joy: Walking Day by Day with Our Lady. © 2018, Ignatius Press, San Francisco, CA. www.ignatius.com.

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HOMILY NOTES

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¡Bienvenidos a febrero! Este mes está dedicado a la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José, modelo de virtud para todos los hogares cristianos. Esta devoción comenzó en el siglo XVII casi simultáneamente en Canadá y

Francia: la Asociación de la Sagrada Familia, fundada en Montreal en 1663; Las Hijas de la Sagrada Familia en París en 1674. En 1893 el Papa León XIII expresó su aprobación de una fiesta y compuso parte del Oficio. Los sucesivos Pontífices acogieron la

fiesta como un medio eficaz para presentar a la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret como ejemplo y verdadero espíritu de vida familiar.

En palabras de Su Santidad el Papa León XIII: "Nada puede ser verdaderamente más saludable o eficaz para que las familias cristianas mediten en él que el ejemplo de esta Sagrada Familia, que abraza la perfección y la plenitud de todas las virtudes domésticas".



Welcome to February ! This month is dedicated to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph – the model of virtue for all Christian households. This devotion began in the 17th century almost simultaneously

in Canada & France: the Association of the Holy Family, founded in Montreal in 1663; The Daughters of the Holy Family in Paris in 1674. In 1893 Pope Leo XIII expressed his approval of a feast and composed part of the Office. Succeeding Pontiffs welcomed the

feast as an efficacious means to present the Holy Family at Nazareth as the example and true spirit of family life.

In the words of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII, "Nothing truly can be more salutary or efficacious for Christian families to meditate upon than the example of this Holy Family, which embraces the perfection and completeness of all domestic virtues."

Oración de Consagración de la Familia a la Sagrada Familia

Señor Jesucristo, que, sometiénndose a María y a José, santificó la vida doméstica con tus inefables virtudes; concédenos, con la ayuda de ambos, aprender del ejemplo de Tu Sagrada Familia y alcanzar su eterna comunión; Quien vive y reina en el mundo sin fin. Amén — Misal Romano

Tema de la próxima semana: La vida oculta de la Sagrada Familia

FUENTE y Fuente de oracion: https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/02_1.cfm

Prayer of Consecration of the Family to the Holy Family

Lord Jesus Christ, Who, being made subject to Mary and Joseph, hallowed domestic life by Your ineffable virtues; grant that we, with the assistance of both, may be taught by the example of Your Holy Family and may attain to its everlasting fellowship; Who lives and reigns world without end. Amen — Roman Missal

Next week's topic: The Hidden Life of the Holy Family

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Hospitality TODAY After Mass

The Women of STM invite you to join us for hospitality in our new hall today after both Masses!

MEN'S RETREAT SIGNUPS NOW OPEN!



The Men's Retreat at Christ the King Retreat Center is coming up soon: Fri., Feb. 28 to Sunday March 2. Signups are now open. St. Paul reminds us to trust in the God of Hope. But a retreat? Why?

Here are 10 great reasons to go on retreat!

1. Gain physical rest for the body & the spirit!
2. Find time for peace, recollection, and reflection.
3. Discover answers to pressing problems.
4. Be released from tensions and fears.
5. Get help from God to make important decisions.
6. Learn more about your Catholic faith.
7. Gain new insight on God's personal love for you!
8. Enjoy a weekend away with good food & great company.
9. Enjoy interesting & practical talks on spiritual issues.
10. Gain a rich blessing! This year's retreat will focus on "Creating the Hope We Seek: The Sacredness of Everyday Life".

Pick up an info sheet in the narthex. You can register online at

<https://christthekingretreatcenter.org/> or by mail.

Questions? See retreat leader Deacon Gary Zellmer after Mass.

NOTE DATE CHANGE!

Our friends from Bethlehem have changed the date of their visit to STM to Sunday, Feb. 16.

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.

Parishioner Giving Statements Available

To get your 2024 Giving Statement, complete the form in the Narthex by indicating one of three choices:

1) Pick up in the church office, or 2) Send via Hard mail, or 3) Email.

Place your completed request in the box located in the narthex.



Valentine's Day Breakfast Sunday, Feb. 16, After Both Masses!

The St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus will host a Valentine's Day breakfast of pancakes, eggs, and sausage after both Masses, Feb. 16.

Cost is \$10.00 per person or \$30.00 per family. This will be a wonderful opportunity to gather with your loved ones and fellow parishioners to share the love we have for each other.

Proceeds go toward purchasing the new stage for our new hall.

Tickets may be purchased after both Masses beginning today!

Questions? Contact Greg DeCristofaro, Grand Knight, at (530) 873-4132 or cell: (530) 588-3790.



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



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

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.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PARISHIONERS BY PATRONIZING THEIR BUSINESSES



begins Wed., March 5