



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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

Wed., Thurs., Friday 830A

Sunday Readings

1st Reading *Acts 10:34a, 37-43*

Psalm *118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23*

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be

Éste es el día del triunfo del Señor. Aleluva.

2nd Reading *Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corin.5:6b-8*

Gospel *John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10 or Luke
24:13-35 (at afternoon or evening Mass)*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR EASTER WEEK OF APRIL 5TH

Sunday; April 5

Brennan Lopez (birthday)

1030A

Greg DeCristofaro

Domingo; 5 de abril

James Brody †

1230P español

Maria Trinidad Aguirre Camacho †

Tues.; April 7

No Mass | No Misa

830A

Wed.; April 8

No Mass | No Misa

830A

Thurs.; April 9

Elena Natividad

7P

Catherine Valenzuela Martin †

Friday; April 10

The Mangan Family

830A

Maximina León Méndez y familia

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

*Rod Montgomery
Bernbard Family*

*Ed Jimenez
Mary Anne Durant*

*Rick Sillman
Andrea Inzunza*

*Kimberly Laird
Leo Benedetti*

*Kim Avoy Helgeson
Gloria Klinger*

*Samia Zumout
Greg DeCristofaro*

Carrie Sonsteng

Art Sanchez

Santiago Ávila

Joe DiDuca

Carlos Torres

Tony & Francene Packett

Rick Hodson

Bryant Smith

Ron Keyes

Theresa Durant

Sam Kempner

Dolores Costello

Rosemary Peterson

Shirley Richards

Ron Vaillancourt

David Brown

APRIL INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

For The Use Of The New Technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

INTENCIONES DE ABRIL DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

Por el uso de las nuevas tecnologías

Oremos para que el uso de las nuevas tecnologías no sustituya las relaciones humanas, respete la dignidad de la persona y nos ayude a afrontar las crisis de nuestro tiempo.

This Week's Readings

THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Monday; April 6th

1st Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33
Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.
Gospel: Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday; April 7th

1st Reading: Acts 2:36-41
Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22
The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.
Gospel: John 20:11-18

Wednesday; April 8th

1st Reading: Acts 3:1-10
Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9
Rejoice, O hearts that seek the Lord.
Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Thursday; April 9th

1st Reading: Acts 3:11-26
Psalm 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9
O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!
Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

Friday; April 10th

1st Reading: Acts 4:1-12
Psalm 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a
The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.
Gospel: John 21:1-14

Saturday; April 11th

1st Reading: Acts 4:13-21
Psalm 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21
I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me.
Gospel: Mark 16:9-15

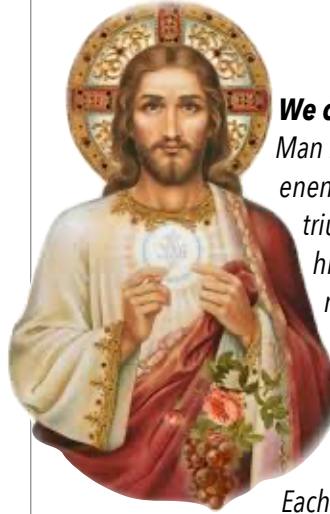
Sunday; April 12th

Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

1st Reading: Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is everlasting.
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9
Gospel: John 20:19-31

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Life Is Triumphant



We celebrate the triumph of our blessed Lord over death. Man has and shall vanquish and conquer many enemies; the only enemy he can never conquer is death. Yet even death, through the triumph of our blessed Lord, is to be finally conquered, not only his death, but ours. He is a conqueror of death because he can make each of us, if we will, also conquerors. It is thus that he has taken the horror out of death. He has made it something no longer to scare people, but to encourage them. It is no longer a ruin but a sacrifice that every soul can make. Each man dying is a priest, and can offer a sacrifice like his Master.

Each, like his Master, is victim and priest beside. He can offer himself in memory of that offering Christ made; offer it undefeated even by death. **Again, for us death is not the end of the roadway.** It is only a turn in the road. We hold it not as though it were the journey's end. The journey ends not in death, but in life. Indeed the journey has no ending....

Thus did Christ our Lord vanquish death. He taught us how to vanquish it by not being afraid to die. And death being vanquished, what other evil can we ever really fear? Death, the long undefeated foe of man, God made Man has conquered for himself and all the world. It is because of that...because death has been met and answered, that every Christian soul should know that there is nothing that cannot be firmly and properly dealt with. No problem can utterly be insoluble. There is a remedy for all things. To all things there is an end.

Men talk, and rightly, I suppose, of the problems of our time, and wonder how they are to be solved and dealt with. In consequence, people looking out into the future are a little afraid. How is this problem to be solved, they ask? What is to be the end of that? Now it is part of the spirit of the followers of Christ never to be afraid of the future, or of whatever the future may bring. There are dark clouds and difficulties beyond us always. Yet there must always be victory for good, for the good is God. God is triumphant. Life is triumphant. Every lesser thing shall fail. — FATHER BEDE

JARRETT, O.P.

Father Jarrett († 1934) was a Dominican friar from England widely esteemed for his preaching, his lectures, and his many books on theology and spirituality. / From *Returning to the Lord: Sermons for the Season of Lent*. © 2020 by Cluny, P.O. Box 1664, Providence, RI. ©

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HOMILY NOTES



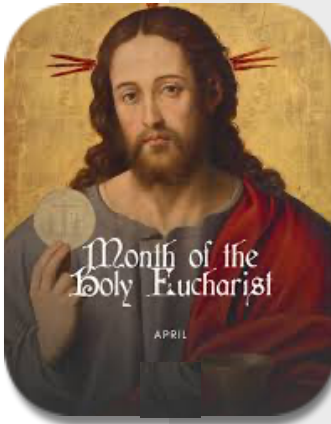
¡Bienvenidos a abril, el mes dedicado a la Santa Eucaristía! Al dedicar abril a la Santa Eucaristía, se nos permite centrar nuestros corazones y mentes en el profundo misterio de la Eucaristía: la presencia real de Jesucristo –cuerpo, sangre, alma y divinidad–.

Dios comunica la gracia a los fieles a través de todos los Sacramentos; sin embargo, la Santa Eucaristía comunica al mismo Autor de la Gracia.

El Papa Benedicto XVI nos dice, en su Exhortación Apostólica **Sacramentum Caritatis**: «En la Eucaristía, Jesús no nos da una "cosa", sino a sí mismo; ofrece su propio cuerpo y derrama su propia sangre. De este modo nos entrega la totalidad de su vida y nos revela el origen último de este amor. Él es el Hijo eterno, entregado a nosotros por el Padre».

Se ha considerado que la razón por la cual el mes de abril se ha dedicado tradicionalmente a la Sagrada Eucaristía se debe al Sagrado Triduo –los tres días que preceden inmediatamente a la Pascua–, el cual, con mayor frecuencia, cae en el mes de abril. En el primer día del Triduo, el Jueves Santo, Cristo instituyó la Sagrada Eucaristía durante la Última Cena.

Este mes constituye un tiempo especial para que los católicos profundicen su comprensión y aprecio por Cristo en la Eucaristía, como fuente, culmen y sustento de nuestra fe. Y la Iglesia ofrece diversas celebraciones litúrgicas, devociones y reflexiones sobre la Santa Eucaristía para subrayar la verdad fundamental de que el Pan y el Vino consagrados son Cristo mismo, renovando su sacrificio sobre el altar. Oculto bajo las apariencias de la Hostia, Él está presente corporal y sustancialmente en todos los sagrarios del mundo, fiel a su promesa de que nunca nos dejará ni nos abandonará.



Welcome to April, the month dedicated to the Holy Eucharist! By dedicating April to the Holy Eucharist, it allows us to focus our hearts and minds on the profound mystery of the Eucharist – the real presence of Jesus Christ, body, blood, soul, and divinity.

God communicates grace to the faithful through all the Sacraments, but the Holy Eucharist communicates the Author of Grace, Himself.

Pope Benedict XVI tells us in his Apostolic Exhortation, *Sacramentum Caritatis*, “In the Eucharist, Jesus does not give us a ‘thing,’ but himself; he offers his own body and pours out his own blood. He thus gives us the totality of his life and reveals the ultimate origin of this love. He is the eternal Son, given to us by the Father.”

It has been thought that the reason April has traditionally been dedicated to the Holy Eucharist is due to the Sacred Triduum, the three days immediately preceding Easter, most often falling in April. On the first day of the Triduum, Holy Thursday, Christ instituted the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper.

This month is a special time for Catholics to deepen their understanding and appreciation of Christ in the Eucharist, as the source, summit, and sustenance of our faith. And the Church offers various liturgical celebrations, devotions, and reflections on the Holy Eucharist to emphasize the fundamental truth that the consecrated Bread and Wine are Christ Himself renewing His sacrifice upon the altar. Hidden under the appearance of the Host, He is substantially bodily present in all the tabernacles of the world, mindful of His promise that He will never leave us nor forsake us.

KEY CATHOLIC FEAST DAYS IN APRIL (FIRST HALF OF APRIL)

The Sacred Triduum

April 2-Holy Thursday | April 3-Good Friday | April 4-Holy Saturday

April 5 - Easter Sunday

April 6 - St. John Baptiste de la Salle

April 7 - Feast of St. Henry Walpole

April 8 - Feast of St. Julie Billiart

April 9 - Feast of St. Casilda

April 10 - Feast of St. Magdalen of Canosa

April 11 - Feast of St. Stanislaus

April 12 - Feast of St. Teresa of Las Andes

April 13 - Feast of St. Pope Martin I

April 14 - Feast of Blessed Peter Gonzales

April 15 - Feast of Blessed Cesar de Bus

PRINCIPALES FESTIVIDADES CATÓLICAS EN ABRIL (PRIMERA MITAD DE ABRIL)

El Sagrado Triduo

2 de abril - Jueves Santo | 3 de abril - Viernes Santo | 4 de abril -
Sábado Santoy

5 de abril - Domingo de Pascua

6 de abril - San Juan Bautista de La Salle

7 de abril - Fiesta de San Enrique Walpole

8 de abril - Fiesta de Santa Julia Billiart

9 de abril - Fiesta de Santa Casilda

10 de abril - Fiesta de Santa Magdalena de Canossa

11 de abril - Fiesta de San Estanislao

12 de abril - Fiesta de Santa Teresa de los Andes

13 de abril - Fiesta del Papa San Martín I

14 de abril - Fiesta del Beato Pedro González

15 de abril - Fiesta del Beato César de Bus



HAPPY EASTER! REMINDER:

It's APRIL ! The Tuesday 6p Bilingual Mass returns April 14! Potluck after Mass.



Grief Support Ministry Meeting

The STM Grief Support Ministry responds to the needs of people grieving the death of loved ones. Its goal is to ensure that no one grieves alone. Meetings are monthly on the 2nd Wednesday.

The next meeting is WED.; APRIL 8 at 6p

Questions? Call Cheryl Barron: 530-514-8859



Special Guest Speaker Deacon Ray Helgeson

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN OF ST. THOMAS MORE!

The 1-Day Womens Retreat has been postponed. Thanks for all the signups! We are grateful for the enthusiastic support and will update you on the new date once it is determined!

Ladies Bible Study returns this Thursday, April 9, 1P

Family Life Center - small meeting room

Questions? Call Gail Crowley 530-877-8474



ADORATION

Friday; April 10 | Follows 830A Mass
Adoration ends at 6P



MEN'S MINISTRY

Friday; April 10 | **930A** | Church Hall Mtg Rm.

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH

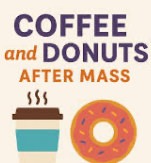
THE NEXT WOMEN OF STM MEETING

SATURDAY; APRIL 18 at 10A

Did you know... ALL women of STM are automatic members of this group! Please stop by and check out this wonderful group of spirit filled ladies! You'll be pleasantly surprised.



Father Chuck will take a few well deserved rest days this week, so no Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday at 6p & Wednesday at 830A.



Happy Easter! Please join us for coffee and donuts today after Mass in the Church Hall.

Hosted by the Women of St. Thomas More.



LUMEN CHRISTI

STM YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY
AGES 18-35

CALLED INTO RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST. ROOTED IN THE LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF HIS CHURCH. TOGETHER WE SHARE HIS LOVE WITH OTHERS SO THAT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST MAY ILLUMINATE THE WORLD.

NEXT MEETING

APRIL 9 | 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

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