

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

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 830A

Sunday Readings

1st Reading *Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8*

Psalm *Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8*

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Cuando te invocamos, Señor, nos escuchaste.

2nd Reading *1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11*

Gospel *Luke 5:1-11*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9TH

<i>Sunday; Feb. 9</i>	<i>Steven Brown †</i>	<i>1030A</i>
<i>Domingo; 9 feb.</i>	<i>Gabriel Andrade †</i>	<i>1230P español</i>
<i>Tuesday; Feb. 11</i>	<i>Larry Campbell †</i>	<i>6P</i>
<i>Wed.; Feb. 12</i>	<i>For the Intentions of Jeanie Avery</i>	<i>830A</i>
<i>Thurs.; Feb. 13</i>	<i>Raymundo Balladares †</i>	<i>830A</i>
<i>Friday; Feb. 14</i>	<i>The Valentine Family</i>	<i>830A</i>

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Eduardo Dominguez

Barbara Maldonado

Elaine Little

Samia Zumout

Chris Rehmann

Helvia Saavedra

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

FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday; February 10th MEMORIAL OF SAINT SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN

1st Reading: Genesis 1:1-19

Psalm 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35C

May the Lord be glad in his works.

Gospel: Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday; February 11th

1st Reading: Genesis 1:20—2:4a

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

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

Gospel: Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday; February 12th

1st Reading: Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17

Psalm 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bC-30

O bless the Lord, my soul!

Gospel: Mark 7:14-23

Thursday; February 13th

1st Reading: Genesis 2:18-25

Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Gospel: Mark 7:24-30

Friday; February 14th MEMORIAL OF SAINTS CYRIL, MONK, AND METHIDIUS, BISHOP

1st Reading: Genesis 3:1-8

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

Blessed are those whose sins are forgiven.

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Saturday; February 15th

1st Reading: Genesis 3:9-24

Psalm 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Gospel: Mark 8:1-10

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Trusting in His Word



One observation [about today's Gospel] in particular impressed me, namely, the change in the titles for Christ before & after the miraculous catch of fish. Before it, Peter says to Jesus: "Master," in Greek, epistáta, which means approximately "Teacher" or "Rabbi." He still sees Jesus as the great preacher of Israel, the one who knows how to teach Scripture and, consequently, can teach life.... And this is why Peter, at his word, does something that by conventional everyday standards, according to his own rational calculation, would be senseless. **He bets on the man who is master not only of the word but also of reality. Trusting that that man is capable of giving instruction from the fullness of **God's word that applies to our experience**, he takes the step. When he returns, he addresses him no longer as "Master," but rather as Kyrios: Lord! This is the divine title. He has recognized in what happened that not only was he sent by a great teacher of Israel, but that he is now standing in the presence of the power of the living God....**

What happens next is not simply what one would normally expect, sheer joy at success—a great catch!—but rather alarm about himself, the realization of his own truth, shrinking back from the greatness of God's mystery and from the sinfulness and misery of his own being. But just as he rediscovered Christ...so too he receives himself back in a new way.

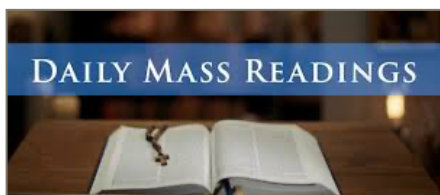
Corresponding to the new title of Christ is the fact that he, too, receives a new name. Simon becomes Peter: the name by which the Lord now calls him, by which he is more than he could be on his own. Because he has abandoned himself and his own calculations and has sailed into God's word, into the Lord's call, therefore he receives himself back and more than he himself is: the whole power of Jesus Christ's calling....

[Throughout life,] are hours of darkness, hours of alarm at oneself... But there is also the dawning of the insight that Christ's power is greater than our helplessness, his mercy is greater than our failure.... And in this consoling certainty, we wish to leave this hour, joyful that we have the privilege of being his servants and that we can thereby do the greatest thing possible: be possessed by eternal salvation, by the kingdom of God.
—POPE BENEDICT XVI

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HOMILY NOTES



¡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.

“Nada puede ser verdaderamente más saludable y eficaz para la meditación de las familias cristianas

que el ejemplo de esta Sagrada Familia, que abraza la perfección y la plenitud de todas las virtudes domésticas”.

– Papa León XIII

La vida oculta de la Sagrada Familia

La casa de Nazaret es donde comenzamos a comprender la vida de Jesús, la escuela del Evangelio. Primero, una lección de silencio. Que la estima por el silencio, esa admirable e indispensable condición del espíritu, reavive en nosotros... una lección de vida familiar. Que Nazaret nos enseñe qué es la vida familiar, su comunión de amor, su belleza austera y sencilla, su carácter sagrado e inviolable... Una lección de trabajo. Nazaret, patria del Hijo del Carpintero, en ti elegiría comprender y proclamar la ley severa y redentora del trabajo humano. Papa Pablo VI en Nazaret, 5 de enero de 1964. Dado que la Sagrada Familia observaba la ley judía en su perfección, podemos deducir con bastante precisión qué oraciones recitaban.

Los Salmos, eran los favoritos. Tres veces al día Jesús, María y José decían la Tephillah, "La Oración", que consta de 18 largas invocaciones y bendiciones. José (y más tarde Jesús cuando alcanzó la edad adulta) estaba obligado a decir el Shemá, una especie de profesión de fe en el único Dios verdadero, dos veces al día.

Sujeto al marco de la puerta de la casa de Nazaret había un tubo de madera que contenía un pergamino enrollado con un pasaje del Libro de Deuteronomio y otro pasaje (11:13-21) que citaba las bendiciones de servir a Dios. Al entrar y salir de la casa, la Sagrada Familia tocaba piadosamente esta Mezuzá, diciendo: "Que Dios guarde mis salidas y entradas desde ahora y para siempre". ...para mostrar reverencia por la palabra de Dios.

Ésta fue la oración vocal y más o menos formal que Jesús, María y José ofrecieron en su casa de Nazaret. Sin embargo, en sus corazones siempre oraron. Así como el Corazón de Jesús estaba constantemente unido a Su divinidad, así los corazones de María y José estaban tan estrechamente unidos a Dios que cada acción de ellos era una oración.

FUENTE y Fuente de oracion: <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/>

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.

“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.” – Pope Leo XIII

The Hidden Life of the Holy Family

The home of Nazareth is where we begin to understand the life of Jesus -the school of the Gospel. First, a lesson of silence. May esteem for silence, that admirable and indispensable condition of mind, revive in us... a lesson on family life. May Nazareth teach us what family life is, its communion of love, its austere and simple beauty, and its sacred and inviolable character...A lesson of work. Nazareth, home of the Carpenter's Son, in you I would choose to understand and proclaim the severe and redeeming law of human work. Pope Paul VI at Nazareth, Jan. 5, 1964 Since the Holy Family observed the Jewish law in its perfection, we can deduce quite accurately what prayers they recited.

The Psalms, were the favorites. Three times a day Jesus, Mary, & Joseph said the Tephillah, "The Prayer," consisting of 18 long invocations and blessings. Joseph (and later Jesus when He attained to manhood) was obliged to say the Shema, a sort of profession of faith in the one true God, twice daily.

Fastened to the doorpost of the house at Nazareth was a wooden tube containing a rolled parchment inscribed with a passage from the Book of Deuteronomy and another passage (11:13-21) citing the blessings of serving God. On entering and leaving the house the Holy Family would piously touch this Mezuzah, saying, "May God keep my going out and coming in from now on and forevermore." ... to show reverence for the word of God.

Such was the vocal & the more or less formal prayer which Jesus, Mary, and Joseph offered in their home at Nazareth. In their hearts, however, they prayed always. Just as the Heart of Jesus was constantly united with His divinity, so were the hearts of Mary and Joseph so closely bound to God that their every action was a prayer.

Source & Prayer: https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/02_1.cfm



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 on a retreat? Why?

REMINDER! YOUR 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.



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)

Our friends from Bethlehem will visit STM next 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 NEXT 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 on sale now! After both Masses.

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



Ladies! Join us Thursday, March 6 for the C.O.N.T.R.O.L. Program

This is a seven-week structured course designed specifically for Catholic women to help improve life management skills by addressing the unique challenges women often face.

Through the use of prayer, scripture, and virtues, this program is designed to look at seven aspects of daily life including time management, financial responsibilities, household organization under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Your seven-week Lenten journey begins Thursday, March 6 at 930A to 11A, and continues March 13, 20, 27 & April 3, 10, 17. We'll meet in the small side room of the Hall. Snacks and coffee will be provided. Cost is \$20.00 for supplies.

Questions and/or registration please contact Donna Helgeson at (530) 282-2132 or by email at dhelg66@gmail.com.

LADIES! WELCOME BACK FROM RETREAT!



Secular Franciscans **GAMES DAY! Sat., March 15**

Tickets on sale soon!



begins Wed., March 5