



# ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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**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., Thursday, Friday 830A

## Sunday Readings

**1st Reading** Acts 6:1-7

**Psalm** 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

*Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

*Las obras del Señor son admirables. Aleluya.*

**2nd Reading** 1 Peter 3:15-18

**Gospel** John 14:15-21

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR EASTER WEEK OF MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>

<i>Sunday; May 10</i>	<i>Rose Mary Leach † Mellonee Faultry</i>	<i>1030A</i>
<i>Domingo; 10 de mayo</i>	<i>José Martínez y Aurora Rico † Arminda Rodríguez y Familia</i>	<i>1230P español</i>
<i>Tues.; May 12</i>	<i>Mauricio Siplat †</i>	<i>6P</i>
<i>Wed.; May 13</i>	<i>Sam Kempner † Manuel Souza</i>	<i>830A</i>
<i>Thurs.; May 14</i>	<i>Martha Martinez (birthday)</i>	<i>830A</i>
<i>Friday; May 15</i>	<i>Joe DiDuca † Sam Kempner †</i>	<i>830A</i>

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

*Rod Montgomery  
Bernhard Family  
Ed Jimenez  
Mary Anne Durant  
Rick Sillman  
Andrea Inzunza  
Kimberly Laird  
Leo Benedetti  
Kim Avoy Helgeson  
Antonio Longuera*

*Samia Zumout  
Greg DeCristofaro  
Carrie Sonsteng  
Art Sanchez  
Santiago Ávila  
Carlos Torres  
Tony & Francene Packett  
Rick Hodson  
Patricia Morteson*

*Bryant Smith  
Ron Keyes  
Theresa Durant  
Mary Neeley.  
Dolores Costello  
Rosemary Peterson  
Susie Boyd  
David Brown  
Gloria Klinger*

## MAY INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

***That everyone might have food***

*Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and ensure that everyone has access to quality food.*

## INTENCIONES DE MAYO DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

***Para que todos tengan alimento***

*Oremos para que todos —desde los grandes productores hasta los pequeños consumidores— se comprometan a evitar el desperdicio de alimentos y a asegurar que todos tengan acceso*

**This Week's Readings****THE 6TH WEEK OF EASTER****Monday; May 11<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: Acts 16:11-15  
 Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b  
*The Lord takes delight in his people.*  
 Gospel: John 15:26—16:4a

**Tuesday; May 12<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: Acts 16:22-34  
 Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8  
*Your right hand saves me, O Lord.*  
 Gospel: John 16:5-11

**Wednesday; May 13<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1  
 Psalm 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14  
*Heaven and earth are full of your glory.*  
 Gospel: John 16:12-15

**Thursday; May 14<sup>th</sup> *Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle***

1st Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26  
 Psalm 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8  
*The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.*  
 Gospel: John 15:9-17

**Friday; May 15<sup>th</sup>**

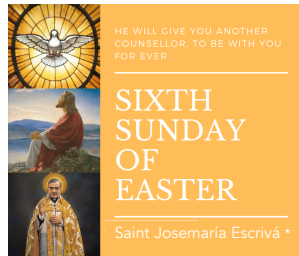
1st Reading: Acts 18:9-18  
 Psalm 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7  
*God is king of all the earth.*  
 Gospel: John 16:20-23

**Saturday; May 16<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: Acts 18:23-28  
 Psalm 47:2-3, 8-9, 10  
*God is king of all the earth.*  
 Gospel: John 16:23b-28

**Sunday; May 17<sup>th</sup>****Seventh Sunday of Easter - Ascension**

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11  
 Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9  
*God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*  
 2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23  
 Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

**MEDITATION OF THE DAY****Union with the Advocate**

**[The] union between God and my soul, effected by grace, is real and true.** It is something more than faith can secure; a nearer relationship; a deeper, more personal knowledge; a more ardent & personal love.... [This] is not merely given to chosen souls whose sanctity is so heroic as to qualify them for canonization; it is the heritage of every soul in a state of grace.

**When I step outside the confessional** after due repentance and the absolution of the priest, I am in a state of grace. At once, then, this blessed union takes effect. Within me is the Holy Spirit, dwelling there—sent, given. As the object of knowledge, he can be experienced by me in a personal and familiar way. I can know him even as I am known. As the object of love, he becomes my friend, stooping to my level, lifting me to his. At once, then, although still in a merely rudimentary way, the glories of my ultimate reward can dawn upon me. Even upon earth, I have already crossed the threshold of heaven....

**Here on earth I have so much to distract me** that I cannot possibly devote myself [to God] in the same way as I shall be able to do then [in heaven]. There are things here that have got to be done, and there is the body itself, which can only stand a certain amount of concentration and intensity. If strained too much, it just breaks down and fails. All this complicates & hampers me. But in heaven I shall take on something (of course, a great deal intensified) of the consciousness and alertness of youth.

**A child can thoroughly enjoy himself,** for he has got the happy faculty of forgetting the rest of life, all his troubles, anxieties, and fears. Heaven, then, means the lopping-off of all those menaces, and the consequent full appreciation of God in knowledge and love. Hence I must not be disturbed if, here on earth, all these wonderful things which I learn about concerning the indwelling of the Holy Spirit do not seem to take place. It is very unfortunate that I do not appreciate them, but it is something at least to know that they are there. It is a nuisance that I do not see him, but it is something at least to be certain he is within me. — 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 *The Little Book of the Holy Spirit*. © 2005, Sophia Institute Press, Manchester, NH. [www.sophia institute.com](http://www.sophia institute.com). Used with permission.

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\* Saint Josemaría Escrivá (Josemaría Escrivá de Balaguer y Albás) (9 January 1902 – 26 June 1975) was a Spanish Catholic priest who founded Opus Dei, an organization of laypeople and priests dedicated to the principle of everyday holiness. He was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2002.

**Camp ReCreation Needs Nurses!**

Are you a registered nurse with a flexible schedule? Retired nurse? Or school nurse off for the summer? Camp ReCreation, a program designed for individuals with disabilities, needs camp nurses to volunteer at our Diocesan sleep-away camp June 6 to 20. If you are a nurse licensed in CA (RN or LVN) and would like to help, contact our camp office [bellocamprecreation@gmail.com](mailto:bellocamprecreation@gmail.com) or visit [www.camprecreation.org](http://www.camprecreation.org) and send an email via our portal. Thanks for your interest!



**Mayo es el mes dedicado a la Santísima Virgen María, Madre de Dios,** lo cual nos brinda la oportunidad de celebrar nuestro amor y reverencia hacia la Madre Bendita mediante festividades, procesiones y cantos. Un muy querido himno mariano se refiere a Nuestra Señora como la «Reina de Mayo».

La Iglesia primitiva celebraba una importante festividad mariana a mediados de mayo, muy probablemente como respuesta a los festivales paganos de la fertilidad que también tenían lugar en ese mes. Gradualmente, los fieles llegaron a considerar que el mes de mayo pertenecía a Nuestra Señora. Sin embargo, la dedicación formal de mayo a María tuvo lugar en el siglo XVIII. El padre Latomia, jesuita del Colegio Romano de la Compañía de Jesús, la inició con el fin de infundir un espíritu de santidad en el colegio, como respuesta a la infidelidad y la inmoralidad presentes entre los estudiantes. Esta devoción se extendió rápidamente a otros colegios e iglesias católicas, y varios papas la adoptaron y fomentaron en toda la Iglesia.

## PRÓXIMAS FESTIVIDADES EN MAYO

A continuación se presentan algunas festividades destacadas:

- Miércoles, 13 de mayo: La Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Fátima conmemora las apariciones marianas de 1917 en Fátima, Portugal, ante tres pastorcitos.
- Domingo, 17 de mayo: La Ascensión del Señor celebra la ascensión corporal de Jesucristo al Cielo, 40 días después de la Pascua.
- Domingo, 24 de mayo: La Fiesta de María Auxiliadora (María, Auxilio de los Cristianos) reviste una importancia especial para la Orden Salesiana y su fundador, San Juan Bosco.
- Domingo, 31 de mayo: La Visitación de la Santísima Virgen María destaca el gozoso encuentro entre María –quien llevaba en su seno al Niño Jesús– y su prima Isabel, madre expectante de San Juan Bautista.

## 8 FORMAS DE CRECER EN DEVOCIÓN A MARÍA

1. Conságrate a María. Muchos santos se consagraron a Jesús a través de María, incluido San Juan Pablo II. Entre los métodos disponibles se encuentran la *\*Preparación para la Consagración Total\** según San Luis de Montfort, o *\*33 Días para la Gloria de la Mañana: Un retiro personal\**. San Maximiliano Kolbe ofrece una versión de consagración en el libro *\*Preparación para la Consagración Total\**.
2. Reza el Rosario todos los días.
3. Aprende sobre los diferentes títulos de Nuestra Señora y las oraciones relacionadas con ellos.
4. Honra a las madres en tu vida –ya sean biológicas, abuelas o madres espirituales–; envíales una tarjeta expresando tu gratitud y amor en una de las festividades marianas del mes de mayo.
5. Realiza una peregrinación a un santuario o gruta mariana. Lourdes (Francia), Fátima (Portugal) y Guadalupe (México) son algunos ejemplos; también puedes visitar alguno de los muchos santuarios marianos en los Estados Unidos o en tu parroquia local.
6. Memoriza versículos de las Sagradas Escrituras que destaquen la figura de la Santísima Virgen María.
7. Coloca una imagen o un icono de la Santísima Virgen María en tu hogar. (Añade junto a ella una fotografía de un amigo o ser querido por cuya intercesión estés rezando).
8. Esfuérzate por llevar una vida que refleje las virtudes de la Virgen María.



**May is the month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of God,** which presents the opportunity to celebrate our love and reverence for the Blessed Mother through feasts, processions, and song. One well-loved Marian hymn refers to Our Lady as “Queen of the May.”

The early Church celebrated a major Marian feast day in mid May, most likely in response to the pagan festivals of fertility also in May. Gradually, May was held by the faithful to belong to Our Lady. But the formal dedication of May to Mary came about in the 18th century. Father Latomia, a Jesuit in the Roman College of the Society of Jesus, initiated it to bring a spirit of holiness to the college in response to infidelity and immorality among the students. The devotion spread quickly to other Catholic colleges and churches, and several popes adopted and encouraged it throughout the entire Church.

## UPCOMING FEAST DAYS IN MAY

Below are notable feast days this month:

- Wed., May 13: The Feast of Our Lady of Fatima celebrates the Marian apparitions in Fatima, Portugal in 1917 to three shepherd children.
- Sun., May 17: The Ascension of the Lord celebrates the bodily ascension of Jesus Christ into Heaven 40 days after Easter.
- Sun., May 24: The Feast of Mary, Help of Christians, holds special significance for the Salesian Order and its founder, St. John Bosco.
- Sun., May 31: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, highlights the joyous encounter between Mary, carrying the Christ Child, and Her cousin Elizabeth, the expectant mother of St. John the Baptist.

## 8 WAYS TO GROW IN DEVOTION TO MARY

1. Consecrate yourself to Mary. Many saints consecrated themselves to Jesus through Mary, including St. John Paul II. Methods include *Preparation for Total Consecration* according to St. Louis de Montfort, or *33 Days to Morning Glory: A Do-it-Yourself Retreat*. St. Maximilian Kolbe has a version of consecration in the book *Preparation for Total Consecration*.
2. Pray the rosary every day.
3. Learn about the different titles of Our Lady & the related prayers.
4. Honor the mothers in your life – biological, grandmother or spiritual – send them a card expressing your gratitude & love on one of the Marian feast days in May.
5. Go on a pilgrimage to a Marian shrine or grotto. Lourdes in France, Fatima in Portugal, and Guadalupe in Mexico are a few examples or visit one of the many Marian shrines in the U.S. or local parish.
6. Memorize Scripture verses that highlight the Blessed Virgin Mary.
7. Place an image or icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary in your home. (Add a picture next to it of a friend or loved one for whom you're asking her intercession.)
8. Strive to live a life that reflects the virtues of the Virgin Mary.



**ADORATION**  
Friday, May 15 | Follows 8:30A Mass  
Adoration ends at 6P



**MEN'S MINISTRY**  
Friday, May 15 | **930A** | Church Hall Mtg Rm.

**USCCB to Celebrate the Declaration of Independence Signing**

On July 4, 2026, the U.S. will commemorate the Semiquincentennial (250th) Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will also commemorate this anniversary with three opportunities for Catholics to take part.

**Opportunity 1** Parishes and individuals can participate by contributing to a collective 250 Hours of Adoration, in your home or church, during the 250th Anniversary of America.

**Opportunity 2** 250 Hrs of Works of Mercy. Works of mercy can include assisting at our local crisis pregnancy center or local food pantry & clothing closets, volunteering at and donating to our local St. Vincent de Paul. For examples and guides go to [https://www.usccb.org/resources/America 250 Catholic Resource - 250 Hours of Adoration and 250 Works of Mercy.pdf](https://www.usccb.org/resources/America%20CatholicResource-250HoursOfAdorationand250WorksOfMercy.pdf)

**Opportunity 3** The USCCB Consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Thursday; June 11, 2026. To prepare for the Consecration the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus may be incorporated into Holy Hour.

Sheets will be posted on the table in the narthex so that you can log your Adoration time and/or your Works of Mercy time. The collective hours of STM will be reported to the USCCB around mid June. Visit <https://www.usccb.org/weholdthesetruths>, to see the contributions of Catholics and the impact of our faith on the history of this country.

**ATTENTION <sup>ALL</sup> WOMEN OF THE PARISH**

**MISSED APRIL'S MEETING? NO WORRIES!**  
**THE NEXT WOMEN OF STM MEETING**  
**SATURDAY; MAY 16 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 led ladies! You'll be pleasantly surprised.

**Ladies Bible Study Thurs., May 14 at 1P**  
Family Life Center - small meeting room  
**Questions? Call Gail Crowley 530-877-8474**

**Baby Bottles Coming Soon**

**Babies and parents need you! The CareNet baby bottle campaign is coming this month.** Bottles will be available for pick up in the Narthex. Fill them with loose your change, bills, and checks. Return to St. Thomas More anytime up until Father's Day, Sunday, June 21. Questions? See Kathy DeCristofaro after Mass.



**2 Knights of Columbus (KofC) Scholarship Programs NOW Open**

The Knights are offering two scholarships for students who are entering, or enrolled in an accredited community college, college, university, vocational or trade school. KofC - John T. Donohue Fourth Degree Assembly Scholarship has up to \$2,000 available. Pick up application in the parish office or click [https://kofc-ca-d2.org/wp-content/Docs/Assembly Scholarship Application.pdf](https://kofc-ca-d2.org/wp-content/Docs/AssemblyScholarshipApplication.pdf) to see online. Additionally, the KofC - St. Thomas More Council 7773 Scholarship has up to \$1,000 available. Pick up application in the parish office or click [https://kofc-ca-d2.org/wp-content/Docs/Assembly Scholarship Application.pdf](https://kofc-ca-d2.org/wp-content/Docs/AssemblyScholarshipApplication.pdf) to see online application. Completed applications for both scholarships are due by May 31.

**Biberones: Próximamente**

**¡Los bebés y los padres los necesitan!** La campaña de los biberones de CareNet llega este mes. Los biberones estarán disponibles para ser recogidos en el Nártex. Llénalos con tus monedas sueltas, billetes y cheques. Devuélvelos a St. Thomas More en cualquier momento hasta el Día del Padre, el domingo 21 de junio. ¿Tienes preguntas? Consulta a Kathy DeCristofaro después de la Misa.



**Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession Schedule June 7**

**8A** Mass at St. Joseph, Rio Vista w/ Bishop Soto

**9A** Procession on foot to Rio Vista Marina

**930A** Procession on The Aurora V to Sacramento on the Sacramento River (viewing locations tab)

**230P** Adoration and Blessing of Vessels on the River in Old Sacramento with Bishop Soto

**330P** Procession on foot from the Tower Bridge to Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

**430P** Evening Prayer at the Cathedral w/ Bishop Soto

**5P** Mass at the Cathedral w/ Bishop Soto



**Observe the boat procession from the following locations:**

- Rio Vista City Dock 9:30am
- Isleton Public Dock 10:15am
- Walnut Grove Public Dock 11:30am
- Garcia Bend at 1:40pm
- Miller Park at 2:20pm
- Old Sacramento at 2:40pm
- River Walk Park at 2:40pm