



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH


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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

1st Reading Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Te alabamos, Señor.

2nd Reading Acts 10:34-38
Gospel Matthew 3:13-17

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 11TH

Sunday; January 11

Dennis Helgeson † 1030A
Greg & Kathy DeCristofaro

Domingo; 11 de Enero

Maria Benita Rodriguez † 1230P español
For the health of Elba Topete

Tues.; January 13

Wed.; January 14 Intentions of Joe DiDuca 830A

Thurs.; January 15

Friday; January 16 830A

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Rod Montgomery
Steve Neeley
Kim Steffen-Parkney
Mary Anne Durant
Isabel Rivera Leon
Andrea Inzunza
Joan Memmer
Leo Benedetti
Kim Avoy Helgeson
Gloria Klinger

Samia Zumout
Greg DeCristofaro
Carrie Sonsteng
Art Sanchez
Santiago Ávila
Joe DiDuca
Carlos Torres
Bernhard Family
Gloria Klinger

Tim Steffen
Elaine Little
Ron Keyes
Theresa Durant
Sam Kempner
Richard Carmack
Dolores Costello
Celia Topete
Rosemary Peterson

JANUARY INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

INTENCIÓNES DE ENERO DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

Para la oración con la Palabra de Dios

Oremos para que la oración con la Palabra de Dios sea alimento para nuestras vidas y fuente de esperanza en nuestras comunidades, ayudándonos a construir una Iglesia más fraternal y misionera.

This Week's Readings**FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME****Monday; January 12th**

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 1:1-8

Psalm 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19

To you, Lord, I will offer a sacrifice of praise.

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday; January 13th

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 1:9-20

Psalm 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd

My heart exults in the Lord, my Savior.

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday; January 14th

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20

Psalm 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Thursday; January 15th

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 4:1-11

Psalm 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25

Redeem us, Lord, because of your mercy.

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

Friday; January 16th

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a

Psalm 89:16-17, 18-19

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

Saturday; January 17th**MEMORIAL OF SAINT ANTHONY, ABBOT**

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1

Psalm 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Lord, in your strength the king is glad.

Gospel: Mark 2:13-17

Sunday; January 18th**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34

MEDITATION OF THE DAY
One with Jesus in Baptism

The mystery of the baptism of Jesus, which marks the beginning of his public life, contains, as it were, the summary of his whole mission here below. By the humiliation which he willed to undergo in receiving this rite of penance "for the remission of sins"—presage of his baptism of blood upon the Cross—"Christ fulfills all justice....

In return, the heavens are opened; the Eternal Father authentically introduces his Son to the world; the glorious splendor that this divine testimony reveals announces the mission of the enlightening of souls which the Word-made-Flesh is about to inaugurate; the Holy Spirit rests upon him to show the plenitude of gifts that adorn his blessed soul and, at the same time, to symbolize the unction of grace that Christ is to communicate to the world....

Baptism, with faith in Jesus Christ, has become for us the sacrament of divine adoption and Christian initiation. It is the Name of the Holy Trinity that is conferred upon us, the Trinity that was revealed to us upon the banks of the Jordan.... In the same way as baptism constituted for Christ the summary of all his mission, at once redeeming and sanctifying—so baptism contains for us in germ the whole development of the Christian life with its twofold aspect of "death to sin" and of "life unto God." So true is it, according to the Apostle's words, that as many...as have been baptized in Christ, have put on Christ (Gal 3:27); so true is it that we make only one with Jesus in all his mysteries.— BLESSED COLUMBA MARMION

Blessed Columba († 1923) was abbot of the Benedictine abbey of Maredsous, Belgium. / From *Christ in His Mysteries*, 11th Edition, Mother M. Saint Thomas, tr. © 1939, Herder Book Company, St. Louis, MO.

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HOMILY NOTES

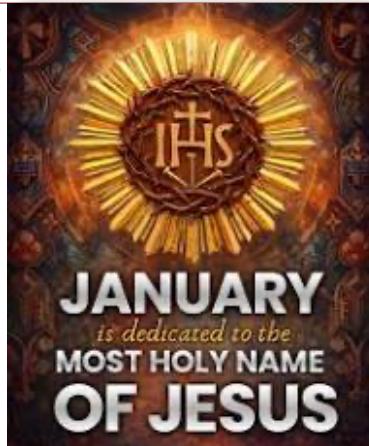
¡Bienvenido al nuevo año! Enero ocupa un lugar destacado en el calendario litúrgico de la Iglesia Católica. Es un tiempo en el que la Iglesia honra el Santo Nombre de Jesús, una celebración profundamente arraigada en la historia y la teología de la fe. La Iglesia Católica celebra la Fiesta del Santo Nombre de Jesús desde el siglo XV.

JESÚS MISMO REVELÓ EL PODER DE SU SANTO NOMBRE

- «En verdad, en verdad os digo que todo lo que pidáis al Padre en mi nombre, él os lo dará.» *Juan 16:23*
Sus apóstoles predicaron y sanaron de inmediato mediante el poder de Su Nombre:
- “Que quede bien claro para todos ustedes y para todo el pueblo de Israel que, en el nombre de Jesucristo de Nazaret, este hombre está aquí delante de ustedes completamente sano.” *Hechos 4:10*

A continuación se enumeran tres verdades sobre la devoción al Santo Nombre de Jesús.

1. *The Name of Jesus is “living and effective” (Hebreos 4:12).*
~Cuando pronunciamos el nombre de Jesús, hay una verdadera eficacia divina:
Honramos el nombre de Jesús... porque el nombre de Jesús nos recuerda todas las bendiciones que recibimos a través de nuestro Santo Redentor. Algunos de los beneficios de invocar Su Nombre incluyen: "ayuda en las necesidades corporales", "consuelo en las pruebas espirituales" y "[protección] contra Satanás y sus artimañas".
2. *El nombre de Jesús nos recuerda quién es Él y quiénes somos nosotros.* Cuando oramos o pronunciamos el nombre de Jesús, recordamos tanto su identidad como miembro de la Trinidad como su relación con nosotros.
El nombre de Jesús significa que el nombre mismo de Dios está presente en la persona de su Hijo, hecho hombre para la redención universal y definitiva de los pecados. Es el nombre divino que, por sí solo, trae la salvación, y a partir de ahora todos pueden invocar su nombre, pues Jesús se unió a todos los hombres a través de su Encarnación, de modo que «no hay otro nombre bajo el cielo dado a los hombres por el cual podamos ser salvados». *Párrafos 430-435 del Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica.*
3. *La devoción al Nombre de Jesús está presente en la Sagrada Escritura.*
Por eso, Dios lo exaltó sobremanera y le otorgó el nombre que está por encima de todo nombre, para que ante el nombre de Jesús toda rodilla se doble, en el cielo, en la tierra y debajo de la tierra, y toda lengua confiese que Jesucristo es el Señor, para gloria de Dios Padre. *Filipenses 2:6-11*
«¡Señor, incluso los demonios se someten a nosotros en tu nombre!» *Lucas 10:17*
“No tengo plata ni oro, pero te doy lo que tengo; en el nombre de Jesucristo de Nazaret, levántate y anda.” *Hechos 3:6*



Welcome to the new year! January holds a significant place in the Catholic Church's liturgical calendar. This is a time when the Church honors the Holy Name of Jesus, an observance deeply rooted in the faith's history & theology. The Catholic Church has celebrated the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus since the 15th century.

JESUS HIMSELF REVEALED THE POWER OF HIS HOLY NAME

- “Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father, he will give it to you in my name.” *John 16:23*
His Apostles promptly preached & healed thru the power of His Name:
- “[B]e it known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth...this man is standing before you [healed].” *Acts 4:10*

Listed below are three truths about devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus.

1. *The Name of Jesus is “living and effective” (Hebreos 4:12).*
~When we speak Jesus' Name, there is true divine efficacy:
We give honor to the Name of Jesus... because the Name of Jesus reminds us of all the blessings we receive thru our Holy Redeemer. Just some of the benefits of calling on His Name include: "help in bodily needs," "consolation in spiritual trials," and "[protection] against Satan and his wiles."
2. *The Name of Jesus reminds us of Who He is & who we are.*
~When we pray with or speak Jesus' Name, we recall both His identity as a Member of the Trinity and His relationship with us.
The name 'Jesus' signifies that the very name of God is present in the person of his Son, made man for the universal and definitive redemption from sins. It is the divine name that alone brings salvation, and henceforth all can invoke his name, for Jesus united himself to all men through his Incarnation, so that 'there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.'
Paragraphs 430-435 of the CCC
3. *Devotion to Jesus' Name is present in Sacred Scripture.*
“Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven & on earth & under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” *Filipians 2:6-11*
“Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” *Luke 10:17*
“I have no silver and gold, but I give you what I have; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” *Acts 3:6*

Pancake Breakfast

TODAY! TODAY! TODAY!

Immediately following 10:30 and 12:30 Masses

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Good Food. Good cause. Good fellowship

\$10.00 – Adults \$30.00 – Families



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, January 17th
9:30 AM – 2:00 PM

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Grief Support Ministry

The STM Grief Support Ministry is a response to the needs of people grieving the death of a loved one/ones, in their lives.

The goal of this Ministry is to ensure that no one grieves alone.

Meetings are monthly on the 2nd Wednesday.

MEETING THIS WEEK Wed.; January 14 at 6p

Questions? Call Cheryl Barron: 530-514-8859

Women of St. Thomas More Meeting
Saturday, January 17 | 9:30A | STM Hall (small room)
Join us for the first meeting of the new year!

Ladies! Did you know? ALL women of the STM parish are automatic members of the Women of STM! It's true. So please consider checking out this fun group of Christ-led women.

Questions? See Susie Boyd (president), Cathy Keesling, Lori MacPhail, Madeline Riley, or Rolawn Rehmann after Mass.

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

Upcoming Workshop!

HEALING TRAUMAS

For those still having nightmares about the fire, or other traumatic events in their lives, join us for a free presentation about the Instinctual Trauma Response method, designed to teach you to think about the events in a different, not painful, way.

Fellow parishioner Matt Poje, LCPP, is offering a talk, over two evenings, to learn the method.

There is no charge and no requirement to share your story.

All supplies will be provided

Thursday, Jan. 22 & Friday, Jan. 23
630p to 830 | Parish Hall

WOMEN of STM:



**SAVE THE
DATE!**

The Women's Retreat, for all ladies of St. Thomas More parish, will be at Christ the King Retreat Center January 30 to Feb. 1, 2026.

Listen, Jesus is calling! This Retreat invites us to a spiritual gathering for reflection, prayer, and community as we listen to the voice of Christ in our midst.

Pick up a flyer in the narthex for details.

Questions? Cathy Keesling 530.828.0278 or Cheryl Barron: 530.514.8859.



Got 15 minutes? This month of Devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus is a perfect time to spend a few minutes with Jesus at Adoration! Friday's 9A to 6p. Jesus loves spending time with you!