

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 Bilingual

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 830A

Sunday Readings

1st Reading Acts 13:14, 43-52

Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

El Señor es nuestro Dios y nosotros su pueblo. Aleluya.

2nd Reading Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

Gospel John 10:27-30

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 11TH

Sunday; May 11

Tamy Weaver †

1030A

For the birthday intentions of Mellonee Faultry

Domingo 11 de mayo

Vance Bevel

1230P español

Maximina León Méndez (en acción de gracias)

Tuesday; May 13

For the health intentions of Helen Kelly

6P

Ken Campbell †

Wed.; May 14

Connie Rehmann †

830A

Ken Campbell †

Thurs.; May 15

For the intentions of Art Sanchez

830A

Carol Zellmer †

Friday; May 16

Enide Allison †

830A

Barbara Maldonado †

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Rod Montgomery
Kimberly Steffen-Parkney
Raul Sáavedra
Jose Raul Rivera
Mary Anne Durant
Isabel Rivera Leon
Juanita Rivera León

Samia Zumout
Greg DeCristofaro
John Thomas
Lourdes Collazo
Carrie Sonsteng
Art Sanchez

Tim Steffen
Elaine Little
Ron Keyes
Theresa Durant
Sam Kempner
Doris Acevedo

HABEMUS PAPAM!

Robert Cardinal Prevost was elected as the 266th successor to St. Peter on May 8, 2025 and will be known as Pope Leo XIV. Born "Robert Francis Prevost" he is a native of



Pope Leo XIV

Robert Cardinal Prevost

Chicago, Ill. & is the 1st American citizen to be elected pope. Fluent in English, Spanish & Italian he addressed the crowd in St. Peter's Square in Italian, Spanish & Latin

Happy Mother's Day

Feliz día de las madres

This Week's Readings

THE FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

Monday; May 12th

1st Reading: Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3, 4

Thirst is my soul for the living God.

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Tuesday; May 13th

1st Reading: Acts 11:19-26

Psalm 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7

All you nations, praise the Lord.

Gospel: John 10:22-30

Wednesday; May 14th**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

Thursday; May 15th

1st Reading: Acts 13:13-25

Psalm 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel: John 13:16-20

Friday; May 16th

1st Reading: Acts 13:26-33

Psalm 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab

You are my Son; this day I have begotten you

Gospel: John 14:1-6

Saturday; May 17th

1st Reading: Acts 13:44-52

Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Gospel: John 14:7-14

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Following the Voice of the Shepherd

**Everything is grace. Only the shepherd's call and the**

recognition from divine love decides who belongs to the flock. To hear and follow the well-known voice is all that is required of man; not justice or achievement. For all have sinned and suffered the loss of the glory of God. Those who are justified are justified by the gift of his grace through redemption in Jesus Christ (Rom 3:23-24). Sinners who have gone astray are the first among those to receive his

recognition. Their joy fills the Easter season; they press in upon the risen Shepherd, so wondrous with his wounds and his humility. They are happy in his pastures: "The mysteries of God are good pasture. The words of Holy Scripture are pasture too" (Saint Ambrose). There the Good Shepherd gives his sheep the flesh and blood of the lamb which has been sacrificed for them to eat; he gives them himself to make them strong. He gives them the pure water of his divine word to drink & the milk of his mysteries....

Even when He leads along rough ways, it is always the good pasture that he

has in sight for us at last. But not "good" in an earthly sense; Christ has brought no paradise on earth, but peace and everlasting life for the soul. The wild beasts, hatred, anger, envy, and every kind of sin, lie defeated in us beneath the powerful arm of the Shepherd.... Therefore the Church makes her thanksgiving today directly with the introit: "The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth" (cf. Ps 33:5, Entrance Antiphon)....

What the mystery of Easter, what the mysteries of our incorporation into the flock have brought about will be perfected by our daily following of him along the shepherd's way

Between the pastures there lies the road of faithful devotion... a desert way perhaps, but easily gone in the Lord's company.... The Lord has shown us recognition, and in baptism he has put his seal upon us. We were weak and imperfect, but God has recognized us as his own; he has shown us his love. May he grant that we may remain on his broad pastures forever, and be nourished with those mysteries as we go along the road of this life. —SISTER AEMILIANA LÖHR, O.S.B.

Sister Aemiliana († 1972) was a German Benedictine nun who wrote about the liturgy. / From *The Mass through the Year: Volume Two, Holy Week to the Last Sunday after Pentecost*, I.T. Hale, tr. Copyright © 1958, Longmans, Green & Co. Ltd., NY.

Excerpt from *Magnificat Magazine*, Meditation of the Day, May 11, 2025

HOMILY NOTES



Knights of Columbus® Scholarship Awards Program: It's time to apply!

Applications for scholarships (up to \$1,000) are being accepted & are due by May 31. See details and the application on the STM Website at: https://stmparadise.org/sites/stmparadise/files/kofc-scholarship_info_application_2024.pdf

Applications also available in the Parish Office. Submit completed application to: jimcollins_95991@yahoo.com or mail to: K of C 7773 Scholarships, 767 Elliott Rd., Paradise, CA. 95969. Questions? Email Jim Collins or see him after Mass for more information.

¡Bienvenidos a mayo! Este mes está dedicado a Nuestra Señora, ocasión para un "conmovedor homenaje de fe y amor que los católicos de todo el mundo [rinden] a la Reina del Cielo. Durante este mes, los cristianos, tanto en la iglesia como en privado en el hogar, ofrecen a María desde el corazón un homenaje especialmente ferviente y amoroso de oración y veneración. También durante este mes, los beneficios de la misericordia de Dios nos llegan desde su trono con mayor abundancia" (Pablo VI: *Encíclica sobre el mes de mayo*, n.º 1).

La piadosa práctica de honrar a María durante el mes de mayo ha sido especialmente recomendada por los Papas. Pío XII la mencionó con frecuencia en su gran Encíclica sobre la Sagrada Liturgia (*Mediator Dei*). El Papa Juan Pablo II dijo: «Hoy comenzamos el mes dedicado a Nuestra Señora, una de las favoritas de la devoción popular. Siguiendo una larga tradición de devoción, las parroquias y las familias continúan haciendo de mayo un mes «mariano», celebrándolo con numerosas iniciativas litúrgicas, catequéticas y pastorales».

ORACIÓN: Regina Caeli (versiones en español y latín)

Se concede indulgencia parcial a los fieles que reciten devotamente esta oración según la fórmula indicada para la época del año. Es una práctica loable recitar estas oraciones temprano por la mañana, al mediodía y por la noche.

Versión en español

V. Reina del Cielo, alégrate, aleluya:
R. **Porque aquel a quien has merecido dar a luz, aleluya,**
V. ha resucitado, como dijo, aleluya.
R. **Ruega por nosotros a Dios, aleluya.**
V. Alégrate y regocíjate, oh Virgen María, aleluya.
R. **Porque el Señor verdaderamente ha resucitado, aleluya.**

Let us pray: O God, who by the Resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has vouchsafed to make glad the whole world, grant, we beseech thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, his Mother, we may attain the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen. (Roman Breviary)

Versión en latín

V. Regina caeli laetare, allelúia.
R. **Quia quem meruisti portare, allelúia.**
V. Resurrexit sicut dixit, allelúia.
R. **Ora pro nobis Deus, allelúia.**
V. Gaude et laetare, Virgo María, allelúia.
R. **Quia surrexit Dominus vére, allelúia.**

Oremus: Deus, qui per resurrectionem Filii Tui Domini nostri Jesu Christi mundum laetificare dignatus es: praesta, quaesumus: ut per ejus Genitricem Virginem Mariam, perpetuae capiamus gaudia vitae. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Nota: Se desconoce el autor del "Regina Caeli". La leyenda cuenta que San Gregorio Magno (fallecido en 604) escuchó los tres primeros versos cantados por ángeles una mañana de Pascua en Roma mientras caminaba descalzo en una gran procesión religiosa; el santo añadió entonces el cuarto verso: "Ora pro nobis Deum. Aleluya". — Padre Gant, moderador de Catholic News



Welcome to May! This month is dedicated to Our Blessed Lady – the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith & love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During May Christians, both in church & privately in the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer & veneration. Also during this month, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: *Encyclical on the Month of May*, no. 1).

The pious practice of honoring Mary during May has been especially recommended by the Popes. Pius XII made frequent reference to it & in his great Encyclical on the Sacred Liturgy (*Mediator Dei*). Pope John Paul II said, "Today we begin the month dedicated to Our Lady a favorite of popular devotion. In accord with a long-standing tradition of devotion, parishes and families continue to make May a 'Marian' month, celebrating it with many devout liturgical, catechetical, and pastoral initiatives!"

PRAYER: Regina Caeli (English & Latin versions)

A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful, who devoutly recite this according to the formula indicated for the time of the year. It is a praiseworthy practice to recite these prayers in the early morning, at noon, and in the evening.

English version

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia:
R. **For he whom thou hast deserved to bear, alleluia,**
V. Hath risen, as he said, alleluia.
R. **Pray for us to God, alleluia.**
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. **Because the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.**

Let us pray: O God, who by the Resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has vouchsafed to make glad the whole world, grant, we beseech thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, his Mother, we may attain the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen. (Roman Breviary)

Latin version

V. Regina caeli laetare, allelúia.
R. **Quia quem meruisti portare, allelúia.**
V. Resurrexit sicut dixit, allelúia.
R. **Ora pro nobis Deus, allelúia.**
V. Gaude et laetare, Virgo María, allelúia.
R. **Quia surrexit Dominus vére, allelúia.**

Oremus: Deus, qui per resurrectionem Filii Tui Domini nostri Jesu Christi mundum laetificare dignatus es: praesta, quaesumus: ut per ejus Genitricem Virginem Mariam, perpetuae capiamus gaudia vitae. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Note: The authorship of the "Regina Caeli" is unknown. Legend says St. Gregory the Great (d. 604) heard the first three lines chanted by angels on a certain Easter morning in Rome as he walked barefoot in a great religious procession; the saint thereupon added the fourth line: "Ora pro nobis Deum. Alleluia." — Fr. Gant, moderator, Catholic News

Happy Mother's Day

Feliz día de las madres

Knights of
Columbus

Will Host Mother's Breakfast After Mass

Today, the Knights of Columbus will honor mothers by serving a delicious Mother's Day breakfast of pancakes, eggs & sausage after both Masses! Mothers eat free! Tickets are \$10 per person or \$30 per family and may be purchased after both Masses in the Parish Hall. Proceeds go to supporting Camp Recreation for the intellectually disabled & the Special Olympics.

Knights of
Columbus

organizarán un desayuno por el Día de la Madre después de ambas misas!

Hoy, los Caballeros de Colón honrarán a las madres sirviendo un delicioso desayuno del Día de las Madres con panqueques, huevos y salchichas después de ambas misas. ¡Las madres comen gratis! Las entradas cuestan \$10 por persona o \$30 por familia y se pueden comprar después de ambas misas en el Salón Parroquial. Lo recaudado se destinará a apoyar el Campamento Recreativo para personas con discapacidad intelectual y las Olimpiadas Especiales.

Reminders

- ✦ **TODAY-May 11: Mother's Day Breakfast** after both Masses.
- ✦ **FRIDAY-May 16: Men's Prayer Group** 7A in the Hall's small rm
 - **Adoration** until 6p following the 830A Mass.
 - **OCIA** 11:30am to 4:15pm Main Hall.

Women of STM Updates

- ▶ **Saturday; May 17** - The Women of STM will meet at 10A in the Hall's small room. Come early for food and fellowship! This is the last regular meeting until September.
- ▶ **Saturday; June 14** - The Women of St. Thomas More's Summer Picnic is on June 14 at 6475 Apple Creek Drive in Paradise. Sign up to bring a dish at the May 17 meeting. Beverages will be provided.



The Funeral Mass for Barbara Maldonado

A Funeral Mass for Barbara Maldonado will be held Thursday, May 22, 11a at St. Thomas More. A reception will follow in the church hall.

2025 JUBILEE OF HOPE UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED



May 25

We are excited to celebrate & honor the unique and diverse Asians & Pacific Islanders Catholic communities through a series of Jubilee Masses celebrated by our Auxiliary Bishop Rey Bersabal with each cultural community. The first Mass of this Jubilee series will be Sunday, May 25 at 2p at St. John Vianney Parish, Rancho Cordova, with the Indonesian Catholic community. All are welcome!

June 19
thru
June 21

Celebrate this Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope by participating in our Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession June 19 thru 21. The Procession will start on June 19 in Vallejo and conclude on June 21 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, with many stops along the way for people from across the diocese to join us on water and land. For more details visit <https://scd.org/JubileeEucharisticProcession>

June 26

Jubilee Sacred Heart Pilgrimage | Sacred Heart Parish, Susanville
Sacred Heart Parish in Susanville will host a pilgrimage walk to celebrate the Jubilee Year as one of the 12 pilgrimage sites. The walk begins Thursday, June 26 and ends Friday, June 27 on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The pilgrimage walk will take place on the Bizz Johnson Trail from Westwood to Susanville with an overnight camp at the midway point. The walk will conclude at Sacred Heart Parish followed by Mass with Auxiliary Bishop Rey Bersabal. Pilgrims under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. For more info and registration visit sacredheartpilgrimage.net

Sept. 13

Pilgrims of Hope ON FIRE: Jubilee Day for Young People
Save the date for our Jubilee Day for Young People at ON FIRE 2025 on Saturday, Sept. 13 at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, Vallejo. This year's theme - "Pilgrims of Hope ON FIRE".
For more info visit: www.onfirenorcal.com

Sept. 27

Ministry Days 2025
Pilgrims of Hope | Jubilee Day for Parish Ministry Leaders
Saturday, Sept. 27 | St. Francis High School, Sacramento
For more info, visit www.ministrydays.com



2025 JUBILEE OF HOPE UPCOMING EVENTS

May 18

The St. Katharine Drexel Pilgrimage Route from Indianapolis to Los Angeles begins on May 18 and draws to a close June 22, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Jesus Christ. This is the culmination of the three-year National Eucharistic Revival led by the USCCB. For more info visit <https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/>

May 24

"Jubilee Day For Creation" celebration is Saturday, May 24, 2p-3:30p at St. Patrick's Church (Small Hall), 235 Chapel Street, Grass Valley. Three speakers, including Kim-Son Ziegler from St. Anthony's parish-Sacramento, will highlight efforts to decarbonize their parish; plus handouts on tax credits/rebates to help save money, save energy & the earth. RSVP: bobbie@h2tonps.org

