



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



"Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy."
Sr. Faustina's Diary. pg. 132

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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 2:42-47

Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is everlasting.

La misericordia del Señor es eterna. Aleluva.

2nd Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel John 20:19-31

MASS INTENTIONS FOR EASTER WEEK OF APRIL 12TH

<i>Sunday; April 12</i>	Larry Campbell † Robert & Jo Ann Matheson †	1030A
<i>Domingo; 12 de abril</i>	Justina Albarran Soto † Agapito Rivera Vargas †	1230P español
<i>Tues.; April 14</i>	Sam Kempner † Lucia Flores †	830A
<i>Wed.; April 15</i>	Gema Real Carol Zellmer †	830A
<i>Thurs.; April 16</i>	Kiaya Mangan (birthday) David Brown	7P
<i>Friday; April 17</i>	Barbara Ortiz † Familia de Francisco & Julieta Rivera	830A

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
Gloria Klingler

Samia Zumout
Greg DeCristofaro
Carrie Sonsteng
Art Sanchez
Santiago Ávila
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 2nd WEEK OF EASTER

Monday; April 13th

1st Reading: Acts 4:23-31

Psalm 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9

Blessed are all who take refuge in the Lord.

Gospel: John 3:1-8

Tuesday; April 14th

1st Reading: Acts 4:32-37

Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Gospel: John 3:7b-15

Wednesday; April 15th

1st Reading: Acts 5:17-26

Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Gospel: John 3:16-21

Thursday; April 16th

1st Reading: Acts Acts 5:27-33

Psalm 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Gospel: John 3:31-36

Friday; April 17th

1st Reading: Acts 5:34-42

Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14

One thing I seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord.

Gospel: John 6:1-15

Saturday; April 18th

1st Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Gospel: John 6:16-21

Sunday; April 19th

Third Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

The Mystery of His Mercy



O my merciful Lord, there are secrets in my heart which no one knows or will ever know except you because, even if I wanted to reveal them, no one would understand me. Your minister knows some because I confess to him, but he knows only the bit of these mysteries that I am capable of revealing; the rest remains between us for eternity, O my Lord!

You have covered me with the cloak of your mercy, pardoning my sins. Not once did you refuse your pardon; you always had pity on me, giving me a new life of grace. To prevent doubts, you have entrusted me to the loving care of your Church, that tender mother, who in your name assures me of the truths of faith and watches lest I wander. Especially in the tribunal of your mercy does my soul meet an ocean of favors....

Jesus, there is one more secret in my life, the deepest and dearest to my heart: it is you yourself when you come to my heart under the appearance of bread. Herein lies the whole secret of my sanctity. Here my heart is so united with yours as to be but one. There are no more secrets, because all that is yours is mine, and all that is mine is yours. Such is the omnipotence and the miracle of your mercy. – SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA

KOWALSKA

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska († 1938) was a Polish Sister of Our Lady of Mercy whose mystical visions of Jesus inspired the Divine Mercy devotion. She was canonized in 2000. / From Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska: Divine Mercy in My Soul. © 1987, Marian Press, Stockbridge, MA.

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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–.

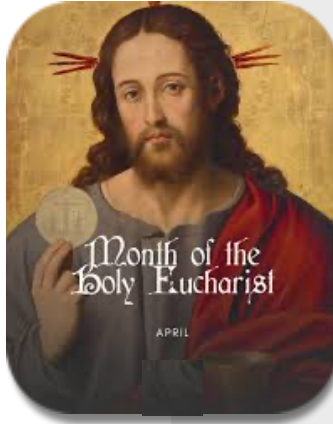
Dios comunica la gracia a los fieles a través de todos los Sacramentos; sin embargo, la Santa Eucaristía comunica al mismo Autor de la Gracia.

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*».

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.

8 FORMAS DE CRECER EN DEVOCIÓN A LA SANTA EUCARISTÍA ESTE ABRIL

1. Participa con espíritu de oración en la Misa, especialmente durante la Liturgia de la Eucaristía. *Cuanto mejor sea nuestra disposición y preparación para los Sacramentos, más abundantes gracias fluirán.*
2. Ve a confesarte. Recuerda que debemos estar en estado de gracia para recibir a nuestro Señor en la Sagrada Comunión. *E incluso confesar los pecados veniales puede prepararte mejor para la Comunión.*
3. Comprométase a dedicar un horario semanal a la Adoración. *Esta práctica fomenta un profundo sentido de reverencia y asombro ante el misterio eucarístico, y ofrece un tiempo para la oración mental ante Nuestro Señor.*
4. Conozca más sobre el Avivamiento Eucarístico y cómo participar.
5. Asista a un seminario, retiro o estudio bíblico centrado en la teología de la Eucaristía y su impacto transformador en los fieles.
6. Asiste a la Misa diaria entre semana para orar y recibir a Nuestro Señor. *En cada Misa se reciben innumerables gracias. «Ninguna lengua humana puede enumerar los favores que emanan del Sacrificio de la Misa. El pecador se reconcilia con Dios; el justo se vuelve más virtuoso; los pecados son borrados; los vicios son extirpados; la virtud y el mérito aumentan; y los planes del diablo son frustrados».* -St. Lawrence Justinian
7. Dedicar un tiempo después de cada Misa para orar en acción de gracias por la Sagrada Eucaristía. *La palabra «Eucaristía» significa acción de gracias, y no hay mayor don por el cual dar gracias que el don de Cristo en nosotros.*
8. Memoriza versículos de las Escrituras que destaquen la Sagrada Eucaristía. *Por ejemplo: «Jesús les dijo: “En verdad, en verdad les digo: si no comen la carne del Hijo del hombre y beben su sangre, no tienen vida en ustedes”».* (Juan 6:53).



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.*”

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. 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.

8 WAYS TO GROW IN DEVOTION TO THE HOLY EUCHARIST THIS APRIL

1. Prayerfully participate in the Mass, especially during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. *The better our disposition and preparation for the Sacraments, the more abundant graces will flow.*
2. Go to Confession. *Remember, we must be in a state of grace to receive our Lord in Holy Communion. And even confessing venial sins can better prepare you for Communion.*
3. Commit to a weekly time slot at Adoration. *This practice fosters a deep sense of reverence and awe for the Eucharistic mystery and offers time for mental prayer before Our Lord.*
4. Learn more about the Eucharistic Revival and how to get involved.
5. Attend a seminar, retreat, or Bible study focused on the theology of the Eucharist and its transformative impact on the faithful.
6. Go to daily Mass during the week to pray and receive Our Lord. *Manifold graces are to be received at every Mass. “No human tongue can enumerate the favors that trace back to the Sacrifice of the Mass. The sinner is reconciled with God; the just man becomes more upright; sins are wiped away; vices are uprooted; virtue and merit increase; and the devil’s schemes are frustrated.”* -St. Lawrence Justinian
7. Take time after each Mass to pray in gratitude for the Holy Eucharist. *The word “Eucharist” means thanksgiving, and there is no greater gift to be thankful for than the gift of Christ in us.*
8. Memorize Scripture verses that highlight the Holy Eucharist. *E.g. “Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.”* (John 6:53).



REMINDER:

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



**Ladies Bible Study
Thursday, April 16, 1P**

Family Life Center - small meeting room

Questions? Call Gail Crowley 530-877-8474



ADORATION

Friday, April 17 | Follows 830A Mass
Adoration ends at 6P



MEN'S MINISTRY

Friday, April 17 | **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.

Sacramento Diocese Corpus Christi Procession June 7

Join us in Sunday, June 7, for the Sacramento Diocese' Annual Corpus Christi Procession on the river of the Blessed Sacrament to the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Day begins at 8 a.m. with Mass at St. Joseph in Rio Vista and ends with mass at the Cathedral at 5 p.m.

An overview of the day's schedule is provided below. For more details, full schedule, and to RSVP go to <https://scd.org/corpuschristiprocession>

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

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Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession

**SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026
8AM - 6PM**

STARTING AT ST. JOSEPH IN RIO VISTA
CONCLUDING AT THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Observe the procession on the water 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

womens one day retreat

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!