



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 830A

Wednesday, Thurs., & Friday 830A

Sunday Readings

1st Reading *1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a*

Psalm *23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6*

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

El Señor es mi pastor, nada me faltará.

2nd Reading *Ephesians 5:8-14*

Gospel *John 9:1-41*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 15TH

*Sunday; March 15 Carol Zellmer † 1030A
Robert de Ramirez †*

*Domingo; 15 de marzo José María González † (father) 1230P español
José María González Gallegos † (son)*

*Tues.; March 17 Larry Campbell † 830A
Ken Campbell †*

*Wed.; March 18 Carol Zellmer † 830A
Luis Gerardo Padilla*

*Thurs.; March 19 Israel Hernández 830A
Manuel Buelna*

*Friday; March 20 Barbara Johnson † 830A
Shirley Richards*

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 Klinger
Bryant Smith*


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

*Tim Steffen
Elaine Little
Ron Keyes
Theresa Durant
Sam Kempner
Richard Carmack
Dolores Costello
Barbara Braun
Rosemary Peterson
Shirley Richards*

MARCH INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

INTENCIONES DE MARZO DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

Por el desarme y la paz

Oremos para que las naciones avancen hacia un desarme efectivo, en particular el desarme nuclear, y para que los líderes mundiales elijan el camino del diálogo y la diplomacia en lugar de la violencia.

This Week's Readings**FOURTH WEEK OF LENT****Monday; March 16th**

1st Reading: Isaiah 65:17-21

Psalm 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Gospel: John 4:43-54

Tuesday; March 17th

1st Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12

Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9

The Lord of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob.

Gospel: John 5:17-30

Wednesday; March 18th

1st Reading: Isaiah 49:8-15

Psalm 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18

The Lord is gracious and merciful.

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday; March 19th Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16

Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29

The son of David will live for ever.

2nd Reading: Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22

Gospel: Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a

Friday; March 20th

1st Reading: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22

Psalm 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted.

Gospel: John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday; March 21st

1st Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20

Psalm 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12

O Lord, my God, in you I take refuge.

Gospel: John 7:40-53

Sunday; March 22nd**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

MEDITATION OF THE DAY
Seeing the Face of Christ**Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.**

A great promise... and one to be responded to with our whole desire. This vision is also our assurance, as John the Apostle said: We are now God's children. It does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. This vision is eternal life, as Truth himself said in the Gospel: This is life eternal, to know you the one true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

It is a hateful blotch which deprives us of this vision... Just as our bodily sight is blurred by some inner fluid or some outer speck of dust, so spiritual insight is impeded either by the lust of our own flesh or by worldly curiosity and ambition.... It sometimes happens that the physical eye seems to remain dim for a little while even after a speck has been taken out or blown away. And it is the same with the inner eye, as the man who walks in the Spirit has often experienced. Even when you have taken out shrapnel, a wound does not immediately begin to heal, but you must then first apply poultices and nurse it....

Washing with water is not sufficient; you must also be purified and refined with fire, so you may say: We have gone through fire and water; and you have brought us forth into a place of refreshment (Ps 66:12). Blessed are the pure in heart, then, for they shall see God. Now we see in a mirror dimly, but in the future we shall see face to face, once our face shall have been cleansed of all smut and he shall present it to himself resplendent, without spot or wrinkle. — SAINT BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux († 1153), considered the last Church Father, was a monastic reformer and a prolific Cistercian preacher. He is a Doctor of the Church. / From Sermons on Conversion, On Conversion, A Sermons to Clerics and Lenten Sermons on the Psalm "He Who Dwells," Marie-Bernard Saïd, o.s.b., tr. Copyright 1981 by Cistercian Publications, Inc. © 2008 by Order of Saint Benedict, Collegeville, Minnesota.

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HOMILY NOTES

¡Bienvenidos a marzo! Este mes está dedicado a San José. Esta rica tradición nos invita a reflexionar sobre su fe, humildad, obediencia y amor desinteresado. San José es un modelo excepcional para nosotros en nuestro camino espiritual. Marzo es el mes elegido para la dedicación a San José, ya que su festividad principal se celebra el 19 de marzo, * una fiesta para honrar y conmemorar su papel como esposo de María y padre adoptivo de Jesucristo. Este mes, la Iglesia anima a los creyentes a reflexionar sobre las virtudes de San José, buscar su intercesión y profundizar en su importancia en la historia de la salvación.

***La Solemnidad de San José, Esposo de la Bienaventurada Virgen María, se celebrará en Santo Tomás Moro el viernes 19 de marzo en la Misa de las 830A.**

ORACIÓN DE CONSAGRACIÓN A SAN JOSÉ

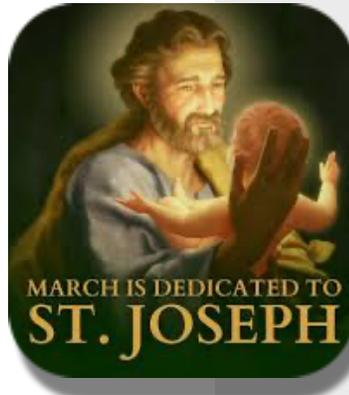
¿Por qué debo consagrarme a San José? Este acto formal de encomendarme a su cuidado paternal te ofrece cuatro beneficios clave:

1. Te acerca a Jesús y a María,
2. Aumenta tus virtudes,
3. Brinda una poderosa protección espiritual.
4. Además, esta consagración te proporciona un "padre espiritual" que guarda tu alma, te ayuda a vencer el pecado y te guía hacia la santidad.

1. **Protección y guía espiritual:** Como protector de la Sagrada Familia, San José es un poderoso defensor contra los peligros espirituales y un guía para la vida diaria.
2. **Imitación de la Virtud:** La consagración te ayuda a emular sus virtudes, particularmente la humildad, la pureza, la obediencia y la fortaleza.
3. **Relación más estrecha con Jesús y María:** Al abrazar a José como tu padre espiritual, sigues el ejemplo de Jesús, quien se sometió al cuidado de José, atrayéndote a un vínculo más estrecho con la Sagrada Familia.
4. **Apoyo en tiempos modernos:** se ve como una forma de encontrar paz y fortaleza durante tiempos difíciles.

Breve consagración a San José

Blessed St. Joseph, I consecrate myself to your honor and give myself to you, that you may always be my father, my protector, and my guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me great purity of heart and a fervent love of the interior life. After your example, may I perform my actions for the greater Glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and with you. Pray for me, Saint Joseph, that I may experience the peace and joy of your holy death. Amen.



Welcome to March! This month is dedicated to St. Joseph. This rich tradition invites us to reflect on his faith, humility, obedience, and selfless love. St. Joseph is an exceptional model for us in navigating our spiritual journey.

March is the month chosen for dedication to St. Joseph because the principal Feast of Saint Joseph is celebrated on March 19* – a feast to honor & commemorate his role as the husband of Mary & foster father of Jesus Christ. This month the Church encourages believers to reflect on St. Joseph's virtues, seek his intercession, and deepen their understanding of his significance in salvation history.

***The Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will be celebrated at St. Thomas More this Friday, March 19, at the 830A Mass.**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION TO SAINT JOSEPH

Why should I consecrate myself to St. Joseph? This formal act of entrustment to his paternal care offers you four key benefits –

1. Draws you closer to Jesus and Mary,
2. Increases your virtues,
3. Provides powerful spiritual protection.
4. Additionally, thru this consecration you gain a "spiritual father" who guards your soul, helps you overcome sin, and guides you toward holiness.

1. **Spiritual Protection and Guidance:** As the protector of the Holy Family, St. Joseph is a powerful defender against spiritual dangers and a guide for daily life.
2. **Imitation of Virtue:** The consecration helps you emulate his virtues, particularly humility, purity, obedience, and fortitude.
3. **Closer Relationship with Jesus and Mary:** By embracing Joseph as your spiritual father, you follow the example of Jesus, who subjected himself to Joseph's care, drawing you into a tighter bond with the Holy Family.
4. **Support in Modern Times:** It is seen as a way to find peace and strength during challenging times.

Short Consecration to Saint Joseph

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MEN'S MINISTRY NEW TIME!
Friday; March 20 | **930A** | Church Hall Mtg Rm.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY
DINNER & DANCE**



NEXT WEEKEND!

Saturday | March 21

6p Social
630P Dinner

**Corn Beef & Cabbage and Dessert
Dancing | 50/50 Drawing
\$100 Door Prize**

Tickets available after Mass
\$20 Adult | \$50 Families (Kids under 12)

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**womens one
day retreat**

Special Guest Speaker Deacon Ray Helgeson

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN OF ST. THOMAS MORE!

Ladies, mark your calendars for a Wonderful One-Day Retreat, given by Deacon Ray Helgeson, April 11, 845a to 3p. Deacon Ray will be speaking about God's original plan for creation, Sin—the world & heaven, God's call & our response, and Repentance - growth in spiritual strength. Confession and Mass will be offered. Please come and spend this time nourishing your body and soul. A continental breakfast and lunch are included. For reservations and questions please call Cheryl Barron at 530-514-8859. Please register to help us ensure there are sufficient materials & food. There is no cost to attend this retreat, it is free to all women of the parish.

Penance Services: Just three remain

- **March 17: St. Thos. the Apostle, Oroville - 6p**
- **March 19: Sacred Heart, Gridley - 6p**
- **March 25: St. Thomas More, Paradise - 6p**

March 20 | 20 de marzo

Stations of the Cross | Horario del via Crucis

- **6P Stations | Horario**
- **Lenten Soup Supper | Cena de Sopa**

Note/Nota: Stations of the Cross, in both English & Spanish, will take place simultaneously with each group alternating between the Church and the Family Life Center (aka: the church hall.) El Vía Crucis, tanto en inglés como en español, se llevará a cabo simultáneamente, alternando cada grupo entre la iglesia y el Centro de Vida Familiar (también conocido como el salón.)

**ATTENTION ALL WOMEN
OF THE PARISH**

**THE NEXT WOMEN OF STM MEETING
SATURDAY; MARCH 21 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.

Ladies Bible Study Thursday at 1p

Family Life Center - small meeting room - 1P
Questions? Call Gail Crowley 530-877-8474

ALOHA!!! How about 6Days/5Nights in Maui at the Sheraton Maui Resort & Spa? This St. Vincent de Paul annual fundraiser offers you a chance for two to fly to Maui, a \$400 car rental voucher & \$500 American Express gift card. 2ND Prize is a \$500 VISA gift card! Raffle Tickets are just \$10 each. Purchase yours after Mass.



Attention ALL MEN! Men's Retreat Getting Closer

Listen, Jesus is calling! Have you signed up for The Men's Retreat yet? Uh-oh. It's getting closer! **Fri.; March 27 to Sun.; March 29.**

The Retreat is getting close but there's still time to register. <https://christthekingretreatcenter.org/> or by mail (the address is on the Info Sheet), or call 916-725-4720.

Registration: \$290-Single | \$260-Double
Ride share available, see Gary | Partial scholarships available just call the Retreat Center
Pick up a flyer in the narthex for details.

Questions? Need a ride? See retreat leader Deacon Gary Zellmer after Mass.

