

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
Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 830A*

Sunday Readings

1st Reading *Isaiah 62:1-5*

Psalm *Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10*

*Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.
Cantemos la grandeza del Señor.*

2nd Reading *1 Corinthians 12:4-11*

Gospel *John 2:1-11*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 19TH

<i>Sunday; Jan. 19</i>	<i>Oping Demetria †</i>	<i>1030A</i>
<i>Domingo; 19 enero</i>	<i>Celia Elba Topete (Cumpleaños)</i>	<i>1230P español</i>
<i>Tuesday; Jan. 21</i>	<i>Ana Covarrubias †</i>	<i>6P</i>
<i>Wed.; Jan. 22</i>	_____	<i>830A</i>
<i>Thurs.; Jan. 23</i>	_____	<i>830A</i>
<i>Friday; Jan. 24</i>	<i>Father Michael Carroll †</i>	<i>830A</i>

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

*Karla Valenzuela
Cathy Larsen
Lorraine Carr
Angela Babcock
Sharon Calboun
Nancy Cornett
Linda Alberghotti
Amanda McDonald
Marek Maciaga*

*Mary Braddick
Carrie Sue Sonsteng
Sam Kempner
Tylor Koski
Victor Furrer
Kimberly Helgeson Avoy
Denis Helgeson
Bozena Maciaga*

*Tadeusz Maciaga
Rod Montgomery
David Porter
Barbara Maldonado
Lora Ginn
Senona Gonzalez
Samia Zumout
Karen Reynolds
Don H*

JANUARY INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS

For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

INTENCIONES DE ENERO DEL PAPA FRANCISCO

Por el derecho a la educación

Oremos por los migrantes, los refugiados y los afectados por la guerra, para que siempre se respete su derecho a la educación, necesaria para construir un mundo mejor.

This Week's Readings

SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday; January 20th

1st Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10
Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4
You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.
Gospel: Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday; January 21st

1st Reading: Hebrews 6:10-20
Psalm 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10C
The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.
Gospel: Mark 2:23-28

MEMORIAL OF SAINT
AGNES, VIRGIN AND
MARTYR

Wednesday; January 22nd

1st Reading: Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17
Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4
You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.
Gospel: Mark 3:1-6

DAY OF PRAYER FOR
THE LEGAL
PROTECTION OF
UNBORN CHILDREN

Thursday; January 23rd

1st Reading: Hebrews 7:25-8:6
Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17
Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.
Gospel: Mark 3:7-12

Friday; January 24th

1st Reading: Hebrews 8:6-13
Psalm 85:8, 10, 11-12, 13-14
Kindness and truth shall meet.
Gospel: Mark 3:13-19

MEMORIAL OF SAINT
FRANCIS DE SALES,
BISHOP AND DOCTOR
OF THE CHURCH

Saturday; January 25th

1st Reading: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22
Psalm 117:1bc, 2
Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.
Gospel: Mark 16:15-18

FEAST OF THE
CONVERSION OF SAINT
PAUL, APOSTLE

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Water to Wine, Wine to Blood



How to admire, venerate, worship, and love this supreme work of God, that he may be exalted above all. [And yet] could there be a greater humiliation than hiding in the form of bread, where all his omnipotence turns into the greatest powerlessness?

Indeed, the miracle of miracles, which is renewed every day, is the transformation of the whole substance of bread into the Body of Christ, and the whole substance of wine into the Blood of Christ, which takes place in every Mass, leaving only the external form of bread and wine. It is a transformation so factual and real that after it there is not a bit of bread—only its shape, color, and taste—and in every component part there is the Body and Blood with the Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ.

But God did not stop at giving his grace one time, for he wanted the Holy Mass to be celebrated all over the earth so that there is not a single hour, not one day or night, without the Holy Sacrifice taking place somewhere. How happy and safe we are, having such an Almighty and most merciful Spokesman who not only on all the altars on earth continually repeats the sacrifice made at Calvary, but also in heaven still stands before the Father to renew this sacrifice!

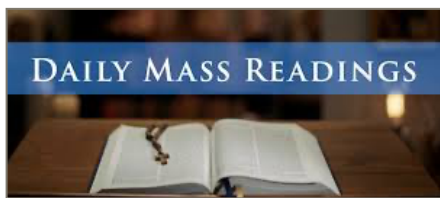
Our dear Savior, who no longer changes water into wine, as he did once at the wedding festivities in Galilee, transforms wine into his Precious Blood and bread into his Body. It is not enough for him to be our host, for he wants to be our guest, our companion, friend, our food and drink.

His Body is true food and his Blood is true drink. Where would you find a host so hospitable as to feed us with his own Body and Blood?
—BLESSED HONORATUS KOZMIŃSKI

Blessed Honoratus († 1916) was a Polish Capuchin Franciscan priest. He founded numerous religious congregations, including the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, who have served for many years at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. / From The Eucharist as the Treasure of the Church: Selected Thoughts from the Writings of Blessed Honorat Koźmiński, Anna Dąbrowska, tr. © 2019, Congregation of Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, Mariówka, Poland.

Excerpt from Magnificat Magazine, Meditation of the Day, January 19, 2025

HOMILY NOTES



Enero está dedicado al Santo Nombre de Jesús, el cual se celebra el 3 de enero, como una forma formal y señalada para darle honor al Nombre de Jesús. "En el nombre de Jesús se doble

toda rodilla de los que están en el cielo, en la tierra y debajo de la tierra" (Flp 2, 10). La veneración del Nombre de Jesús se remonta al siglo XIV. San Bernardino de Siena y sus discípulos difundieron la veneración del Nombre de Jesús en el siglo XV.

Juan, el Bautista, quien marcó el comienzo del tiempo de Adviento, está presente una vez más para cerrar la Navidad en la fiesta del Bautismo de Nuestro Señor (El Primer Misterio Luminoso), y para abrir el Tiempo Ordinario. Señala a Jesús, el Cordero de Dios que une el tiempo y la eternidad en el Sacrificio Eucarístico, e incluso la oscuridad cada vez menor de enero parece hacer eco de la oración de San Juan: "Él debe crecer y yo menguar".

El Símbolo IHS. La conocida abreviatura IHS es un símbolo del Nombre de Jesús que ha conservado su popularidad a lo largo de los siglos. Debe su difusión a San Bernardino de Siena, que la hizo colocar en su estandarte, rodeada por 12 rayos de sol y coronada por una cruz. Pronto se convirtió en el monograma más popular del santo Nombre de Jesús. Con sus fervientes palabras, San Bernardino persuadió a muchos sacerdotes a colocar las cartas en los altares interiores y exteriores de las iglesias. Muchas ciudades italianas respondieron a sus esfuerzos y colocaron el monograma en letras grandes en las paredes exteriores de sus ayuntamientos, como todavía se puede ver en Siena.



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ORACIÓN AL PADRE ETERNO*

Padre Eterno, que diste a tu Hijo encarnado el santo nombre de Jesús para ser signo de nuestra salvación: Planta en cada corazón, te suplicamos, el amor de aquel que es el Salvador del mundo, nuestro Señor Jesucristo; que vive y reina contigo y el Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, en gloria eterna. Amén.

* Esta tradicional oración católica no tiene un solo autor nombrado sino que se atribuye a la liturgia de la Iglesia Católica; lo que significa que se desarrolló con el tiempo a través de las oraciones y escritos colectivos de teólogos y líderes de la iglesia.

FUENTE y Fuente de oracion: <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/>



January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus, which was celebrated on Jan. 3, as a formal way and appointed time to give honor to The Name of Jesus.

"In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). The veneration of the Name of Jesus dates back to the 14th century. St. Bernardine of Siena and his disciples spread the veneration of the Name of Jesus in the 15th century.

John, the Baptist, who ushered in the Advent season, is present once again to close Christmastide on the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord (The First Luminous Mystery), and to open the Season of Ordinary Time. He points to Jesus, the Lamb of God who unites time and eternity in the Eucharistic Sacrifice, and even January's diminishing darkness seems to echo St. John's prayer: "He must increase and I must decrease."

The IHS Symbol. The familiar abbreviation IHS is a symbol of the Name Jesus which has retained its popularity down through the centuries. It owes its spread to St. Bernardine of Siena, who had it placed on his banner, surrounded with 12 rays of the sun and a cross. It soon became the most popular monogram for the holy Name of Jesus. By his fervent words St. Bernardine persuaded many priests to place the letters on altars or on the interior and exterior walls of churches. Many Italian cities responded to his efforts and put the monogram in large letters on the outer walls of their town halls, as may still be seen in Siena.



PRAYER TO THE ETERNAL FATHER*

Eternal Father, who didst give to thine incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we beseech thee, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, even our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

* This traditional Catholic prayer doesn't have a single named author but is attributed to the Catholic Church liturgy; meaning it developed over time through the collective prayers & writings of theologians and church leaders.

Source: <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?recnum=12538>

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**Monday Jan 20th is Martin Luther King Day.
The church office will be closed.**

SAVE THE DATE!

Our friends from Bethlehem will be at STM on Sunday, February 2nd. Their olive wood figures are beautiful and our purchases support Catholics in Bethlehem as they struggle to make a living in these trying times of war. Welcome Sam and his wife who will bring their artifacts and speak at mass.

Women's Retreat Sign-ups Now!

The Women's Retreat at Christ the King Retreat Center is fast approaching. "Creating the Hope We Seek. The Sacredness in Everyday Life" is the theme. Please join us Jan 31st through Feb 2nd as we move beyond mere wishful thinking and actively strive towards hope in God and one another. For questions and to sign up call Cheryl Barron at 530-514-8859.



Attention St. Thomas More Parishioners! Help Radiate Love!

Our Bishop, Jaime Soto, along with all bishops of the California Catholic Conference, invite

Catholics to celebrate the beauty and goodness of marriage and family through the Radiate Love initiative.

Men & women marry in love, becoming husbands and wives then see their love deepen thru good times & the challenges of a lifetime of marriage.

If these couples are blessed to become parents, they are tasked with teaching their children how to be human. What a concept!

The mission of the family is not for the fainthearted. It entails sacrifice and sometimes heartache, but all of that is meant to bring spouses closer and further along the path to holiness.

Help radiate love to the world! Visit <https://cacatholic.org/radiatelove/> for monthly reflections, prayers, videos, and other materials designed to help families become witnesses of God's love.



Attention Men of STM!

Please join Deacon Tom O'Connell for the **Men's Ministry** Friday | 7A | in the Hall (go to the small room)



Sacrament of Reconciliation Times Expanded!

Tuesdays 5p to 5:45p
Wed., & Thurs. 8a to 8:25a
Friday 8a to 8:25A & 4:30p to 5:45p



To see the list of current businesses click the QR Code above or go to <https://stmparadise.org/>

Our parish website now offers a free listing for business owners who are registered parishioners at STM!

Add your business to our site; it's easy!

1. Email an electronic copy of your flyer, business card, or the URL to your business's website to jimcollins_95991@yahoo.com

(Note: Or give Jim a paper copy of your info before or after Mass.)

That's it! Jim will then add your business to the STM website. Donations to our church are always appreciated.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PARISHIONERS BY PATRONIZING THEIR BUSINESSES

About the Pope's Prayer Intentions

We print the Pope's prayer intention for each month on the front page of the STM Bulletin. Every month Pope Francis entrusts his Worldwide Prayer Network with prayer intentions that express his great concerns for humanity and for the mission of the Church. His monthly prayer intention is a global summons to transform our prayers into "concrete actions"; it is a compass for a mission of compassion for the world.

See the Pope's video message on his intentions at <https://www.popesprayer.va/the-challenges-facing-humanity-and-assists-the-mission-of-the-church/>