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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

Wed., Thursday, Friday 830A

Sunday Readings

1st Reading Acts 2:1-11

Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Envía, Señor, tu Espíritu, a renovar la tierra. Aleluya.

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel John 20:19-23

MASS INTENTIONS FOR EASTER WEEK OF MAY 24TH

<i>Sunday; May 24</i>	<i>Deceased members of the Durant Family † Renaldo Cuneo †</i>	<i>1030A</i>
<i>Domingo; 24 de mayo</i>		<i>1230P español</i>
<i>Tues.; May 26</i>	<i>Phil & Helen Kelly</i>	<i>6P</i>
<i>Wed.; May 27</i>	<i>The Souls in Purgatory †</i>	<i>830A</i>
<i>Thurs.; May 28</i>	<i>The People of STM</i>	<i>830A</i>
<i>Friday; May 29</i>	<i>Raul & Helvia Saavedra</i>	<i>830A</i>

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
Antonio Longuiera*

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

*Bryant Smith
Ron Keyes
Theresa Durant
Mary Neeley.
Dolores Costello
Rosemary Peterson
Susie Boyd
David Brown
Gloria Klinger
Michael Coronado*

MAY INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

INTENCIONES DE MAYO DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

Para que todos tengan alimento

Oremos para que todos —desde los grandes productores hasta los pequeños consumidores— se comprometan a evitar el desperdicio de alimentos y a asegurar que todos tengan acceso

This Week's Readings
THE 8TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**Monday; May 25th** *Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*

1st Reading: Genesis 3:9-15, 20
 Psalm 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7
Glorious things are said of you, O city of God!
 Gospel: John 19:25-34

Tuesday; May 26th *Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest*

1st Reading: 1 Peter 1:10-16
 Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
The Lord has made known his salvation.
 Gospel: Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday; May 27th

1st Reading: 1 Peter 1:18-25
 Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.
 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

Thursday; May 28th

1st Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12
 Psalm 100:2, 3, 4, 5
Come with joy into the presence of the Lord.
 Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Friday; May 29th

1st Reading: 1 Peter 4:7-13
 Psalm 96:10, 11-12, 13
The Lord comes to judge the earth.
 Gospel: Mark 11:11-26

Saturday; May 30th

1st Reading: Jude 17, 20b-25
 Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.
 Gospel: Mark 11:27-33

Sunday; May 31st**The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**

1st Reading: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9
 Psalm Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56
Glory and praise for ever!
 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
 Gospel: John 3:16-18

MEDITATION OF THE DAY
Consoled by the Spirit

The Holy Spirit is called the Paraclete, the Consoler, because he gives souls in exile a happiness that is not incompatible with grief, but rather supposes it. Therefore, in the Mass of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit is called "Consolator optime—Best Consoler."...

When Jesus Christ our Lord came into this world, when he consummated his work and transformed all existence, he did not eliminate pain.... He did something greater and finer. He enclosed it in joy and arranged it so that perfect joy would blossom from its depths. The joy that enfolds grief, that is the blossoming flower of suffering, is called "consolation," the consolation poured into our heart by the Paraclete.

May we not say that the consolations of human life are as a reflection of the deep, ineffable happiness that Jesus carried within him? In this regard we must marvel at the wondrous soul of Christ; therein, during his mortal life, pain and happiness existed together, bound by the golden ring of his unspeakable love.

The Christian life is a reflection of the life of Jesus. The heart of the Christian is the image of the divine heart. It can contain, if it is faithful to Jesus, both deep pain and celestial consolations. Happiness enfolding pain—happiness that is born of pain—is the consolation that the Holy Spirit gives to souls.

And if the Holy Spirit is the Consoler, it is because he is infinite Love. Even in human life, if we consider attentively, we shall understand that the only thing that can console us is love. Knowledge is precious, but it does not console. Art delights us, but its object is not to console; the only thing that consoles is love.

When our heart is torn to pieces, when great bitterness fills our souls, nothing but a divine reality can assuage our pain—love: love that knows how to bind divinely both pain and grief. Love alone possesses the heavenly secret of drawing forth happiness from profound sorrow and pain...—SERVANT OF GOD LUIS MARÍA MARTÍNEZ.

Archbishop Martínez († 1956) was a spiritual author and the first official Primate of Mexico. / From *The Sanctifier*, Sister M. Aquinas, o.s.u., tr. Copyright © 2003, Daughters of St. Paul/Pauline Books & Media, Boston, MA. All rights reserved.

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HOMILY NOTES

Mayo es el mes dedicado a la Santísima Virgen María, Madre de Dios, lo cual nos brinda la oportunidad de celebrar nuestro amor y reverencia hacia la Madre Bendita mediante festividades, procesiones y cantos. Un muy querido himno mariano se refiere a Nuestra Señora como la «Reina de Mayo».

La Iglesia primitiva celebraba una importante festividad mariana a mediados de mayo, muy probablemente como respuesta a los festivales paganos de la fertilidad que también tenían lugar en ese mes. Gradualmente, los fieles llegaron a considerar que el mes de mayo pertenecía a Nuestra Señora. Sin embargo, la dedicación formal de mayo a María tuvo lugar en el siglo XVIII. El padre Latomia, jesuita del Colegio Romano de la Compañía de Jesús, la inició con el fin de infundir un espíritu de santidad en el colegio, como respuesta a la infidelidad y la inmoralidad presentes entre los estudiantes. Esta devoción se extendió rápidamente a otros colegios e iglesias católicas, y varios papas la adoptaron y fomentaron en toda la Iglesia.



May is the month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of God, which presents the opportunity to celebrate our love and reverence for the Blessed Mother through feasts, processions, and song. One well-loved Marian hymn refers to Our Lady as “Queen of the May.”

The early Church celebrated a major Marian feast day in mid May, most likely in response to the pagan festivals of fertility also in May. Gradually, May was held by the faithful to belong to Our Lady. But the formal dedication of May to Mary came about in the 18th century. Father Latomia, a Jesuit in the Roman College of the Society of Jesus, initiated it to bring a spirit of holiness to the college in response to infidelity and immorality among the students. The devotion spread quickly to other Catholic colleges and churches, and several popes adopted and encouraged it throughout the entire Church.

PRÓXIMAS FESTIVIDADES EN MAYO

A continuación se presentan algunas festividades destacadas:

- Domingo, 31 de mayo: La Visitación de la Santísima Virgen María destaca el gozoso encuentro entre María –quien llevaba en su seno al Niño Jesús – y su prima Isabel, madre expectante de San Juan Bautista.

UN SANTO Y UN ALMA CON DEVOCIÓN A MARÍA

Esta semana, les recordamos a otro santo y alma conocidos por su profunda devoción a la Virgen María.

El Papa León XIII *(del 2 de marzo de 1810 al 20 de julio de 1903) es conocido como «el Papa del Rosario», por haber escrito más encíclicas sobre el Rosario que ningún otro pontífice. Fue influenciado por los escritos de San Luis de Montfort y concedió una indulgencia a todo aquel que se consagrara a María utilizando el método de Montfort. El Papa León fomentó una fidelidad inquebrantable a la Santísima Virgen, compuso oraciones en su honor y la consideró la Mediadora de toda gracia. Su promoción de la devoción mariana sigue siendo influyente hasta el día de hoy como guía hacia una mayor santidad a través de nuestra Santísima Madre.

- * Jefe de la Iglesia católica desde 1878 hasta su muerte en 1903; tuvo el cuarto pontificado más largo de la historia, detrás de los de San Pedro, Pío IX (su predecesor) y Juan Pablo II.

San Maximiliano Kolbe* (8 de enero de 1894 – 14 de agosto de 1941), fraile franciscano y mártir, fue profundamente devoto de la Santísima Virgen María a lo largo de toda su vida. Es muy conocido por haber fundado la *Militia Immaculata* (los Caballeros de la Inmaculada), un movimiento dedicado a promover la consagración mariana y a difundir la devoción a su Inmaculado Corazón. Una vez dijo: «Si alguien no desea tener a María Inmaculada por Madre, no tendrá a Cristo por Hermano». Nuestra Señora se apareció a San Maximiliano, ofreciéndole una corona de pureza o una corona de martirio. Él eligió ambas y murió mártir, amando a Dios, a la Santísima Virgen y a su prójimo. Se ofreció voluntariamente a morir en lugar de Franciszek Gajowniczek en el campo de exterminio alemán de Auschwitz, situado en la Polonia ocupada por los alemanes durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial. Fundó y supervisó un monasterio cerca de Varsovia, y dirigió una estación de radioaficionado, así como otras organizaciones y publicaciones. Fue canonizado el 10 de octubre de 1982 por el papa Juan Pablo II, quien lo declaró mártir de la caridad; es el santo patrono de los radioaficionados, las familias, los drogadictos, los presos políticos, los periodistas y los prisioneros. Su festividad se celebra el 14 de agosto, día de su martirio.

FUENTE: <https://covenantcatholic.org/devotion-of-the-month/may-dedicated-to-the-blessed-virgin-mary/>

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS IN MAY

Below are notable feast days this month:

- Sun., May 31: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, highlights the joyous encounter between Mary, carrying the Christ Child, and Her cousin Elizabeth, the expectant mother of St. John the Baptist.

A SAINT & SOUL HAVING DEVOTION TO MARY

This week, we remind you of another saint and soul known for their profound devotion to the Virgin Mary.

Pope Leo XIII *(March 2, 1810 to July 20, 1903) is known as The Rosary Pope, having written more encyclicals on the Rosary than any other pope. He was influenced by the writings of St. Louis de Monfort and granted an indulgence to anyone who consecrated themselves to Mary using the de Monfort method. Pope Leo encouraged unwavering fidelity to the Blessed Virgin, wrote prayers in Her honor, and held Her to be the Mediatrix of all grace. His promotion of Marian devotion is influential to this day as a guide to greater holiness through Our Blessed Mother.

- * Head of the Catholic Church from 1878 until his death in 1903; had the fourth-longest reign of any pope, behind those of St. Peter, Pius IX (his predecessor), and John Paul II.

St. Maximilian Kolbe* (Jan. 8, 1894 – Aug. 14, 1941), Franciscan friar & martyr, was deeply devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary throughout his life. He is well-known for founding the Militia Immaculata (the Knights of the Immaculate), a movement dedicated to promoting Marian consecration and spreading devotion to Her Immaculate Heart. He once said, “If anyone does not wish to have Mary Immaculate for his Mother, he will not have Christ for his Brother.” Our Lady appeared to St. Maximilian offering him a crown of purity or a crown of martyrdom. He chose both and died a martyr, loving God, the Blessed Virgin, and his neighbor. He volunteered to die in place of Franciszek Gajowniczek in the German death camp of Auschwitz, located in German-occupied Poland during WWII. He founded & supervised a monastery near Warsaw; operated an amateur-radio station, other orgs & publications. Canonized Oct. 10, 1982, by Pope John Paul II who declared him a martyr of charity; is patron saint of amateur radio operators, families drug addicts, political prisoners, journalists, prisoners. His feast day is August 14, the day of his martyrdom.

Source: <https://covenantcatholic.org/devotion-of-the-month/may-dedicated-to-the-blessed-virgin-mary/>



ADORATION EXTENDED!
Friday, May 29 | Follows 8:30A Mass
Adoration extended to 7:30p thru September



MEN'S MINISTRY
Friday, May 29 | **930A** | Church Hall Mtg Rm.

USCCB to Celebrate the Declaration of Independence Signing

On July 4, 2026, the U.S. will commemorate the Semiquincentennial (250th) Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will also commemorate this anniversary with three opportunities for Catholics to take part.

Opportunity 1 Parishes and individuals can participate by contributing to a collective 250 Hours of Adoration, in your home or church, during the 250th Anniversary of America.

Opportunity 2 250 Hrs of Works of Mercy. Works of mercy can include assisting at our local crisis pregnancy center or local food pantry & clothing closets, volunteering at and donating to our local St. Vincent de Paul. For examples and guides go to [https://www.usccb.org/resources/America 250 Catholic Resource - 250 Hours of Adoration and 250 Works of Mercy.pdf](https://www.usccb.org/resources/America%20Catholic%20Resource-250%20Hours%20of%20Adoration%20and%20250%20Works%20of%20Mercy.pdf)

Opportunity 3 The USCCB Consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Thursday; June 11, 2026. To prepare for the Consecration the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus may be incorporated into Holy Hour.

Sheets are now posted on the table in the narthex so that you can log your time in Adoration and/or your Works of Mercy. The collective hours of STM will be reported to the USCCB around mid June. Visit <https://www.usccb.org/weholdthesetruths>, to see the contributions of Catholics and the impact of our faith on the history of this country.

St. Thomas More Blood Drive! May 30 | 10A to Noon

We've had a great response in sign ups so far, but we need more parishioners to join our generous givers. Openings to donate blood are still available. You could win a gift card! Questions? See Jim Collins after Mass or call 831.821.9369, or visit the church website at <https://stmparadise.org/>

¡Ya llegaron los biberones! Consigue el tuyo ahora Los bebés y los padres te necesitan! La campaña de los biberones de CareNet está en pleno apogeo. Los biberones están disponibles para ser recogidos en el nártex. Llénalos con tus monedas sueltas, billetes y cheques. Devuélvelos a St. Thomas More en cualquier momento hasta el Día del Padre, el domingo 21 de junio. ¿Tienes preguntas? Consulta a Kathy DeCristofaro después de la Misa.



ABOUT THE INSERT IN TODAY'S BULLETIN:

**9-DAY NOVENA to the SACRED HEART of JESUS
USCCB CONSECRATION OF THE U.S. TO THE SACRED HEART**

Ahead of the Semiquincentennial (250th) anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the Bishops of the United States, on June 11, will consecrate the country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. For the nine days leading up to the consecration the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has asked all Catholics to pray the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus (see bulletin insert) beginning Wednesday, June 3. The novena concludes on June 11, the day of the consecration. The consecration will be live-streamed on the USCCB youtube channel <https://www.youtube.com/usccb> and EWTN tv at 1P PDT.

Baby Bottles Are Here! Get Yours Now

Babies and parents need you! The CareNet baby bottle campaign is in full swing. Bottles are available for pick up in the Narthex. Fill them with loose your change, bills, and checks. Return to St. Thomas More anytime up until Father's Day, Sunday, June 21. Questions? See Kathy DeCristofaro after Mass.



2 Knights of Columbus (KofC) Scholarship Programs NOW Open

The Knights are offering two scholarships for students who are entering, or enrolled in an accredited community college, college, university, vocational or trade school.
KofC - John T. Donohue Fourth Degree Assembly Scholarship has up to \$2,000 available. Pick up application in the parish office or click [https://kofc-ca-d2.org/wp-content/Docs/Assembly Scholarship Application.pdf](https://kofc-ca-d2.org/wp-content/Docs/Assembly%20Scholarship%20Application.pdf) to see online.
Additionally, the KofC - St. Thomas More Council 7773 Scholarship has up to \$1,000 available. Pick up application in the parish office or click [https://kofc-ca-d2.org/wp-content/Docs/Assembly Scholarship Application.pdf](https://kofc-ca-d2.org/wp-content/Docs/Assembly%20Scholarship%20Application.pdf) to see online application. Completed applications for both scholarships are due by May 31.

Ladies Bible Study Thurs., May 28 at 1P

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

**Congratulations to our
First Communicants!**

Alana Klempa
Aliannah Avila
Ana Gatica
Dylan Ocana
Edwin Medina

Gary Shelley
Greg Shelley
Jonah Hamlet
Jesus Barrios
Lukas Hamlet

Milagros Rivera
Monica Scooter
Roberto Gatica
Sebastián Preciosa
Zulemi Pelayo

May receiving Jesus in the Holy Eucharist strengthen your faith and guide you always.