



## ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**CONFESION:** 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, Thurs., & Friday 830A

**Sunday Readings**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Isaiah 8:23-9:3  
**Psalm** 27:1, 4, 13-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

El Señor es mi luz y mi salvación.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17  
**Gospel** Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>**

Sunday; January 25	Gertrude Valentine †	1030A
Domingo; 25 de Enero	Celia Elba Topete †	1230P español
Tues.; January 27	Abel Holguin †	6p
Wed.; January 28	Eduardo Dominguez	830A
Thurs.; January 29	Carol Zellmer †	830A
Friday; January 30	Celia Elba Topete †	830A

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK** **LET US PRAY FOR**

Rod Montgomery	Samia Zumout	Tim Steffen
Steve Neeley	Greg DeCristofaro	Elaine Little
Kim Steffen-Parkney	Carrie Sonsteng	Ron Keyes
Mary Anne Durant	Art Sanchez	Theresa Durant
Isabel Rivera Leon	Santiago Ávila	Sam Kempner
Andrea Inzunza	Joe DiDuca	Richard Carmack
Joan Memmer	Carlos Torres	Dolores Costello
Leo Benedetti	Bernhard Family	Barbara Braun
Kim Avoy Helgeson	Gloria Klinger	Rosemary Peterson
	Tony & Francene Packett	

**JANUARY INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV****For prayer with the Word of God**

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

**INTENCIÓNES DE ENERO DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV****Para la oración con la Palabra de Dios**

Oremos para que la oración con la Palabra de Dios sea alimento para nuestras vidas y fuente de esperanza en nuestras comunidades, ayudándonos a construir una Iglesia más fraternal y misionera.

## This Week's Readings

## THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

**Monday; January 26<sup>th</sup>** MEMORIAL OF SAINTS TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS

1st Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5  
 Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10  
*Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.*  
 Gospel: Mark 3:22-30

**Tuesday; January 27<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19  
 Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10  
*Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!*  
 Gospel: Mark 3:31-35

**Wednesday; Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>** MEMORIAL OF SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7:4-17  
 Psalm 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30  
*For ever I will maintain my love for my servant.*  
 Gospel: Mark 4:1-20

**Thursday; January 29<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29  
 Psalm 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14  
*The Lord God will give him the throne of David, his father.*  
 Gospel: Mark 4:21-25

**Friday; January 30<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17  
 Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11  
*Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.*  
 Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

**Saturday; Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>** MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST OF THE CHURCH

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17  
 Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17  
*Create a clean heart in me, O God.*  
 Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

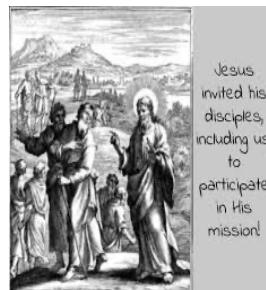
**Sunday; February 1<sup>st</sup>**

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13  
 Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10  
*Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!*  
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31  
 Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

## MEDITATION OF THE DAY

## Sharing in the Mission of Jesus



**An apostle, working with God for the good of souls, must live in intimate spiritual union with him**, so as to enter as far as possible into his views and plans for the salvation of the world.

Only by penetrating to the depths of the mystery of God's love for mankind can the apostle cooperate in the actual diffusion of love and grace....

**The apostle must thoroughly understand** that God's

action on souls is entirely the action of love: it is the action of the Father who goes in search of the prodigal son, of the shepherd who seeks the sheep that has gone astray; it is the action of a God who offers his friendship to men to make them happy, to be able to welcome them into his Home, to admit them to his intimacy, to make them blessed with his eternal beatitude. An apostle should try to put his own heart into contact with the heart of God, that it may be filled with God's love and share in his charity toward men. The apostle should, as it were, have the mind of God, the mind of Christ, that is, he should cultivate deep sentiments of love for the brethren, a pale reflection of the love of God for men.

**Not only at prayer, but in the very exercise of the apostolate**, the apostle should strive to keep in contact with God and with the mystery of his love for men, in which he should humbly collaborate. He will seek this contact by an intense practice of faith, which will give him a deeper understanding of the mystery of the Redemption and enable him to recognize the fulfillment of this mystery in the various circumstances of his life and in every event of time. This spirit of faith will help him to make his humble activity a part of the great action of God. In this way, even while making use of human means or when occupied with material affairs, the apostle will live in a supernatural atmosphere. He will never lose sight of the goal of his activity, but will always be very keenly aware that he is collaborating with Christ for the salvation of souls.— FATHER GABRIEL OF SAINT MARY MAGDALEN

Father Gabriel of Saint Mary Magdalen († 1952) was a Belgian Carmelite friar, teacher, and spiritual director. / From *Divine Intimacy: Meditations on the Interior Life for Every Day of the Liturgical Year*. Translated by the Discalced Carmelite Nuns of Boston from the original Italian edition *Intimità Divina del P. Gabrielle di S. Maria Maddalena*. © Monastero S. Giuseppe - Carmelitane Scalze. Published by Baronius Press. [www.baroniuspress.com](http://www.baroniuspress.com).

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## HOMILY NOTES

**En este último domingo de la Devoción al Santísimo Nombre de Jesús, hemos incluido la Letanía al Santísimo Nombre de Jesús en este boletín. Es una poderosa herramienta para fomentar la santidad y una sólida base espiritual en el hogar, recordándonos a todos que Jesús es nuestro refugio y nuestra fortaleza. Que su amor por Jesús se profundice al rezar esta Letanía y aferrarse a Su Santo Nombre.**

## REZANDO LA LETANÍA AL SANTÍSIMO NOMBRE DE JESÚS

Rezar la Letanía del Santísimo Nombre de Jesús ofrece muchos beneficios, ya que se centra en el poder salvador de Jesús, brindando consuelo, sanación y guía. Nos arraiga en su misericordia y amor, y nos une en la alabanza de su nombre todopoderoso, siendo especialmente beneficiosa cuando se reza en familia.

**A continuación se enumeran solo siete de los beneficios espirituales y emocionales que se obtienen al rezar la Letanía del Santísimo Nombre de Jesús.**

### 1. *¡Paz y alegría!*

Experimenta una paz y una alegría profundas, incluso en medio de las dificultades, invocando el nombre de Jesús como fuente de consuelo.

### 2. *¡Protección!*

Invocar el nombre de Jesús ofrece protección contra Satanás y los peligros espirituales, actuando como un escudo espiritual.

### 3. *¡Esperanza y coraje!*

Sirve como una "antorcha de gracia" en tiempos difíciles, brindando esperanza, coraje y fuerza para sobrellevar las dificultades.

### 4. *¡Unidad!*

El formato repetitivo de preguntas y respuestas fomenta la solidaridad y la cercanía espiritual, uniendo a la familia en la oración.

### 5. *¡Misericordia para las almas!*

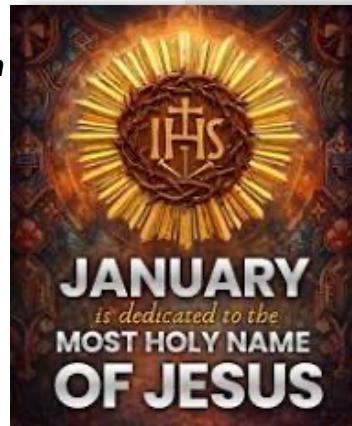
Rezar la Letanía del Santísimo Nombre de Jesús es una oración poderosa para las almas del Purgatorio, que les brinda alivio y acerca a la familia que ora a la misericordia de Cristo.

### 6. *¡Sanación y liberación!*

Abundan las historias milagrosas de conversiones, sanaciones y liberación de la esclavitud espiritual que se atribuyen a esta letanía.

### 7. *¡Asistencia divina!*

Se cree que ofrece la gracia de Dios para las necesidades diarias, ya que "Jesús" significa "Dios salva".



**On this, the final Sunday of Devotion to the Most Holy Name of Jesus, the Litany to the Holy Name of Jesus has been included with this edition of the bulletin. It's a powerful tool for fostering holiness and a strong spiritual foundation in the home by reminding everyone that Jesus is their refuge and strength.**

**May your love for Jesus deepen as you pray this Litany and cling to His Holy Name!**

## PRAYING THE LITANY TO THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Praying the Litany of the Most Holy Name of Jesus offers many benefits as it focuses on Jesus's saving power while offering comfort, healing, and guidance. It roots us in His mercy and love, and unites us in praising His all-powerful Name and is especially beneficial when prayed as a family.

**Here are just seven of the Spiritual and emotional benefits that result from praying the Litany of the Most Holy Name of Jesus.**

### 1. *Peace and Joy!*

Experience profound peace and joy, even amidst trials, by calling on Jesus's name as a source of comfort.

### 2. *Protection!*

Invoking the Name of Jesus offers protection against Satan and spiritual dangers, acting as a spiritual shield.

### 3. *Hope and Courage!*

It serves as a "torch of grace" in desperate times, providing hope, courage, and strength to bear burdens.

### 4. *Unity!*

The repetitive, call-and-response format builds spiritual solidarity and closeness, uniting the family in prayer.

### 5. *Mercy for Souls!*

Praying the Litany of the Most Holy Name of Jesus is a powerful prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, bringing relief and drawing the praying family closer to Christ's mercy.

### 6. *Healing & Deliverance!*

Miraculous stories abound of conversions, healings, and deliverance from spiritual bondage are attributed to this litany.

### 7. *Divine Assistance!*

It's believed to offer God's grace for daily needs, as "Jesus" means "God saves".

**Ladies Bible Study**

Ladies! Please join us for the Ladies Bible Study on Thursdays at 1P in the Parish Hall's small room. We are using Scott Hahn and Curtis Mitchell's study guide on the Gospel of Mark.

All ladies are welcome.

Questions? Call Gail Crowley 530-877-8474

**Next study session Thursday, January 29 at 1P**

**WOMEN of STM:**



**THIS WEEK!**

**The Women's Retreat, for all ladies of St. Thomas More parish, at Christ the King Retreat Center Jan. 30 to Feb. 1. IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER!**

Listen, Jesus is calling! This Retreat invites us to a spiritual gathering for reflection, prayer, and community as we listen to the voice of Christ in our midst.

**Questions? Need a ride?** Call Cathy Keesling 530.828.0278 or Cheryl Barron: 530.514.8859 or see them after Mass.



**MEN'S MINISTRY**

Friday; Jan. 30 | 7A | Church Hall Small Room



**ADORATION**

Friday; Jan. 30 | Follows 8:30A Mass  
Adoration ends at 6P



**Got 15 minutes?** This month of Devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus is a perfect time to spend a few minutes with Jesus at Adoration! Friday's 9A to 6p. Jesus loves spending time with you!

**World Day of Consecrated Life - Monday; Feb. 2, 2026**

Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation. ([www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org))

**Jornada Mundial de la Vida Consagrada - 2 de febrero**

Oremos por todos aquellos que han asumido compromisos en la vida consagrada y favor de agradecerles en su día especial. Que continúen siendo inspirados por Jesucristo y respondan generosamente a Dios por el regalo de su vocación. [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

## ATTENTION!

**MEN  
of STM**

**SAVE  
THESE  
DATES:**

**Feb 27 thru  
March 1**



**Join Deacon Gary & the Passionist Retreat Team at The Men's Retreat!**

Christ the King Retreat Center  
Friday, February 27 to Sunday, March 1

Something is happening! Listen... Jesus is calling! Let's gather together for reflection, prayer, and community as we listen to the voice of Christ in our midst.

*"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am in the midst of them."* —Matthew 18:20

Registration: \$290-Single | \$260-Double  
Ride share will be available.  
Pick up a flyer in the narthex for details.

**Questions?** See Deacon Gary after Mass

## **ATTENTION MEN OF ST. THOMAS MORE!**

### **SIX GREAT REASONS TO ATTEND THE MEN'S RETREAT FEB 27 to MARCH 1**

- Spiritually Refocus:** Step away from the chaos of everyday life for some dedicated prayer time, worship, and scripture study, allowing you to deepen your connection with God.
- Fellowship:** Christ the King Retreat Center is a beautiful, tranquil setting to share struggles, build brotherhood, and break isolation.
- Address Real-Life Issues:** Honestly discuss faith's role in work, marriage, fatherhood, and personal life with peers.
- Personal Growth & Clarity:** Gain new perspectives on life, and develop tools for resilience and self-improvement.
- Recharge:** Realign priorities, discover deeper meaning, and get energized to live a more Christ-centered life.
- Self-Care:** Nurture your inner self and mind in a calm, natural, therapeutic environment that promotes well-being.



**Here's a chance for some "guy time" with a group of great men who love Jesus!**

**Key Date Reminder:**

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*Wednesday*  
**February 18**

