

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 Bilingual

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 830A

Sunday Readings

1st Reading Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Que te alaben, Señor, todos los pueblos. Aleluya.

2nd Reading Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

Gospel John 14:23-29

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 25TH

Sunday; May 25	Rebecca Lechinski † Bill Bechtold †	1030A
Domingo 25 de mayo	Julian Gabriel Andrade † Ana Covarrubias †	1230P español
Tuesday; May 27	José Orlando Salinas † Salud de Celso Verde González	6P
Wed.; May 28	Eladio Torres † Health of Raul Saavedra	830A
Thurs.; May 29	Connie Rehmann †	830A
Friday; May 30	Narciso Dumagio † Keith Gunter †	830A

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Rod Montgomery
Kimberly Steffen-Parkney
Raul Saavedra
Jose Raul Rivera
Mary Anne Durant
Isabel Rivera Leon
Juanita Rivera León


Samia Zumout
Greg DeCristofaro
John Thomas
Lourdes Collazo
Carrie Sonsteng
Art Sanchez

Tim Steffen
Elaine Little
Ron Keyes
Theresa Durant
Sam Kempner

MAY INTENTIONS OF THE POPE

The Monthly Intentions of the Pope will be published as soon as they are released by Pope Leo XIV. Let us continue to pray for both the repose of the soul of Pope Francis and for our new Pope.

INTENCIONES DE MAYO DEL PAPA

Las Intenciones Mensuales del Papa se publicarán en cuanto las publique el Papa León XIV. Sigamos orando por el descanso del alma del Papa Francisco y por nuestro nuevo Papa.



¡Bienvenidos a mayo! Este mes está dedicado a Nuestra Señora, ocasión para un "conmovedor homenaje de fe y amor que los católicos de todo el mundo [rinden] a la Reina del Cielo. Durante este mes, los cristianos, tanto en la iglesia como en privado en el hogar, ofrecen a María desde el corazón un homenaje especialmente ferviente y amoroso de oración y veneración. También durante este mes, los beneficios de la misericordia de Dios nos llegan desde su trono con mayor abundancia" (Pablo VI: Encíclica sobre el mes de mayo, n.º 1). El padre Chuck, en su correo electrónico del 1 de mayo, recordó a los feligreses de STM la importancia de este mes cuando escribió: "...durante mayo, este mes de Nuestra Señora, María, Madre de Dios... Venerémosla y recemos el rosario como Nuestra Señora de la Paz nos ha instruido a hacer".



Welcome to May! This month is dedicated to Our Blessed Lady – the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith & love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During May Christians, both in church & privately in the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer & veneration. Also during this month, the benefits of

God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1).

Father Chuck, in his May 1st email, reminded STM parishioners of this month's importance when he wrote, "...during May, this month of Our Lady, Mary, Mother of God ... Let's venerate her and pray the rosary as Our Lady of Peace has instructed us to do."

Maternidad

Existen diversas definiciones del término "madre". Ya sea una definición tradicional, como la de una mujer que asume un rol espiritual o emocional a través de la amistad, la mentoría o el liderazgo, estas relaciones pueden ser sumamente complejas. La maternidad es a la vez lo más grande y lo más difícil. Es un trabajo desgarrador, ansioso y agotador. La enorme presión de la maternidad puede convertir incluso a las mujeres más encantadoras en madres irritables y enojadas. Quizás lo más desafiante no sea que las madres estén siempre al mando, sino la lucha interna que implica su rol. No podemos comprender la responsabilidad, la vocación y la presión que supone compaginar las responsabilidades que las madres deben asumir. No es un trabajo fácil.

María Nuestra Madre

María es a menudo idealizada e incluso idolatrada, y es comprensible, pues fue la madre de Jesús; elegida por Dios para gestar y criar a su hijo. Aunque fue elegida por Dios, seguía siendo humana. Luchó con las mismas dificultades que la mayoría de las madres. María tuvo miedo, hambre, sed y amó. Los padres pueden establecer paralelismos con sus propios roles y encontrar aliento en su historia.

María experimentó dolor y sufrimiento con su hijo. Como madre de Jesús, sufriría el intenso dolor personal de la confusión y la incertidumbre, pero sobre todo el horror de presenciar la tortura, la crucifixión y la muerte de su Hijo. Vemos en las Escrituras que ella estaba "cerca de la cruz de Jesús".

La maternidad continúa en la última página..

Fuente y Fuente de oración https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/05_1.cfm : <https://www.nationalshrine.org/blog/3-marian-prayers-of-protection-hope/> : <https://www.nationalshrine.org/blog/3-marian-prayers-of-protection-hope/>

Motherhood

There are various definitions of the term "mother." Whether a traditional definition or a woman who assumes a spiritual or emotional role thru friendship, mentorship or leadership; either way, these relationships can be highly complex.

Motherhood is simultaneously the greatest & the hardest thing. The job is heart-wrenching, anxiety-producing, backbreaking. The enormous pressures of motherhood can turn even the most delightful women into irritable, angry moms. Perhaps most challenging is not that mothers are always on duty, but the internal struggle that their role requires. We can't comprehend the responsibility, calling, and pressure there is to juggle the hats mothers are required to wear. It's not an easy job.

Mary Our Mother

Mary is often idealized & even idolized, and understandably so, because she was the mother of Jesus; hand-selected by God to carry & raise His son. Although Mary was hand-selected by God, she was still human. She struggled with the same things most mothers experience. Mary feared hungered, thirsted, and loved. Parents can draw parallels to their own roles & find encouragement in her story.

Mary experienced pain & suffering with her son. As Jesus' mother, she would suffer the intense personal pain of confusion and uncertainty, but mostly the horror of watching her Son's torture, crucifixion, and death. We see in Scripture that she was "near the cross of Jesus."

Motherhood carries a lot of joy, but it also has a lot of sorrow. It opens a mother up to pain, experiencing whatever her children experience, whether that's a scraped knee, feelings of heartbreak, or worse, a mother watching her child die. So in the moments of Jesus on the cross, Mary had to let go of her son and trust the Father with Him in that excruciating moment.

Motherhood continued on the back page.

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Reminders

- Friday; May 30** **Men's Prayer** Group meet at 7A in the Hall's small room
Adoration until 6P following 830A Mass
OCIA 1130A to 415P Main Hall
- Sunday; June 1** **Rosary** with the Franciscans 10A
Hospitality w/ Women of STM after 1030A Mass in Hall



Auxiliary Bishop Rey Bersabal Will Celebrate a Jubilee Mass for the Indonesian Catholic Community, Today, May 25, 2P, at St. John Vianney

In continuing our Jubilee Celebrations throughout the diocese, we are excited to celebrate and honor the unique and diverse Asians & Pacific Islanders Catholic communities through a series of Jubilee Masses celebrated by our Auxiliary Bishop Rey Bersabal with each cultural community. The first Mass of this Jubilee series will be today, Sunday, May 25 at 2P at St. John Vianney Parish, Rancho Cordova, with the Indonesian Catholic community. All are welcome to join us!

La maternidad continúa en la página 3.

Solo cuando nos soltamos, aprendemos que Dios comprende nuestro dolor y nos comparte, nos transforma y nos consuela a través de él. El dolor que le entregamos a Dios siempre trae resurrección. Todos los padres saben que no es solo el dolor físico del parto, sino el dolor de no poder arreglar algo que está roto. Estamos llamados a soltar y confiar en que Dios abrirá su camino.

No fue solo María quien tuvo que dejar ir a su hijo, sino también algunos niños que se preocupan por sus padres. Jesús se preocupó por su madre mientras colgaba de la cruz. Miró a Juan y le dijo que cuidara de su madre. Las Escrituras nos dicen que desde ese día, María, la madre de Jesús, vivió en casa de Juan, y él la cuidó.

En algún momento de nuestra vida nos enfrentamos a la opción de controlar los dilemas imposibles de nuestra vida o de dejar ir y confiar en el Padre con nuestros seres queridos. Puede ser difícil soltar el control. Pero la buena noticia es que cuando lo dejamos ir, Dios siempre viene, mediante la resurrección, por sus hijos.

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Father Chuck will be on vacation for the month of June. We pray for his safety while travelling and ask that God grant him travel mercies to his destination & on his return home in Jesus name. Amen.

Motherhood continued from page 3.

Only when we let go, do we learn that God understands our pain and shares, transforms, and comforts us through it. The pain that we give to God always brings resurrection. All parents know that it's not just the physical pain of childbirth but the pain of being unable to fix something that's broken. We're called to let go & trust God to make His way.

It wasn't only Mary who had to let go of her son, but also some kids who worry about their parents. Jesus was concerned about His mother while He hung on the cross. He looked down at John and told him to care for his mother. Scripture tells us that from that day forward, Mary, the mother of Jesus, lived in the house of John, and he took care of her.

At some point in our life we are faced with the option of controlling the impossible predicaments of our life or letting go and trusting the Father with those we love. It can be hard to let go of control. But the good news is when we let go, God always comes, through resurrection, for His children.

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2025 Jubilee of Hope Upcoming Events

Celebrate this Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope participating in our Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession June 19 thru 21. The Procession will start June 19 in Vallejo and end on June 21 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, with many stops along the way for people from across the diocese to join us on the water and land.

June 19
thru
June 21

Questions? For more details visit <https://scd.org/JubileeEuchaisticProcession>

Jubilee Sacred Heart Pilgrimage | Sacred Heart Parish, Susanville
 Sacred Heart Parish in Susanville will host a pilgrimage walk to celebrate the Jubilee Year as one of the 12 pilgrimage sites. The walk begins Thursday, June 26 and ends Friday, June 27 on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The pilgrimage walk will take place on the Bizz Johnson Trail from Westwood to Susanville with an overnight camp at the midway point. The walk will

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conclude at Sacred Heart Parish followed by Mass with Auxiliary Bishop Rey Bersabal. Pilgrims under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. **Questions?** For more info and to register visit sacredheartpilgrimage.net