

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 *Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10*

Psalm *Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15*

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

Tú tienes, Señor, palabras de vida eterna.

2nd Reading *1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or
12:12-14, 27*

Gospel *Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 26TH

<i>Sunday; Jan. 26</i>	<i>Ovville Mendianaeto †</i>	<i>1030A</i>
<i>Domingo; 26 enero</i>	_____	<i>1230P español</i>
<i>Tuesday; Jan. 28</i>	_____	<i>6P</i>
<i>Wed.; Jan. 29</i>	<i>For the health intentions of Eduardo Dominguez</i>	<i>830A</i>
<i>Thurs.; Jan. 30</i>	<i>For the health intentions of Chris Rehmann</i>	<i>830A</i>
<i>Friday; Jan. 31</i>	<i>Carol Zellmer †</i>	<i>830A</i>

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Eduardo Dominguez

*Barbara Maldonado
Samia Zumout
Chris Rehmann*

Elaine Little

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

THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday; January 27th

1st Reading: Hebrews 9:15, 24-28

Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds.

Gospel: Mark 3:22-30

MEMORIAL OF SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Tuesday; January 28th

1st Reading: Hebrews 10:1-10

Psalm 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11

Here am I Lord; I come to do your will.

Gospel: Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday; January 29th

1st Reading: Hebrews 10:11-18

Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

Gospel: Mark 4:1-20

Thursday; January 30th

1st Reading: Hebrews 10:19-25

Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Gospel: Mark 4:21-25

Friday; January 31st

MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST

1st Reading: Hebrews 10:32-39

Psalm 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40

The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Saturday; February 1st

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE

1st Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Psalm Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel; he has come to his people.

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

How to "Realize the Certainty" of Christ's Teachings



The Church is designed for the people that we are: people of flesh, people of spirit, people of grace. Without prayer we run the risk of seeing the Church merely as a social body and not the Body of Christ...a body whose limbs we are, each with its vital value for the others.

Without prayer we won't know how obedience to its living laws differs from mere discipline. Without prayer it will be difficult for us to see that the Church is Jesus Christ. We will not perceive the kind of commerce that we are invited to take part in within her. To see that as we move from one person to another in our dealings within the Church we are

always Jesus Christ moving from Jesus Christ to Jesus Christ.

Without prayer we will not live the Church. We will not live from her as one can live from the discourse at the Last Supper and the Priestly Prayer of Jesus (cf. Jn 14:1-17:26)... Without prayer the Church may give us all the treasures that we ask of her: the life of God through baptism, the blood of Christ through penance, the whole Christ in Communion, the seal of unity in the Blood of all the Masses and their unending sacrifice—all this will be given to us but, without prayer, we will only keep a small part of it.

Without prayer we can be learned in the teachings of the Church or some particular area of those teachings, we can learn them and remember them but, without prayer, they will not have brought us the fuller life that they were destined to bring...

Without prayer we will see like people who are short-sighted and obey like servants who are paralyzed. Above all, without prayer, the Gospel will be words but we will risk failing to meet the Person who is speaking, the Person who is training us, the Person whom we are following.

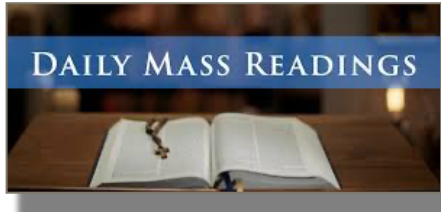
—VENERABLE MADELEINE DELBRËL

Madeleine Delbr el († 1964) was a French laywoman and writer devoted to caring for the poor and to evangelizing culture. | From The Joy of Believing, Ralph Wright, O.S.B., tr. © 1993,  ditions M diaspaul, Sherbrooke, QC.

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HOMILY NOTES

Four horizontal lines for writing homily notes, each line is preceded by a dashed line.



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, 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".

8 Maneras de honrar el Santo Nombre de Jesús este enero

1. Ocúpate de tomar el nombre del Señor en vano.
 - Cambia el canal, apaga la televisión o sal del cine cuando escuches el nombre de Dios pronunciado en vano.
2. Inclina tu cabeza cuando escuches el nombre de Jesús.
 - Adopte la práctica piadosa de inclinar la cabeza cada vez que diga o escuche el nombre de Jesús (tal como nos inclinamos o hacemos una genuflexión ante la Presencia Real en el tabernáculo o hacemos la señal de la cruz al pasar por una Iglesia Católica). Las Escrituras nos dicen: "Al nombre de Jesús se doble toda rodilla en el cielo, en la tierra y debajo de la tierra" (Filipenses 2:10).
3. Decora tu mesa.
 - Decorar con colores blancos (la primera quincena de enero está representada por el color litúrgico blanco para la pureza); verde (la segunda quincena de enero comienza el tiempo ordinario y el verde representa la esperanza como una semilla que brota) y las letras IHS, puedes hacerlo tú mismo con lápices de colores o marcadores dorados y plateados.
4. Celebre el Santo Nombre de Jesús asistiendo a Misa y Adoración Eucarística.
5. Escribe su nombre en tu casa - ¡literalmente!
 - Bendice tu hogar con el "CMB" escrito con tiza sobre la puerta de entrada, que significa Gaspar, Melchor y Baltasar, los nombres tradicionales de los tres reyes, y también es la abreviatura de "Christus mansionem benedicat" (que Cristo bendiga el casa).
6. Pide diariamente la intercesión de María y José.
7. Agrega una oración especial este mes como una oración al Santo Nombre de Jesús o reza la Oración de la Flecha Dorada en reparación por las blasfemias contra Su Santísimo Nombre.
8. Cante una canción de alabanza como el himno católico "En el nombre de Jesús" y/o "Qué hermoso nombre es este" de Hillsong Worship.



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, 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."

8 Ways to honor the Holy Name of Jesus this January

1. Take a stand against taking the Lord's name in vain.
 - Turn the channel, turn off the tv, or walk out of the movie theater when you hear God's name taken in vain.
2. Bow your head when you hear the name of Jesus.
 - Adopt the pious practice of bowing your head whenever you say or hear the name of Jesus (just as we bow or genuflect before the Real Presence in the tabernacle or make a sign of the cross as we pass a Catholic Church). Scripture tells us: "At the name of Jesus every knee should bend of those in heaven, on earth, and under the earth" (Phil 2:10).
3. Decorate your table.
 - Decorate in colors of white (1st half of January represented by liturgical color of white for purity); green (2nd half of January begins ordinary time with green representing hope as a sprouting seed) and the letters IHS you can make this yourself with colored pencils, or gold and silver markers.
4. Celebrate the Holy Name of Jesus by attending Mass and Eucharistic Adoration.
5. Write his name on your house - literally!
 - Bless your home with the "CMB" written in chalk over your front door, which stands for Caspar, Melchior, & Balthasar, the traditional names of the three kings, and is also the abbreviation of "Christus mansionem benedicat" (may Christ bless the house).
6. Daily ask for Mary and Joseph's intercession.
7. Add a special prayer this month such as a prayer to the Holy Name of Jesus or pray the Golden Arrow Prayer in reparation for blasphemies against His Most Holy Name.
8. Sing a praise song such as the Catholic hymn "At the Name of Jesus" and/or "What a Beautiful Name Is This" by Hillsong Worship.

NOTE DATE CHANGE!

Our friends from Bethlehem have changed the date of their visit to STM to Sunday, Feb. 16.

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. Please join us Jan 31st thru Feb 2nd on our retreat. The Sacredness in Everyday Life" is the theme. For questions and to sign up see Cheryl Barron after Mass or call her at 530-514-8859. Don't want to drive? No worries, Cheryl will arrange a ride for you.



MEN'S RETREAT SIGNUPS NOW OPEN!

The Men's Retreat at Christ the King Retreat Center is coming up soon: Fri., Feb. 28 to Sunday March 2. Signups are now open.

This year's retreat will focus on "Creating the Hope We Seek: The Sacredness of Everyday Life". St. Paul reminds us to trust in the God of Hope. While hope is often seen as mere wishful thinking, Christian hope transcends this notion. "For not only do we endure through our sufferings, knowing that they produce perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."—Romans 5:3-5
By entrusting ourselves into God's hands, we move closer to experiencing full communion with Him & with each other.
Cost is \$280, single room; \$250 double room (for doubles plz get your own roommate.) Pick up an info sheet in the narthex. You can register by mail (see info sheet for address) or online at <https://christthekingretreatcenter.org/>

Questions? See retreat leader Deacon Gary Zellmer after Mass.



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



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

Parishioner Giving Statements Available

STM parishioners can now get their 2024 giving statements one of three ways:

1) Pick up in the church office, or 2) Hard mail, or 3) Email.

Let us know how you want to receive your Giving Statement by completing the insert in this bulletin. Drop off your completed form in the 2024 Giving Statement Request box in the narthex or drop it in the collection with your offering.

Hospitality Next Sunday After Mass

The Women of STM invite you to join us for hospitality in our new hall next Sunday after both Masses!

