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Office Hrs: Mon. - Thurs. 9a-2p (Closed Friday)

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 & Wednesday 830A

Thursday 7P; Friday No Mass

Sunday Readings

At the Procession w/ Palms *Matthew 21:1-11*

1st Reading *Isaiah 50:4-7*

Psalm *22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24*

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Dios mío, Dios mío, ¿por qué me has abandonado?

2nd Reading *Philippians 2:6-11*

Gospel *Matthew 26:14-27:66*



MASS INTENTIONS FOR HOLY WEEK MARCH 29TH

<i>Sunday; March 29</i>	<i>Jim McManus † David & Jerry Lundburg</i>	<i>1030A</i>
<i>Domingo; 29 de marzo</i>	<i>Francisco Rivera Todos los sacerdotes, especialmente Padre Chuck</i>	<i>1230P español</i>
<i>Tues.; March 31</i>	<i>Elias Barajas Carol Zellmer †</i>	<i>830A</i>
<i>Wed.; April 1</i>	<i>Francisco Rivera (birthday) For the health intentions of Nicolas Diaz</i>	<i>830A</i>
<i>Thurs.; April 2</i>	<i>Arianna Ospina (birthday) José Real (birthday)</i>	<i>7P</i>
<i>Friday; April 3</i>	No Mass No hay misa	—

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
Gloria Klinger
Bryant Smith*

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

*Ron Keyes
Theresa Durant
Sam Kempner
Dolores Costello
Rosemary Peterson
Shirley Richards
Ron Vaillancourt*

MARCH INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

INTENCIONES DE MARZO DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

Por el desarme y la paz

Oremos para que las naciones avancen hacia un desarme efectivo, en particular el desarme nuclear, y para que los líderes mundiales elijan el camino del diálogo y la diplomacia en lugar de la violencia.

This Week's Readings**HOLY WEEK****Monday; March 30th**

1st Reading: Isaiah 42:1-7
 Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14
The Lord is my light and my salvation.
 Gospel: John 12:1-11

Tuesday; March 31st

1st Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6
 Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17
I will sing of your salvation.
 Gospel: John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday; April 1st

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a
 Psalm 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34
Lord, in your great love, answer me.
 Gospel: Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday; April 2nd

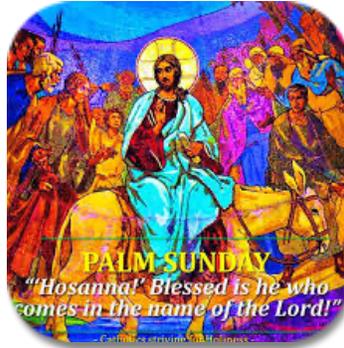
1st Reading: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18.
Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
 Gospel: John 13:1-15

Friday; April 3rd *Good Friday of the Lord's Passion*

1st Reading: Isaiah 52:13—53:12
 Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25
Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.
 2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
 Gospel: John 18:1—19:42

Saturday; April 4th *Holy Saturday At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter*

1st Reading: Genesis 1:1—2:2 OR 1:1, 26-31a
 Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 OR
 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 & 22 - *Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. or The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.*
 2nd Reading: Gn. 22:1-18 OR 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
 Psalm: 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11
You are my inheritance, O Lord.
 3rd Reading: Exodus 14:15—15:1
 Psalm: Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18
Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.
 4th Reading: Isaiah 54:5-14
 Psalm: 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13
I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.
 5th Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11
 Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 - *You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.*
 6th Reading: Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4
 Psalm: 19:8, 9, 10, 11
Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.
 7th Reading: Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28
 Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 - *Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God.* | Epistle: Romans 6:3-11
 Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

MEDITATION OF THE DAY
In Procession with the Lord

If a member of our family has departed this life, and particularly when this has happened under tragic circumstances, we are inclined to observe the anniversary of death in loving remembrance of the deceased. Indeed, we even re-enact in our minds the various phases of his death, saying to ourselves: This is the moment the tragedy occurred; at this moment he was brought to the house; at this time he breathed his last. Mother Church now invites us to re-enact the hours of Jesus' suffering and death.

To begin with, we celebrate the memorial of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem... The entry into Jerusalem is so important a phase of the Passion that the Church devotes an entire day to the event... In this entrance procession we can perceive Jesus' willingness to offer himself as a holocaust, the act of the will that effected the sacrifice of redemption. With the freedom of a king and the love of a bridegroom he advances to his death—as a king he offers his blood for his people, as a bridegroom he gives his life for his bride.

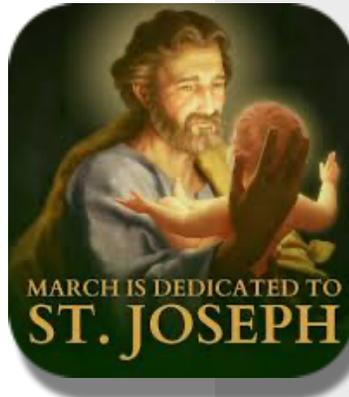
The Church urges us to accompany him in the procession to Calvary, not only outwardly, but also inwardly, that is, we must be filled with the same sentiments which were his when he trod the way of the cross. The Church today gives us a visible sign, a symbol which represents the sentiments of Christ, namely, the palm [branch], a symbol of victory over the devil... Every time we look upon the blessed palms preserved in our homes, they should remind us to carry on the battle against the enemy, and to prove our Christian charity by our works of mercy... Only thus are we made worthy of accompanying the King of Martyrs, as he goes in procession to his sacrifice on Calvary... Thus we join with heart and voice in paying glory, laud, and honor to our Redeemer and King, offering him all the stored-up energy of our reverence, our gratitude, and our love. — FATHER PIUS PARSCH

Father Pius Parsch († 1954) was a Canon Regular and a leading figure in the Liturgical Movement. / From Sermons on the Liturgy: for Sundays and Feast Days, Philip T. Weller, tr. Copyright © 1953, The Bruce Publishing Company, Milwaukee, WI.

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HOMILY NOTES

Al concluir esta dedicación de marzo a San José –patrono de las almas separadas–, se incluye una oración final, junto con reflexiones sobre San José de la mano de San Bernardo de Claraval, quien –a instancias del rey Luis VI– convocó un concilio nacional de obispos que, bajo su liderazgo, eligió a Inocencio II como el verdadero Papa tras el cisma de 1130. Bernard era muy estimado por su habilidad para persuadir y sanar desavenencias; y, cuando ingresó en el monasterio, cinco hermanos, dos tíos y varios amigos se unieron a él.



As we close this March dedication to St. Joseph, patron of parted souls, a final prayer is included along with thoughts on St. Joseph from St. Bernard of Clairvaux who, at the behest of King Louis VI convened a national council of Bishops and, led by Bernard, voted Innocent II as the true Pope following a schism in 1130. Bernard was well regarded for his ability to persuade and heal rifts and when he entered the monastery five brothers, two uncles, and a number of friends joined him.

«Si deseas formarte una idea de la grandeza de San José, considera que, por un privilegio divino, mereció ostentar el título de "Padre de Jesús". Reflexiona también que su propio nombre, "José", significa "aumento". Teniendo presente al gran patriarca José –vendido por sus hermanos en Egipto–, comprende que nuestro Santo ha heredado no solo su nombre, sino, aún más, su poder, su inocencia y su santidad. Así como el patriarca José almacenó el trigo –no para sí mismo, sino para el pueblo en su tiempo de necesidad–, así también [San] José ha recibido una misión celestial: velar por el Pan de Vida, no solo para sí mismo, sino para el mundo entero».–San Bernardo de Claraval (falleció el 20 de agosto de 1153)

"If you want to form an idea of Saint Joseph's greatness, consider that by a divine privilege, he merited to bear the title of 'Father of Jesus.' Reflect too that his own name, 'Joseph,' means – an increase. Keeping in mind the great patriarch Joseph, sold by his brothers in Egypt, understand that our Saint has inherited not only his name but even more, his power, his innocence, and his sanctity. As the patriarch Joseph stored the wheat, not for himself, but for the people in their time of need, so [Saint] Joseph has received a heavenly commission to watch over the Living Bread not for himself alone, but for the entire world."–St. Bernard of Clairvaux (died Aug. 20, 1153)

SAN JOSÉ, MODELO DE LOS TRABAJADORES

¡Oh glorioso San José, modelo de todos los que se dedican al trabajo!, alcánzame la gracia de trabajar con conciencia, anteponiendo el deber a mis inclinaciones naturales; de trabajar con gratitud y alegría, con espíritu de penitencia para la remisión de mis pecados, considerando un honor emplear y desarrollar, por medio del trabajo, los dones recibidos de Dios; de trabajar con orden, paz, moderación y paciencia, sin rehuir jamás el cansancio ni las dificultades; y, sobre todo, de trabajar con pureza de intención y desprendimiento de mí mismo, teniendo siempre ante mis ojos la muerte y la cuenta que habré de rendir del tiempo perdido, de los talentos desperdiciados, del bien omitido y de la vana complacencia en el éxito, tan fatal para la obra de Dios. Todo por Jesús, todo por María, todo a imitación tuya, ¡oh Patriarca San José! Tal sea mi lema en la vida y en la muerte.

SAINT JOSEPH, MODEL OF WORKERS

O Glorious Saint Joseph, model of all those who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my natural inclinations, to work with gratitude and joy, in a spirit of penance for the remission of my sins, considering it an honor to employ and develop by means of labor the gifts received from God, to work with order, peace, moderation, and patience, without ever shrinking from weariness and difficulties, to work above all with purity of intention and detachment from self, having death always before my eyes and the account that I must render of time lost, of talents wasted, of good omitted, of vain complacency in success, so fatal to the work of God.

All for Jesus, all through Mary, all after thine example, O Patriarch St. Joseph. Such shall be my motto in life and in death.

St. Thomas More Holy Week Schedule

Horario de Semana Santa

DAY DIA		TIME TIEMPO
Tues. of Holy Week Martes de Semana Santa	March 31 Marzo 31	830a Mass - Bilingual 830a Misa
Wed. of Holy Week Miércoles de Semana Santa	April 1 Abril 1	830a Mass 830a Misa
Holy Thursday Jueves Santo	April 2 Abril 2	7p - Bilingual (No 830a Mass)
Good Friday Viernes Santo	April 3 Abril 3	12p - English 3p - Divine Mercy Holy Hour 5p - Español (No 830a Mass)
Holy Saturday Sábado Santo	April 4 Abril 4	8p - Bilingual
Easter Sunday Domingo de Resurrección	April 5 Abril 5	1030a - English 1230p - Español

St. Thomas More Holy Week Confessions Confesiones de Semana Santa

DATE FECHA	TIME TIEMPO
Wed.; April 1 Miércoles; Abril 1	5p to 6p
Thursday; April 2 Jueves; Abril 2	5p to 6p
Sat.; April 4 Sábado; Abril 4	930a to 1030a

Ladies Bible Study cancelled this Thursday, April 2, in observance of Holy Week.



womens one day retreat

Special Guest Speaker Deacon Ray Helgeson

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN OF ST. THOMAS MORE!

Ladies, mark your calendars for a Wonderful One-Day Retreat, given by Deacon Ray Helgeson, April 11, 845a to 3p. Deacon Ray will be speaking about God's original plan for creation, Sin- the world & heaven, God's call & our response, and Repentance - growth in spiritual strength. Confession and Mass will be offered. Please come and spend this time nourishing your body and soul. A continental breakfast and lunch are included. For reservations and questions please call Cheryl Barron at 530-514-8859. Please register to help us ensure there are sufficient materials & food. There is no cost to attend this retreat, it is free to all women of the parish.



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NEXT MEETING

APRIL 9 | 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

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