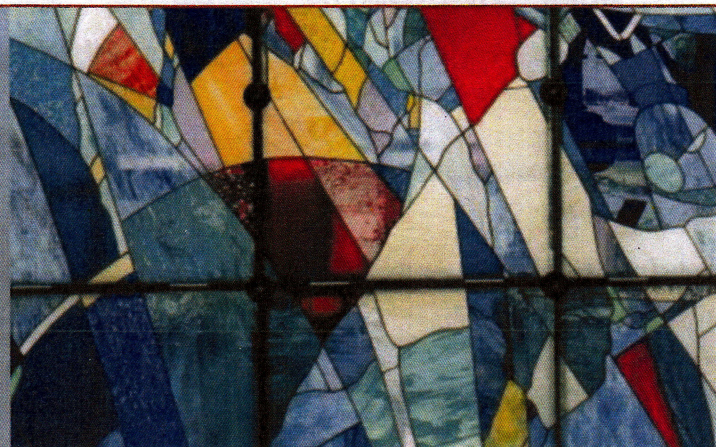
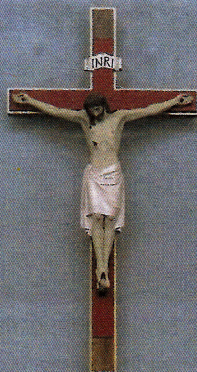




# ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH


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**CONFESSION:** Tuesday 5p to 545p

Wednesday &amp; 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., &amp; Friday 830A

## Sunday Readings

**1st Reading** Isaiah 58:7-10**Psalm** 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.

El justo brilla como una luz en las tinieblas.

**2nd Reading** 1 Corinthians 2:1-5**Gospel** Matthew 5:13-16

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>

Sunday; February 8	Steven Brown † Shirley Richards	1030A
Domingo; 8 de febrero	Andrea Ornelas (salúd) Celso Verde (salúd)	1230P español
Tues.; February 10	Mass is Cancelled	6p
Wed.; February 11	Mass is Cancelled	830A
Thurs.; February 12	Mass is Cancelled	830A
Friday; February 13	Mass is Cancelled	830A

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Rod Montgomery  
Steve Neeley  
Kim Steffen-Parkney  
Mary Anne Durant  
Isabel Rivera Leon  
Andrea Inzunza  
Joan Memmer  
Leo Benedetti  
Kim Avoy Helgeson  
Gloria Klinger

Samia Zumout  
Greg DeCristofaro  
Carrie Sonsteng  
Art Sanchez  
Santiago Ávila  
Joe DiDuca  
Carlos Torres  
Bernhard Family  
Tony & Francene Packett

Tim Steffen  
Elaine Little  
Ron Keyes  
Theresa Durant  
Sam Kempner  
Richard Carmack  
Dolores Costello  
Barbara Braun  
Rosemary Peterson

## FEBRUARY INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

**For children with incurable diseases**

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

## INTENCIONES DE FEBRERO DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

**Para los niños con enfermedades incurables**

Oremos para que los niños que padecen enfermedades incurables y sus familias reciban la atención médica y el apoyo necesarios, sin perder nunca la fuerza ni la esperanza.



## This Week's Readings

## FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday; February 9<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13

Psalm 132:6-7, 8-10

*Lord, go up to the place of your rest!*

Gospel: Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday; February 10<sup>th</sup> MEMORIAL OF SAINT SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN

1st Reading: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30

Psalm 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11

*How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!*

Gospel: Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday; February 11<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: 1 Kings 10:1-10

Psalm 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40

*The mouth of the just murmurs wisdom.*

Gospel: Mark 7:14-23

Thursday; Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: 1 Kings 11:4-13

Psalm 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40

*Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.*

Gospel: Mark 7:24-30

Friday; Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19

Psalm 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15

*I am the Lord, your God: hear my voice.*

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Saturday; February 14<sup>th</sup> MEMORIAL OF SAINTS CYRIL, MONK, AND METHODIUS, BISHOP

1st Reading: 1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34

Psalm 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22

*Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.*

Gospel: Mark 8:1-10

Sunday; February 15<sup>th</sup>

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

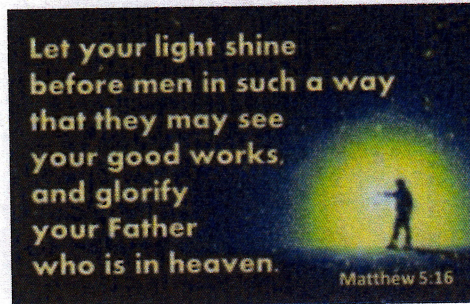
1st Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

*Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!*

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

MEDITATION OF THE DAY  
The Light That Glorifies God

**We have to examine the intention of the human heart**, where it is aimed, what it has in mind. If anybody wants his good works to be seen by other people because he is parading his glory and his indispensability before their eyes, and seeking recognition of them from other people, then...his light

has not so shone before men, that they should see his good works for the purpose of glorifying the Father in heaven. It's himself that he wanted glorified, not God; and it was his own profit he was looking for, not the will of the Lord he was choosing. Of such people the apostle says, They are all looking after their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ (Phil 2:21)....

**Jesus said, So let your light shine before men that they may see your good works;** but he immediately added why this was to be done: that they may glorify, he said, your Father in heaven. So when a person is seen by people to do good, his conscience should be prompted by the intention to do good, but not by any intention of getting well known for it, except for the praise of God and the advantage of those who get to know about it. The benefit they get from [another's good works] is being delighted with God who has enabled a person to do such things; and so not giving up hope if they want such a capacity for doing good to be granted to them as well!...

**So if anybody wishes his works to be seen by the public in such a way that God is glorified**, from whom he has received the things that are seen in him, and so that the very people who see them are challenged...to imitate his good works—then his light really does shine before the world, because it is the brightness of charity that he radiates. — SAINT AUGUSTINE

Saint Augustine († 430), called the Doctor of Grace, is one of the most important theologians in the history of the Church. / From Sermons, The Works of Saint Augustine: A Translation for the 21st Century III/3 (51-94), on the New Testament, Edmund Hill, o.p., tr. Published by New City Press. © 1991, Augustinian Heritage Institute.

Excerpt from Magnificat Magazine, Meditation of the Day, February 8, 2026

## ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS!!

**For the month of March the Mass on Tuesday at 6P will move to 830A.**

This move enables Father Chuck to support brother priests at local parishes during Lent. Sorry for the inconvenience. Thanks for understanding.

## HOMILY NOTES



**¡Bienvenidos a febrero! Este mes está dedicado a la Sagrada Familia, una rica tradición que nos invita a reflexionar sobre la importancia eterna de la vida familiar dentro de la tradición católica.**

La Iglesia instituyó oficialmente la Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia en 1893, cuando el Papa León XIII la aprobó. Posteriormente, en 1921, el Papa Benedicto XV la extendió a toda la Iglesia, tras el desarrollo de esta devoción en el siglo XVII.

**San Juan Pablo II enfatizó la importancia de la familia** como iglesia doméstica y animó a las familias a tomar como modelo a la Sagrada Familia.

En su encíclica *Familiaris Consortio*, expone los peligros y desafíos que la cultura actual plantea a la familia. Como respuesta, anima a las familias católicas invocando la protección de la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret, diciendo:

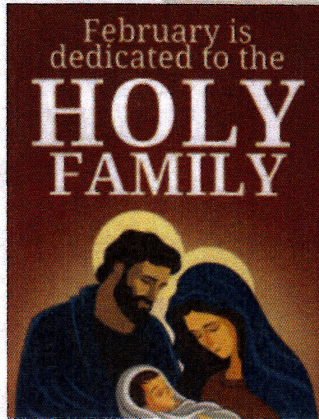
*«Por designio misterioso de Dios, fue en esa familia donde el Hijo de Dios vivió largos años de vida oculta. Por lo tanto, es el prototipo y ejemplo para todas las familias cristianas».*

“[La Sagrada Familia] experimentó las pruebas de la pobreza, la persecución y el exilio. Glorificó a Dios de una manera incomparablemente sublime y pura. Y no dejará de ayudar a las familias cristianas –y, de hecho, a todas las familias del mundo– a ser fieles a sus deberes cotidianos, a sobrellevar las preocupaciones y tribulaciones de la vida, a ser abiertas y generosas ante las necesidades de los demás, y a cumplir con alegría el plan de Dios para ellas.”

## OCHO MANERAS DE CRECER EN DEVOCIÓN A LA SAGRADA FAMILIA

1. Recen el Rosario en familia, centrándose especialmente en los Misterios Gozosos. Mediten en la devoción de Jesús, María y José, quienes expresaban su adoración a Dios Padre mientras vivían en Nazaret.
2. Consagren a su familia a la Sagrada Familia. \*
3. Fortalezcan la devoción de su familia a la Eucaristía, como alimento de la vida familiar, asistiendo juntos a Misa los domingos y siempre que sea posible.
4. Lean, memoricen o representen historias bíblicas que destaquen a la Sagrada Familia. Por ejemplo: El nacimiento de Jesús (Lucas 2:1-20), La huida a Egipto (Mateo 2:13-15) o El hallazgo del Niño Jesús en el templo (Lucas 2:41-52).
5. Coloquen una imagen o un icono de la Sagrada Familia en su casa.
6. Pidan a su sacerdote que bendiga su hogar.
7. Practica la caridad de la Sagrada Familia mediante actos de perdón y paciencia hacia los miembros de tu familia.
8. Esfuérzate por vivir una vida que refleje las virtudes de la Sagrada Familia; imita su amor, obediencia, unidad y humildad.

\*La próxima semana: Consagración de su familia a la Sagrada Familia.



**Welcome to February! This month is devoted to the Holy Family, a rich tradition that invites us to reflect on the eternal significance of family life within the Catholic tradition.**

The Church officially instituted the Feast of the Holy Family in 1893 when Pope Leo XIII approved it. It was later extended to the universal Church in 1921 by Pope Benedict XV, following the development of the devotion in the 17th century.

**Saint John Paul II emphasized the importance of the family** as the domestic church and encouraged families to model themselves after the Holy Family.

In his encyclical, *Familiaris Consortio*, he expounds on the dangers and challenges against the family by the current culture. As a response he encourages the Catholic family with an invocation for the protection of the Holy Family of Nazareth, saying,

*“Through God’s mysterious design, it was in that family that the Son of God spent long years of a hidden life. It is therefore the prototype and example for all Christian families.”*

“[The Holy Family] underwent trials of poverty, persecution, and exile. It glorified God in an incomparably exalted and pure way. And it will not fail to help Christian families – indeed, all the families in the world – to be faithful to their day-to-day duties, to bear the cares and tribulations of life, to be open and generous to the needs of others, and to fulfill with joy the plan of God in their regard.”

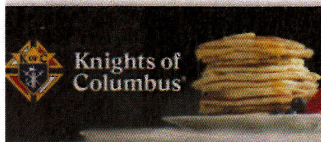
## EIGHT WAYS TO GROW IN DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FAMILY

1. Pray the Rosary as a family, especially focusing on the Joyful Mysteries. Meditate on the devotion of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph expressing adoration to God the Father while in Nazareth.
2. Consecrate your family to the Holy Family. \*
3. Strengthen your family’s devotion to the Eucharist – as a nourishment of family life by attending Mass together on the Sunday obligation and whenever possible.
4. Read, memorize, or act out Scripture stories highlighting the Holy Family. For example, The Birth of Jesus (Luke 2:1-20), The Flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15), or The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41-52).
5. Place an image or icon of the Holy Family in your house.
6. Ask your priest to bless your home.
7. Practice the charity of the Holy Family by acts of forgiveness and patience toward your family members.
8. Strive to live a life that reflects the virtues of the Holy Family; imitate their love, obedience, unity, and humility.

\*Next week: Consecrating your family to the Holy Family.

Source: <https://covenantcatholic.org/devotion-of-the-month/february-dedicated-to-the-holy-family/>





## Knight's Valentines Day Pancake Breakfast

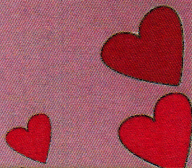
**Next Sunday - February 15 - After Mass**

The St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus will host a Valentine's Day breakfast of pancakes, eggs & sausage after both Masses, Feb. 15. This gives us a wonderful opportunity to gather with loved ones and fellow parishioners to share the love we have for each other.

**Cost** is \$10.00 per person or \$30.00 per family.

**Proceeds** go to the scholarship fund.

**Questions?** See Jim Collins after Mass.



## Ladies Bible Study Begins New Topic!

The Ladies Bible Study are now studying the Gospel of Matthew. Please join us for this new topic Thursday at 1P in the Parish Hall's small meeting room.

All ladies are welcome.

**Questions?** Call Gail Crowley 530-877-8474

**Next study session Thursday, February 12 at 1P**

## ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS!!

Father Chuck will be on vacation for one week starting next Monday Feb. 9 thru Monday, Feb. 16

**All weekday Masses next week are cancelled**  
— Tuesday thru Friday —

**NOTE :** We will still have ADORATION 9A to 6P next Friday

## Grief Support Ministry

The next meeting of the STM Grief Support Ministry is Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 6p in the St. Vincent de Paul room, which is inside the church.

**Questions?** Call Cheryl Barron: 530-514-8859



Night work begins Monday, Feb. 9 that requires full traffic closure of upper Skyway between Clark Road, Rocky Lane, and Wagstaff, between 7p and 7a, Monday thru Thursday.

This is necessary to replace 5,400 feet of Paradise Irrigation District "vintage" steel pipeline along upper Skyway. Night work on Fridays will occur only if midweek work is delayed by weather. Work is projected to be completed by late June. Call PID for more info.

## 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

## ¡ATENCIÓN A TODOS LOS FELIGRESES!

El padre Chuck estará de vacaciones durante una semana, desde el lunes 9 de febrero hasta el lunes 16 de febrero.

Todas las misas de entre semana de la próxima semana han sido canceladas.

— De martes a viernes —

**NOTA - Habrá adoración eucarística de 9:00 a 18:00 el próximo viernes.**

## STATEMENT ON IMMIGRATION FROM THE U.S. COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

### The Bishops overwhelmingly approved this Special Pastoral Message on Immigration:

"As pastors, we the bishops of the United States, are bound to our people by ties of communion and compassion in Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are disturbed when we see among our people a climate of fear and anxiety around questions of profiling and immigration enforcement. We are saddened by the state of contemporary debate and the vilification of immigrants. We are concerned about the conditions in detention centers and the lack of access to pastoral care. We lament that some immigrants in the United States have arbitrarily lost their legal status. We are troubled by threats against the sanctity of houses of worship and the special nature of hospitals and schools. We are grieved when we meet parents who fear being detained when taking their children to school and when we try to console family members who have already been separated from their loved ones."

Bishop Soto wants our Diocese to be aware of this statement which was written & approved unanimously by the USCCB at their Nov. 2025 meeting. Direct any questions to Fr. Chuck.



# LENT & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULES

prayer | fasting | almsgiving



## ASH WEDNESDAY | MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA

February 18 | 18 de febrero

30A Mass (English) | 530P Liturgy of the Word (English) | 7P Liturgia de la Palabra (Español) (Música: Voces de Fe)

### LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

#### HORARIO DE CULTO DE CUARESMA

DATE Fecha	LENTEN SUNDAY Domingo de Cuaresma	MASS TIMES Horarios de misa
Sunday; Feb. 22 Domingo; Feb. 22	1st Sunday in Lent I Domingo de Cuaresma	1030A English 1230P Español
Sunday; March 1 Domingo; Marzo 1	2nd Sunday in Lent II Domingo de Cuaresma	1030A English 1230P Español
Sunday; March 8 Domingo; Marzo 8	3rd Sunday in Lent III Domingo de Cuaresma	1030A English 1230P Español
Sunday; March 15 Domingo; Marzo 15	4th Sunday in Lent (Laetare) IV Domingo de Cuaresma	1030A English 1230P Español
Sunday; March 22 Domingo; Marzo 22	5th Sunday in Lent V Domingo de Cuaresma	1030A English 1230P Español

#### Special Booklets!

*Stations of the Cross booklets will be available in the vestibule of the church for private prayer during the week.*

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS & LENTEN SOUP SUPPER SCHEDULE<sup>1</sup>

#### HORARIO DEL VÍA CRUCIS Y CENA DE SOPA DE CUARESMA\*

DATE FECHA	TIME Tiempo	STATIONS LEADER Líder de Horario	SUPPER TEAM Equipo de Cena
FEB. 20	6P	FATHER CHUCK	GENERAL
FEB. 27	6P	WOMEN OF STM	WOMEN OF STM
MARCH 6	6P	FRANCISCANS	FRANCISCANS
MARCH 13	6P	THE KNIGHTS	THE KNIGHTS
MARCH 20	<b>STATIONS CANCELLED FOR CONFIRMATIONS</b>		
MARCH 27	6P	FAITH FORMATION	FAITH FORMATION

<sup>1</sup>*Stations of the Cross, in both English & Spanish, will take place simultaneously with each group alternating between the Church and the Family Life Center (aka: the church hall.)*

\**El Vía Crucis, tanto en inglés como en español, se llevará a cabo simultáneamente, alternando cada grupo entre la iglesia y el Centro de Vida Familiar (también conocido como el salón.)*

### PENANCE SERVICES SERVICIOS DE PENITENCIA

DATE   FECHA	TIME Tiempo	LOCATION Líder de Horario
Tuesday; March 10   Martes; Marzo 10	6P	St. John the Baptist - Chico
Thursday; March 12   Jueves; Marzo 12	6P	Our Divine Savior - Chico
Tuesday; March 17   Martes; Marzo 17	6P	St. Thomas - Oroville
Wed.; March 25   Miércoles; Marzo 25	6P	St. Thomas More - Paradise

### HOLY WEEK CONFESSIONS AT STM CONFESIONES DE SEMANA SANTA EN STM

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

### STM HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE STM HORARIO DE SEMANA SANTA

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