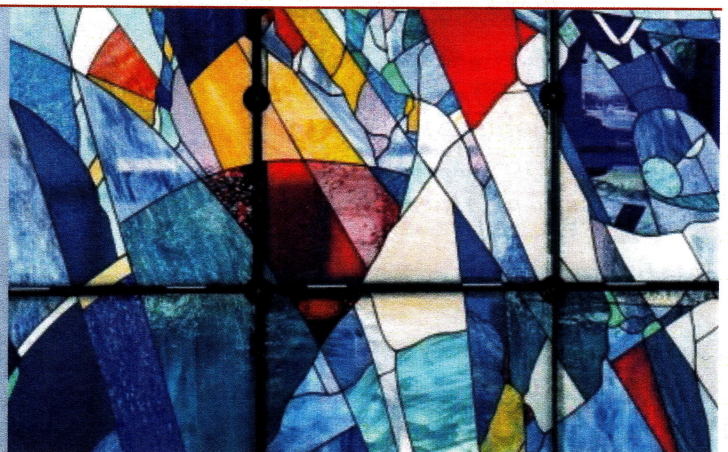
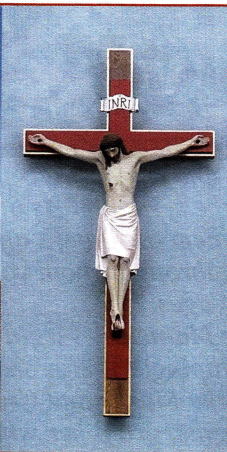
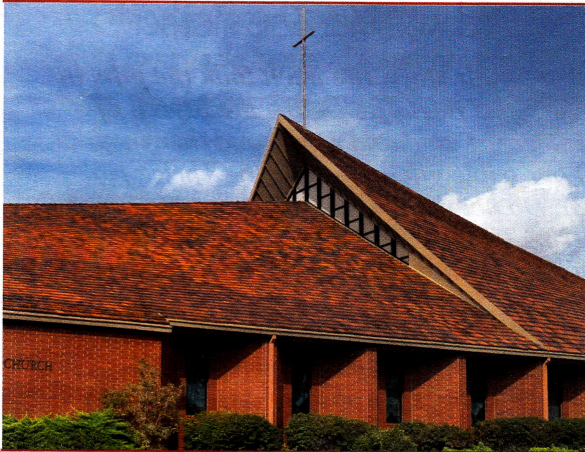


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CONFESSION: *Tuesday 5p to 545p*
Wednesday & Thursday 8A to 825A
Friday 8A to 825A and 430p to 545p

Mass Times

Sunday 1030A
 Domingo Misa en español 1230p
 Tuesday 6p
 Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 830A

Sunday Readings

1st Reading *Isaiah 60:1-6*
Psalm *72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13*
Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.
Que te adoren, Señor, todos los pueblos.
2nd Reading *Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6*
Gospel *Matthew 2:1-12*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 5TH

<i>Sunday; Jan. 5</i>	<i>Honorio Acogido †</i>	<i>1030A</i>
<i>Domingo; 5 enero</i>	<i>Jerónimo Valdés †</i>	<i>1230P español</i>
<i>Tuesday; Jan. 7</i>	<i>xxxxx</i>	<i>6P</i>
<i>Wed.; Jan. 8</i>	<i>Rose Mary Leach †</i>	<i>830A</i>
<i>Thurs.; Jan. 9</i>	<i>xxxxxxx †</i>	<i>830A</i>
<i>Friday; Jan. 10</i>	<i>xxxxx †</i>	<i>830A</i>

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

<i>Karla Valenzuela</i>	<i>Mary Braddick</i>	<i>Joyce Finch</i>
<i>Cathy Larsen</i>	<i>Carrie Sue Sonsteng</i>	<i>Rod Montgomery</i>
<i>Lorraine Carr</i>	<i>Sam Kempner</i>	<i>David Porter</i>
<i>Angela Babcock</i>	<i>Tylor Koski</i>	<i>Barbara Maldonado</i>
<i>Sharon Calhoun</i>	<i>Victor Furrer</i>	<i>Lora Ginn</i>
<i>Nancy Cornett</i>	<i>Kimberly Helgeson Avoy</i>	<i>Senona Gonzalez</i>
<i>Linda Alberghotti</i>	<i>Denis Helgeson</i>	<i>Samia Zumout</i>
<i>Amanda McDonald</i>	<i>Chris Rehmann</i>	<i>Karen Reynolds</i>
<i>Patrick Wallenan</i>		<i>Don H</i>

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**THE WEEK AFTER EPIPHANY****Monday; January 6th**

1st Reading: 1 John 3:22-4:6

Psalm 2:7bc-8, 10-12a

I will give you all the nations for an inheritance.

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday; January 7th

1st Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Gospel: Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday; January 8th

1st Reading: 1 John 4:11-18

Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Gospel: Mark 6:45-52

Thursday; January 9th

1st Reading: 1 John 4:19-5:4

Psalm 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Gospel: Luke 4:14-22

Friday; January 10th

1st Reading: 1 John 5:5-13

Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Gospel: Luke 5:12-16

Saturday; January 11th

1st Reading: 1 John 5:14-21

Psalm 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b

The Lord takes delight in his people.

Gospel: John 3:22-30

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

“They saw the child with Mary his mother”

When they had told all their story, the magi took the gifts in their hands and worshiped the Gift of gifts, the Myrrh of myrrh. They brought Christ gold and myrrh and then incense and cried, “Accept our triple gift, as you do the Thrice Holy

Hymn of the seraphim (Is 6:3). Do not reject them like those of Cain, but embrace them like Abel’s offering (Gn 4:4), through her who gave you birth, and through whom you have been born for us, a little Child, God before the ages.”

When the blameless Virgin saw the magi bringing new & radiant gifts and worshiping, the star showing him, the shepherds praising him, she implored the Maker and Creator of all these, saying, “Accept, my Child, a trinity of gifts, grant her who gave you birth three requests. I pray to you for the seasons and for the fruits of the earth and for those who dwell on it. Be reconciled to all, because through me you have been born a little Child, God before the ages.

“For I am not simply your mother, compassionate Savior; it is not in vain that I suckle the giver of milk, but for the sake of all I implore you. You have made me the mouth and the boast of all my race (Jdt 15:9) and your world has me as a mighty protection, a wall and a buttress. They look to me, those who were cast out of the Paradise of pleasure, for I bring them back. May all things understand that, through me, you have been born a little Child, God before the ages.

“Save the world, O Savior. For this you have come. Set your whole universe aright. For this you have shone on me and on the magi and on all creation. For see, the magi, to whom you have shown the light of your face, fall down before you and offer gifts, useful, fair, and eagerly sought. For I have need of them, since I am about to go to Egypt and to flee with you and for you, my Guide, my Son, my Maker, my Redeemer, a little Child, God before the ages.” —SAINT ROMANOS THE MELODIST

Saint Romanos the Melodist († c. 565) was a deacon in Constantinople who composed several chanted sermons. / From On the Life of Christ, Archimandrite Ephrem Lash, tr. Published by HarperCollins Publishers, 1995, NY. © Yale University Press, New Haven, CT.

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HOMILY NOTES

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.

El monograma (arriba, derecha) que representa el Santo Nombre de Jesús son las primeras tres letras del nombre griego de Jesús: Iota (I), Eta (H) y Sigma (S). Los jesuitas hicieron del monograma IHS el emblema de su sociedad agregando una cruz sobre la H y tres clavos debajo.

Como católicos, dedicamos el Año Nuevo a María en la solemnidad del 1 de enero, honrándola como Madre de Dios. el 8 de enero, Solemnidad de la Epifanía, nos alegramos con ella, mientras su Hijo es adorado por los Reyes Magos.

Juan, el Bautista, quien marcó el comienzo del tiempo de Adviento, está presente una vez más para cerrar la Navidad en la fiesta del Bautismo de Nuestro Señor (El Primer Misterio Luminoso), y para abrir el Tiempo Ordinario. 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".

ORACIÓN AL SANTO NOMBRE DE JESÚS

Oh buen Jesús, según tu gran misericordia, ten piedad de mí. Oh misericordioso Jesús, por esa Preciosa Sangre que quisiste derramar por los pecadores, te suplico que laves todas mis iniquidades y que me mires con gracia, pobre e indigno pecador, mientras invoco tu santo nombre. Por tanto, oh Jesús, sálvame por amor de tu santo nombre. Amén

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January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus, which was celebrated on January 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.

The monogram (above, left) representing the Holy Name of Jesus is the first three letters of the Greek name of Jesus: Iota (I), Eta (H), and Sigma (S). The Jesuits made the IHS monogram the emblem of their society by adding a cross over the H and three nails underneath it.

As Catholics, we dedicated the New Year to Mary on the January 1st Solemnity, honoring her as Mother of God. on January 8, the Solemnity of Epiphany, we rejoice with her, as her Son is adored by the three Wise Men.

John, the Baptist, who ushered in the Advent season, is present once again to close Christmastide on the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord (The First Luminous Mystery), and to open the Season of Ordinary Time. He 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."

PRAYER TO THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

O good Jesu, according to Thy great mercy, have mercy on me. O most merciful Jesu, by that Precious Blood which Thou didst will to shed for sinners, I beseech Thee to wash away all my iniquities and to look graciously upon me, a poor and unworthy sinner; as I call upon Thy holy Name. Therefore, O Jesus, do Thou save me for Thy holy Name's sake. Amen

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January 12, 2025 Baptism of the Lord

Sunday | January 12

1030A English

1230p Español



Attention St. Thomas More Parishioners! Help Radiate Love!

Our Bishop, Jaime Soto, along with all bishops of the California Catholic Conference, invite

Catholics to celebrate the beauty and goodness of marriage and family through the Radiate Love initiative.

Men & women marry in love, becoming husbands and wives then see their love deepen thru good times & the challenges of a lifetime of marriage.

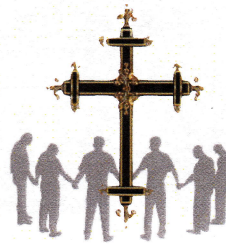
If these couples are blessed to become parents, they are tasked with teaching their children how to be human. What a concept!

The mission of the family is not for the fainthearted. It entails sacrifice and sometimes heartache, but all of that is meant to bring spouses closer and further along the path to holiness.

Help radiate love to the world! Visit <https://cacatholic.org/radiatelove/> for monthly reflections, prayers, videos, and other materials designed to help families become witnesses of God's love.

About the Pope's Prayer Intentions

We print the Pope's prayer intention for each month on the front page of the STM Bulletin. Every month Pope Francis entrusts his Worldwide Prayer Network with prayer intentions that express his great concerns for humanity and for the mission of the Church. His monthly prayer intention is a global summons to transform our prayers into "concrete actions"; it is a compass for a mission of compassion for the world. See the Pope's video message on his intentions at <https://www.popesprayer.va/the-challenges-facing-humanity-and-assists-the-mission-of-the-church/>



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



To see the list of current businesses click the QR Code above or go to <https://stmparadise.org/>

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

Inviting All Women of Saint Thomas More

Our parish retreat, at Christ the King Retreat Center, is fast approaching. This year's theme is "Creating the Hope We Seek. The Sacredness in Everyday Life." While hope is sometimes seen as wishful thinking, Christian hope transcends this notion. Hope is a confident expectation of what is desired will be attained, a future that may not be visible to us. Please join us January 31st through February 2nd as we move beyond mere wishful thinking and actively strive towards hope in God and one another. Flyers will be in the vestibule. If you have any questions call Cheryl Barron at 530-514-8859.