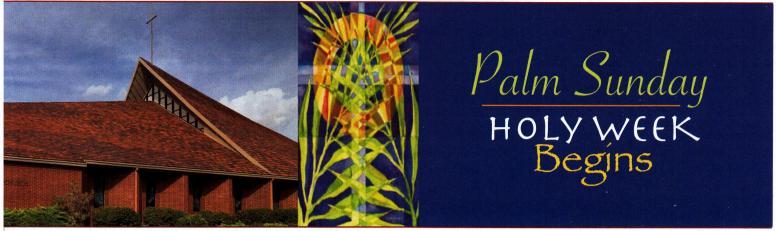
# ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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#### **About St. Thomas More**

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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**

At the Procession with Palms: Gospel Luke 19:28-40

At the Mass: 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 Luke 22:14-23:56



#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR PALM SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK

Sunday; April 13	Al Penna† Angelo Scipi†	1030A
Domingo 13 abril	Jose Real (birthday)	1230P español
Tuesday; April 15	Larry Campbell † Rob Campbell †	6P
Wed.; April 16	Abel Holguin Chavez † For the Intentions of Kiaya Mangan	830A
Thurs.; April 17	For the health Intentions of Isabel Rivera Leon	830A
Friday; April 18	No 830A Mass	8301

Saturday: April 19 For the Intentions of Theresa & Mary Anne Durant

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Connie Rehmann Kimberly Steffen-Parkney Raul Saavedra Fose Raul Rivera Mary Anne Durant Isabel Rivera Leon Juanita Rivera León

Samia Zumout Greg DeCristofaro Chris Rehmann Lourdes Collazo Carrie Sonsteng John Thomas

Tim Steffen Elaine Little Ron Keves Theresa Durant Sam Kempner

LET US PRAY FOR

#### APRIL INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS

For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

#### INTENCIONES DE ABRIL DEL PAPA FRANCISCO

Por el uso de las nuevas tecnologías

Oremos para que el uso de las nuevas tecnologías no sustituya las relaciones humanas, respete la dignidad de la persona y nos ayude a afrontar las crisis de nuestro tiempo.

## This Week's Readings

Monday; April 14th

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; April 15th

Ist 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 16th

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 17<sup>th</sup> CHRISM MASS
1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9
Psalm 89:21-22, 25 and 27
For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

2nd Reading: Revelation 1:5-8 Gospel: Luke 4:16-21

Friday; April 18th

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

1st Reading: Isaiah 52:13—53:12 Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46) 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 19th

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 Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

2nd Reading: Genesis 22:1-18 3rd Reading: Exodus 14:15—15:1 4th Reading: Isaiah 54:5-14 5th Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11

6th Reading: Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4 7th Reading: Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28

Epistle: Romans 6:3-11 Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

#### **MEDITATION OF THE DAY**

Following Jesus on the Road to Calvary

There are many paths which lead to your glorious eternity, but, O my God, you have made a highway which leads there with the surest certainty. Now, my soul, this is none other than the way of the holy cross. This way is the royal highway of all the elect, for it leads to the royal city of the King of kings. It is the royal highway; for it is along this way that the great company of the saints advances, together with the Queen of saints and the great King of Paradise. It is the royal road to salvation...

**O my soul, see how** the King of saints, he who is the Way, the Life, & the Model of all the souls that shall be saved, walks with giant steps, or, to speak more truly, runs along this road, from the first instant of his divine conception to the last moment of his life. Consider how the most holy Virgin, his blessed Mother, bears him company; and St. John the Evangelist, his beloved disciple, St. Mary Magdalen, his faithful lover, &, to say everything in few words, all those whom he has most favored with his love. **Remember how the Scripture teaches us** (Rv 7:14) that those who have been pleasing to God have passed through many tribulations, and have been made his friends by the trials he has sent them. Great security, then, for all who tread this road, seeing that it is the royal highway of salvation: he who walks therein proceeds in full assurance....

You must not be troubled if this road wears an ugly appearance; it is true there are many rivers to wade through, but the bottom is sound; you may walk steadily on; there is nothing to fear.... The safest course is to keep to the road trodden by all the saints of Paradise. There is no danger in walking along the way of the Son of God and his most holy Mother. O my Savior, I see your footsteps imprinted on this road, most clearly do I perceive your traces; draw us after you, and never permit us to go astray in the ways of the world. We ask you for this grace and mercy by your exceeding love and charity, by the most loving heart of your dear Mother, and by all your angels and saints.... How great is the happiness of those who bear their cross, following in the steps of an Incarnate God and his Virgin Mother! —Father Henri-Marie Boudon

Father Henri-Marie Boudon († 1702) was a French priest and spiritual author whose writings on Marian devotion influenced Saint Louis de Montfort. / From The Holy Ways of the Cross, Edward Healy Thompson, tr. © 2022, Cluny, P.O. Box 1664, Providence, RI 02901. www.clunymedia.com.

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Н	OMILY NOTES	

El mes de abril está tradicionalmente dedicado a Jesús en el sacramento de la Sagrada Eucaristía. La Iglesia Católica enseña que el Santísimo Sacramento es la presencia real y viva de Cristo -su Cuerpo, Sangre, Alma y Divinidad- que recibimos en nuestras almas con cada recepción de la Sagrada Comunión. Nuestro Señor Eucarístico es la fuente y cumbre de nuestra vida cristiana, la prueba suprema de su infinito amor por

nosotros. Podemos profundizar nuestra devoción a la Eucaristía este mes asistiendo a la Adoración Eucarística (para profundizar nuestra relación con Cristo y expresar nuestro amor y gratitud por su sacrificio) y participando en el Santo Sacrificio de la Misa (que conmemora la Última Cena y el sacrificio de Cristo en la cruz). Durante este mes especial, considere inscribirse para un tiempo (¿30 minutos? ¿1 hora?) en adoración perpetua. El libro de inscripciones está sobre la mesa en el Nártex.



#### April is traditionally devoted to Jesus in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The

Catholic Church teaches that the Blessed Sacrament is the real and living presence of Christ -His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinityreceived into our souls with every reception of Holy Communion. Our Eucharistic Lord is the source and summit of our Christian life, the ultimate proof of His infinite love for us. We can

deepen our devotion to the Eucharist this month by attending Eucharistic Adoration (to deepen our relationship with Christ & express our love and gratitude for His sacrifice.) and by participating in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (which commemorates the Last Supper & Christ's sacrifice on the cross.). During this special month consider signing up for time (30 mins? 1 hr?) in perpetual adoration. The sign-up book is on the table in the Narthex.

#### ORACIÓN DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

Oh Jesús, Verdad eterna, Vida nuestra, te invoco y te imploro misericordia para los pobres pecadores.

Oh dulcísimo Corazón de mi Señor, lleno de piedad e insondable misericordia, te suplico por los pobres pecadores.

Oh Sacratísimo Corazón, Fuente de Misericordia de la que brotan rayos de gracias inconcebibles para toda la humanidad, te pido luz para los pobres pecadores.

Oh Jesús, recuerda tu amarga Pasión y no permitas que se pierdan las almas redimidas al precio tan alto de tu preciosísima Sangre. Oh Jesús, al considerar el gran precio de tu Sangre, me regocijo por su inmensidad, pues una sola gota habría bastado para la salvación de todos los pecadores. Aunque el pecado es un abismo de maldad e ingratitud, el precio pagado por nosotros jamás podrá ser igualado. Por tanto, que toda alma confíe en la Pasión del Señor y ponga su esperanza en su misericordia.

Dios no negará su misericordia a nadie. El cielo y la tierra pueden cambiar, pero la misericordia de Dios nunca se agotará. ¡Oh, qué inmensa alegría arde en mi corazón al contemplar tu incomprensible bondad, Jesús! Deseo traer a todos los pecadores a tus pies para que glorifiquen tu misericordia por los siglos de los siglos.

Expiraste, Jesús, pero la fuente de vida brotó para las almas, y el océano de misericordia se abrió para el mundo entero.

Oh Fuente de Vida, insondable Divina Misericordia, envuelve al mundo entero y derrámate sobre nosotros.

Oh Sangre y Agua, que brotaste del Corazón de Jesús como fuente de misericordia para nosotros, ¡en Ti confío!

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#### PRAYER OF DIVINE MERCY

O Jesus, eternal Truth, our Life, I call upon You and I beg Your mercy for poor sinners.

O sweetest Heart of my Lord, full of pity & unfathomable mercy, I plead with You for poor sinners.

O Most Sacred Heart, Fount of Mercy from which gush forth rays of inconceivable graces upon the entire human race, I beg of You light for poor sinners.

O Jesus, be mindful of Your own bitter Passion & do not permit the loss of souls redeemed at so dear a price of Your most precious Blood. O Jesus, when I consider the great price of Your Blood, I rejoice at its immensity, for one drop alone would have been enough for the salvation of all sinners. Although sin is an abyss of wickedness and ingratitude, the price paid for us can never be equaled. Therefore, let every soul trust in the Passion of the Lord, & place its hope in His mercy. God will not deny His mercy to anyone. Heaven and earth may change, but God's mercy will never be exhausted. Oh, what immense joy burns in my heart when I contemplate Your incomprehensible goodness, O Jesus! I desire to bring all sinners to Your feet that they may glorify Your mercy throughout endless ages.

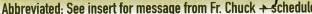
You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.

O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!

Sources: https://www.morningoffering.com/offering/04-01/, https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/prayers/view.cfm?id=755; https://fthl.org/5-things-you-should-know-about-catholic-devotion-during-the-holy-month-of-april/#:~:text=The month of April is also dedicated to the Holy of Christ in the world.; https://catholic-link.org/april-is-devoted-to-the-blessed-sacrament-and-the-holy-spirit-mark-your-

# St. Thomas More Catholic Church Holy Week Schedule Abbreviated: See insert for message from Fr. Chuck + schedule



















TIME

Tuesday; April 15
Wednesday; Apr

6P

Tuesday of Holy Week Mass

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830A

Wednesday of Holy Week Mass

430P to 630P

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday; April 17

5P to 7P

Sacrament of Reconciliation

7P

Holy Thursday Bilingual Mass

Friday; April 18

3P - English | 6P - Spanish

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday; April 19

830A Bilingual

Holy Saturday Mass

2P to 4P

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday; April 20

1030A-English | 1230P Spanish

Easter Sunday Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord



#### FINAL PLEA: HELP KOFC COLLECT CANS 'til EASTER

Please help the Knights of Columbus collect canned foods now thru Easter Sunday. All donations go to the Food Pantry that STM supports, at 1st Baptist Church, thru our Table of Plenty donations. Questions? Contact Greg DeCristofaro by email GREGDEC@att.net or (530) 873-4132H (530) 588-3790C.

### FINAL WEEK TO GET YOUR WINE AT NEW CLAIRVAUX RECEIVE A DONATION FOR STM NOW THRU <u>THIS FRIDAY APRIL 18</u>!

Purchase wine from the New Clairvaux Winery during their Grace of Giving campaign thru April 18 and New Clairvaux will contribute 20% of the purchase to STM! How? Easy!

• Go to https://newclairvauxvineyard.square.site to purchase the wine of your choice. (Or use this QR code. NOTE: If you plan to pick up your wine at New Clairvaux

enter the code FREESHIP to avoid shipping costs.

All wines must be purchased on the website above or QR code to benefit STM. This promotion is good for wine purchases thru April 18, 2025.

New Clairvaux Winery & Tasting Room 26240 7th St., Vina, CA., 96092 | 530.839.2200







#### The Women of STM Make Presentation to CareNet of Paradise.



Left to right: Cheryl Barron, Ashley Lundberg, Kathy DeCristofaro, Barbara Collins.

A \$1,000.00 check was presented to CareNet of Paradise for the Center to use in its efforts to support women and families seeking alternatives to abortion. This money comes at a critical time when CareNet & other pro-life organizations face strong, well-funded opposition by groups including the State of California which has allocated a \$20 million "Abortion Practical Support Fund," to help cover costs like travel, lodging,

and meals for women seeking abortions in California; this includes women from other states.

California's pro-abortion laws conflict with Catholic teaching. In Pope Saint John Paul II's encyclical, Evangelium vitae (1995), no. 72, he wrote, Laws which legitimize the direct killing of innocent human beings through abortion or euthanasia are in complete opposition to the inviolable right to life proper to every individual; they thus deny the equality of everyone before the law.

CareNet provides essential services & support to include pregnancy testing, ultrasound, individual and family counseling and a number of other services. The check was presented on behalf of The Women of STM to Ashley Lundberg-CareNet director of development, by Kathy DeCristofaro-parish pro-life coordinator, Barbara Collins, and Cheryl Barron. If you would like to donate to CareNet of Paradise please see Kathy DeCristofaro.