

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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CONFESSION 1st Wednesday 5P - 6P

Important Dates

01MAY: St. Joseph the Worker ODS 830A
 01MAY: Sacrament of Reconciliation STM 5P
05MAY: Crown Rosary w Secular Franciscans STM 1130a
 11MAY: Women of STM Meeting STM 10A
12MAY: The ASCENSION of the LORD STM 12P
 14MAY: Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres STM 10A

Sunday Readings

Fifth Sunday of Easter
V Domingo de Pascua

1st Reading Acts 9:26-31

Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.
Bendito sea el Señor. Aleluya.

2nd Reading 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel John 15:1-8



MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Remaining on the Vine

Although we rightly hold that apostolicity is one of the credentials of the true Church, some moderns find no merit in this claim. They rebel

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APRIL INTENTIONS of the HOLY FATHER

For the role of women

We pray the dignity & immense value of women be recognized in every culture & for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Por el papel de la mujer

Oramos para que se reconozca la dignidad y el inmenso valor de las mujeres en todas las culturas y por el fin de la discriminación que experimentan en diferentes partes del mundo.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SUNDAY APRIL 28TH

Paul Peterson †

Denis Booth †

Agapito Rivera †

Juan Carlos Rincon †

For the intentions of Scott Kelly

For the intentions of Victor Furrer

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Billy Abumada
 Cathy Larsen
 Diana Wise
 Angela Babcock
 Sharon Calboun
 Jeff & Diane Clark
 James Daley
 Pam Casey
 Pat Mortensen
 Stephanie Lowman

Martha Martinez
 Rod Montgomery
 Carrie Sue Sonsteng
 Sam Kempner
 Tylor Koski
 Denise Hughes
 Kimberly Helgeson Avoy

Sofia Garcia
 Bruce Hasek
 Barbara Maldonado
 Adriana Sepulveda
 Senona Gonzalez
 Samia Zumout
 Karen Reynolds
 Andrea Inzunza
 David Jorgensen
 Ben Richards



This Week's Readings

THE FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER

Monday; April 29th Memorial of St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

1st Reading: Acts 14:5-18

Psalm 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16

Not to us, O Lord, but to your name give the glory.

Gospel: John 14:21-26

Tuesday; April 30th

1st Reading: Acts 14:19-28

Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21

Your friends make known, O Lord, the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Gospel: John 14:27-31a

Wednesday; May 1st

1st Reading: Acts 15:1-6

Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Thursday; May 2nd Memorial of St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

1st Reading: Acts 15:7-21

Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10

Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Gospel: John 15:9-11

Friday; May 3rd Feast of Saints Philip & James, Apostles

1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5

Their message goes out through all the earth.

Gospel: John 14:6-14

Saturday; May 4th

1st Reading: Acts 16:1-10

Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 5

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Gospel: John 15:18-21



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MEDITATION OF THE DAY Remaining on the Vine

against everything that is old. They are caught in the current of a strange relativity which leads them to infer that only that which is new is true....

If the true nature of the apostolic Church is understood, it will be seen that length of years is not discordant with the vitality and the spirit of unspoiled youth. The doctrine preached is called the Gospel, which means the good news. Wonderment is not only a mark of youth, but also a characteristic of true scholarship. No matter how many times the theologians study the teachings of Christ, it is always possible to obtain deeper insight into God's dealing with man, and man's dealing with God. **Youth, impelled by love of change, should be fascinated by the good news because the redemptive influence of the Church seeks to change the human race from the bondage of sin to the freedom of sanctification, and to elevate souls already sanctified to a higher degree of union with God by grace.**

Industry, weakened by greed, is to be renewed by the application of the principles of justice. Political life that truly fosters the well-being of citizens will not impede the youthful impulse to attain citizenship with the saints. Finally, youth enlightened by revelation seeks not a city in ruins but a new and heavenly Jerusalem....

We who rejoice in the faith should see that spiritual recovery is accelerated by becoming better Catholics ourselves, and by expressing our charity for all in the form of prayer and good works, such as leading souls into the old but ever youthful Church. When a man becomes a Catholic a paradox is involved, because while he becomes two thousand years old, he forthwith also becomes by grace and by adoption what Christ is by nature: a child of God, a child of our Blessed Mother Mary.

If the human race is to be renewed through a youth-movement that is unobstructed by time or space, it must heed the words of Him who is the way, the truth, and the life. Christ said, Unless you be converted, and become as little children, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

—MONSIGNOR EDWARD BETOWSKI

Monsignor Betowski († 1969) was a professor of homiletics and a beloved priest of the Archdiocese of New York. / *From Spurs to Conversion.* © 1937 by Benziger Brothers, New York, NY.

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Year of Hope 2025

The Holy Father has decreed 2025 the year of Jubilee which happens every 25 years. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope".

<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>

As the diocese makes plans for this Jubilee year, we are encouraged to pray in preparation for 2025; reflect on what we hope to gain; what it means for our diocese; what is the most effective way to participate as a parish.

Plans will be shared as more is learned.

La Iglesia tradicionalmente fomenta una mayor devoción a Jesús en la Sagrada Eucaristía durante abril. "La

Iglesia a lo largo de los siglos ha introducido diversas formas de este culto eucarístico que son cada vez más hermosas y útiles; como, por ejemplo, visitas de devoción a los sagrarios, incluso todos los días; Bendición del Santísimo Sacramento; procesiones

solemnes, especialmente durante los Congresos Eucarísticos, que pasan por ciudades y pueblos; y adoración del Santísimo Sacramento expuesta públicamente. . . Estos ejercicios de piedad han aportado un maravilloso aumento de fe y de vida sobrenatural a la Iglesia militante en la tierra y tienen su eco en cierta medida en la Iglesia triunfante en el cielo, que canta continuamente un himno de alabanza a Dios y al Cordero. 'Quién fue asesinado'. --Papa Pío XII



The Church traditionally encourages increased devotion to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist during April. "The

Church over the centuries has introduced various forms of this Eucharistic worship which are ever increasing in beauty and helpfulness; as, for example, visits of devotion to the tabernacles, even every day; Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; solemn processions, especially

at the time of Eucharistic Congresses, which pass through cities & villages; and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament publicly exposed . . . These exercises of piety have brought a wonderful increase in faith and supernatural life to the Church militant upon earth and they are re-echoed to a certain extent by the Church triumphant in heaven, which sings continually a hymn of praise to God and to the Lamb 'Who was slain.'" --Pope Pius XII

COMPAÑERO DE ORACIÓN EUCHARÍSTICA: V DOMINGO DE PASCUA

El inserto de Meditación Eucarística está diseñado para ayudarle a pasar de 30 minutos a una hora en meditación y oración silenciosa con Jesús durante la adoración eucarística. Incluso si no puedes estar físicamente presente en una iglesia o capilla de adoración con el Santísimo Sacramento, puedes unirte espiritualmente a la Eucaristía mientras pasas este tiempo en oración.

La Meditación Eucarística de hoy seguirá este formato:

1. Comience con las oraciones iniciales, pidiéndole gracia a Jesús esta semana. Esta oración tiene como objetivo ayudarnos a aprender cómo buscar un regalo de Dios en la oración.
2. Ore con el pasaje de las Escrituras provisto. Esté abierto a este encuentro con Jesús. Léelo de 3 a 4 veces lentamente. Permita que las palabras de las Escrituras inunden su mente y su corazón. Permita que el Espíritu Santo le hable a través de este pasaje.
3. Siéntate con cada pregunta de reflexión, estando atento a cómo el Señor habla en tu corazón.
4. Lea el siguiente pasaje 3 o 4 veces lentamente. Permita que el Espíritu Santo le hable personalmente a través de este pasaje.
5. Pasa tiempo en silencio con el Señor usando la siguiente pregunta de reflexión. Permítele hablarle a tu corazón en ese silencio. Recibe su presencia. Si te ayuda, escribe lo que sientes que el Señor te comunica durante este tiempo de oración.
6. Haz la oración final.
7. Reflexione sobre las indicaciones de Conexión y Fe en Acción de la Misa Dominical.

Gracias por orar con nosotros mientras buscamos pasar tiempo con nuestro Señor Eucarístico.

Fuente: <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/post/fourth-sunday-of-easter-becoming-gods-children>

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER COMPANION: 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Eucharistic Meditation insert is designed to help you spend 30 minutes to an hour in meditation & silent prayer with Jesus during Eucharistic adoration. Even if you cannot be physically present in a church or adoration chapel with the Blessed Sacrament, you can unite yourself spiritually to the Eucharist as you spend this time in prayer.

Today's Eucharistic Meditation follows the format below:

1. Begin with the opening prayers, asking Jesus for grace this week. This prayer is intended to help us learn how to seek a gift from God in prayer.
2. Pray with the Scripture passage provided. Be open to this encounter with Jesus. Read it 3-4 times slowly. Allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind & heart. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you through this passage.
3. Sit with each reflection question, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.
4. Read the next passage 3-4 times slowly. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you personally through this passage.
5. Spend time in silence with the Lord using the next reflection question. Allow him to speak to your heart in that silence. Receive his presence. If it helps, write down what you sense the Lord communicating to you during this time of prayer.
6. Pray the Closing Prayer.
7. Reflect on the Sunday Mass Connection & Faith in Action prompts.

Thank you for praying with us as we seek to spend time with our Eucharistic Lord.

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PARISH UPDATES

The Funeral Mass for Michael Turk will be held at St. John the Baptist Friday, May 3 10:30 a.m.



Sincere condolences to family & friends of our recently passed parishioners.

Lillian Daley who passed away April 2.
Patricia Laird who also passed away April 2.
Michael Turk who passed away on April 11.

Please add Lillian, Patricia, Michael and their family & friends to your prayers this week.



Farewell Dinner June 2 After Mass
The Eucharistic Missionaries of Jesus Infante & Our Lady of Fatima Sisters will be leaving soon. The Hispanic Community of St. Thomas More will prepare a dinner for the parish to say farewell to Sister Zuly, Sister Ana Luisa, and Sister Antonia Despedida on Sunday, June 2 after Mass.
Please save the date!



New Full-Time Priest Announced for St. Thomas More

Recently, Fr. Martin announced Fr. Charles P. "Fr. Chuck" Kelly would become the full-time priest here at St. Thomas More. It is expected that Fr. Kelly would officially begin his duties on or around the first Sunday in July.

Being assigned a full-time priest is great news for STM and truly a work of the Lord since we don't have a Rectory to house a priest. Even so, the Lord heard our cries and made a way although there didn't appear to be one; because, as it turns out, Father Kelly built his home here in Paradise which is where he will live while he shepherds our parish.

Of course great blessings come with great responsibilities. There will be changes. And in the coming weeks and months we expect our support needs to grow which will require greater support from our parish community. For instance, two key Ministries already needing more support are Altar Servers & Faith Formation. These are just two examples but it's expected that more support needs will come to light. As needs are identified you can expect the parish administration to reach out to our parish family for help. We know that with God's grace we'll all step up together.

The STM DateBook

- Wed, May 1 | Miércoles 1 de Mayo**
Sacrament of Reconciliation STM 5P
Sacramento de la Reconciliación STM 5P
- Sunday, May 5 | Domingo 5 de Mayo**
Crown Rosary w/ the Secular Franciscans STM 1130A

Rosario de la corona con los franciscanos seculares STM 1130A
- Saturday, May 11 | Sábado 11 de Mayo**
Women of STM Meeting STM 10A
Encuentro Mujeres de STM 10A STM
- Tuesday, May 14 | Martes 14 de Mayo**
Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres STM 10A



REMINDER! The Knights of Columbus Scholarship Awards Program continues to accept applications which are due by May 31. Details & application on the STM website at <https://www.stmparadise.net/k-of-c-council-7773>

Submit your application by email to: jimcollins_95991@yahoo.com or by hard mail to: K of C 7773 Scholarships, 767 Elliott Rd., Paradise, CA 95969. Questions? See Jim Collins after Mass or contact him by email.