

# ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## About St. Thomas More

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**Mass: Sunday at Noon**  
**CONFESSION 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 5P - 6P**

## Important Dates

**27MAY: Memorial Day STM Office closed**  
 28MAY: Grupo Guadalupano STM 10A  
 31MAY: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary ODS 830A  
**01JUN: ADORATION STM 10A**  
 02JUN: Crown Rosary w/ Secular Franciscans STM 1130A  
 02JUN: Farewell Dinner Sis. Zuly, Ana, Antonia after Mass

## Sunday Readings

*The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity*  
*Solemnidad de la Santísima Trinidad*  
**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40  
**Psalm** 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22  
 Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.  
 Dichoso el pueblo escogido por Dios.  
**2nd Reading** Romans 8:14-17  
**Gospel** Matthew 28:16-20

## MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Our Majestic and Adorable Triune God  
*In our reading from Deuteronomy, Moses asks: Was there ever a word so majestic? What word is he talking about? No statement as*  
*Meditation of the Day continues on next page*

## MAY INTENTIONS of the HOLY FATHER

**For the formation of religious and seminarians**  
*We pray that religious women & men, & seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual & community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.*

**Para la formación de religiosos y seminaristas.**  
*Oramos para que las religiosas, religiosos y seminaristas crezcan en sus propias vocaciones a través de su formación humana, pastoral, espiritual y comunitaria, llevándolos a ser testigos creíbles del Evangelio.*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR SUNDAY MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>

Danny Vallas †  
 Jaime Tamez †  
 Maria Anoba †  
 Vicki Franich †

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Deacon Cavalli  
 Cathy Larsen  
 Diana Wise  
 Angela Babcock  
 Sharon Calboun  
 Jeff & Diane Clark  
 Pat Mortensen  
 Stephanie Lowman  
 Ben Richards

Martha Martinez  
 Rod Montgomery  
 Carrie Sue Sonsteng  
 Sam Kempner  
 Tylor Koski  
 Denise Hughes  
 Kimberly Helgeson Avoy  
 Denis Helgeson  
 Sofia Garcia  
 Jim McManus

Andrea Inzunza  
 Victor Furrer  
 Bruce Hasek  
 Barbara Maldonado  
 Adriana Sepulveda  
 Senona Gonzalez  
 Samia Zumout  
 Karen Reynolds  
 David Jorgensen

## This Week's Readings

### THE EIGHTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

#### Monday; May 27<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9  
 Psalm 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c  
 The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.  
 Gospel: Mark 10:17-27

#### Tuesday; May 28<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: 1 Peter 1:10-16  
 Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4  
 The Lord has made known his salvation.  
 Gospel: Mark 10:28-31

#### Wednesday; May 29<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: 1 Peter 1:18-25  
 Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20  
 Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.  
 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

#### Thursday; May 30<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12  
 Psalm 100:2, 3, 4, 5  
 Come with joy into the presence of the Lord.  
 Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

#### Friday; May 31<sup>st</sup> Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a  
 or Romans 12:9-16  
 Psalm Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6  
 Among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.  
 Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

#### Saturday; June 1<sup>st</sup> Memorial of Saint Justin, Martyr

1st Reading: Jude 17, 20b-25  
 Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6  
 My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.  
 Gospel: Mark 11:27-33

*Meditation of the Day continued from front page.*

**MEDITATION OF THE DAY** Our Majestic and Adorable Triune God such, but a word in the sense we hear it spoken of in Luke's account of Christ's birth, when the shepherds say, *Let us go to Bethlehem and see this word which the Lord has made known to us. The word is an event, a revelation.... The word Moses has in mind is a crucial one. Paraphrasing, we hear him say to the Israelites: "We know that the God we confess is Lord of all. We know he created heaven and earth. We can sort of understand that. We can deal with the idea of an ultimate principle, a power beyond all power. If you see this, you see truth. But not the whole truth. There is more to it. This great, exalted, all-powerful God has stretched out his hand to save us. He has touched our lives. He has claimed us for himself. He has given tangible proof that he cares for us; has plans for us; entrusts us with a mission; wishes us to flourish. Was there ever a word so majestic?" ... It is the first lesson by which we come to know our Trinitarian God. He is a God not enclosed in himself. He reaches out. He is present, merciful.... Saint Paul takes this insight further. Not only, he tells us, does God reach out and touch our lives. He is not just a kindly puppeteer. With the gift of Christ and the coming of the Spirit, God has drawn infinitely closer. He has drawn us into the mystery of himself, of his inner life of love in relation. By grace, that life, the life of God, pulsates in our created being. It is made manifest in deep longing. We recognize that longing by an impulse in our hearts that cries, Abba! Father!... We rediscover ourselves as children, longing for our Father's love. Our God is a God who delights in sharing himself. He pours himself out, gives himself freely, and receives with open arms the love we show him in return.... Jesus' parting words to his disciples are a commission to spread this communion of divine life as widely as possible.... Our triune God shares himself infinitely while remaining undiminished. That is the mystery of the Trinity. The desire of God, Father, Son, and Spirit, is to attract all mankind into his current of divine love, which is the source of all life.... We give thanks to God for this gift of his life, bestowed on us in the Church.... We wish to put our lives at the disposal of his kingdom.... We wish to keep true to his word. And so we make a fresh resolve to adore our adorable God in spirit and in truth, standing silently before him in wonder, awe, and praise. —BISHOP ERIK VARDEN, O.C.S.O.*

*Bishop Varden, a convert to the Catholic faith, was the abbot of the Cistercian monastery of Mount Saint Bernard in Leicestershire, England, from 2015 until 2019, when he became the bishop of the region of Trondheim in Norway. / From Entering the Twofold Mystery: On Christian Conversion. © Erik Varden, 2022.*

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**Mayo es el Mes de María**, cuando la Iglesia Católica reserva todo el mes para honrar a María, Madre de Dios. Este mes es un momento especial para que los católicos rindan homenaje a nuestra Santísima Madre María. Contrariamente a lo que se piensa erróneamente, no la adoramos. Como católicos, honramos a María. Próximamente se celebrarán dos celebraciones litúrgicas marianas:

- El LUNES 20 de mayo celebramos la Memoria de la Santísima Virgen María, Madre de la Iglesia cuando los apóstoles se reunieron en oración con María y las mujeres en el Cenáculo.
- **Esta semana, viernes. El 31 de mayo** celebraremos la Conmemoración de la Visitación; Cuando María se enteró de que su pariente anciana, Isabel, estaba esperando un hijo, se apresuró a ayudarla. El servicio de María llevó a Cristo al hogar de Zacarías e Isabel. La misa del viernes en ODS se celebrará en 830A.

### NUESTRA SEÑORA, LA CAMPEONA GENERAL

*Durante siglos hemos sido testigos del poder de María para intervenir en tiempos de dificultad. La primera evidencia clara de cristianos orando a la Virgen María fue un fragmento de papiro egipcio del siglo IV en el que se escribió una breve oración pidiendo la protección de María en tiempos difíciles. Fue escrito en primera persona del plural, usando lenguaje como “nuestro” y “nosotros”, lo que sugiere la creencia de que María respondería tanto a grupos como a individuos. Esta convicción siguió creciendo a lo largo de los siglos. Después de que el emperador romano Constantino se convirtiera al cristianismo en el año 312 d.C., la nueva fe desarrolló una estrecha relación con su imperio. En el año 626 d.C. Constantinopla fue sitiada por una armada persa. Los cristianos creían que sus oraciones a la Virgen destruyeron la flota invasora, salvando la ciudad y sus habitantes. El himno akathista, rezado tanto en las iglesias católicas orientales como en las ortodoxas, otorga a María el título militar de “Campeona General” en agradecimiento por esa victoria. Otros éxitos militares también se atribuyeron a la intervención de María: victorias europeas sobre el Imperio Otomano; La conquista española de América; y durante la Guerra de Independencia de México de 1810-21, Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe figuró en los estandartes de las fuerzas “independistas”.*

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### ORACIÓN POR LOS SOLDADOS CAÍDOS

Queridos Señor Jesús y María, Madre de Dios, sostengan a todas estas almas valientes en la palma de su mano, consuélennas a ellas y a sus familias. Envía ángeles de protección, amor y consuelo a todos los hombres y mujeres en servicio que aún están en guerra, tráelos a casa sanos y salvos y consuela a sus familias. Pedimos todas nuestras oraciones en el nombre de Jesús. Amén.

**Fuente:** <https://ourladyofhopegrafton.org/may-the-month-of-mary#:~:text=For%20centuries%2C%20the%20Catholic%20Church,the%20start%20of%20new%20growth;https://theconversation.com/the-patriotic-virgin-how-marys-been-marshaled-for-religious-nationalism-and-military-campaigns-183200>

**Oración:** <https://www.facebook.com/saintjosephtheworkershrinelowell/photos/prayer-for-fallen-soldiersdear-lord->

May is a month devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary



**May is the Month of Mary** when the Catholic Church sets aside the entire month to honor Mary, Mother of God. This month is a special time for Catholics to pay homage to our Blessed Mother

*Mary. Contrary to misconceptions, we do not worship her. As Catholics, we honor Mary. There are two Marian liturgical celebrations*

- On MONDAY May 20 we celebrated The Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church when the apostles were gathered in prayer with Mary and the women in the Upper Room.
- **This week, Fri. May 31** we will celebrate the Commemoration of the Visitation; when Mary heard that her elderly relative, Elizabeth, was expecting a child, she hurried to help her. Mary's service brought Christ to the home of Zechariah and Elizabeth. Friday Mass at ODS will be celebrated at 830A.

### OUR LADY, THE CHAMPION GENERAL

*For centuries we have witnessed Mary's power to intervene in times of trouble. The first clear evidence of Christians praying to the Virgin Mary was a 4th century Egyptian papyrus fragment on which a brief prayer was written seeking Mary's protection in times of trouble. It was written in the first person plural – using language like “our” and “we” – which suggests a belief that Mary would respond to groups as well as individuals. This conviction continued to grow over the centuries. After Roman Emperor Constantine converted to Christianity in A.D. 312, the new faith developed a close relationship with his empire. In A.D. 626 Constantinople was besieged by a Persian navy. Christians believed that their prayers to the Virgin destroyed the invading fleet, saving the city and its inhabitants. The Akathist hymn, prayed in both Eastern and Orthodox Catholic churches, gives Mary the military title “Champion General” in thanks for that victory. Other military successes also were attributed to Mary's intervention – European victories over the Ottoman Empire; Spain's conquest of the Americas; and during the 1810-21 War of Mexican Independence, Our Lady of Guadalupe, figured on the banners of the “independista” forces.*

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### PRAYER FOR FALLEN SOLDIERS

Dear Lord Jesus and Mary, Mother of God, Hold all these brave souls in the palm of your hand, comfort them and their families. Send angels of protection, love, and comfort to all the service men and women still at war, bring them home safely and comfort their families. We ask all our prayers in Jesus' name. Amen.

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**PARISH UPDATES**



**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!**



**MEMORIAL DAY**  
 May 27th, 2024

**-Freedom Is Not Free -**  
**St. Thomas More Parish**  
**Honors Those Who**  
**Answered the Call to Serve**

**Did You Sign Up to Help With Next Sunday's Farewell Dinner on June 2, After Mass?**


**Calling all cooks & grocery shoppers!** We need a little help from you for next week's Farewell Dinner for the Sisters. Please go to the sign-up tables outside and sign up for a dish of your choosing to bring to share next week. Lots of categories: salads, casseroles, rice dishes, bean dishes, desserts. Then, bring your culinary creation next Sunday and drop it off in the tent area.



**Farewell Dinner June 30 After Mass**  
 Father Martin's last Sunday at STM is June 30th. The Knights of Columbus are planning a dinner in his honor Sunday, June 30 after Mass.  
**Please save the date!**

**READY TO PLAY? Mark you calendar for the Secular Franciscans Games Day coming Saturday, June 29!**  
**Games, food, prizes! FUN!!!**

*The STM DateBook*

- ☑ **Tuesday, May 28 | Martes 28 de Mayo**  
*Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres **Cambio de nombre:** Grupo Guadalupano STM 10A*
- ☑ **Saturday, June 1 | Sábado 1 de Junio**  
***Adoration STM 10A***  
***Adoración STM 10A***
- ☑ **Sunday, June 2 | Domingo 2 de Junio**  
***Crown Rosary w/ Secular Franciscans***  
***30 minutes before Mass STM 1130A***  
  
***Rosario de la corona con franciscanos seglares 30 minutos antes de la Misa STM 1130A***

**APPLICATIONS FOR K of C SCHOLARSHIPS DUE FRIDAY!**

Applications for Knights of Columbus Scholarships are due this Friday; May 31st. Submit completed applications via –  
 - email to jimcollins\_95991@yahoo.com at STM.  
 - hard mail to K of C 7773 Scholarships, 767 Elliott Rd., Paradise, CA 95969  
 - drop off at STM by noon. The office is closed on Fridays but Greg Kidder is usually on property until around 1p.



**STM QUICK NOTES**

**IT'S VACATION TIME!** Summer is almost here. Time to throw your cares away and hit the road. Our parish will still need care & support while you're away. Please contribute online while you're on vacation. Just go to [stmparadise.net](http://stmparadise.net), at top center of page click DONATIONS. Follow the prompts; or go to <https://www.wesharegiving.org/app/giving/WeShare-20000315?tab=home>

- **NO SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOR JUNE AT STM.** Father Martin will be away on vacation for most of June.
- **PARTY IN THE PARK IS COMING!** We'll need help at Kids Corner with set up, games, crafts, and teardown on Wed., July 10 & 31. See Chris Rehmann after Mass for more info and watch the bulletin back page.