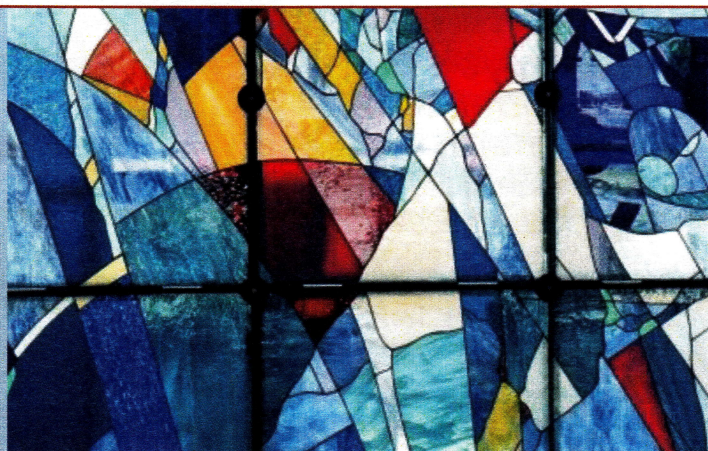
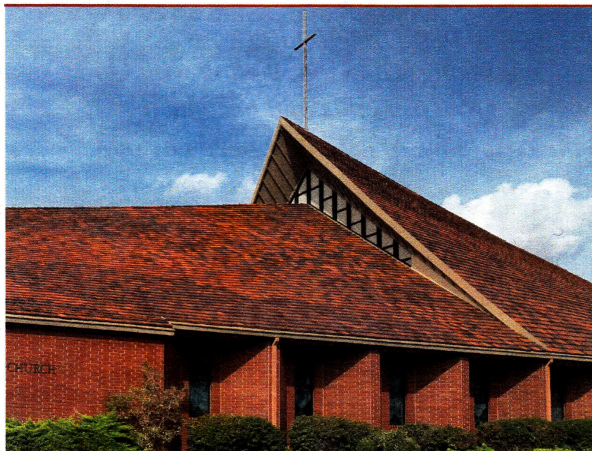


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Important Dates

05MAY: CROWN ROSARY TODAY at 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
 17MAY: Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary STM 3P
 19MAY: Rosary 30 minutes before Mass

Sunday Readings

Sixth Sunday of Easter
 VI Domingo de Pascua

1st Reading Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
 The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.
 El Señor nos ha mostrado su amor y su lealtad. Aleluya.

2nd Reading 1 John 4:7-10
Gospel John 15:9-17



MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Love: The Keynote of Life

Inner agreement with God belongs to the happy life. Only if this fundamental relationship is right can all the other relationships be right. For

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 5TH

Cothena L. Brown †
 Sam Weaver †
 Anthony Gerspacher †
 Matthew & Rita Gerspacher †
 For the intentions of Eva Linn-Galan

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Cathy Larsen	Martha Martinez	Bruce Hasek
Diana Wise	Rod Montgomery	Barbara Maldonado
Angela Babcock	Carrie Sue Sonsteng	Adriana Sepulveda
Sharon Calboun	Sam Kempner	Senona Gonzalez
Jeff & Diane Clark	Tylor Koski	Samia Zumout
Pat Mortensen	Denise Hughes	Karen Reynolds
Stephanie Lowman	Kimberly Helgeson Avoy	David Jorgensen
Ben Richards		Sofia Garcia

See Prayer for Healing on back page.

Mayo es el mes de María. Durante siglos, la Iglesia Católica ha reservado todo el mes de mayo para honrar a

María, Madre de Dios. En la época medieval abundaban costumbres similares,

todas centradas en la práctica de expulsar el invierno, ya que el 1 de mayo se consideraba el comienzo de un nuevo crecimiento. Además, surgió la tradición del Tricesimum, o "Devoción de los treinta días a María", o "Mes de la Dama", el evento se llevó a cabo del 15 de agosto al 14 de septiembre y todavía se observa en algunas áreas.

La idea de un mes específicamente dedicado a María se remonta a la época barroca. Aunque no siempre se celebró durante mayo, el Mes de María incluyó 30 ejercicios espirituales diarios en honor a María. Fue en esta época que se combinaron el Mes de María y Mayo, haciendo de mayo el Mes de María con devociones especiales organizadas cada día durante todo el mes. Esta costumbre se generalizó especialmente durante el siglo XIX y se mantiene en la práctica en la actualidad. 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.

En mayo se conmemoran dos celebraciones litúrgicas marianas. El 31 de mayo celebramos la Conmemoración de la Visitación. Cuando María supo que su anciana pariente, Isabel, estaba esperando un hijo, se apresuró a ayudarla. El servicio de María llevó a Cristo al hogar de Zacarías e Isabel. Cuando la Ascensión cae en mayo, el sábado después de la Ascensión de Nuestro Señor se celebra tradicionalmente como la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora, Reina de los Apóstoles. La liturgia conmemora el período de tiempo posterior a la Ascensión cuando los apóstoles se reunieron en oración con María y las mujeres en el Cenáculo.

CINCO MANERAS EN QUE PODEMOS HONRAR A MARÍA

1. Rezar el rosario
2. Rezar el Avemaría durante todo el día.
3. Cree un Rincón de Oración, colocando alguna representación de nuestra Santísima Madre, ya sea una fotografía, una pequeña estatua o un Rosario.
4. Crea un espacio al aire libre, flores en honor a María
5. Todo lo que hagas, hazlo atractivo y un verdadero tributo a su belleza y virtud.

¿POR QUÉ DEBERÍAMOS HACER ÉSTO?

No sólo porque es una tradición de larga data en la Iglesia o porque hay gracias especiales relacionadas con ella, hazlo porque María es la Madre de Cristo -tu madre, la madre de todos- y porque ella cuida de todos nosotros día tras día. -y día tras día sin falta, intercediendo por nosotros incluso en los asuntos más pequeños. Por eso merece un mes entero en su honor.

Fuente: <https://ourladyofhopegraffon.org/may-the-month-of-mary#:~:text=For%20centuries%2C%20the%20Catholic%20Church,the%20start>

May is a month devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary

May is the Month of Mary. For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honor Mary, Mother of God. In

medieval times, similar customs

abounded, all centering around the practice of expelling winter, as May 1st was considered the start of new growth. Also, the tradition of Tricesimum, or "Thirty-Day Devotion to Mary," came into being or, "Lady Month," the event was held from Aug. 15 to Sept. 14 and is still observed in some areas.

The idea of a month specifically dedicated to Mary can be traced back to baroque times. Although it wasn't always held during May, Mary Month included 30 daily spiritual exercises honoring Mary. It was in this era that Mary's Month & May were combined, making May the Month of Mary with special devotions organized on each day throughout the month. This custom became especially widespread during the 19th century and remains in practice today. 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.

Two Marian liturgical celebrations are commemorated in May. On May 31 we 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. When Ascension falls in May, the Saturday after the Ascension of Our Lord is traditionally celebrated as the Feast of Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles. The liturgy commemorates the period of time after the Ascension when the apostles were gathered in prayer with Mary and the women in the Upper Room.

FIVE WAYS WE CAN HONOR MARY

1. Pray the Rosary
2. Say the Hail Mary Prayer throughout the day
3. Create a Prayer Corner, placing some representation of our Blessed Mother whether that be a photo, small statue, or Rosary beads.
4. Create an outdoor space, flowers in honor of Mary
5. Anything you do, make it appealing and a real tribute to her beauty and virtue.

WHY SHOULD WE DO THIS?

Not only because it is a long-standing tradition in the Church or because there are special graces connected to it, do it because Mary is the Mother of Christ - your mother, everyone's mother - and because she cares for all of us day-in-and-day-out without fail, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters. For that, she deserves an entire month in her honor

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This Week's Readings

THE SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER

Monday; May 6th

1st Reading: Acts 16:11-15
 Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b
 The Lord takes delight in his people.
 Gospel: John 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday; May 7th

1st Reading: Acts 16:22-34
 Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8
 Your right hand saves me, O Lord.
 Gospel: John 16:5-11

Wednesday; May 8th

1st Reading: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1
 Psalm 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Gospel: John 16:12-15

Thursday; May 9th

1st Reading: Acts 18:1-8
 Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
 The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.
 Gospel: John 16:16-20

Friday; May 10th

1st Reading: Acts 18:9-18
 Psalm 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
 God is king of all the earth.
 Gospel: John 16:20-23

Saturday; May 11th

1st Reading: Acts 18:23-28
 Psalm 47:2-3, 8-9, 10
 God is king of all the earth.
 Gospel: John 16:23b-28



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MEDITATION OF THE DAY Love: The Keynote of Life

that reason it is important throughout one's life and from one's youth onwards to learn and to practice thinking with God, feeling with God, willing with God, so that love may grow from this and become the keynote of our life. If that is the case, love of neighbor becomes self-evident. For if the keynote of my life is love, then as far as concerns those whom God has placed on my way I can once again only live on the basis of this assent, this trust, this agreement, and this love.

To describe love of neighbor Scripture uses a very wise and profound phrase: *Love your neighbor as yourself. It does not demand any fantastic and unreal heroism.... No, it is as yourself.... People who are dissatisfied with themselves will not be really good to others. Those who do not accept themselves take exception to others. True love is fair: where it is leading us is to love oneself as one of the members of Christ's body.*

Oneself like the others—becoming free of that false perspective in which we are all born, as if the world revolves around me and my ego.

Through faith we must all learn a kind of Copernican revolution.

Copernicus discovered that it was not the sun that went around the earth but that this earth along with the other planets revolved around the sun.

We all begin by seeing ourselves as a tiny earth around which all the suns must turn. Faith teaches us to leave this error and to behave like brothers and sisters, joining together with all the others in the round dance of love around the one center that is God. Only if God exists, only if he becomes the center of my life, is this love my neighbor as myself possible. But if he exists, if he becomes my center, then it is also possible to reach this inward freedom of love. —POPE BENEDICT XVI

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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.

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!



St. Thomas More Congratulates The Eucharistic Missionaries of Jesus Infante & Our Lady of Fatima (MEJIF) Sisters on Their Graduation

On Saturday, May 4, the MEJIF Sisters graduated from St. Mary's University of Minnesota. Both Sister Ana Luisa Vazquez Lopez and Sister Zuly Cardenas Carreon received Science Degrees in Healthcare & Administration of Human Services. Sister Antonia Sanchez Nuñez received a Master's Degree in Integral Services, which deals with various aspects of aging, human development, and promoting health in a variety of settings.

The STM DateBook

TODAY! HOY!

Sunday, May 5 | Domingo 5 de Mayo



Crown Rosary w/ the Secular Franciscans
 STM 1130A
Rosario de la corona con los franciscanos seglares
 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

Friday, May 17 | Viernes 17 de Mayo

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary STM 3P
Coronilla y Rosario de la Divina Misericordia STM 3P

Sunday, May 19 | Domingo 19 de Mayo

Rosary 30 minutes before Mass STM 1130A
Rosario 30 minutos antes de la Misa STM 1130A



Prayer for Healing to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Mary Immaculate, you have given yourself to us as Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. You have asked us to pray with confidence, and we will receive great graces. We know your compassion, because you saw your Son suffer and die for us. In your union with his suffering you became the mother of us all.
 Mary, my mother teach me to understand my suffering as you do and to endure it in union with the suffering of Jesus. In your motherly love, calm my fears and increase my trust in God's loving care.
 According to God's plan, obtain for me the healing I need. Intercede with your Son that I may have the strength I need to work for God's glory and the salvation of the world. Amen.

Source: <https://laycistercians.com/prayers-to-blessed-mother/>



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.