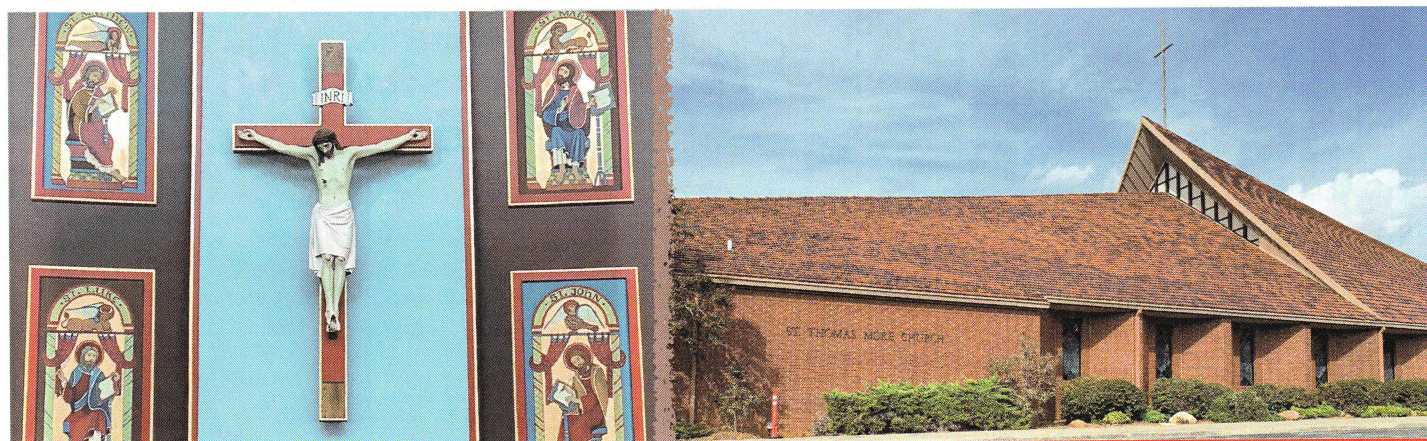


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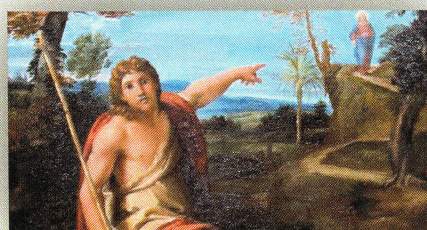
Important Dates

19Jan: **Mass of New Beginnings Today**
 19Jan: Meet & Greet After Mass
 19Jan: Guest Speaker from Haiti
 19Jan: Special Dinner Today
 01Feb: 7th Annual Games Day!

Sunday Readings

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
Psalm 40: Here am I, Lord, I come to do your will.
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
Gospel: John 1:29-34



MEDITATION of the DAY: "He is the one"

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in whom lies all our hope of eternal salvation, though he was God became man for this reason: that man, having put himself far away from God, should not think he had been left far off and deserted. So he became our mediator, and thus after a fashion brought to an end the time of distance which separated us from God, so that through him we might not remain far off, but could even draw near.

Nothing, you see, if so closely joined together as the Word and God; again, nothing is so closely joined together as flesh and...

Meditation of the Day continues on back page

JANUARY INTENTIONS of the HOLY FATHER

Promotion of World Peace

We are praying that the gift Jesus promised us will spread over all the world. The Holy Father invites not only Christians to pray with us, but followers of other religions and all people of goodwill. We are praying for peace as well as for justice.

MASS INTENTIONS for JANUARY 19

Al Penna †

June Spence †

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK - LET US PRAY FOR

Zooba Zwicker
 Paul Peterson
 Rosemary Peterson
 Larry Penna
 David Brown
 Jim & Nancy Barnes

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The Week's Readings

Mon.; Jan. 20th SAINT FABIAN

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 15:16-23

Psalm 50 *To the upright I will show the saving power of God.*

Gospel: Mark 2:18-22

Tues.; Jan. 21st SAINT AGNES

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm 89 *I have found David, my servant.*

Gospel: Mark 2:23-28

Wed.; Jan. 22nd DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

1st Reading: Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51

Psalm 144: Blessed be the Lord, my rock!

Gospel: Mark 3:1-6

Thurs.; Jan. 23rd SAINT MARIANNE COPE

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 18:6-9, 19:1-7

Psalm 56 *In God I trust; I shall not fear.*

Gospel: Mark 3:7-12

Friday; Jan. 24th SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 24:3-21

Psalm 57 *Have mercy on me, God, have mercy.*

Gospel: Mark 3:13-19

Sat.; Jan. 25th THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL the APOSTLE

1st Reading: Acts 22:3-16; 9: 1-22

Psalm 117 (Mk 16:15) *Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.*

Gospel: Mark 16:15-18



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MEDITATION of the DAY: "He is the one"

humanity. So, since the Word and God were a long way away from flesh and humanity, the Word became flesh, and joined humanity to God. So this Lord and Savior of ours, the Son of God, the Word of God who became flesh, taught those who believe in him how to live, so that we might not die forever; he taught us how to die, so that we might live forever. - Saint Augustine

SAINT AUGUSTINE († 430) IS CALLED THE DOCTOR OF GRACE

Excerpt from **Magnificat**, January 2020 edition, Sunday 19th, Meditation of the Day



January is Poverty Awareness Month

During Poverty Awareness Month, let St. Thomas More parish join the U.S. Bishops, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and the Catholic community in the U.S., in taking up Pope Francis' challenge to live in solidarity with the poor! As we seek to see Christ's presence in all who experience poverty, let us:

1. **reflect** on the difficult situations of the many families across the U.S., and right here on The Ridge, who experience poverty today; and
2. **be reminded** that through Baptism, we share in Christ's prophetic mission as people of God "to bring glad tidings to the poor...proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18). Finally,
3. **find a way to** live out our baptismal call to advocate for and with persons in poverty both locally, here in Butte County, and globally.

SAVE THESE DATES



- **TODAY: Mass of New Beginnings with The Order of Malta, 1p. Celebrant: Msgr. James Kidder.** During Mass, Msgr. Kidder will offer to each participant who desires it an individual personal blessing with Lourdes water.

Next, a brief **wine & cheese repast, then a special guest speaker**, Rev. Fr. Tom Hagan O.S.F.S, from Haiti. Fr. Hagan and his team work in very difficult conditions there; often their own lives are in danger. He will share his experiences of hope and possibility in the midst of danger, difficulty, and uncertainty. Certainly we can relate!

Dinner follows our speaker in the multipurpose room at the school.

Please feel free to invite family and friends!

- **Sat.; Feb. 1: 7th Annual Games Day! 11a to 3p.** Join us for table games. Raffle tickets for gift baskets and many other prizes! Tickets are \$10 and include lunch! Bring your own cards or games. Scorecards & pencils will be provided. Proceeds benefit St. Vincent de Paul. For more info call Larry Ahumada 864.1441 or Rita Cassibba 228.2694.
- **Feb. 7-9: The St. Thomas More Men's Retreat** at Christ the King Retreat Center. 3 ways to apply: 1. online - christthekingretreatcenter.org, 2. Call The Center at 916-725-4720, or 3. pick up an application in the back of the church. Questions? call Frank Salas (coordinator) at 530-680-0804.
- **Sat.; Feb. 22: Women of STM meet at 10a.** Great January mtg. We ran out of time. Lots of lively discussion. Still more to decide. All women of STM welcome!