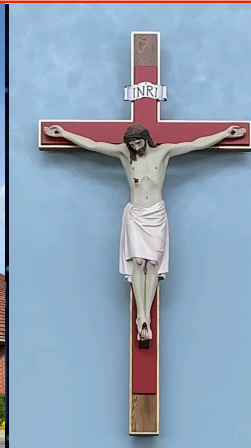


ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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 530.877.4501 (Office closed Friday)
Mass: Sunday at Noon
CONFESSION 1st Thursday 5P - 6P
(Call to schedule an appointment)

Important Dates

14Feb: Diocesan-Wide Youth Nite 6:30p/Zoom
17Feb: Ash Wednesday
18Feb: 8:30a Mass @ STM! livestream & inside
20Feb: World Marriage Day
Sunday Mass Inside, Drive-In & Live-Stream!

Sunday Readings

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 VI Domingo Ordinario
1st Reading Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
Psalm 32: 1-2, 5, 11

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Perdona, Señor, nuestras pecados.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45



MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Made Clean by the Presence of Love

O Lord, let me tell you that I perceive and feel your presence, that I possess you, that I touch you, that I adore you, that I love you. I have no other love but you, my supreme good, my life, my heaven, my only
Meditation of the Day continues on the next page

FEBRUARY INTENTIONS of the HOLY FATHER

Violence Against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

Violencia contra la mujer

Recemos por las mujeres que son víctimas de la violencia, para que sean protegidas por la sociedad y para que su sufrimiento sea considerado y escuchado.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SUNDAY; FEBRUARY 14TH

Eric Peterson[†]

Jeffrey Pinto[†]

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK - LET US PRAY FOR

Antonia Reyes

Joyce & Gene Kemper

Madison Decristofaro

Leo Bourgeois

Caroline Keyes

John Johnson

Jorge & Rosario Moreno

Patricia Sanmiguel

Barbara Brown

Pat Sangl

Sharon Wilson

JOIN US EACH THURSDAY FOR MASS ON THE RIDGE!
THURSDAY, 8:30 A.M. AT ST. THOMAS MORE
IN CHURCH LIVE-STREAM FROM ODS

This Week's Readings

Monday; February 15th

1st Reading: Genesis 4:1-15, 25
 Psalm 50 *Offer to God a sacrifice of praise.*
 Gospel: Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday; February 16th

1st Reading: Genesis 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10
 Psalm 29 *The Lord will bless his people with peace.*
 Gospel: Mark 8:14-21

Wed.; February 17th Ash Wednesday

1st Reading: Joel 2:12-18
 PS 51 *Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.*
 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2
 Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thurs.; Feb. 18th Thursday after Ash Wednesday

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20
 Ps 1 *Blessed are those who hope in the Lord.*
 Gospel: Luke 9:22-25

Friday; Feb. 12th Friday after Ash Wednesday

1st Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9a
 PS 51 *A heart contrite & humbled, O God, you will not spurn.*
 Gospel: Matthew 9:14-15

Sat.; February 13th Saturday after Ash Wednesday

1st Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-14
 Psalm 86 *Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.*
 Gospel: Luke 5:27-32

The next Sacrament of Reconciliation is Thursday, March 4th at STM. An appointment is required to be placed on the list! Please note that an exact time will not be provided. We need you to call so that we know who and how many to expect. Get placed on the list by calling the church office at 530.877.4501.

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MEDITATION of the DAY: Made Clean by the Presence of Love

desire; and all other loves, great but with human limitations, although pure and legitimate in their origin because sanctified by contact with you, all these loves are also yours, my Jesus. I feel lost in and absorbed in your Heart, O Jesus, master of my whole life. My whole being is consumed with an ardent love for you.... I look and look, and turn to look again at that consecrated Host; its whiteness dazzles me; its brilliant rays wound my soul to its utmost depths revealing to me all its defects and deformities. Who can call himself pure in the presence of Purity itself? Who is without spot before the spotlessness of Jesus? Who can think himself humble in the presence of him who is hidden under the form of bread? Who can say that he suffers in the presence of the Man of Sorrows? Who will believe himself innocent before the Immaculate Lamb?

O, my Lord! In your presence I feel great love for you, a burning love, which in uniting me to you consumes all the vileness of my poor heart; a love which purifies and transforms me, and takes me to that purest of Hosts, the very abode of Love....

O Jesus of the Eucharist! O consecrated Host! O envied Monstrance! O blessed Ciborium, beloved of my heart. The tabernacle is my treasure and, far or near, my eyes never lose sight of it, for it contains the God of Love. —BLESSED CONCEPCIÓN CABRERA DE ARMIDA

Blessed Concepción, "Conchita" († 1937), was a wife, mother, and widow in Mexico. She was the first Mexican laywoman to be beatified. / From Before the Altar: A Hundred Visits to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. © 2000, Ediciones Cimiento, CMJ Marian Publishers, Oak Lawn, IL. www.cmjbooks.com. Used with permission. Excerpt from Magnificat, Meditation of the Day, Feb. 14, 2021.

Weekday 8:30A Mass at ODS with Father Martín!

Giving you 3 options!

1. Live stream via STM or ODS website
2. Drive-in Mass
3. In-church Mass limited to 10 people

Sacramento de la Reconciliación

Esta programado para el jueves 4 de marzo, en STM.
 Favor de llamar a la oficina para ponerlo (a) en la lista.
 530.877.4501.

Dedicación/Devoción de febrero La Pasión de Nuestro Señor

February Devotion The Passion of Our Lord

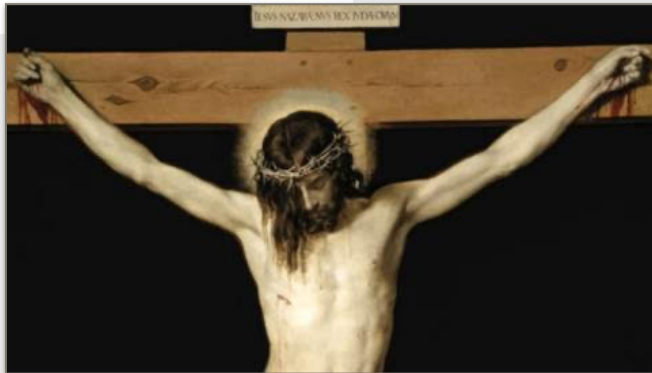
"... AMA TAMBIEN A TU HERMANO

AMAR es algo más
Que querer el bien.
Es hacer el bien y
procurar lo bueno al hermano.

Es servicio y comprensión.
El amor no justifica el mal.
Lo supera.

El amor es como él arado que al abrir la tierra
la hace fecunda, la mejora. (1John 4,21).

El amor de Dios reina en el corazón de todos
los santos, pero hay uno que tiene la dicha de
ser el patrón de los enamorados: San Valentín.
Según dice una tradición, San Valentín
arriesgaba su vida para casar cristianamente a
las parejas durante el tiempo de persecución.
Por fin entregó su vida en el martirio, que es la
máxima manifestación del amor. El amor de
este santo sacerdote por Jesucristo y por
defender el Sacramento del Matrimonio nos
inspira a elevar el amor humano a las alturas
del amor divino para el cual fuimos creados.
Los cristianos debemos aprovechar esta fiesta
para recuperar el sentido cristiano del amor y
del matrimonio a la luz de Cristo.



February is traditionally
dedicated to the Passion of
Our Lord in anticipation of the
liturgical season of Lent. This
month, we begin to meditate
on the mystery of Jesus'
sufferings which culminated in
his death on the Cross for the
redemption of mankind. The

Passion of Jesus is also a treasure-house whose
wealth will never suffer devaluation and obtains for us
from the Eternal Father, Who cannot resist this
devotion, all of those graces essential to our salvation
as well as to that of others.

This is the reason the Crucifix occupies a place of
honor upon our altars, our Churches, our tombstones,
in Christian bedrooms as well as in the households of
Christian families.

Said St. Augustine: "I know of no remedy more
effective against the sins of the flesh (i.e. concupiscence)
than the Passion of my Lord Jesus Christ."

Second only to the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the
Infinite Sacrifice of the Lamb of God on Calvary, the
Holy Hour of Reparation, and the Way of the Cross
constitute the most effective practices regarding the
Devotion of the Most Holy Passion of Jesus.

A Valentine Prayer

Dear Lord, who art high in the Heavens,
Giver of Love and Passion,
And He who strings the heart's cords,
Lead the Lovers this day, February ten plus four.
The day during the month of two,
When the date is the perfect number of God
Greater two souls and two hearts.
Some Loves are fleeting,
But that which is built on you will never fail.
So guide the Lovers to know what is to be.
Your truths the Lovers' mouths should speak,

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PARISH UPDATES

Guided Scripture Sharing During Lent Begins Tues., Feb. 23 at STM Following the 8:30A Zoom Mass

Are you seeking a closer relationship with God? Want a way to benefit from the scripture of the day? We invite you to guided scripture sharing beginning Tuesday, Feb. 23, following the 8:30 a.m. Zoom Mass at St. Thomas More.

Our scripture sharing will be led by Jim Collins, Adult Faith Formation leader, using a form of Lectio Divina. This will be a 30-minute session during which we will read the scripture of the day, reflect, and pray as we are moved closer to God.

Sign up will be at the first meeting. Materials will be provided at no cost.

We will meet each Tuesday during Lent, at STM, beginning February 23, after the 8:30 a.m. televised Mass.

THE SACRAMENTS

1st Communion, 1st Reconciliation, or Baptism?

Do you want information about the sacraments? Please call the parish office at 530-877-4501 or email us at office@stmparadise.org

¿Primera comunión, primera reconciliación o bautismo?

Para información acerca de los sacramento favor de llamar a la oficina de STM.

SPECIAL LIVE-STREAM EVENT

World Marriage Day Renewal of Vows Mass will be offered via live-stream from St. Isidore Church, Yuba City. Bishop Soto will preside livestream. Married couples may drive-thru to receive a special blessing and photo with Bishop Soto. Special certificates will be given to couples celebrating milestone anniversaries 10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 & 50+ yrs. **You must register to attend this free event.** Register names and anniversary year at <https://catholic.formstack.com/forms/worldmarriageday2021>.

Go to the STM website & click on the link above.

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For Your truth is that which is honest to the heart.
Only this, then, should pass over the red lips of the Lovers.

Your art, the Lovers simply a medium.
It is only with True Hearts that You can create a Masterpiece,
So let the Lovers remember that their Soul's Desire
Is the one for which You light their Fire.
And let it be You who creates the Art of the Lovers;
The art of two into one.
Amen

DIOCESE REMINDER

Attention STM Parishioners, Parents, and Youth!

You have a special invitation to several awesome online events for



Diocese of Sacramento Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, with the Office of Family and Faith Formation Invite STM to a Month of Special Online Events!

February. Join in from the STM Facebook, website or the links below. And watch this space for even more events coming in February.

SUN. FEB 14 > Navigate: Diocesan Youth Night for Middle and High School Teens. www.scd.org/navigate 6:30p via Zoom.

Navigate is a diocesan-wide virtual youth group and invites all Middle School and High School teens to watch the 6:30p livestream via Zoom. All teens are encouraged to participate and dive deeper into the Catholic faith and explore its richness. This is a time for teens to find community and fellowship while learning how to navigate their lives towards Christ.

MON. FEB 15 @ 8pm > Parent Support: Creating a Home Supporting Vocations www.scd.org/parentsupport Guests will be Jeanne & Brian Condon who are parishioners from St. Mel Parish and parents to one of the Diocese of Sacramento's seminarians, Benjamin Condon. Tune in to learn how they have encouraged vocation discernment in their family to all vocations including the ordained life, the consecrated life, married life or single life.

Sat.; Feb. 17 > Retiro de Cuaresma en Casa Iniciaremos el 17 de Febrero, 2021 La Cuaresma nos ayuda en nuestro proceso de conversión, es decir, a alcanzar una transformación del corazón que muestre que Cristo realmente vive en nosotros.

Register: <https://forms.gle/HgvSX3azGrgXAdV46>