

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

18JAN: Prayer Week for Christian Unity
21JAN: National Prayer Vigil for Life
22JAN: Prayer for Legal Protection of the Unborn
Sunday Mass is Drive-In & Live-Streamed

Sunday Readings

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Segunda Domingo Ordinario
1st Reading Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.
Aquí estoy, Señor, para hacer tu voluntad.
2nd Reading: 1 Corin. 6:13c-15a, 17-20
Gospel: John 1:35-42



MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Everything We've Been Looking For

Everything now bears the mark of the almost inconceivable exaltation of humanity through the Incarnation of God and thru the baptism which implants in man a new principle of life, participation in the life of Christ and the Holy Trinity. To the extent that every
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JANUARY INTENTIONS of the HOLY FATHER

Intention for Evangelization – Human Fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers & sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Intención para la evangelización – La fraternidad humana

Que el Señor nos dé la gracia de vivir en plena fraternidad con hermanos y hermanas de otras religiones, rezando unos por otros, abriéndonos a todos.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SUNDAY; JANUARY 17TH

Leon Riley †
Lani McManus

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK - LET US PRAY FOR

Pat Sangl
Barbara Brown
Parmenio Ospina
Caroline Keyes
Leo Bourgeois
The Jennett Family
Sharon Wilson
Sam Weaver
Beverly Hegenbart
Abbie West
Suzie Aldrich

DRIVE-IN MASS CONTINUES!
WATCH FACEBOOK & STM WEB FOR UPDATES

This Week's Readings

Monday; January 18th

1st Reading: Hebrew 5:1-10

Psalm 110 *You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.*

Gospel: Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday; January 19th

1st Reading: Hebrew 6:10-20

Psalm 111 *The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.*

Gospel: Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday; Jan. 20th **Saint Sebastian**

1st Reading: Hebrew 7:1-3, 15-17

Psalm 110 *You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek*

Gospel: Mark 3:1-6

Thursday; Jan. 21st **Saint Agnes**

1st Reading: Hebrew 7:25-8:6

Ps 40 *Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.*

Gospel: Mark 3:7-12

Fri.; January 22nd **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn**

1st Reading: Hebrews 8:6-13

Psalm 85 *Kindness & truth shall meet.*

Gospel: Mark 3:13-19

Saturday; Jan. 23rd **Saint Vincent**

1st Reading: Hebrew 9:2-3, 11-14

Psalm 47 *God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

Gospel: Mark 3:20-21

The next Sacrament of Reconciliation is set

for Thursday, Feb. 4 at STM. An appointment is required! To schedule yours please call the church office at 530.877.4501.

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MEDITATION of the DAY: Everything We've Been Looking For *baptized person...gives himself up to Christ and follows Christ, living from Christ, with Christ, and in Christ—he lives no more but Christ lives in him: he thus participates in the unlimited breadth and fullness of Christ. He who is immersed in the life of Christ, he in whom Christ is truly imitated, the saint, becomes a personality, no matter what his “essential endowments” are.... The lack of gifts and the modest natural structure are no longer something depressing, narrowing, and limiting, because they have been transformed into that moving simplicity which is penetrated with the supreme wisdom of Jesus Christ [and] in the pulsations of the most Sacred Heart, in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.... The saint is strong in his weakness because he has fully developed the supernatural life received in baptism.... One who no longer lives in himself but in whom Christ lives breathes a fullness, a breadth and height, whose brightness surpasses even all the fullness & greatness of the highest purely natural genius. To die in ourselves, in order that Christ may live in us, is thus the only path leading to full personality in a far truer and higher sense of the word.... This dying to oneself does not, however, mean the giving up of individuality. On the contrary, the more a man becomes “another Christ,” the more he realizes the original unduplicable thought of God which he embodies. Of course, this is only possible because Christ is the Son of Man, because the whole of humanity is contained in him, and above all, because he is not only man, but also the entire fullness of the Godhead lives in his heart. Every imitation of a man, even of the greatest, richest, most gifted man, even of a genius, would mean the giving up of one's individuality, a leveling, a renunciation of personality, not to mention the fact that an absolute, literal imitation of any man is entirely impossible. In relation to Christ, it is quite the opposite. The mysterious truth is that the unique inimitable design of God is fully and ultimately realized in a man only when he is transformed into Christ. Can one find more powerful, more deeply expressed individualities than Saint Catherine of Siena, Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Augustine, Saint Paul, Saint Gregory VII? — DIETRICH VON HILDEBRAND*

Dietrich von Hildebrand († 1977) was a German convert, philosopher, and theologian. He was a courageous and outspoken critic of the Nazi regime, and was highly regarded by several popes. / From Liturgy and Personality, Hildebrand Project. © 2016, Dietrich von Hildebrand Legacy Project. All rights reserved. www.hildebrandproject.org.

Excerpt from Magnificat, Meditation of the Day, Jan. 17, 2021.

Sacramento de la Reconciliación

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

Check ODS website for details on the Weekday 8:30A Mass, at ODS, with Father Martín.

Dedicación/Devoción de enero
El Sagrado Nombre de Jesús

January Devotion
The Holy Name of Jesus

HOY NOS TOCA CONOCER Y ANUNCIAR AL CORDERO DE DIOS

Juan el Bautista, aun cuando era pariente de Jesus, "no lo conocía", pero luego de bautizarlo vio cómo el Espíritu Santo descendió sobre Él, y así pudo reconocer que Jesus es el Hijo de Dios, y se puso a declarar: "Yo lo vi y doy testimonio".

- *A nosotros se nos ha hablado de Jesús en nuestro hogar, en las catequesis de preparación a los sacramentos y en cada Celebración Eucarística a la que hemos asistido, y tal vez sabemos muchas cosas de Él, pero ¿será esto suficiente? ¿Lo conocemos realmente?*
- *No basta con haber recibido el Bautismo, es imprescindible que crezcamos en el conocimiento del Señor y que demos testimonio de Él, como San Juan el Bautista.*



January is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus, a feast celebrated on Jan. 3. Since the 16th century Catholic piety has associated entire months to special devotions.

The name Jesus was given to the Holy Child at God's command (Luke 1:31). The Holy Name is all-powerful because of the Person who bears it; we honor it because of the command of Christ, that we should

pray in His Name and because it reminds us of all the blessings we receive through our Holy Redeemer. Hence St. Paul was able to write to the Philippians: **"... at the name of Jesus every knee should bend of those in heaven, on earth, and under the earth"** (Phil. 2:10).

By means of this devotion we also make amends for improper use of the Holy Name.

January 22 is the anniversary of Roe v. Wade the day established by the Church of penance for abortion, has been formally named as the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." On this day (or Jan. 23rd when Jan. 22nd falls on a Sunday) your parish, school or religious formation program may celebrate the Mass for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life. This Mass, found in our newly-translated Missal, may now be used on occasions to celebrate the dignity of human life.

COLLECT PRAYER

God our Creator, we give thanks to you, who alone have the power to impart the breath of life as you form each of us in our mother's womb; grant, we pray, that we, whom you have made stewards of creation, may remain faithful to this sacred trust and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



During the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, you can visit the Lord in the presence of His most Blessed Sacrament for as short as ten minutes or even less. What is important is that in our Eucharistic adoration or short visits to the Blessed Sacrament, we acknowledge Him deeply in our life as our God and Savior and give Him quality time and what is due Him by virtue of religion. The Church is open during office hours.

PARISH UPDATE



Lost something? If you have left any item(s) at Church, please contact the office. Our lost & found basket is full of items!

Although Butte County has emerged from the Purple Tier, STM will continue to maintain two options for Mass: **1) Drive-In** as well as **2) Live Stream** via Facebook Live & Zoom. Weekday Masses from ODS will be Live-Stream.

- 1. For STM Mass Live-Stream** go to the STM Facebook page or to the STM website.
- 2. STM Sunday Drive-In Mass** is at Noon until further notice.

For weekday Mass from ODS, go to the ODS or STM website to live-stream 8:30 a.m. Mass with Fr. Martin.

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.

Attention St. Thomas Parishioners! Not receiving STM Parish Emails? Haven't received your donation envelopes? Call the church office at 530.877.4509 or e-mail us at office@stmparadise.org to let us know.

Butte County is out of the purple tier but The Women of St. Thomas More are still unable to reschedule our meeting. Once we are okayed to 'reskd,' the new date will be published in the Bulletin, online & Facebook. Questions? Call or text Rolawn at 678.429.3848.

PARISHIONER UPDATE



Parishioner Mark Di Duca passed away on December 27, 2020. Please keep Mark and his family in your prayers.

PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

O Loving Father, Source of all life, please accompany Your servant, Mark Di Duca, from this earth, to the Kingdom of heavenly peace, rest, and eternal life that You have prepared for us. Amen.



DIocese OF SACRAMENTO

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!

STM Parishioners are invited to participate in several special online events this month. Access these events via STM website or Facebook.

Monday Jan. 18: JParent Support; Raising Pro-Life Kids

Join us at 8 p.m. for our monthly Parent Support with our guests Erika and Josh Watkins, parishioners at St. Joseph Parish in Redding, CA. This month we will be discussing how to talk to our kids about what it means to be Pro-Life.

Thurs. Jan 14 to Fri. Jan. 22: Protect Every Life Novena

Join us at 10:30 a.m. each day for Our Respect Life Novena, dedicated to those babies who have been aborted, for those mothers who have suffered a loss of a child, and mothers in need. Each day will be led by our diocesan clergy and laity. Connect to Facebook or Instagram for each day's prayer and reflection: @SCDFormedFaith

Thurs. Jan 21: Into the Mix

Join us at 7:00pm on YouTube Channel: Diocese of Sacramento for Into the Mix, a monthly livestream on YouTube where we will have guests share about their spiritual lives, talk theology, and reveal their signature drink. Come and ask questions through chat, engage in dialogue, and hear about various topics through the lens of the Catholic faith. Come to the table with a drink, some snacks, and join in the conversation.

Fri. Jan. 22: Protect Every Life; Respect Life Mass

Join us at 12:10p on FB Live: @CathedraloftheBlessedSacrament for the 48th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade: The Catholic Faithful and all people of goodwill are encouraged to observe this Day of Reparation with prayers for the legal protection of human life, works of mercy, and penance in preparation for the persistent violations of human dignity inflicted by the practice of abortion.

Lunes, Enero 25: Padres Formadores En La Fe

Únase a nosotros a las 8 p.m. para FB live @SCDFormedFaith ¿Es usted un padre? Únase a nosotros donde hablaremos de Pro-Life. Cómo enseñar a nuestros hijos a vivir la cultura de la vida.

Sat., Jan. 23: Protect Every Life-Solidarity Walk w/ Testimony

Join us at 10:30 a.m. on FB LIVE @SCDFORMEDFAITH for a live ultrasound from the Sacramento Life Center and a witness talk for youth & families. We encourage families to take time to reflect on the gospel of life and pray the rosary. Take a selfie or record yourself taking a walk around the neighborhood as you pray for an end to abortion and post using #SCDProLife Also visit website at <https://www.scd.org/protecteverylife>