

# ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## About St. Thomas More

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 767 Elliott Rd. Paradise, CA 95969  
 Office Hrs: Mon. - Thurs. 9a-2p (Closed Friday)  
**MASS:** Sun. 1030a | Domingo Misa español 1230p  
 Tue 6P | Wed 830A | Thur 830A | Fri. 830A  
**CONFESSION:** Tue 5p - 545p | Sat. 330p - 5p

## Important Dates

01SEP: **Crown Rosary** w Secular Franciscans 10A  
 02SEP: **LABOR DAY! STM OFFICE IS CLOSED**  
 03SEP: **Confession/Confesión** 5p to 545p  
 03SEP: **Mass Bilingual / Misa Bilingue 6P**  
 04SEP: 5&6 Sept **Mass** 830A Misa en inglés  
 07SEP: **ADORATION | ADORACIÓN** 10A

## Sunday Readings

*Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*XXII Domingo ordinario*

**1st Reading** Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8  
**Psalm** 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5  
*The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.*  
 ¿Quién será grato a tus ojos, Señor?

**2nd Reading** James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27  
**Gospel** Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

## MEDITATION OF THE DAY

How to Be Pure Within

**Oh what need of a pure and humble mind has he who dedicates**  
*Meditation of the Day continues on next page*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

Sunday; Sept. 1	Sam Weaver †	1030A English
Sunday; Sept. 1	For the Intentions of Esmeralda Rivera on her birthday	1230P español
Tuesday; Sept. 3	Presciliana Bomactao †	6P Bilingual- Bilingue
Wednesday; Sept. 4	Larry Campbell †	830A English
Thursday; Sept. 5	Carol Zellmer †	830A English
Friday; Sept. 6	For the Health & Intentions of Barbara Brown	830A English

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Deacon Cavalli	Barbara Brown	Jim McManus
Cathy Larsen	Carrie Sue Sonsteng	Rod Montgomery
Linda Stultz	Sam Kempner	David Porter
Angela Babcock	Tylor Koski	Barbara Maldonado
Sbaron Calboun	Denise Hughes	Adriana Sepulveda
Jeff Clark	Kimberly Helgeson Avoy	Senona Gonzalez
Pat Mortensen	Denis Helgeson	Samia Zumout
Ben Richards		Karen Reynolds

## SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS

*For the cry of the Earth*

*We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.*

## INTENCIONES DE SEPTIEMBRE DEL PAPA FRANCISCO

*Por el clamor de la tierra*

*“Oremos para que cada uno de nosotros escuche con el corazón el clamor de la Tierra y de las víctimas de las catástrofes naturales y del cambio climático, comprometiéndonos personalmente a cuidar el mundo que habitamos”.*

**This Week's Readings**

THE TWENTY-SECOND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

**Monday; September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-52  
 Psalm 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102  
*Lord, I love your commands.*  
 Gospel: Luke 4:16-30

**Tuesday; Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Memorial of Saint Gregory the  
 Great, Pope and Doctor of the  
 Church**

1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:10B-167  
 Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13AB, 13CD-14  
*The Lord is just in all his ways.*  
 Gospel: Luke 4:31-37

**Wednesday; September 4<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9  
 Psalm 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21  
*Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be  
 his own.*  
 Gospel: Luke 4:38-44

**Thursday; September 5<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:18-23  
 Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6  
*To the Lord belongs the earth and all that  
 fills it.*  
 Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

**Friday; September 6<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5  
 Psalm 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40  
*The salvation of the just comes from the  
 Lord.*  
 Gospel: Luke 5:33-39

**Saturday; September 7<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:6b-15  
 Psalm 145:17-18, 19-20, 21  
*The Lord is near to all who call upon him.*  
 Gospel: Luke 6:1-5

Meditation of the Day continued from front page.

**MEDITATION OF THE DAY** "To whom shall we go?..."

**himself to be the place where the Holy Spirit works.** Surely humility is ready to serve; it keeps far away all the arrogance of pride and it is eager to please the Holy Spirit through pureness of life. Since pride is the source of every sin and, on the contrary, the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (Ps 111:10; Prv 1:7), a wise humility carefully sees to it that this remedy confronts that evil. Therefore a humble fear, since it opposes the movements of lofty pride, does not allow the soul to be befouled by sin. He who is without fear will not be justified, because when access to the heart is overlooked, pride is not kept away from the innermost parts of the soul.

**The virtue of humility** expels the heart's pride through the spirit of fear and equally wears down the arrogance of the flesh by the remedy of a holy temperance. Humility is indeed the friend of the Holy Spirit and always prepares for him a spotless dwelling place, but an impure heart does not hesitate to offend him. Upon whom, says the Lord, shall my spirit rest, but on one who is humble and peaceable and who fears my words (cf. Is 66:2)? Surely where there is humility there is peace, there is fear and reverence for the commandments.

**Humility shows you, man, what you are,** what you have been, and what you will be hereafter... Why are you haughty, dust and ashes (Sir 10:9)? Why do you forget your own condition? Why do you not rather constantly remember that soon you will die? Why do you fix your gaze upon a world which is passing and which as it shakes and crashes constantly threatens its lovers with collapse? Deceitful indeed is its grace and worthless its beauty, for not only do these not bring a long-lived joy, but they fade quickly away into the torment of everlasting lamentation. The things which are transient are not to be loved, nor are the things which flee away to be embraced. Rather should devotion be given joyfully to those things which remain forever... We should pant after the light of grace that the day of glory & honor may shine upon us. —FATHER ADAM OF PERSEIGNE

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**40 DAYS FOR LIFE FALL CAMPAIGN BEGINS SEPT 25**

**Sign up** for prayer hours at: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/>

**Questions?** See Kathy DeCristofaro after Mass.

**HOMILY NOTES**

**¡Bienvenidos a septiembre! Este mes se dedica tradicionalmente a honrar a Nuestra Señora de los Dolores en gran parte debido a la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de los Dolores que cae el 15 de septiembre.** Todos los dolores de María se fusionan en el sufrimiento supremo de la Pasión. En la Pasión, María sufrió un martirio del corazón a causa de los tormentos de Nuestro Señor y de la grandeza de su amor por Él. "Ella fue", dice el Papa Pío XII, "quien inmune de todo pecado, personal o heredado, y cada vez más unida a su Hijo, lo ofreció en el Gólgota al Padre Eterno junto con el holocausto de sus derechos maternos y de su amor maternal". . Como nueva Eva, hizo esta ofrenda por todos los hijos de Adán contaminados por su infeliz caída. Así ella, que era madre de nuestra Cabeza según la carne, pasó a ser, con un nuevo título de dolor y gloria, madre espiritual de todos sus miembros."



**Welcome to September! This month is traditionally dedicated to the honor of Our Lady of Sorrows largely due to the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows which falls this year on Sunday, Sept. 15.** All the sorrows of Mary are merged in the supreme suffering at the Passion. In the Passion, Mary suffered a martyrdom of the heart because of Our Lord's torments and the greatness of her love for Him.

"She it was," says Pope Pius XII, "who immune from all sin, personal or inherited, and ever more closely united with her Son, offered Him on Golgotha to the Eternal Father together with the holocaust of her maternal rights and motherly love. As a new Eve, she made this offering for all the children of Adam contaminated through his unhappy fall. Thus she, who was the mother of our Head according to the flesh, became by a new title of sorrow and glory the spiritual mother of all His members."

### LOS SIETE DOLORES DE MARÍA

- ❖ El 1er Dolor. La profecía de Simeón. Lucas 2:25-35
- ❖ El segundo dolor. La huida a Egipto. Mateo 2:13-15
- ❖ El tercer dolor. El Niño Jesús Perdido en el Templo. Lucas 2: 41-50
- ❖ El cuarto dolor. María se encuentra con Jesús cargando la cruz. Lucas 23: 27-29.
- ❖ El quinto dolor. María al pie de la cruz. Juan 19: 25-30.
- ❖ El sexto dolor. María recibe el cuerpo de Jesús. Salmo 130.
- ❖ El séptimo dolor. María presencia el entierro de Jesús. Lucas 23: 50-56

### ORACIÓN A LA MADRE DE LOS DOLORES

*Virgen Santísima. y Madre, cuya alma fue traspasada por una espada de dolor en la Pasión de tu divino Hijo, y que en Su gloriosa Resurrección se llenó de alegría eterna por Su triunfo; obtén para nosotros que te invocamos, ser partícipes de las adversidades de la Santa Iglesia y de los dolores del Soberano Pontífice, de modo que seamos hallados dignos de regocijarnos con ellos en los consuelos que rogamos, en la caridad y la paz del mismo Cristo nuestro Señor. Amén.*

*Nuestra Señora, Reina de la Paz, Sede de la Sabiduría...  
ruega por nosotros.*

### THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY

- ❖ The 1st Sorrow: The Prophecy of Simeon. Luke 2:25-35
- ❖ The 2nd Sorrow: The flight into Egypt. Matthew 2:13-15
- ❖ The 3rd Sorrow: The Child Jesus Lost in the Temple. Luke 2: 41-50
- ❖ The 4th Sorrow: Mary meets Jesus carrying the cross. Luke 23: 27-29.
- ❖ The 5th Sorrow: Mary at the foot of the cross. ...John 19: 25-30.
- ❖ The 6th Sorrow: Mary receives the body of Jesus. Psalm 130.
- ❖ The 7th Sorrow: Mary witnesses the burial of Jesus. Luke 23: 50-56

### PRAYER TO THE MOTHER OF SORROWS

*Most holy Virgin. and Mother, whose soul was pierced by a sword of sorrow in the Passion of thy divine Son, and who in His glorious Resurrection wast filled with never-ending joy at His triumph; obtain for us who call upon thee, so to be partakers in the adversities of Holy Church and the sorrows of the Sovereign Pontiff, as to be found worthy to rejoice with them in the consolations for which we pray, in the charity and peace of the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Our Lady, Queen of Peace, Seat of Wisdom...  
pray for us.*

**La Oración:** <https://www.nationalshrines.org/blog/love-amidst-sorrow-the-symbolism-of-the-immaculate-heart-of-mary/#:~:text=Dedicated%20to%20honoring%20the%20interior,joys%2C%20sorrows%2C%20and%20virtues>

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## PARISH UPDATES

### STM Key Dates | Fechas Claves de STM

- ☑ **Tuesday, Sept. 3 | martes 3 de septiembre**  
*Confession | Confesión 5p to 5:45P*  
*Mass Bilingual/Misa Bilingue 6P*
- ☑ **Wed., Sept. 4 | miércoles 4 de septiembre**  
*MASS/MISA 830A | English/inglés*
- ☑ **Thurs., Sept. 5 | jueves 5 de septiembre**  
*MASS | MISA 830A | English/inglés*
- ☑ **Friday, Sept. 6 | viernes 6 de septiembre**  
*MASS | MISA 830A | English/inglés*
- ☑ **Saturday, Sept. 7 | sábado 7 de septiembre**  
*Adoration | Adoración 10A*  
*Confession | Confesión 330p to 5p*



August 18 Sermon

SERMON ARCHIVES

SUNDAY HOMILIES  
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## Eucharistic Adoration

**September Schedule for St. Thomas More**

- 1. Saturday; Sept. 7 at 10A (1st Sat. of the month)**
- 2. Friday; Sept. 13 after 830A Mass (2nd Fri. of the month)**
  - \* *Friday Adoration: We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet during the first 30 minutes of Adoration. We will pray the Rosary at approximately 11A. Friday Adoration ends at Noon.*

**In re: The Roman Catholic Bishop of Sacramento, Case No. 24-21326**  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of California

**Notice of Deadline for Filing Claims: October 1, 2024**

### YOU MAY HAVE A SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIM OR OTHER CLAIM AGAINST THE DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO

On April 1, 2024, The Roman Catholic Bishop of Sacramento aka Diocese of Sacramento filed a chapter 11 bankruptcy petition for protection under title 11 of the United States Code.

**If you were sexually abused by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim so as to be received by October 1, 2024, or otherwise you will be forever barred, estopped, and enjoined from asserting such claim against the Diocese.**

Claims based on acts or omissions of the Diocese that occurred before April 1, 2024, must be filed on or before October 1, 2024, even if such claims are not now fixed, liquidated, or certain or did not mature or become fixed, liquidated, or certain before April 1, 2024.



For more information on how to file a claim or about the bankruptcy, please visit: <https://www.donlinrecano.com/rcbsacramento>, or contact the Debtor's claims agent Donlin, Recano, & Company, Inc. via email at [rcbsacramentoinfo@drc.equiniti.com](mailto:rcbsacramentoinfo@drc.equiniti.com) or by phone at 1-866-714-7301; or visit the Debtor's website at <https://scd.org> and follow the links for Chapter 11 filing.

**In re: El Obispo Católico Romano de Sacramento, Caso No. 24-21326**  
Tribunal de Bancarrota de los Estados Unidos Para el Distrito Este de California

**Notificación de fecha límite para presentar reclamaciones:**  
**1 de Octubre de 2024**

### USTED PUEDE TENER UNA DEMANDA DE ABUSO SEXUAL U OTRA DEMANDA CONTRA LA DIÓCESIS DE SACRAMENTO

El 1 de abril de 2024, el Obispo Católico Romano de Sacramento, también conocido como Diócesis de Sacramento, presentó una petición de bancarrota del capítulo 11 para obtener protección bajo el título 11 del Código de los Estados Unidos.

**Si usted fue abusado sexualmente por cualquier persona relacionada con la Diócesis, debe presentar su reclamo para que se reciba antes del 1 de octubre de 2024, o de lo contrario, se le prohibirá y excluirá para siempre hacer valer dicha reclamación contra la Diócesis.**

Las reclamaciones basadas en actos u omisiones de la Diócesis que ocurrieron antes del 1 de abril de 2024, deben presentarse el 1 de octubre de 2024 o antes, incluso si dichas reclamaciones no están ahora fijas, liquidadas o ciertas o no se vencieron o se volvieron fijas, liquidadas o ciertas antes del 1 de abril de 2024.



Para obtener más información sobre cómo obtener y presentar un reclamo o sobre la bancarrota, visite: <https://www.donlinrecano.com/rcbsacramento>, o comuníquese con el agente de reclamos del Deudor, Donlin, Recano & Company, Inc., por correo electrónico al [rcbsacramentoinfo@drc.equiniti.com](mailto:rcbsacramentoinfo@drc.equiniti.com) o por teléfono al 1-866-714-7301; o visite el sitio web del Deudor en <https://scd.org> y siga los enlaces para la presentación del Capítulo 11.