

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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CONFESSION: Tuesday 5p to 545p

Wednesday & Thursday 8A to 825A **NO CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK**

Friday 8A to 825A and 430p to 545p

Mass Times

Sunday 1030A

Domingo Misa en español 1230p

Tuesday 6p Bilingual **NO MASS THIS TUES**

Wednesday, Thurs., & Friday 830A **NO MASSES THIS WK**

Sunday Readings

1st Reading Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets

Entre voces de júbilo, Dios asciende a su trono. Aleluya.

2nd Reading Ephesians 1:17-23 or Hebrews

9:24-28; 10:19-23

Gospel Luke 24:46-53

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 1ST

Sunday; June 1	Fr. Al Kaster † Guy Brown †	1030A
Domingo 1 de junio	Aniversario de Ignacio y Arminda Rodriguez Fr. Chuck Kelly Anniversary	1230P español
Tuesday; June 3	Midweek Mass is cancelled for this week	6P
Wed.; June 4	Midweek Mass is cancelled for this week	830A
Thurs.; June 5	Midweek Mass is cancelled for this week	830A
Friday; June 6	Midweek Mass is cancelled for this week	830A

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Rod Montgomery
Kimberly Steffen-Parkney
Raul Saavedra
Jose Raul Rivera
Mary Anne Durant
Isabel Rivera Leon
Juanita Rivera León

Samia Zumout
Greg DeCristofaro
John Thomas
Lourdes Collazo
Carrie Sonsteng
Art Sanchez

Tim Steffen
Elaine Little
Ron Keyes
Theresa Durant
Sam Kempner

JUNE INTENTIONS OF THE POPE

The Monthly Intentions of the Pope will be published as soon as they are released by Pope Leo XIV. Let us continue to pray for both the repose of the soul of Pope Francis and for our new Pope.

INTENCIONES DE JUNIO DEL PAPA

Las Intenciones Mensuales del Papa se publicarán en cuanto las publique el Papa León XIV. Sigamos orando por el descanso del alma del Papa Francisco y por nuestro nuevo Papa.

This Week's Readings

THE SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER

Monday; June 2nd

1st Reading: Acts 19:1-8

Psalm 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.

Gospel: John 16:29-33

Tuesday; June 3rd

1st Reading: Acts 20:17-27

Psalm 68:10-11, 20-21

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.

Gospel: John 17:1-11a

**MEMORIAL OF SAINT
CHARLES LWANGA AND
COMPANIONS, MARTYRS****Wednesday; June 4th**

1st Reading: Acts 20:28-38

Psalm 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab

Sing to God, O Kingdoms of the earth.

Gospel: John 17:11b-19

Thursday; June 5th

1st Reading: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11

Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Gospel: John 17:20-26

**MEMORIAL OF SAINT
BONIFACE, BISHOP AND
MARTYR****Friday; June 6th**

1st Reading: Acts 25:13b-21

Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab

The Lord has established his throne in heaven

Gospel: John 21:15-19

Saturday; June 7th

1st Reading: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31

Psalm 11:4, 5 and 7

The just will gaze on your face, O Lord.

Gospel: John 21:20-25

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

How We Are Made One in Christ



In the discourse that follows the Last Supper, Jesus tells the disciples: The Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. The prologue to the Gospel of John identifies the speaker of these words as the Word through whom all things were made. The content of all that I have said cannot, therefore, be reduced to Jesus' preaching. The Word has never been silent since the world began. To heed his counsel is to remember reality as such, to let it be illumined by the light shining into and out of the empty tomb....

The Spirit who calls to mind is called Paraclete. The word admits of a range of interpretations. Current versions put "Comforter," "Advocate," or, as above, "Counselor." These various readings reveal different shades of an experience of inner strengthening. **The Spirit is the heart's companion**, the filler of our solitude. But he is also the one who creates community. The post-communion prayer of the Easter Vigil brings the recital of God's great deeds to a climax: "Pour out on us, Lord, the Spirit of your love, that those you have filled with Paschal sacraments may, by your kindness, be of one heart." The Spirit who, in the beginning, moved over the face of the waters (Gn 1:2) exercises the divine prerogative of making something out of nothing. By his touch, the heart of man, in its natural state deceitful above all things (Jer. 17:9), becomes capable of commitment and communion.... When the Acts of the Apostles refer to the concord of the early Church (4:32), it is to bear evidence to the Spirit's work. The ecclesia, that utterly improbable fellowship, is an icon of the unifying Spirit. —BISHOP ERIK VARDEN, O.C.S.O.

Bishop Varden, a convert to the Catholic faith, was the abbot of the Cistercian monastery of Mount Saint Bernard in Leicestershire, England, 2015 to 2019, when he became bishop of the region of Trondheim in Norway. / From *The Shattering of Loneliness: On Christian Remembrance*. © Erik Varden, 2018. Excerpt from *Magnificat Magazine*, Meditation of the Day, June 1, 2025

HOMILY NOTES



¡Bienvenidos a junio! Este mes está consagrado a la devoción al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús. «De entre todas las pruebas de la infinita bondad de nuestro Salvador, ninguna destaca más que el hecho de que, al enfriarse el amor de los fieles, Él, el Amor Divino mismo, se entregó a nosotros para ser honrado con una devoción muy especial, y que el rico tesoro de la Iglesia se abrió de par en par en beneficio de esa devoción». Estas palabras del Papa Pío XI se refieren a la Devoción al Sagrado Corazón, que en su forma actual data de las revelaciones dadas a Santa Margarita María Alacoque en 1673-1675.

LA DEVOCIÓN

Esta devoción consiste en la adoración divina del corazón humano de Cristo, unido a su divinidad y símbolo de su amor por nosotros. Su objetivo es hacer reinar a nuestro Señor sobre nuestros corazones, impulsándonos a corresponderle (especialmente mediante un acto de consagración en el que nos ofrecemos al Corazón de Jesús, tanto nosotros mismos como todo lo que nos pertenece) y a reparar nuestra ingratitud hacia Dios.

ORACIÓN

(Invocación) *Oh Corazón de amor, pongo toda mi confianza en Ti, porque todo lo temo por mi debilidad, pero todo lo espero por tu bondad.* — ST. MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE

ORACIÓN AL SAGRADO CORAZÓN

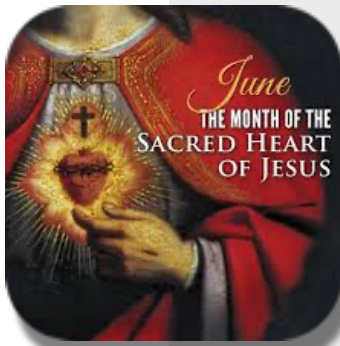
La devoción al Sagrado Corazón fue la nota característica de la piedad de Santa Gertrudis la Grande (1256-1302), monja benedictina y reconocida mística. De hecho, fue la primera gran exponente de la devoción al Sagrado Corazón. En nuestros esfuerzos por honrar al Corazón de Jesús, tenemos esta oración como modelo para la nuestra:

¡Salve! Oh Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, fuente viviente y vivificante de vida eterna, tesoro infinito de la Divinidad y horno ardiente del amor divino. Tú eres mi refugio y mi santuario, oh mi amable Salvador. Consume mi corazón con ese fuego ardiente con el que el tuyo siempre está inflamado. Derrama sobre mi alma las gracias que brotan de tu amor, y permite que mi corazón se una al tuyo de tal manera que nuestras voluntades sean una y la mía en todo se conforme a la tuya. Que tu divina voluntad sea la norma y regla de todos mis deseos y de todas mis acciones. Amén. — SAINT GERTRUDE

ORACIÓN POR LA IGLESIA

Oh Santísimo Corazón de Jesús, derrama abundantemente tus bendiciones sobre tu santa Iglesia, sobre el Sumo Pontífice y sobre todo el clero; concede a los justos la perseverancia; convierte a los pecadores; ilumina a los incrédulos; bendice a nuestros parientes, amigos y benefactores; asiste a los moribundos; libera a las almas del purgatorio; y extiende sobre todos los corazones el dulce imperio de tu amor. Amén.

Fuente y Fuente de oración <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/>



Welcome to June! This month is set apart for devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. "From among all the proofs of the infinite goodness of our Savior none stands out more prominently than the fact that, as the love of the faithful grew cold, He, Divine Love Itself, gave Himself to us to be honored by a very special devotion and that the rich treasury of the Church was thrown wide open in the interests of that devotion." These words of Pope Pius XI refer to the Sacred Heart Devotion, which in

its present form dates from the revelations given to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1673-75.

THE DEVOTION

This devotion consists in the divine worship of the human heart of Christ, which is united to His divinity and which is a symbol of His love for us. The aim of the devotion is to make our Lord king over our hearts by prompting them to return love to Him (especially through an act of consecration by which we offer to the Heart of Jesus both ourselves and all that belongs to us) and to make reparation for our ingratitude to God.

PRAYERS

(Invocation) *O Heart of love, I put all my trust in Thee; for I fear all things from my own weakness, but I hope for all things from Thy goodness.* — St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART

Devotion to the Sacred Heart was the characteristic note of the piety of St. Gertrude the Great (1256-1302), Benedictine nun and renowned mystic. She was, in fact, the first great exponent of devotion to the Sacred Heart. In our efforts to honor the Heart of Jesus we have this prayer as a model for our own:

Hail! O Sacred Heart of Jesus, living & quickening source of eternal life, infinite treasure of the Divinity & burning furnace of divine love. Thou art my refuge and my sanctuary, O my amiable Savior. Consume my heart with that burning fire with which Thine is ever inflamed. Pour down on my soul those graces which flow from Thy love, and let my heart be so united with Thine, that our wills may be one, and mine in all things be conformed to Thine. May Thy divine will be equally the standard and rule of all my desires and of all my actions.

Amen. — SAINT GERTRUDE

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

O most holy Heart of Jesus, shower Thy blessings in abundant measure upon Thy holy Church, upon the Supreme Pontiff & upon all the clergy; to the just grant perseverance; convert sinners; enlighten unbelievers; bless our relations, friends and benefactors; assist the dying; deliver the holy souls in purgatory; and extend over all hearts the sweet empire of Thy love. Amen.

Source: https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/06_1.cfm

Prayer Source: Prayer Book, The by Reverend John P. O'Connell, M.A., S.T.D. and Jex Martin, M.A., The Catholic Press, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, 1954

Got Your Baby Bottle?

Babies and parents need you! The CareNet baby bottle campaign is in full swing. Pick up a baby bottle under the table in the Narthex, fill it with loose your change, bills, and checks. Return it to St. Thomas More anytime between now & Father's Day, Sunday, June 15. Questions? See Kathy DeCristofaro after Mass.



NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 8, THE WOMEN OF STM INVITE YOU TO COFFEE AND DONUTS AFTER MASS IN THE HALL.



Father Chuck will be on vacation for the month of June. We pray for his safety while travelling & ask that God grant him travel mercies to his destination & on his return home in Jesus name. Amen.

Please welcome Fr. John Healy who arrives June 7 and serves til Friday, July 4. Read his fascinating biography on the STM website! Riveting!

No midweek Mass this week Tue-Fri June 3 to 6.
No Adoration this Friday June 6.
No confessions this week Tue-Fri June 3 to 6.

The Significance of His Name: Pope Leo XIV



Discussing his choice of name, Pope Leo XIV explained, "... There are different reasons for this, but mainly because Pope Leo XIII, in his historic Encyclical Rerum Novarum, addressed the social question in the context of the first great industrial revolution..."

RERUM NOVARUM, OR RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF CAPITAL AND LABOR, IS AN ENCYCLICAL ISSUED BY POPE LEO XIII ON 15 MAY 1891.

But years before issuing this encyclical Pope Leo XIII experienced a frightening vision while celebrating Mass! According to the Saint Benedict Center, Pope Leo XIII had a vision on October 13, 1884, during Mass, where he witnessed Satan boasting to God that he could destroy the Church within a century.

After seeing this frightening vision: evil spirits, trying to fulfill Satan's boast to destroy our Lord's Church within a century, engaging in fierce attacks against it; and even though in his vision the Pontiff also saw St. Michael casting Satan and his demons back into Hell, he was so horrified by what he had seen that he felt compelled to help defend our faith in this struggle. In response he wrote the Prayer to St. Michael and mandated it to be recited after all Masses. The prayer seeks St. Michael's help in defending the Church against Satan and his evil spirits.

*Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the wickedness & snares of the devil
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou,
O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Divine Power of God,
cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who roam throughout
the world seeking the ruin of men's souls.*

In the Saint Michael prayer [Pope Leo XIII] throws down the gauntlet to "the father of lies" as Jesus calls the devil in John's Gospel (8:44), by enlisting the help of this very special Archangel.

Saint Michael makes a great general in this fight between Christ and Satan for our souls! After all, we read in Revelation (12:7-9) that "there was a great battle in heaven; Michael and his angels fought with the dragon...and that great dragon...who is called the devil and Satan, who seduces the whole world...was cast unto the earth, and his angels

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2025 Jubilee of Hope Upcoming Events

June 19
thru
June 21

Celebrate this Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope participating in our Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession June 19 thru 21. The Procession will start June 19 in Vallejo and end on June 21 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, with many stops along the way for people across the diocese to join us on the water and land. There will be a flotilla of boats representing several yacht clubs. **Questions?** visit <https://scd.org/JubileeEuchaisticProcession>

June 26

Jubilee Sacred Heart Pilgrimage | Sacred Heart Parish, Susanville
Sacred Heart Parish in Susanville will host a pilgrimage walk to celebrate the Jubilee Year as one of the 12 pilgrimage sites. The walk begins Thursday, June 26 and ends Friday, June 27 on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The pilgrimage walk will take place on the Bizz Johnson Trail from Westwood to Susanville with an overnight camp at the midway point. The walk will conclude at Sacred Heart Parish followed by Mass with Auxiliary Bishop Rey Bersabal. Pilgrims under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Questions? For more info and registration visit sacredheartpilgrimage.net

The Significance of the Name Pope Leo XIV *continued from left column*

[the demons] were thrown down with him." His very name (in Hebrew, Micha'el meaning "Who is like God?") denotes the war cry uttered in that battle. Note that when we talk about Satan or the devil here we are also referring to his "army" of fallen angels, the evil spirits referred to in the Saint Michael prayer. As a special patron & protector of the Church, St. Michael has been assigned to fight against Satan; to protect faithful souls from him, especially at their death; to champion God's people; and, further along this line, to escort them to their judgment.

Pope Leo XIII saw to it that the Saint Michael prayer was recited after every low Mass throughout the world. Although we have fallen away from this practice in most Catholic churches, with today's climate, it may be well worth considering bringing back the practice of closing every Mass with this prayer.