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Wednesday & Thursday 8A to 825A

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

Mass Times

Sunday 1030A

Domingo Misa en español 1230p

Tuesday 6P

Wed., Thursday, Friday 830A

Sunday Readings

1st Reading Isaiah 55:1-3**Psalms** 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Abres, Señor, tu mano y nos sacias de favores.

2nd Reading Romans 8:35, 37-39**Gospel** Matthew 14:13-21

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 2ND

Sunday; August 2

Fr. Brendan McKeefry †

1030A

Deceased members of the Mangan Family †

Domingo; 2 de agosto

Lucas Nazareno †

1230P español

Mario Vazquez †

Tues.; August 4

James Brody †

6P

Patrick Harley †

Wed.; August 5

Ed Jimenez †

830A

Carol Zellmer †

Thurs.; August 6

Tony Gerspacher †

830A

Camilo & Arianna Ospina's Anniversary

Friday; August 7

Intenciones de la Familia Torres-Rodriguez

830A

Intentions of the Duong Family

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR



Rod Montgomery

Bernhard Family

Mary Anne Durant

Rick Sillman

Andrea Inzunza

Kimberly Laird

Leo Benedetti

The Mortenson Family

Michael Coronado

Joan Memmer

Samia Zumout

Greg DeCristofaro

Carrie Sonsteng

Art Sanchez

Santiago Avila

Carlos Torres

Tony & Francene Packett

Rick Hodson

Larry Young

Bryant Smith

Ron Keyes

Theresa Durant

Raul & Helvia

Saavedra

Dolores Costello

Rosemary Peterson

Susie Boyd

David Brown

Gloria Klinger

AUGUST INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

INTENCIONES DE AGOSTO DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

Por la evangelización en la ciudad

Oremos para que, en las grandes ciudades a menudo marcadas por el anonimato y la soledad, encontremos nuevas formas de anunciar el Evangelio, descubriendo caminos creativos para construir comunidad.

This Week's Readings
THE 18TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday; August 3rd

1st Reading: Jeremiah 28:1-17
Psalm 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102
Lord, teach me your statutes.
Gospel: Matthew 14:22-36

Tuesday; August 4th *Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest*

1st Reading: Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22
Psalm 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23
The Lord will build up Zion again, and appear in all his glory.
Gospel: Matthew 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday; August 5th

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:1-7
Psalm Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13
The Lord will guard us as a shepherd guards his flock.
Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Thurs.; August 6th *Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord*

1st Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9
The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.
2nd Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19
Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Friday; August 7th

1st Reading: Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7
Psalm Deuteronomy 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41
It is I who deal death and give life.
Gospel: Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday; Aug. 8th *Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest*

1st Reading: Habakkuk 1:12—2:4
Psalm 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13
You forsake not those who seek you, O Lord.
Gospel: Matthew 17:14-20

Sunday; August 9th

Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
Psalm 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14
Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.
2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

MEDITATION OF THE DAY
He Gave Food to All



Charity held the higher powers of Christ's soul in stillness and in an enjoyment of the same bliss which he now enjoys. This same charity kept him constantly raised up to his Father in reverence, love, praise, and veneration, leading him to pray fervently for the needs of all persons and to offer up all his works for the honor of his Father.

This same charity made Christ bend low with loving fidelity and kindness to every human need, whether bodily or spiritual. In this he gave an example to all human beings, showing them through his own life how they ought to live. He gave food to all, inwardly nourishing with true spiritual teaching those who were able to receive it & feeding others outwardly through the senses with signs & wonders. **Sometimes he also fed the people with bodily food**, as when they followed him into the desert and were in need of it. He made the deaf hear and the blind see, he made the dumb speak and the enemy flee out of the possessed, he made the dead rise and the lame walk: all of which is to be understood in both a corporeal and a spiritual sense.

Christ our Lover labored for us both exteriorly and interiorly with true fidelity. We cannot thoroughly understand his charity, for it flowed forth from the fathomless spring of the Holy Spirit in a way that transcends the experience of all creatures who ever received charity, since Christ was both God and human in one person. — BLESSED

JOHN OF RUUSBROEC

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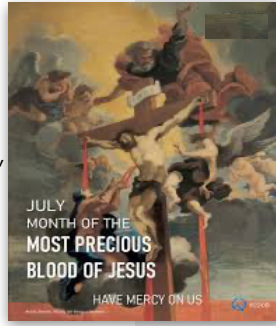


HOMILY NOTES

¡Bienvenidos a agosto! Este mes está dedicado al Inmaculado Corazón de María. Se invita a los fieles a reflexionar sobre el corazón puro de María, su amor inquebrantable y su excelsa virtud. La asociación de agosto con el Inmaculado Corazón es una costumbre relativamente reciente, surgida en la época de la Segunda Guerra Mundial. El Papa de aquel entonces, el Venerable Pío XII, profesaba una profunda devoción a Nuestra Señora de Fátima, quien en 1917 dijo a los niños pastores: «[Jesús] quiere establecer en el mundo la devoción a mi Inmaculado Corazón». Aunque los católicos han venerado el corazón de Nuestra Señora a lo largo de los siglos, el Papa Pío deseaba desde hacía tiempo universalizar esta devoción mediante una fiesta litúrgica específica para promoverla en toda la Iglesia. Su pontificado comenzó mientras el mundo estaba inmerso en una guerra. Se cometían numerosas atrocidades y la Iglesia sufría los ataques del modernismo. En medio de la gran agitación de la década de 1940, el Papa decidió consagrar el mundo al Inmaculado Corazón de María con la esperanza de lograr «la paz entre las naciones, la libertad de la Iglesia, la conversión de los pecadores, el amor a la pureza y la práctica de la virtud» (Decreto del 4 de mayo de 1944). Este mismo Papa definió también la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen como dogma de fe y estableció el 22 de agosto como la fiesta del Inmaculado Corazón. Es probable que la fijación de esta fiesta en agosto sea el motivo por el cual dicho mes está dedicado al Corazón de Nuestra Señora. Sin embargo, la celebración se trasladó al sábado siguiente a la fiesta del Sagrado Corazón debido a los cambios litúrgicos del Concilio Vaticano II, siendo sustituida en agosto por la fiesta del Reinado de María, también promovida por el Papa Pío XII.

PRINCIPALES FESTIVIDADES CATÓLICAS DE AGOSTO

- * 1 de agosto: San Alfonso María de Liguori. Doctor de la Iglesia; su ardiente amor por la Santísima Virgen lo inspiró a escribir un extenso tratado –*Las glorias de María*– en defensa de la devoción mariana.
- * 6 de agosto: La Transfiguración del Señor celebra la glorificación de Nuestro Señor en el monte Tabor, en presencia de sus discípulos Pedro, Santiago y Juan.
- * 8 de agosto: Santo Domingo. Fue el principal promotor del Rosario de Nuestra Señora. Ella le prometió proteger a la Orden Dominicana, la cual, gracias a la intercesión de María, daría muchos santos a lo largo de los siglos.
- * 14 de agosto: San Maximiliano Kolbe. Este sacerdote franciscano y mártir del siglo XX fundó la Milicia de la Inmaculada. Su vida y ministerio estuvieron dedicados a dar a conocer y hacer amar a Nuestra Señora, convencido de que, a través de su Inmaculado Corazón, el mundo llegaría a Cristo.
- * 15 de agosto: La Asunción de la Virgen María, solemnidad de primera clase, conmemora el dogma de la Iglesia Católica según el cual María – Madre de Dios y Sagrado vivo– fue elevada al Cielo en cuerpo y alma al finalizar su vida terrenal. La Asunción enseña que, a diferencia de la muerte humana, que implica la separación del alma y el cuerpo, María Inmaculada –al estar libre del pecado original– fue asunta al Cielo en su estado íntegro y glorificado.
- * 22 de agosto: La fiesta de la Realeza de la Santísima Virgen María celebra a María como Reina del Cielo y de la Tierra. Esta festividad reconoce el papel único de María en la historia de la salvación como Reina Madre de Jesús, quien es el Rey de reyes. Antiguamente, esta fecha correspondía a la fiesta del Inmaculado Corazón, y muchos fieles todavía conmemoran el Corazón de Nuestra Señora junto con su Realeza en este día.



Welcome to August! This month is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The faithful are invited to reflect on Mary's pure heart, steadfast love, and towering virtue. The association of August with the Immaculate Heart is a fairly recent development stemming from the World War II era. The pope at the time, Venerable Pope Pius XII, held a deep devotion to Our Lady of Fatima who in 1917 told the shepherd children "[Jesus] wants to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart." Although Catholics throughout the ages venerated Our Lady's heart, Pope Pius had long desired to make this devotion more universal via a set feast day to promote it throughout the Church. His pontificate began while the world was engaged in a war. Many atrocities were occurring and the Church was suffering under the attack of Modernism. Amid the widespread turmoil of the 1940s, the pope chose to consecrate the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in hopes of bringing "peace among nations, freedom for the Church, the conversion of sinners, the love of purity and the practice of virtue" (Decree of May 4, 1944.) This same pope also defined the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin as a dogma of the Faith and designated August 22 as the Feast of the Immaculate Heart. Establishing this feast in August is likely the reason for the month's dedication to Our Lady's Heart. However, the feast was moved to the Saturday following the Feast of the Sacred Heart as per the Liturgical changes of Vatican II. Replaced in August by the Feast of the Queenship of Mary, which also was promoted by Pope Pius XII.

KEY CATHOLIC FEAST DAYS IN AUGUST

- * Aug. 1 - St. Alphonsus Liguori. A Doctor of the Church, his ardent love for The Blessed Virgin inspired him to write a lengthy treatise - The Glories of Mary - in defense of Marian devotion.
- * Aug. 6 - The Transfiguration of the Lord celebrates Our Lord's glorification on Mount Tabor in the presence of his disciples Peter, James & John.
- * Aug. 8 - St. Dominic. He is the original promulgator of Our Lady's Rosary. She promised him to protect the Dominican order, which thru Mary's intercession, would produce many saints throughout the ages.
- * Aug. 14 - St Maximilian Kolbe. This 20th-century Franciscan priest and martyr founded the Militia of the Immaculate. His life and ministry were dedicated to making Our Lady known and loved, believing that through Her Immaculate Heart, the world would come to Christ.
- * Aug. 15 - The Assumption of the Virgin Mary, a First Class feast day, commemorates the dogma held by the Catholic Church that Mary, the Mother of God, the living Tabernacle was taken up into Heaven, body and soul, at the end of her earthly life. The Assumption teaches that unlike human death, which involves the separation of the soul from the body, Mary Immaculate, being free from original sin was assumed into Heaven in her complete and glorified state.
- * Aug. 22 - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrates Mary as the Queen of Heaven and Earth. The feast acknowledges Mary's unique role in salvation history as the Queen Mother of Jesus, who is the King of kings. This date was formerly The Feast of the Immaculate Heart and many of the faithful still commemorate Our Lady's Heart with Her Queenship on this day.

**ADORATION**

Friday, Aug. 7 | Follows 8:30A Mass
Adoration extended to 7:30p thru September

**MEN'S MINISTRY**

Friday, Aug. 7 | **930A** | Church Hall Mtg Rm.

**LUMEN CHRISTI**

STM YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

CALLED INTO RELATIONSHIP WITH
JESUS CHRIST. ROOTED IN THE LIFE
AND TEACHINGS OF HIS CHURCH.
TOGETHER WE SHARE HIS LOVE WITH
OTHERS SO THAT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
MAY ILLUMINATE THE WORLD.

NEXT MEETING

Aug. 6 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT:

Heidi & Justin | (530) 864-0809

**The Women of
STM Kick Off Their
Wine & Chocolate
Extravaganza
Planning Session!**

August is almost here,
which means it's time for
the women of the parish
to meet and plan the
2026 Wine & Chocolate
Extravaganza which takes
place Saturday, Sept. 26.

Meeting details

**Aug 15th
10A
Parish Hall
Meeting Room**



*Deepest
sympathies to
Elizabeth
Hirsch on the
passing of her
grandmother,
Susie Aldrich,
who passed
away on July
1. Details for
her Funeral
Mass to be
advised.*

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Vacation!**

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**ADVISORY: Special Collection Next
Sunday, August 9**

Next Sunday, August 9, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly & religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ.

To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america. To donate online, visit <https://www.scd.org/cla>.

**Thank You to the Wonderful, Loving, Generous
People of St. Thomas More!**

One again you have demonstrated your commitment to women in crisis pregnancies and their unborn babies. You have helped minister to them by giving \$2,425.22 to the Baby Bottle Fundraiser. Your giving has saved more babies from the abortion pill thru its reversal. Many young ladies have chosen life after seeing their unborn babies on the ultrasound your gifts helped to provide. There is even ministry to the fathers! This fundraising runs from Mother's Day to Father's Day each year to ensure better support for the needs of families.

With gratitude, Greg & Kathy DeCristofaro — Pro-Life chairs



Left to right: Ashley Lundberg - Executive Director, Care Net of Paradise, accepting check from Greg & Kathy DeCristofaro.

In memory of

**IRMA
DOUGLAS**

Please join us for mass

10:00 am

Friday, August 21st

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

416 Chestnut St, Chico, CA 95928

Irma was a St. Thomas More parishioner
and Eucharistic Minister for many years.

STM parishioners Dirk Wohlauf, Rolawn & Chris Rehmann, performed in France, with Bella Voce, a Chico women's choir, in 4 cathedrals & Normandy. Check out the links on the STM website homepage to view videos of STM singers performing. Beautiful singing; spectacular churches. (Note: Pat Strickland, an alto in the STM Choir, also sings with Bella Voce but didn't make this trip for personal reasons.)

