

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH


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CONFESSION: Tuesday 5p to 545p

Wednesday & Thursday 8A to 825A

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

Mass Times

Sunday 1030A

Domingo Misa en español 1230p

Tuesday 6p Bilingual

Wednesday, Thurs., & Friday 830A

Sunday Readings

1st Reading Wisdom 3:1-9**Psalm** 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
or:Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil, for
you are with me.

El Señor es mi pastor, nada me faltará.

2nd Reading Romans 5:5-11 or 6:3-9**Gospel** John 6:37-40

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 2ND

Sunday; November 2	For All the Faithful Departed †	1030A
Domingo; 2 de Noviembre	Por Todos los Feles Difuntos †	1230P español
Tues.; November 4	For All the Faithful Departed †	6P
Wed.; November 5	For All the Faithful Departed †	830A
Thurs.; November 6	For All the Faithful Departed †	830A
Friday; November 7	For All the Faithful Departed †	830A

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Rod Montgomery
Raul Saavedra
Jose Raul Rivera
Mary Anne Durant
Isabel Rivera Leon
Andrea Inzunza
Joan Memmer
Leo Benedetti
Kim Avoy Helgeson
Carlos Torres

Samia Zumout
Greg DeCristofaro
John Thomas
Carrie Sonsteng
Art Sanchez
Santiago Ávila
Joe DiDuca
Barbara Mesa

Tim Steffen
Elaine Little
Ron Keyes
Theresa Durant
Sam Kempner
Richard Carmack
Helvia Saavedra
Celia Topete

NOVEMBER INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

For The Prevention of Suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts
might find the support, care, and love they need in
their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

INTENCIONES DE NOVIEMBRE DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

Para la prevención del suicidio

Oremos para que quienes luchan con pensamientos suicidas encuentren
el apoyo, la atención y el amor que necesitan en su comunidad,
y se abran a la belleza de la vida.

This Week's Readings**THIRTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME****Monday; November 3rd**

1st Reading: Romans 11:29-36

Psalm 69:30-31, 33-34, 36

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Gospel: Luke 14:12-14

Tuesday; Nov. 4th**Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop**

1st Reading: Romans 12:5-16ab

Psalm 131:1bcde, 2, 3

In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.

Gospel: Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday; November 5th

1st Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Psalm 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9

Blessed the man who is gracious and lends to those in need.

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Thursday; November 6th

1st Reading: Romans 14:7-12

Psalm 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

Friday; November 7th

1st Reading: Romans 15:14-21

Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Gospel: Luke 16:1-8

Saturday; November 8th

1st Reading: Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27

Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11

I will praise your name for ever, Lord.

Gospel: Luke 16:9-15

Sunday; November 9th**Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome**

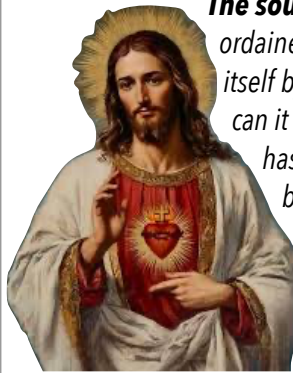
1st Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9

The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High!

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17

Gospel: John 2:13-22

MEDITATION OF THE DAY**The Purifying Fires of God's Love**

The soul was created for reaching perfection if it lives as God has ordained and does not stain itself with any sin. But having stained itself by original sin, it loses its gifts and graces and lies dead. Nor can it rise again except by God's means. And when God, by baptism, has raised it from the dead, it is still prone to evil, inclining and being led to actual sin unless it resists. And thus it dies again. Then God by another special grace raises it again....

All the divine workings of which we have spoken are needed to recall it to its first state in which God created it. Without them it could never get back there. And when the soul finds itself on the road back to its first state, its need to be

transformed in God kindles in it a fire so great that this is its purgatory....

A last act of love is done by God without help from man. So many hidden imperfections are in the soul that, did it see them, it would live in despair. But in the state of which we have spoken they are all burnt away, and only when they have gone does God show them to the soul, so that it may see the divine working which kindles the fire of love in which its imperfections have been burnt away....

If a work is to be perfect it must be wrought in us but not chiefly by us, for God's works must be done by him and not wrought chiefly by man. Such works are those last wrought in us by God of his pure love, by him alone without merit of ours.... That love for God which fills the soul to overflowing gives it, as I see it, a happiness beyond what can be told. — SAINT CATHERINE OF GENOA

Saint Catherine of Genoa († 1510) was the director of a hospital that cared for victims of the plague. Her *Treatise on Purgatory* relates a mystical vision of the experience of the souls in purgatory. / From *Treatise on Purgatory*, Charlotte Balfour & Helen Douglas Irvine, trs. Sheed & Ward Inc., 1946.

Excerpt from *Magnificat Magazine*, Meditation of the Day, November 2, 2025

HOMILY NOTES

Bienvenidos a noviembre y a la Devoción de este mes a las Santas Almas del Purgatorio. Nos encontramos en una posición única, ya que nuestros méritos terrenales pueden ayudar a las almas del Purgatorio si ofrecemos intencionalmente a Dios nuestras oraciones, buenas obras, sacrificios y, especialmente, el Santo Sacrificio de la Misa para su alivio.

Con la caída de las hojas y el acortamiento de los días, recordamos que toda vida terrenal llega a su fin, y nuestra atención se centra en una profunda y solemne devoción: las Almas del Purgatorio. El Catecismo enseña: «Todos los que mueren en la gracia y amistad de Dios, pero aún imperfectamente purificados, tienen asegurada su salvación eterna; pero después de la muerte, se someten a una purificación para alcanzar la santidad necesaria para entrar en la alegría del cielo» (CCC 1030).



Welcome to November and to this month's Devotion to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. We are in a unique position in that our merits here on earth can assist the holy souls if we intentionally offer to God our prayers, good works, sacrifices, and especially the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for their relief.

As the leaves fall & the days grow shorter, it reminds us that all earthly life comes to an end, the focus shifts to a profound and solemn devotion—the Holy Souls of Purgatory.

The Catechism teaches: "All who die in God's grace and friendship but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death, they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven." (CCC 1030)

LA IMPORTANCIA DE LA ORACIÓN POR LAS ALMAS SANTAS DEL PURGATORIO

La Sagrada Escritura, los Concilios de la Iglesia, el Catecismo y los santos enseñan que es una buena y piadosa práctica rezar y hacer penitencia por los difuntos (2 Macabeos 12:45, Concilio de Trento, Canon 13, Catecismo n.º 1032). Y cuando muramos, probablemente necesitaremos la misma caridad que se nos mostró. La Iglesia sabe que tendemos a descuidar nuestras devociones y, por eso, en su sabiduría, dedica un mes a esta importante obra de misericordia espiritual. Y en su generosidad, la Iglesia nos ha brindado una oportunidad especial durante los primeros ocho días de noviembre. En cada uno de estos ocho días, los fieles pueden obtener una indulgencia plenaria por las almas del difunto, bajo las condiciones habituales (véase más abajo), visitando un cementerio y rezando por los difuntos. ¡Una indulgencia plenaria anula toda la pena temporal debida por el pecado! ¡Podemos liberar un alma del difunto cada día del 1 al 8 de noviembre!

1. **Visiten un cementerio** durante los primeros ocho días de noviembre para obtener una indulgencia plenaria diaria por un alma en pena. Continúen visitándolo durante todo el mes y más allá, rezando por los difuntos.
2. **Ofrezcan sacrificios** por las almas en pena pidiendo una misa por ellas o rezando el Rosario, una novena* o la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia.
3. **Como actividad familiar**, hagan un cartel con la lista de todos los difuntos y colóquenlo en un lugar visible para que la familia recuerde rezar por sus seres queridos durante todo noviembre.
4. **Aprendan más sobre el Purgatorio** leyendo el Catecismo y otros escritos de los santos.
5. **Conversen en familia** sobre la muerte, cómo prepararse para ella, los funerales y entierros católicos y el Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos.
6. **Confesense regularmente** (el Padre Chuck recomienda hacerlo una vez al mes) para asegurarse de estar siempre en estado de gracia y así obtener una indulgencia por un alma en pena y cuidar de las suyas.

* El boletín STM incluye un folleto titulado «Oraciones diarias por las almas del purgatorio» y «100 Requiem Por Las Almas Del Purgatorio».

FUENTE: <https://covenantcatholic.org/devotion-of-the-month/november-dedicated-to->

THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

Sacred Scripture, the Church Councils, the Catechism, and the saints all teach that it is a good and pious practice to pray and do penance for the dead (2 Maccabees 12:45, Council of Trent, Canon 13, Catechism #1032). And when we die, we will likely need the same charity shown to us. The Church knows we are prone to become lax in our devotions and so, in Her wisdom, She sets aside a month for this important spiritual work of mercy. And in her generosity, the Church has given us a special opportunity in the first 8 days of November. On each of the first 8 days, the faithful can gain a plenary indulgence for the poor souls, under the usual conditions (see below), by visiting a cemetery and saying prayers for the dead. A plenary indulgence cancels out all the temporal punishment due to sin! We can free a poor soul every day from November 1st through the 8th!

1. **Visit a cemetery** the first 8 days of November to obtain a Plenary Indulgence each day for a poor soul. Keep going there through the month and beyond, saying prayers for the dead while there.
2. **Make sacrifices for the poor souls** by having a Mass said for them or praying a Rosary, a novena*, or the Divine Mercy Chaplet.
3. **As a family activity, make a poster** listing all the dearly departed & put it on display so our family can be reminded to pray for our loved ones throughout November.
4. **Learn more about Purgatory** by reading the Catechism and other writings of the saints.
5. **Have family discussions** about death, preparing for death, Catholic funerals and burials, and the Sacrament of the Sick.
6. **Go to Confession regularly** (Fr. Chuck asks for once a month) to make sure we are always in a state of grace so we can gain an indulgence for a poor soul and take care of our own.

* Included with the Nov. 2 STM Bulletin is a booklet, "Daily Prayers for the Holy Souls in Purgatory". The prayers begin on Sunday making today the perfect day to start your 7-day devotion to your beloved dead and all holy souls in purgatory.

SOURCE: <https://covenantcatholic.org/devotion-of-the-month/november-dedicated-to-the-poor-souls/>

**DO YOU
KNOW?**

Who was first to use a tablet to download data from the cloud?
(See answer at bottom of page)

Breakfast Burritos**TODAY!****SUNDAY, November 2**

Immediately following 10:30 and 12:30 Masses

St. Thomas More Catholic Church**Good Food. Good cause. Good fellowship**

\$10.00 – Adults \$30.00 – Families

Tickets at the door

**Operation Christmas Child Needs
Your Help**

Our parish is partnering with Samaritan's Purse to deliver Christmas Shoe Boxes to deserving children around the world to bring them the joy and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

We're asking you to please take a shoe box and do the following:

1. Follow the instructions inside the box.
2. Return the boxes to STM between Nov. 17 and 24.
(Note: Don't over fill the shoe boxes.)
3. Optional: You can also donate \$10.00 to defray the cost of shipping by using the envelope provided.

Questions? Contact Greg DeCristofaro at (530) 873-4132H or (530) 588-3790C or email gregdec@att.net. We thank you on behalf of the kids!

**MEN'S MINISTRY**

Friday; Nov. 7 | 7A | Church Hall Small Room

**ADORATION**Friday; Nov. 7 | Following 830A Mass
Ends at 6P**DO YOU
KNOW?****ANSWER:
MOSES****Parish Financial Support**

June - Sept.: First Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 2025

Offertory Collections	\$32,324
WeShare (Online Giving)	\$9,205
Special Collections	\$5,317
Holy Days	\$254

Christ loves His church (Eph. 5:25) just as our parishioners love St. Thomas More and support her. This support allows us to live out our mission –

To know, love, live and spread the good news of Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith. Guided by the Holy Spirit, [we] share our time, talent, and treasure in the service of the spiritual, liturgical, educational and social needs of all God's people. (Adopted 1995)



Left to right: Fr. Chuck, baby Leo, Greg Johnson (granddad), Larry Ahumada (assisting), Justin Kerri (Leo's dad).

**Congratulations on
Baby Leo's Baptism
Last Sunday**

Left to right: Justin & Heidi Kerri (parents), Rose Flores (godmother), Greg Johnson.

STM parishioners witnessed the baptism of Leo Kerri last Sunday and reconfirmed their own baptismal vows. Refreshments were served after Mass, courtesy of Lisa & Greg Johnson, Leo's grandparents. Big thank you to The Women of STM for setup, serving, and cleanup.

Congratulations,
Justin & Heidi!



Leonardo Kerri was born May 8, 2025, the same day Prevost was elected Pope; taking the name Pope Leo XIV!

**YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS!**

Check out the beautiful new website for our three Newman Centers at Chico State, Sacramento State, and U.C. Davis. The Newman Centers minister to our college students.

newmancatholiccenter.org