

# ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## About St. Thomas More

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Office Hrs: Mon. - Thurs. 9a-2p (Closed Friday)

**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** Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

**Psalms** 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Señor, ten compasión de nosotros.

**2nd Reading** Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

**Gospel** Luke 12:13-21

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 3RD

Sunday; August 3	Manuel Reyes † Deceased members of the Mangan Family †	1030A
Domingo 3 de agosto	Intenciones de Juanita Martinez y familia Intenciones de Elias y Alicia Real	1230P español
Tuesday; Aug. 5	Health Intentions of Don Van Roekel Intenciones de Elias y Alicia Real	6P
Wed.; Aug. 6	Intentions of Rick Hodson Intenciones de Elias y Alicia Real	830A
Thurs.; Aug. 7	Intentions of Art Sanchez Intenciones de Elias y Alicia Real	830A
Friday; Aug. 8	Deceased members of the Fitzgerald Family † Health Intentions of Barbara Brown	830A

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Rod Montgomery  
Raul Saavedra  
Jose Raul Rivera  
Mary Anne Durant  
Isabel Rivera Leon  
Andrea Inzunza  
Marlene Woodard  
Joan Memmer

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

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

## AUGUST INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

**For Mutual Coexistence**

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

## INTENCIONES DE AGOSTO DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

**Por la convivencia mutua**

Oremos para que las sociedades donde la convivencia parece más difícil no sucumban a la tentación del enfrentamiento por razones étnicas, políticas, religiosas o ideológicas.

## This Week's Readings

### EIGHTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

**Monday; August 4<sup>th</sup>** MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST

1st Reading: Numbers 11:4b-15

Psalm 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17

*Sing with joy to God our help.*

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

**Tuesday; August 5<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: Numbers 12:1-13

Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13

*Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-36

**Wednesday; August 6<sup>th</sup>** 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: Luke 9:28b-36

**Thursday; August 7<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: Numbers 20:1-13

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

*If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-23

**Friday; August 8<sup>th</sup>** MEMORIAL OF SAINT DOMINIC, PRIEST

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-40

Psalm 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21

*I remember the deeds of the Lord.*

Gospel: Matthew 16:24-28

**Saturday; August 9<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 6:4-13

Psalm 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51

*I love you, Lord, my strength.*

Gospel: Matthew 17:14-20

## MEDITATION OF THE DAY

### Thanking the Giver of All Good Gifts



#### Three good things result from thanksgiving.

- 1) The first is the preservation of those goods that have already been received.... For it belongs to our good Lord to conserve in a man those things which that man acknowledges that he holds from him, and on which he pays the tax that is due. And in this case, the tax is thanksgiving, as has been said.
- 2) The second benefit of thanksgiving is the multiplication of good things. For just as ingratitude prevents this, in accordance with Bernard [of Clairvaux], who says: "Ingratitude is a scorching wind that dries up the spring of love, the dew of mercy, and the waters of grace," so conversely those who give thanks for benefits received are worthy to receive more abundant ones in the present life. And so Bernard says: "From the place whence they came, the rivers of graces return," that is, by thanksgiving, "so that they may flow again."
- 3) The third benefit is that one obtains greater things in the next life.... Whoever does not glorify the Lord by thanksgiving is... like an untrustworthy servant who holds on to what is his master's. But whoever does glorify him will be advanced to greater things in the future.... Well done, good and faithful servant; I will place thee over many things (Mt 25:23).

**Therefore, since so many evils result from ingratitude,** and so many good things from thanksgiving, the Church invites us to give thanks, saying daily [in the Preface at Mass]: "It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father." And Augustine issues the same invitation, saying: "What better can we keep in our minds or utter with our lips or write with our quills, than: 'Thanks be to God'? Nothing more succinct can be said, nothing more welcome can be heard, nothing greater can be thought, nothing can be more profitably given."... And so, since acting well is a special gift of God, for we can do no good without him, Bernard says: "When you find that you are doing the things which are written, give thanks to our Lord, who is the one who bestows all good things." —BLESSED HUMBERT OF ROMANS

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## HOMILY NOTES



**El mes de agosto está dedicado al Inmaculado Corazón de María y durante este mes también se fomenta una mayor adoración a la Eucaristía.**

El corazón físico de María es venerado (y no adorado como el Sagrado Corazón de Jesús) porque está unido a su persona y es la sede de su amor (especialmente por su divino Hijo), su virtud y su vida interior. Esta devoción incentiva un amor y una virtud similares.

**El viernes 15 de agosto, día de precepto,** la Iglesia celebrará la Solemnidad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María. Y aquí, en Santo Tomás Moro, celebraremos con dos misas:

**Viernes, 15 de agosto, 8:30A** (inglés)

**Viernes, 15 de agosto, 6:30P** (bilingüe)

Luego, el viernes 22 de agosto, celebraremos la Memoria de la Realidad de la Bienaventurada Virgen María.

**DEVOCIÓN: HACER UNA CONSAGRACIÓN A MARÍA**

El 21 de noviembre de 1964, en la clausura de la tercera sesión del Concilio Vaticano, el Papa Pablo VI renovó públicamente la consagración de la Iglesia y del mundo al Inmaculado Corazón de María. En su visita a Fátima, el 13 de mayo de 1967, recordó esta consagración anterior y animó a todos los hijos de la Iglesia a renovar personalmente su consagración al Inmaculado Corazón de la Madre de la Iglesia y a vivir este noble acto de veneración mediante una vida... conforme a la voluntad divina y con espíritu de servicio filial y devota imitación de su Reina celestial.

Esta invitación a la consagración se extiende a cada uno de nosotros. Sin embargo, al realizar este acto de consagración, nuestra consideración más esencial es que podamos vivirlo.

Según el libro de San Luis de Montfort, *La Verdadera Devoción*, vivir una consagración podría describirse como seguir tres actitudes o espíritus:

1. **Unión** – Imitación de Jesús y María, para asemejarnos a ellos y procurar desarrollar, lo más constante posible, una comprensión de su presencia y la de ella.
2. **Dependencia** – Dar a Jesús y María el derecho de disponer de todo lo que tenemos, tanto temporal como espiritual.
3. **Obediencia** – Jesús y María tienen el derecho de pedirnos cualquier cosa, incluso sin recompensa. En la consagración, reconocemos ese derecho, lo otorgamos por amor y nos proponemos llevarlo a cabo con la mayor generosidad.

La consagración es la respuesta más plena a estas promesas y su cumplimiento. María, en vista de su Inmaculada Concepción, era la más indicada para responder plenamente, y así lo hizo, con una plenitud y perfección inimaginables. ...Pío IX nos dijo que, incluso al comienzo de su existencia, su santidad era tan grande que «no se puede pensar en nadie mayor bajo Dios, y nadie más que Dios puede comprenderla». (Extraído de *El Plan de Nuestro Padre*, P. William G. Most)

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**The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and during this month increased adoration to the Eucharist is also encouraged.**

The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life. Such devotion is an incentive to a similar love and virtue.

**On Friday, August 15, a Holy Day of Obligation,** the Church will celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. And here at St. Thomas More we will celebrate with two Masses:

**Friday, Aug. 15th, 8:30A** (English)

**Friday, Aug. 15th, 6:30P** (bilingual)

Then, on Friday Aug. 22, we will celebrate the Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**DEVOTION: MAKING A CONSECRATION TO MARY**

Pope Paul VI, on Nov. 21, 1964, on the floor of the Vatican Council at the close of the third session, renewed publicly the consecration of the Church and the world to Mary's Immaculate Heart. On his visit to Fatima, May 13, 1967, he recalled this earlier consecration and encouraged all the sons of the Church to renew personally their consecration to the Immaculate Heart of the Mother of the Church & to bring alive this most noble act of veneration through a life... in accord with the divine will and in a spirit of filial service and devout imitation of their heavenly Queen. This invitation to consecration extends to each of us. However, when making this act of consecration, our most essential consideration is that we are able to live it!

According to St. Louis de Montfort's book, *True Devotion*, living a consecration could be described as following three attitudes or spirits:

1. **Union** – Imitation of Jesus and Mary, so as to become like them, and trying to develop as constant as possible a realization of His and her presence.
2. **Dependence** – Give to Jesus and Mary the right to dispose of everything we have, temporal and spiritual.
3. **Obedience** – Jesus and Mary have the right to ask us to do anything at all, even without reward. In consecration, we recognize that right, give it on a basis of love, and plan to carry it out with fullest generosity.

Consecration is the fullest kind of response to and carrying out of these promises. Mary, in view of her Immaculate Conception, was most fitted to respond most fully, and that she did, with a fullness and perfection beyond our ability to visualize. ...Pius IX told us that even at the start of her existence, her holiness was so great that "none greater under God can be thought of, and no one but God can comprehend it." (Excerpted from *Our Father's Plan*, Fr. William G. Most)

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**Reminder  
Adoration**

*Friday immediately following  
830A Mass until 6p.*



**Attention Men of STM!**

Please join Deacon Tom  
O'Connell for the  
**Men's Ministry**  
Friday | 7A | in the Hall  
(go to the small room)



**Just so you know...**

**Friday Aug. 22**, is the Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This day is not a holy day of obligation. However, as August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, note this as a reminder of another special day for our Mother. Mass will be celebrated at 830A.



**2025 Jubilee of Hope Upcoming**

**Convocatoria al Ministerio Hispano  
Acompáñanos**

**9 de  
Agosto**

9 de Agosto de 2025  
8am -2:00pm  
Santuario de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe  
711 T St.  
Sacramento, CA 95811

Costo: \$30.00  
Formation

**ON FIRE**

Saturday September 13, 2025  
9A to 8P

**Sept. 13**

Join us at ON FIRE 2025 for the Jubilee Day  
for Young People!

Six Flags Discovery Kingdom  
1001 Fairgrounds Dr  
Vallejo, CA 94589  
Cost: \$64 per person



**Begins Thursday, Sept. 11 at 1p**

Ladies Bible Study group will meet in the hall 1P to 2P beginning Thursday, Sept. 11. The focus of the series is the Gospel of Mark found in the New Testament, using the study guide written by Scott Hahn & Curtis Mitch.

The guide is well written and provides a great deal of information and stimulation for discussion. All ladies are welcome.

**Questions?** Call Gail Crowley 530.570-8474 or Louise Kyle 530.720-1061.



**The Women of St. Thomas More  
~ present ~  
The Sixth Annual  
Chocolate & Wine Festival!**

**Saturday | Sept. 20 | 3p to 6p**

**Tickets on Sale Now!**