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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

Wed., Thursday, Friday 830A

Sunday Readings

1st Reading Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

La viña del Señor es la casa de Israel.

2nd Reading Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel Matthew 21:33-43

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 4TH

Sunday; October 4	Rosemary Peterson on her 95th birthday Deacon Mike & Deon Mangan on their Wedding Anniversary	1030A
Domingo; 4 de Octubre	For the birthday of Samia Zumout Intenciones de Isabel Rodriguez y Alejandrino de la Cruz	1230P español
Tues.; October 6	Irma Douglas † Miguel & Leticia Balladares †	6P
Wed.; October 7	Fr. Brendan McKeefry † Larry Campbell †	830A
Thurs.; October 8	Geronimo Valdez † Reymundo & Maria Balladares †	830A
Friday; October 9	Garry Rosenbloom † Jimmy Topalinski †	830A

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Rod Montgomery
Bernhard Family
Mary Anne Durant
Andrea Inzunza
Kimberly Laird
Leo Benedetti
The Mortenson Family
Michael Coronado
Joan Memmer
Beverly Brown
Peg McMahon

Samia Zumout
Carrie Sonsteng
Art Sanchez
Santiago Avila
Carlos Torres
Tony & Francene Packett
Larry Young
Kim DeFretias

Bryant Smith
Ron Keyes
Theresa Durant
Dolores Costello
Rosemary Peterson
David Brown
Gloria Klinger
The Ginn's Family
Rafael Baez
Humberto Bozzo

OCTOBER INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

INTENCIONES DE OCTUBRE DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

Para el ministerio de salud mental

Oremos para que se establezca el ministerio de salud mental en toda la Iglesia, ayudando a superar el estigma y la discriminación hacia las personas con enfermedades mentales.

This Week's Readings
THE 27TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**Monday; October 5th**

1st Reading: Galatians 1:6-12

Psalm 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9, 10c

The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Tues.; October 6th

1st Reading: Galatians 1:13-24

Psalm 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15

Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Wed.; October 7th *Memorial of Our Lady
of the Rosary*

1st Reading: Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14

Psalm 117:1bc, 2

Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.

Gospel: Luke 11:1-4

Thursday; October 8th

1st Reading: Galatians 3:1-5

Psalm Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people.

Gospel: Luke 11:5-13

Friday; October 9th

1st Reading: Galatians 3:7-14

Psalm 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6

The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.

Gospel: Luke 11:15-26

Saturday; October 10th

1st Reading: Galatians 3:22-29

Psalm 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Gospel: Luke 11:27-28

Sunday; October 10th**Twenty-eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

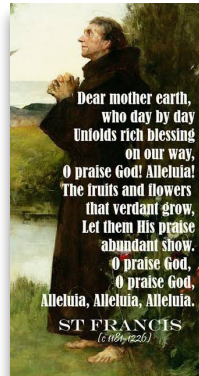
1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a

Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

MEDITATION OF THE DAY**An Exhortation to Be Wise Tenants**

"Brother Francis, your little and looked-down-upon servant in the Lord God, wishes health and peace to all mayors and consuls, magistrates and governors throughout the world and to all others to whom these words may come.

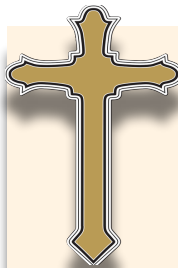
Reflect and see that the day of death is approaching. With all possible respect, therefore, I beg you not to forget the Lord because of this world's cares and preoccupations and not to turn away from his commandments, for all those who leave him in oblivion and turn away from his commandments are cursed and will be left in oblivion by him (Ez 33:13).

When the day of death does come, everything they think they have shall be taken from them. The wiser and more powerful they may have been in this world, the greater will be the punishment they will endure in hell.

Therefore I strongly advise you... to put aside all care & preoccupation and receive the most holy Body & Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ with fervor in holy remembrance of him. May you foster... honor to the Lord among the people entrusted to you.... If you do not do this, know that, on the day of judgment, you must render an account before the Lord your God, Jesus Christ. Let those who keep this writing with them and observe it know that they will be blessed by the Lord God. — SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Saint Francis of Assisi († 1226) was a deacon, father to the poor, missionary, and religious founder. This is a letter he wrote to "The Rulers of the Peoples." / From Francis of Assisi, *The Saint*, Volume I of: Francis of Assisi: Early Documents, Regis J. Armstrong, o.f.m. cap., J. A. Wayne Hellman, o.f.m. conv., William J. Short, o.f.m., eds. Copyright © New City Press, Hyde Park, NY.

Excerpt from Magnificat Magazine, Meditation of the Day, October 4, 2026

**HOMILY NOTES**

Bienvenidos a octubre, el mes dedicado al

Santo Rosario. Este mes está dedicado al Santo Rosario debido a la rica historia de esta devoción especial, que se remonta al 7 de octubre de 1571. Ese día, una flota cristiana obtuvo una victoria decisiva en la batalla de Lepanto. El Papa San Pío V atribuyó este triunfo a los innumerables católicos que rezaban el Rosario. En honor a este acontecimiento milagroso, instituyó la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de la Victoria –celebrada actualmente como la fiesta de Nuestra Señora del Rosario el 7 de octubre–, recordándonos así el poder de la oración y la amorosa intercesión de María. A lo largo de este mes, se nos invita a acoger esta hermosa oración. El Rosario es una meditación sobre los misterios de la vida de Cristo que nos ayuda a acercarnos más a Él a través de los ojos de su Madre. Es una fuente de fortaleza ante los desafíos y una oración profunda por la paz en nuestras familias, nuestra comunidad y nuestro mundo. Se invita a los feligreses de St. Thomas More a rezar el Rosario con los Franciscanos Seglares el primer domingo de cada mes y con los Caballeros de Colón el cuarto domingo de cada mes.

“El Rosario es el “arma” para estos tiempos.” — SAN PADRE PÍO

“Rezad el Rosario todos los días para obtener la paz para el mundo.” — NUESTRA SEÑORA A LOS NIÑOS DE FÁTIMA.

Así que tomemos nuestros rosarios este mes de octubre y oremos los unos por los otros.

PRINCIPALES FESTIVIDADES CATÓLICAS DE OCTUBRE

- OCT. 1: La fiesta de Santa Teresa de Lisieux. Honra a la Doctora de la Iglesia que prometió pasar su tiempo en el Cielo derramando rosas sobre la Tierra. Santa Teresa profesaba una profunda devoción a Nuestra Señora desde su más tierna infancia.
- OCT. 2: La Fiesta de los Santos Ángeles Custodios. Honra a aquellos a quienes Dios ha puesto sobre nosotros para protegernos, guiarnos e impulsarnos al amor y a las buenas obras hasta que alcancemos nuestro Hogar espiritual.
- OCT. 7: Fiesta de Nuestra Señora del Santo Rosario. Conmemora la victoria en la batalla de Lepanto en 1571.
- OCT. 22: La fiesta de San Juan Pablo II conmemora a un papa reciente y gran defensor del Santo Rosario. Devoto de esta oración desde su juventud, Juan Pablo II la promovió a lo largo de su vida religiosa y, como papa, exhortó especialmente a rezar el Rosario en familia. Asimismo, añadió los Misterios Luminosos para fomentar en los fieles la meditación catequética sobre la vida de Cristo.
- OCT. 24: San Antonio María Claret. Rinde homenaje al fundador de los Misioneros Hijos del Inmaculado Corazón de María y ferviente devoto de la Santísima Virgen María. Es sabido que San Antonio comenzaba cada sermón instruyendo sobre cómo rezar el Rosario. Rezaba tres rosarios al día.

**Welcome to October, the month dedicated to The Holy Rosary.**

This month is dedicated to the Holy Rosary because of this special devotion's rich history that dates back to October 7, 1571. On that day, a Christian fleet won a decisive victory at the Battle of Lepanto. Pope St. Pius V attributed this triumph to the countless Catholics who were praying the Rosary. In honor of this miraculous event, he established the Feast of Our Lady of Victory, now celebrated as the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7, thus reminding us of the power of prayer and Mary's loving intercession. Throughout this month, we are invited to embrace this beautiful prayer. The Rosary is a meditation on the mysteries of Christ's life, helping us to grow closer to Him through the eyes of His mother. It is a source of

strength in our challenges and a profound prayer for peace in our families, our community, and our world. The parishioners of St. Thomas More are invited to pray the Rosary with the Secular Franciscans on the first Sunday of every month and with the Knights of Columbus on the fourth Sunday each month.

“The Rosary is the ‘weapon’ for these times.” — ST. PADRE PÍO

*“Pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world...”
— OUR LADY TO THE CHILDREN OF FÁTIMA.*

So let's pick up our rosaries this October & pray for one another.

KEY CATHOLIC FEAST DAYS IN OCTOBER

- OCT. 1: The Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux. Honors the Doctor of the Church who promised to spend her time in Heaven showering down roses upon Earth. St. Therese had a deep devotion to Our Lady from her early childhood.
- OCT. 2: The Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels. Honors those whom God has placed over us to protect, guide & spur us on to love & good works til we reach our spiritual Home.
- OCT. 7: The Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. Commemorates the victory at the Battle of Lepanto in 1571.
- OCT. 22: The Feast of St. John Paul II. commemorates a recent pope and champion of the Holy Rosary. Devoted to this prayer from his youth, John Paul II promoted it throughout his religious life; and as pope, he particularly called for the family recitation of the Rosary. He added the Luminous Mysteries to further the Faithful's catechetical meditation on the life of Christ.
- OCT. 24: St. Anthony Mary Claret. Honors the founder of the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and fervent devotee of the Blessed Virgin Mary. St. Anthony is known to have begun every sermon with instructions on how to pray the Rosary. He prayed three Rosaries daily.

Source: <https://covenantcatholic.org/devotion-of-the-month/october-dedicated-to-the-holy-rosary/>; <https://www.assumptionschool-sl.org/apps/news/article/2115888>

**ADORATION**

Friday, Oct. 9 | Follows 830A Mass

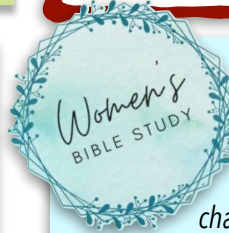
**MEN'S MINISTRY**Friday, Oct. 9 | **930A** | Church Hall Mtg Rm.**COLUMBUS DAY DINNER**
Celebrando Juntos

Proceeds support the intellectually disabled

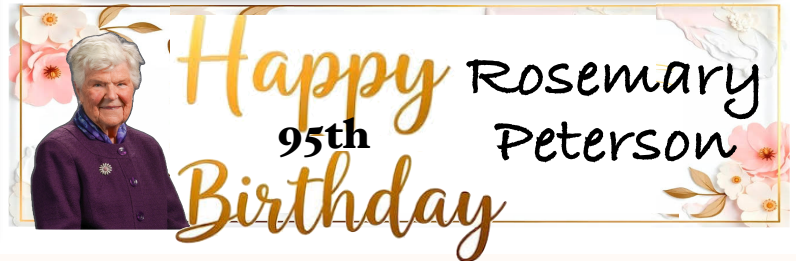
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17**St. Thomas More Parish Hall****6P Social | 6:30P Dinner****Spaghetti Dinner** 🍷 **Entertainment**
50/50 Drawing 🍷 **Silent Auction****\$15 – Adults \$40 – Families***Tickets after Sunday Mass or at the door.**Boletos a la venta después la misa dominical o en la entrada.***Franciscan Month**
2026DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, PEOPLE ACROSS THE COUNTRY WILL CELEBRATE THE FRANCISCAN VISION OF BUILDING A MORE FRATERNAL AND EVANGELICAL WORLD. LEARN MORE AND JOIN THE CELEBRATION: WWW.FRANCISCANMONTH.ORG**Confirmación de Adultos**
5 de octubre

Comienza el 5 de octubre de 8:30P a 10:00P por Zoom.

Para mas información puedes contactar a Eva Lin-Galán (510)982-6017.

*at St. Thomas More is Now in Session every Thursday at 130P**The ladies Bible study meet in the Family Life Center small meeting rm. Study continues with Matthew chapter 14. There are a few things planned to vary & add to the study. All ladies are welcome!***Women of STM Monthly Meeting****Saturday | Oct. 17 | 10A****St. Thomas More Hall small meeting room**

At this important meeting we'll discuss outcomes & begin an after action review of the Chocolate Fest; calendarize remaining activities for 2026, and more!

**PRAYER OF THE HOLY FATHER LEO XIV**
FOR THE JUBILEE OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI.

St. Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man of peace, intercede for us before the Lord.

You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano, teach us to seek Him in the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall.

You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, Give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries.

In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers; unarmed and disarming witnesses of peace that comes from Christ. — Amen

(Taken from his letter to the Ministers General of the Conference of the Franciscan Family)