



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

Wed., Thursday, Friday 830A

Sunday Readings

1st Reading *Zechariah 9:9-10*

Psalm *145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14*

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Acuérdate, Señor, de tu misericordia.

2nd Reading *Romans 8:9, 11-13*

Gospel *Matthew 11:25-30*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF JULY 5TH

<i>Sunday; July 5</i>	<i>Rev. Thomas Charles Caswell † Leo Valentine †</i>	<i>1030A</i>
<i>Domingo; 5 de julio</i>	<i>Larry Campbell † Maximina León Mendez †</i>	<i>1230P español</i>
<i>Tues.; July 7</i>	<i>Cancelled</i>	<i>6P</i>
<i>Wed.; July 8</i>	<i>Liturgy of the Word Private Devotions</i>	<i>830A</i>
<i>Thurs.; July 9</i>	<i>Liturgy of the Word Private Devotions</i>	<i>830A</i>
<i>Friday; July 10</i>	<i>Liturgy of the Word. Adoration</i>	<i>830A</i>

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

*Rod Montgomery
Bernhard Family
Mary Anne Durant
Rick Sillman
Andrea Inzunza
Kimberly Laird
Leo Benedetti
Kim Avoy Helgeson
Antonio Longuiera
Barbara Braun
Michael Coronado*

*Samia Zumout
Greg DeCristofaro
Carrie Sonsteng
Art Sanchez
Santiago Ávila
Carlos Torres
Tony & Francene Packett
Rick Hodson
Patricia Mortenson*

*Bryant Smith
Ron Keyes
Theresa Durant
Raul & Helvia
Saavedra
Dolores Costello
Rosemary Peterson
Susie Boyd
David Brown
Gloria Klinger*

JULY INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

For respect for human life

*Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages,
recognizing it as a gift from God.*

INTENCIONES DE JULIO DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

Por el respeto a la vida humana

*Oremos por el respeto y la protección de la vida humana en todas sus
etapas, reconociéndola como un don de Dios.*

This Week's Readings
THE 14TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday; July 6th

1st Reading: Hosea 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22
Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
The Lord is gracious and merciful.
Gospel: Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday; July 7th

1st Reading: Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13
Psalm 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10
The house of Israel trusts in the Lord.
Gospel: Matthew 9:32-38

Wednesday; July 8th

1st Reading: Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12
Psalm 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Seek always the face of the Lord.
Gospel: Matthew 10:1-7

Thursday; July 9th

1st Reading: Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9
Psalm 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16
Let us see your face, Lord, and we shall be saved.
Gospel: Matthew 10:7-15

Friday; July 10th

1st Reading: Hosea 14:2-10
Psalm 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14, 17
My mouth will declare your praise.
Gospel: Matthew 10:16-23

Saturday; July 11th *Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot*

1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5
The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.
Gospel: Matthew 10:24-33

Sunday; July 12th

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11
Psalm 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14
The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.
2nd Reading: Romans 8:18-23
Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

MEDITATION OF THE DAY
Humble of Heart



There are two kinds of humility in Christ as regards his divinity. The first is that he willed to become a human being and so took upon himself that same human nature which had been banished and condemned to the depths of hell. He willed to become one with this nature in the unity of his person, with the result that everyone, whether good or evil, can say, "Christ, the Son of God, is my brother." The other kind of humility as regards Christ's divinity is that he chose a poor maiden and not the daughter of a king to be his mother. Thus it was that that poor maiden became the Mother of God, of him who is Lord of heaven and earth and of all creatures. Moreover, of all the works of humility which Christ ever did it can truly be said that God did them.

Let us next consider the humility which, by means of grace and divine gifts, was in Christ as regards his humanity. His soul with all its powers bowed down in reverence and homage before the exalted might of the Father, and a heart thus bowed down is a humble heart. As a result, Christ performed all his works for the honor and praise of his Father and in no way sought glory for himself as regards his humanity. He was humble and subject to the Old Law and to its commandments, and sometimes even to its customs when that was fitting.

For that reason he was circumcised and taken to the Temple to be redeemed, as was the custom, and he paid the tribute money to Caesar just like the other Jews. He was also humble and submissive to his mother and to Joseph, serving them with genuine humility in all their needs. He chose poor and insignificant persons as his companions, to go about with him and convert the world. These were the apostles, and he was lowly and humble among them and among everyone else. He was thus at the disposal of all persons whatever their needs, whether interior or exterior ones, just as if he were the servant of all the world. — BLESSED JOHN OF RUUSBROEC

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Fr. Chuck is on vacation June 22 thru July 17

Wed & Thursday 8:30A

Liturgy of the Word & Private Devotions

Friday 8:30A

Liturgy of the Word followed by Adoration until 7:30P

Sunday Masses remain at their regular time:

10:30A English & 12:30P Spanish

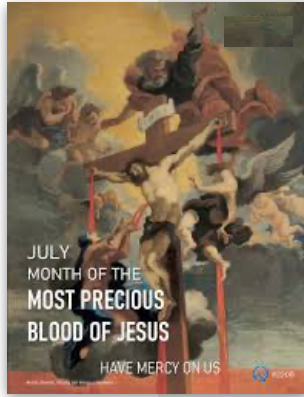


¡Bienvenidos a julio, el mes dedicado a la Preciosísima Sangre! Esta devoción al sagrado misterio de la Sangre de Cristo, derramada por la humanidad, impregna toda la fe católica y es digna de nuestra atenta meditación y de nuestra más profunda adoración.

La devoción a la Preciosísima Sangre por parte de los santos y de los fieles se remonta a los inicios de la Iglesia. En la Sagrada Escritura leemos muchos versículos que honran la sangre de Cristo como fuente de nuestra salvación. San Pedro escribe: «Saben que fueron rescatados de la vana conducta heredada de sus padres, no con cosas corruptibles como la plata o el oro, sino con la preciosa sangre de Cristo, como de un cordero sin defecto ni mancha» (1 Pedro 1, 19). La devoción a la Preciosísima Sangre cobró especial importancia para el Papa Pío IX durante su exilio en el transcurso de la guerra de independencia italiana. Consciente de la gran necesidad de la intervención divina, el Papa instituyó la fiesta de la Preciosísima Sangre para que se celebrara en julio de 1849. El objetivo era implorar la ayuda del Cielo para poner fin a la guerra. Poco después de la institución oficial de la fiesta, la guerra terminó y el Papa regresó a Roma, habiendo sido escuchadas sus oraciones. Con el tiempo, el mes de julio en su totalidad quedó consagrado a la Preciosísima Sangre. Por tanto, la Iglesia anima a todos los fieles a honrar y reconocer con especial atención, durante el mes de julio, la sangre de Jesús derramada por nosotros en su pasión y crucifixión. Al recordar el inmenso sacrificio de nuestro amoroso Salvador en las misas y oraciones de este mes, nos sentimos movidos a expresar una profunda gratitud a Dios por el poder salvador de su sangre y por el don de la salvación que esta ha merecido.

Festividades católicas destacadas relacionadas con la Preciosísima Sangre

- 1 de julio: La Fiesta de la Preciosísima Sangre da inicio a la devoción mensual.
- 3 de julio: La Fiesta de Santo Tomás Apóstol honra al discípulo incrédulo que puso su mano en las llagas de Jesús y luego lo proclamó Señor y Dios.
- 6 de julio: La Fiesta de Santa María Goretti conmemora la breve vida de María Goretti, quien sufrió el martirio y derramó su sangre por la fe a los 11 años.
- 22 de julio: La fiesta de Santa María Magdalena honra a la mujer cuyo amor por Cristo fue tan inmenso que lo dejó todo para seguirlo en su Pasión, permaneciendo al pie de la cruz junto a Nuestra Señora y San Juan.
- 23 de julio: La fiesta de Santa Brígida de Suecia conmemora a la mística que profesaba una devoción especial a Cristo en su Pasión. Nuestro Señor reveló a Santa Brígida el número de llagas que sufrió y le entregó las conocidas 15 oraciones para honrarlas.



Welcome to July, the month dedicated to the Precious Blood! This devotion to the sacred mystery of the Blood of Christ shed for humanity permeates the whole of the Catholic Faith and is worthy of our attentive meditation and deepest adoration.

Devotion to the Most Precious Blood by the saints and the faithful dates back to the beginnings of the Church. We read in Sacred Scripture many verses that honor the blood of Christ as the source of our salvation. Saint Peter writes, "You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your fathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot." (1 Peter 1:19) The Most Precious Blood became a focus for Pope Pius IX while he was in exile during the Italian War for Independence. The Pope understood the great need for God's intervention and instituted the Feast of the Most Precious Blood to be celebrated in July 1849. The purpose was to call upon assistance from Heaven to end the war. Soon after the formal institution of the feast, the war ended and the Pope returned to Rome, his prayers having been answered. Eventually, the entire month of July became dedicated to the Most Precious Blood. The Church, therefore, encourages all the faithful to honor and recognize with particular attention during the month of July the blood of Jesus shed for us during His passion and crucifixion. Being reminded of the tremendous sacrifice of Our loving Savior in the Masses and prayers of this month, we are moved to express deep gratitude to God for the saving power of His blood and the gift of salvation it has merited.

Notable Catholic Feast Days Related to the Precious Blood

- July 1: The Feast of the Most Precious Blood begins the monthly devotion.
- July 3: The Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle honors the doubting disciple who placed his hand into the wounds of Jesus and then proclaimed Him as Lord and God.
- July 6: The Feast of St. Maria Goretti commemorates the brief life of Maria Goretti, who suffered martyrdom, shedding her blood for the faith at age 11.
- July 22: The Feast of St. Mary Magdalene honors the woman whose love for Christ was so immense that she forsook all to follow Him in His passion, remaining at the foot of the cross with Our Lady & St. John.
- July 23: The Feast of St. Bridget of Sweden commemorates the mystic who was particularly devoted to Christ in His passion. Our Lord revealed to St. Bridget the number of wounds He sustained and gave her the well-known 15 prayers to honor them.



ADORATION
Friday, July 10 | Follows 8:30A Mass
Adoration extended to 7:30p thru September



MEN'S MINISTRY
Friday, July 10 | **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:
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**Office Hours
Change**

**Until July 17
Mon - Thurs.
9A to Noon**

While Father Chuck is
on vacation.

**The Women's 1-
Day Retreat With
Special Guest
Speaker Deacon
Ray Helgeson
is Cancelled &
will be
rescheduled for
this Fall 2026.**

**Please Remember STM While On
Vacation!**

IT'S VACATION TIME! Summer is here. Time to throw your cares away and hit the road. Meanwhile, St. Thomas More Catholic Church will still need care & support while you're away. Please remember STM by contributing online while you're on vacation.

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**FOURTH OF JULY WEEKEND
Pancake Breakfast**

TODAY!

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



ST. THOMAS MORE COUNCIL #7773



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

PARADISE, CALIFORNIA



Great Turnout for KidZone!

St. Thomas More hosted a KidzCorner during Party in the Park in June.

Thank you STM Youth Group for helping!

We'll do it one more time Wed. July 22

America's
**250TH
Birthdays!**
JULY 4TH

Happy Independence Day