

# 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** Isaiah 66:10-14c

**Psalms** 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

El Señor me libró de todos mis temores.

**2nd Reading** Galatians 6:14-18

**Gospel** Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 6<sup>TH</sup>

Sunday; July 6	For the birthday intentions of Colette Fleck For the intentions of Leo Bourgeois	1030A
Domingo 6 de julio	Maximina León Mendez (Cumpleaños) José Gutiérrez (Cumpleaños)	1230P español
Tuesday; July 8	Jose Vega Verde †	6P
Wed.; July 9	Ken Campbell †	830A
Thurs.; July 10	Carol Zellmer †	830A
Friday; July 11	For the parishioners of St. Thomas More	830A

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Rod Montgomery  
Kimberly Steffen-Parkney  
Raul Saavedra  
Jose Raul Rivera  
Mary Anne Durant  
Isabel Rivera Leon  
Andrea Inzunza

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

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

## JULY INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

*For formation in discernment*

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

## INTENCIONES DE JULIO DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

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Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

**Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,  
the people he chose for his inheritance.** Psalm 33:12

## This Week's Readings

### FOURTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Monday; July 7<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: Genesis 28:10-22a

Psalm 1:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab

*In you, my God, I place my trust.*

Gospel: Matthew 9:18-26

#### Tuesday; July 8<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: Genesis 32:23-33

Psalm 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15

*In justice, I shall behold your face, O Lord.*

Gospel: Matthew 9:32-38

#### Wednesday; July 9<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a,  
17-24a

Psalm 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19

*Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

Gospel: Matthew 10:1-7

#### Thursday; July 10<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29;  
45:1-5

Psalm 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21

*Remember the marvels the Lord has done.*

Gospel: Matthew 10:7-15

#### Friday; July 11<sup>th</sup>

MEMORIAL OF SAINT BENEDICT, ABBOT

1st Reading: Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30

Psalm 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40

*The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.*

Gospel: Matthew 10:16-23

#### Saturday; July 12<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a

Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7

*Be glad you lowly ones; may your hearts be glad!*

Gospel: Matthew 10:24-33

## MEDITATION OF THE DAY

### Praying for the Harvest



**The thought which stands out in my mind as an incentive to pray for the missions is** that there is not one person created for whom Christ would not have suffered and died, if that one was the only one to be saved. Each one human being is all to God. The

whole of his infinite love is given to each. In this light what a tragedy it is that there can be people who have never heard the name of Christ, and how logical that those who love him find it worth the sacrifice of self to make him known and loved....

**The missionary takes more than the knowledge of Christ:** he or she takes Christ himself. Priests take Christ in the sacraments. But women take Christ too. To make this clear I will tell you what a priest said to me once, years ago. He had been in a persecuting country and imprisoned. He escaped, but with both his hands cut off. He said "Never again can I lift up Christ in my hands, but I can lift him up in my heart and so can you. You can take Christ everywhere, show him to everyone. Be his monstrance."

**The first woman who was Christ's monstrance,** who had a missionary heart, was Our Lady. This is why it is natural to pray to her for the missions and for missionaries. When we do so we are not even asking a favor of her, but are only asking her to do what is clearly her own desire. She was, and of course is, compelled by a twofold love, which is the key to her human personality, two loves so inseparable that in her they are one love. The love of God and the love of man.

**Her own glorious expression of this love in words is the Magnificat** in which Our Lady, rejoicing in the wonder of her motherhood, rejoices most of all, not in her personal delight, but in the fact that her Son will go on his quest of the human heart from generation to generation. —CARYLL HOUSELANDER

Caryll Houselander († 1954) was a British artist, poet, and spiritual author. / From Lift Up Your Hearts. © 1978, H.J. Taylor, Arena Lettres, New York, NY.

Excerpt from Magnificat Magazine, Meditation of the Day, July 6, 2025

## HOMILY NOTES

And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Matthew 10:28



### Julio está dedicado a la Preciosísima

**Sangre de Nuestro Señor.** La Fiesta de la Preciosísima Sangre (1 de julio) fue instituida formalmente en 1849 por el Papa Pío IX, quien se encontraba exiliado de Roma en ese momento. Tuvo como compañero a Don Giovanni Merlini, tercer general de la Congregación de la Preciosísima Sangre de Jesucristo. Este santo sacerdote sugirió al Papa que hiciera voto de dar la fiesta de la Preciosísima Sangre a toda la Iglesia, si recuperaba el territorio papal. Sin comprometerse con el voto, el Papa inmediatamente extendió la fiesta a toda la Iglesia. En el antiguo calendario se celebraba el 1 de julio, pero los católicos [hoy] continúan esta tradición aumentando su devoción a la Preciosísima Sangre durante todo el mes de julio.

Al igual que las Sagradas Llagas de Jesús, su Preciosa Sangre merece un honor especial por su estrecha relación con la Sagrada Pasión. Este honor le fue otorgado desde el principio por los apóstoles, quienes alabaron su poder redentor. (Romanos 5:9: «Somos justificados por su sangre»; Hebreos 13:12: «Así también Jesús, para santificar al pueblo mediante su sangre, padeció fuera de la puerta»; 1 Juan 1:7: «Y la sangre de Jesucristo, su Hijo, nos limpia de todo pecado»).

**Una de las indulgencias** asociadas a la devoción a la Preciosa Sangre: Ofrecer la siguiente oración diariamente durante el mes de julio con la intención de obtener una indulgencia: Esto significa pedir a Dios la gracia de una indulgencia por los méritos de la Preciosa Sangre.

➡ **Nota:** Si bien la oración en sí no garantiza indulgencias, es una devoción poderosa que puede ofrecerse con la intención de obtenerlas.

**La Sangre que corría por las venas de Cristo** era parte de esa Sagrada Humanidad, hecha posible por la maternidad de María, cuyos padres, San Joaquín y Santa Ana, son honrados el 26 de julio. La sangre de nuestro Señor, derramada en la Cruz, compró nuestra salvación, lavó las vestiduras de los mártires y dio a luz a la Iglesia al fluir de su costado herido. La Preciosa Sangre de Cristo, que ahora late en su Cuerpo Místico, continúa su obra salvífica, preservando, purificando, reparando y nutriendo para la regeneración y renovación de sus miembros.

### ORACIÓN A LA PRECIOSA SANGRE

*Sangre Preciosa, Océano de Divina Misericordia:*

*Fluye sobre nosotros.*

*Sangre Preciosa, Ofrenda Purísima: ¡Concédenos toda gracia!*

*Sangre Preciosa, Esperanza y Refugio de los pecadores:*

*¡Expiar por nosotros!*

*Sangre Preciosa, Deleite de las almas santas: ¡Atráenos! Amén.*

— Santa Catalina de Siena



### July is dedicated to the Most Precious

**Blood of Our Lord.** The Feast of the Precious Blood (July 1) was formally instituted in 1849 by Pope Pius IX who was in exile from Rome at that time. He had as his companion Don

Giovanni Merlini, the third general of the Congregation of the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. This saintly priest suggested to the pope that he make a vow to give the feast of the Precious Blood to the entire church, if he should regain the papal territory. Without binding himself by the vow, the pope immediately extended the feast to the whole Church. On the old calendar it was celebrated July 1, but Catholics [today] continue this tradition by increasing their devotion to the most precious Blood for the entire month of July.

Like the Sacred Wounds of Jesus, His Precious Blood deserves special honor because of its close relation to the Sacred Passion. That honor was given to it from the beginning by the Apostles who praised its redeeming power. (Rom. 5:9 "we are justified by His blood"; Heb. 13:12 "and so Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people by His blood, suffered outside the gate"; 1 John 1:7 "and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin.")

**One of the indulgences** attached to devotion to the Precious Blood:

- Offer the prayer below daily in July with the intention of gaining an indulgence: This means asking God for the grace of an indulgence through the merits of the Precious Blood.  
➡ **Note:** While the prayer itself doesn't guarantee indulgences, it is a powerful devotion that can be offered with the intention of gaining them.

**The Blood that coursed thru the veins of Christ** was a part of that Sacred Humanity made possible by the maternity of Mary, whose parents, St. Joachim and St. Anne are honored on July 26. Our Lord's blood poured out on the Cross purchased our salvation, washed clean the robes of the martyrs, and gave birth to the Church as it flowed from his wounded side. The Precious Blood of Christ – now pulsing through his Mystical Body – continues its salvific work, preserving and purifying, repairing and providing nourishment for regeneration and renewal of its members.

### PRAYER TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

*Precious Blood, Ocean of Divine Mercy: Flow upon us.*

*Precious Blood, Most pure Offering: Procure us every grace!*

*Precious Blood, Hope and Refuge of sinners: Atone for us!*

*Precious Blood, Delight of holy souls: Draw us! Amen.*

— St. Catherine of Siena

Source: <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/prayers/view.cfm?id=760&repos=3&subrepos=3&searchid=2549590>

Prayer Source: [https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/07\\_1.cfm](https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/07_1.cfm)



### Care Net Baby Bottle Update

**Thank you** to the many St. Thomas More people who donated to Care Net through the Baby Blessing Bottles! Together we raised over \$2,326 dollars! Give yourselves a pat on the back. A check will be presented to Care Net soon. (Waiting for Fr. Chuck to get back from his vacation.)

**If you have not returned your bottle, we need it back!**

Otherwise, Care Net must buy replacements for all bottles not returned. Please return bottles to the church office (empty or full). Thanks!

Kathy DeCristofaro, Pro-Life chair & Care Net Liaison.



## You're Invited

to  
**Father Chuck's 26th Anniversary Dinner**  
—Tuesday, July 8, after 6p Mass—

- **This is a two-fold opportunity** to welcome Fr. Chuck back from vacation AND celebrate his 26 years in the priesthood. A chicken mole dinner will be served.
- **All we need from parishioners** are volunteers to bring beverages or desserts.
- **The sign up sheet** is posted in the Narthex. **Please sign up if you can help with beverages or desserts.**

## Están Invitados

**PADRE CARLOS**  
**CUMPLIO 26 AÑOS DE**  
**SACERDOCIO**

Martes 8 de julio, después de la misa  
de las 6p

- Reunamonos para darle la bienvenida al Padre Carlos de sus vacaciones y celebrar su aniversario
- **LA COMUNIDAD HISPANA SE ENCARGARA DE LA CENA-MOLE DE POLLO.**
- **SI GUSTAS APOYARNOS CONTACTAR A MARTA (530) 786-8699**



**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**



### 2025 Jubilee of Hope Upcoming Events

#### **Celebrating Asian & Pacific Islanders this Jubilee year.**

Our Diocese continues to honor and celebrate the Asian & Pacific Islander Catholic Community through a series of Masses. Our next Mass will celebrate the Vietnamese Catholic Community. Please plan to attend this special Mass on Sunday, July 13 at 10A, at Vietnamese Martyrs Parish located on 8181 Florin Rd, Sacramento. Auxiliary Bishop Rey Bersabal will be present to honor and bless the community. All are welcome! Come and be part of this special occasion to celebrate the Asian & Pacific Islander Catholic experience here in the Diocese of Sacramento.

**July 13**

#### **Carlo Acutis & Pier Giorgio Frassati to be canonized Sept. 7**

Blessed Carlo Acutis & Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, two young Catholics beloved for their vibrant faith and witness to holiness, will be canonized together on Sept. 7 in a canonization Mass in St. Peter's Square.

Acutis, who died of leukemia in 2006 at age 15, will become the first millennial to be declared a saint by the Catholic Church. Shortly before his death, Acutis offered his suffering from cancer "for the pope & for the Church." Many testified to the Vatican how he brought them closer to God.

Frassati, an avid mountaineer, who died at age 24 in 1925, is also beloved by many today for his enthusiastic witness to holiness that reaches "to the heights." A Third Order Dominican, known for his charitable outreach, was son of the founder of Italian newspaper La Stampa. Frassati died of polio on July 4, 1925, which his doctors later speculated was caught while serving the sick.