

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 Wisdom 9:13-18b**Psalm** 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Tú eres, Señor, nuestro refugio.

2nd Reading Philemon 9-10, 12-17**Gospel** Luke 14:25-33

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 7TH

Sunday; September 7 Earl J. Whatcott † 1030A

Deceased members of the Fitzgerald Family ††

Domingo ; 7 de
septiembre

Personas de STM

1230P español

Tuesday; Sept. 9

Elias & Alicia Barajas (Aniversario #19)

6P

Wed.; Sept. 10

Carol Zellmer †

830A

Deceased members of the Mangan Family ††

Thurs.; Sept. 11

Diane Clark

830A

Larry Campbell †

Friday; Sept. 12

Raul & Helvia Saavedra

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
Diane ClarkSamia Zumout
Greg DeCristofaro
John Thomas
Carrie Sonsteng
Art Sanchez
Leilani McManus
James McManusTim Steffen
Elaine Little
Ron Keyes
Theresa Durant
Sam Kempner
Richard Carmack
Helvia Saavedra
Lily Tomkowicz

SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

For Our Relationship with All Of CreationLet us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our
interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God
and worthy of love and respect.

INTENCIONES DE SEPTIEMBRE DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

Por nuestra relación con toda la creaciónOremos para que, inspirados por San Francisco, experimentemos
nuestra interdependencia con todas las criaturas amadas por Dios
y dignas de amor y respeto.

HOMILY NOTES

La devoción a Nuestra Señora de los Dolores destaca el mes de septiembre.

Esta devoción nos fue dada por Santa Brígida de Suecia (1303-1373), a quien se le reveló que la devoción a los Siete Dolores de la Santísima Virgen traería grandes gracias. Santo Tomás Moro celebrará la Conmemoración de Nuestra Señora de los Dolores el martes 16 de septiembre en la misa de las 18:00 (que sigue al sacramento de la reconciliación).

La devoción a Nuestra Señora de los Dolores se convirtió en un estándar en la Iglesia alrededor del siglo XIV y varios Papas la fomentaron.

En 1692, el papa Inocencio XII autorizó una fiesta en honor a Nuestra Señora de los Dolores el tercer domingo de septiembre. El papa Pío VII introdujo la fiesta litúrgica en toda la Iglesia latina en 1814; durante el siglo XVIII, el papa Benedicto XIII fomentó la devoción y otorgó indulgencias por la recitación de la Coronilla de los Siete Dolores, y el papa Clemente XII reafirmó posteriormente esta práctica. Más recientemente, el papa Pío X fijó la festividad del 15 de septiembre para que se celebrara el día después de la Exaltación de la Cruz; el papa Francisco animó a los católicos a reflexionar sobre los Siete Dolores de María como fuente de compasión y fe, especialmente en tiempos de sufrimiento.

Seguramente te has preguntado por qué existen dos fiestas casi idénticas para Nuestra Señora de los Dolores: una en septiembre y otra el Viernes Santo. Es sencillo: mientras que la Cuaresma se centra más en los sufrimientos de Nuestra Señora por la Pasión de su divino Hijo, la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de los Siete Dolores, que se celebra el 15 de septiembre o en torno a esa fecha, se centra más en los numerosos sacrificios de Nuestra Señora a lo largo de su vida.

LOS SIETE DOLORES DE MARÍA

Esta devoción a Nuestra Señora de los Dolores consiste en rezar siete Avemarías mientras se medita cada uno de los Siete Dolores de María.

- * Primer Dolor: La Profecía de Simeón (Lucas 2:34-35)
- * Segundo Dolor: La Huida a Egipto (Mateo 2:13-21)
- * Tercer Dolor: La Pérdida de Jesús por Tres Días (Lucas 2:41-50)
- * Cuarto Dolor: La Carga de la Cruz (Juan 19:17)
- * Quinto Dolor: La Crucifixión de Jesús (Juan 19:18-30)
- * Sexto Dolor: Jesús Es Bajado de la Cruz (Juan 19:39-40)
- * Séptimo Dolor: Jesús Es Colocado en el Sepulcro (Juan 19:39-42)

(Añade 7 Avemarías al final de cada reflexión.)

FUENTE: <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/seven-dolors-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary-5437> ; <https://www.catholiccompany.com/pages/the-seven-sorrows-of-mary>



The Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows highlights of the month of September.

This devotion is given to us by St. Brigid of Sweden (1303-1373) to whom it was revealed that devotion to the Blessed Virgin's Seven Sorrows would bring great graces. St. Thomas More will celebrate the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows on Tuesday, Sept. 16 at the 6p Mass (which follows the sacrament of reconciliation.)

Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows became a standard in the Church around the 14th century with several Popes encouraging it –

Pope Innocent XII, in 1692, authorized a Feast to honor Our Lady of Sorrows on the third Sunday of Sept. Pope Pius VII introduced the liturgical feast to the entire Latin Church in 1814; during the 18th century Pope Benedict XIII encouraged the devotion, bestowing indulgences for the recitation of the Chaplet of the 7 Sorrows, and Pope Clement XII later reaffirmed this practice. More recently, Pope Pius X set the feast day in Sept (15) to be celebrated on the day after the Exaltation of the Cross; Pope Francis encouraged Catholics to reflect on the Seven Sorrows of Mary as a source of compassion and faith especially during times of suffering.

You've no doubt wondered why is it that two nearly identical feasts for Our Lady of Sorrows exist - one in September, one on Passion Friday? It's simple: while the Lenten Feast concentrates more on the sufferings of our Lady for the Passion of her divine Son, the Feast of Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows, on or around Sept. 15, focuses more on the many sacrifices of our Lady throughout her life.

THE SEVEN SORROWS (DOLORS) OF MARY

This devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows consists of praying seven Hail Mary's while meditating on each of the Seven Sorrows of Mary.

- * 1st Sorrow: The Prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:34-35)
- * 2nd Sorrow: The Flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-21)
- * 3rd Sorrow: The Loss of Jesus for Three Days (Luke 2:41-50)
- * 4th Sorrow: The Carrying of the Cross (John 19:17)
- * 5th Sorrow: The Crucifixion of Jesus (John 19:18-30)
- * 6th Sorrow: Jesus Taken Down from the Cross (John 19:39-40)
- * 7th Sorrow: Jesus Laid in the Tomb (John 19:39-42)

(Add 7 Hail Mary's to the end of each reflection.)

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TODAY!**Pancake Breakfast****SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

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

**SECOND
COLLECTION
TODAY!**

There will be a second collection TODAY for the Diocesan Collection for Priests Retirement. This is an opportunity for parishioners to thank our faithful and dedicated priests for their long and loving service to the Diocese. Please prayerfully consider your donation.

**¡SEGUNDA
COLECCIÓN
HOY!**

HOY se realizará una segunda colecta para la Colecta Diocesana para la Jubilación de Sacerdotes. Esta es una oportunidad para que los feligreses agradezcan a nuestros fieles y dedicados sacerdotes por su largo y amoroso servicio a la Diócesis. Por favor, consideren su donación con devoción.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY | SEPT. 11 | 1P | HALL

We will use the New Testament, Gospel of Mark, with a study guide written by Scott Hahn and Curtis Mitch. Questions? Call Gail Crowley

530.570-8474 or Louise Kyle 530.720-1061.



REMINDER - ADORATION - Friday
Immediately following 830A Mass until 6p.

Respect For Life
Fall Fast and Pray

Beginning Sept. 24 through Nov. 2, we will be praying & fasting out on the sidewalk to save lives and souls!

Day	Time	Location
Wednesdays	8A to 5P	Women's Health Specialist abortion facility. 1469 Humboldt, Chico
Fridays	11A to 5P	Planned Parenthood, Chico

We are doing this instead of 40 Days For Life to see if we can get more people out at one time. Jesus needs your help! Be His hands & feet thru prayer & peaceful witness. You can just show up or call 530.519.8818 or email 40dayschico@gmail.com Also check with Kathy DeCristofaro for more information.

Abortion Recovery Group Begins Wed. Sept. 10th

If you, or someone you love are experiencing grief, regret or emotional pain regarding your abortion, avoid things that trigger memories of your abortion or have nightmares, Care Net invites you to a free & confidential recovery group that starts Sept. 10th and lasts eight weeks. Choose from two times:

~Wednesdays: 3P to 430P or 530P to 7P~

Questions? or to sign up, please text Elizabeth Trinca at 530-591-9973 or call Care Net at 530-876-1113.

Note: men & women will meet in separate groups.



The Women of St. Thomas More invite you to the...
Sixth Annual Chocolate and Wine Festival!

Saturday | Sept. 20 | 3p to 6p

Tickets on Sale Now After Mass!

See Madeline Riley or Lori MacPhail for tickets & questions.



2025 Jubilee of Hope Upcoming Events

Hey Young People! Join Father Chuck and young people from across the diocese at...

ON FiRE

Saturday Sept. 13, 2025
9A to 8P

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 (STM has sponsors & scholarships to help defray some of the costs if needed. Call the church office 530.877.4501 for more info.)

**DRIVERS
NEEDED!**

Talk to Father
Chuck.



REMINDER: MEN'S MINISTRY- Friday, 7A
In the Hall (Go to the small room)