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 8

Sunday Readings

1st Reading Wisdom 6:12-16
Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Señor, mi alma tiene sed de ti.

2nd Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 4:13-14
Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8TH

Sunday; November 8	*For the Holy Souls in Purgatory †*	*1030A*
Domingo; 8 de noviembre	*Por las benditas almas del purgatorio †*	*1230P español*
Tues.; November 10	*For the Holy Souls in Purgatory †*	*6P*
Wed.; November 11	*For the Holy Souls in Purgatory †* Liturgy of the Word - Deacon Mike	*830A*
Thurs.; November 12	*For the Holy Souls in Purgatory †* Liturgy of the Word - Deacon Mike	*830A*
Friday; November 13	*For the Holy Souls in Purgatory †* Liturgy of the Word - Deacon Mike	*830A*



PRAY FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

LET US PRAY FOR

Samia Zumout
Carrie Sonsteng
Art Sanchez
Santiago Ávila
Carlos Torres
Tony & Francene Packett
Larry Young
Kim DeFretias
Mark Jimenez
Bob Gallagher

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

NOVEMBER INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service, the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

INTENCIONES DE NOVIEMBRE DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

Por el uso adecuado de la riqueza

Oremos por el uso adecuado de la riqueza: que, sin sucumbir a la tentación del egoísmo, esta se ponga siempre al servicio del bien común y de la solidaridad con quienes tienen menos.

This Week's Readings

THE 32nd WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday; November 9th *Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome*
1st Reading:Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High!
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17
Gospel: John 2:13-22

Tuesday; November 10th *Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church*
1st Reading: Titus 2:1-8, 11-14
Psalm 37:3-4, 18 & 23, 27 & 29
The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.
Gospel: Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday; Nov. 11th *Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop*
1st Reading: Titus 3:1-7
Psalm 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

Thursday; Nov. 12th *Memorial of Saint Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr*
1st Reading: Philemon 7-20
Psalm 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10
Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob.
Gospel: Luke 17:20-25

Friday; Nov. 13th *Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin [In the Dioceses of the U.S]*
1st Reading: 2 John 4-9
Psalm 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18
Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!
Gospel: Luke 17:26-37

Saturday; November 14th
1st Reading: 3 John 5-8
Psalm 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Blessed the man who fears the Lord.
Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

MEDITATION OF THE DAY
Bride and Bridegroom

See, the bridegroom is coming. Go out to meet him…*. The Bridegroom is Christ and human nature is the bride, whom God created according to his own image and likeness. In the beginning he placed his bride in the noblest and most beautiful, the richest and most luxuriant place on earth, that is, in Paradise. He subordinated all other creatures to her, adorned her with grace, and gave her a commandment so that through obedience to it she might deserve to be made firm and steadfast with her Bridegroom in eternal faithfulness and so never fall into any adversity or any sin. But then came an evildoer, the enemy from hell, who in his jealousy assumed the form of a cunning serpent and deceived the woman. They both then deceived the man…. Thus did the enemy seduce human nature, God's bride, through deceitful counsel. Poor and wretched, she was banished to a strange land and was there captured and oppressed and beset by her enemies in such a way that it seemed she would never be able to return to her homeland or attain reconciliation.*



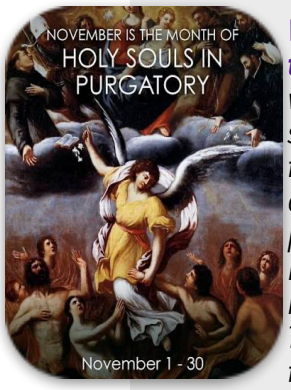
But when it seemed to God that the right time *had come and he took pity on his beloved in her suffering, he sent his only-begotten Son to earth into a magnificent palace and a glorious temple, that is, into the body of the glorious Virgin Mary. There the Son wedded this bride, our nature, and united her with his own Person through the purest blood of the noble Virgin. The priest who witnessed the bride's marriage was the Holy Spirit. The Angel Gabriel brought the message. The glorious Virgin gave her consent. Thus did Christ, our faithful Bridegroom, unite our nature with himself. He came to us in a strange land and taught us through a heavenly way of life and with perfect fidelity. He worked and struggled as our champion against our enemies, broke open the bars of our prison, won the struggle, vanquished our death through his own, redeemed us through his blood, freed us through his water in baptism, and made us rich through his sacraments and his gifts, so that, as he says, we might go out with virtues, meet him in the palace of glory & enjoy him forever in eternity.* — Blessed John of Ruusbroec

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¡Bienvenidos a noviembre! Este mes está dedicado a las almas del purgatorio. *La transición de los tonos vibrantes del otoño a la llegada del invierno posee un significado sagrado en la tradición católica. A medida que caen las hojas y los días se acortan, se nos recuerda que toda vida terrenal llega a su fin; la atención se desplaza entonces hacia la profunda y solemne devoción por las Benditas Almas del Purgatorio, quienes no pueden orar por sí mismas y, por tanto, ¡dependen de cada uno de nosotros!*

El Catecismo enseña: «Todos los que mueren en la gracia y en la amistad de Dios, pero imperfectamente purificados, aunque están seguros de su eterna salvación, sufren después de su muerte una purificación, a fin de obtener la santidad necesaria para entrar en la alegría del cielo».(CCC 1030)

Las almas que atraviesan esta purificación conforman la Iglesia Padeciente y son parte de la «comunión de los santos». Habiendo concluido su vida en la tierra y su oportunidad de reparar sus pecados, ya no pueden obtener mérito espiritual alguno. Ahora dependen totalmente de las oraciones y la generosidad de la Iglesia Militante: nosotros, que aún permanecemos en la tierra librando la batalla contra el mundo, la carne y el demonio. Por esta razón, a menudo nos referimos a ellas como las «benditas almas» (o «pobres almas»). En el Purgatorio, no hay nada que puedan hacer para aliviar su propio sufrimiento ni el de las otras almas que allí se encuentran.

Oración de santa Gertrudis la Grande
Padre Eterno, te ofrezco la Preciosísima Sangre de tu Divino Hijo, Jesús, en unión con las Misas que se celebran hoy en todo el mundo, por todas las santas almas del Purgatorio, por los pecadores en todas partes, por los pecadores en la Iglesia universal, y por los que están en mi propio hogar y dentro de mi familia. Amén.

Principales festividades católicas en noviembre

- *15 de noviembre: Santa Gertrudis la Grande; se honra a esta monja benedictina, quien estuvo profundamente dedicada a las almas del Purgatorio. La oración por las benditas almas, que Santa Gertrudis recibió de Jesús, conlleva la promesa de liberar a 1000 almas cada vez que se recite con devoción.*
- *22 de noviembre: Solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo; se celebra el último domingo del año litúrgico, justo antes del tiempo de Adviento, para honrar a Jesucristo como Rey de toda la creación y del universo.*

¡Por favor, oren este mes por las benditas almas del Purgatorio!
Las almas que atraviesan este proceso de purificación conforman la Iglesia purgante y forman parte de la «comunión de los santos». Habiendo concluido su vida en la tierra y su oportunidad de reparar sus pecados, ya no pueden obtener ningún mérito espiritual.
Ahora dependen por completo de las oraciones y la generosidad de la Iglesia militante: aquellos de nosotros que aún estamos en la tierra librando la batalla contra el mundo, la carne y el diablo. Por eso, a menudo nos referimos a ellas como las «almas benditas» [o «almas pobres»]. En el Purgatorio, no pueden hacer nada para aliviar su propio sufrimiento ni el de las otras almas que allí se encuentran.
Nos encontramos en una situación única: nuestros méritos aquí en la tierra pueden ayudar a las almas benditas si ofrecemos intencionalmente a Dios nuestras oraciones, buenas obras, sacrificios —y, de manera especial, el Santo Sacrificio de la Misa— para su alivio. Por este motivo, la Iglesia nos dedica el mes de noviembre para profundizar en el vínculo existente entre los vivos y los fieles difuntos, y para acrecentar nuestra devoción hacia estas almas que dependen de nosotros para alcanzar el Cielo.

Welcome to November! This month is devoted to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. *The transition from the vibrant hues of autumn to the onset of winter holds a sacred significance in the Catholic tradition. As the leaves fall and the days grow shorter, we are reminded that all earthly life comes to an end, the focus shifts to the profound & solemn devotion to the Holy Souls of Purgatory who cannot pray for themselves and therefore rely on each of us!*

The Catechism teaches: "All who die in God's grace and friendship but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death, they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven."(CCC 1030)

The souls undergoing this purification make up the Church Suffering and are a part of the "communion of saints." Having completed their life on earth and their opportunity to make reparation for their sins, they are no longer able to gain any spiritual merit. They are now completely dependent upon the prayers and generosity of The Church Militant – those of us still on earth fighting the battle against the world, the flesh, and the devil. This is why we often refer to them as the poor souls. In Purgatory, there is nothing they can do to alleviate their own suffering or the suffering of other souls there with them.

The Prayer of St. Gertrude the Great
Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen

Key Catholic Feast Days in November

- *Nov. 15: St. Gertrude the Great honors the Benedictine nun devoted to the souls in Purgatory. St. Gertrude's prayer for the Holy Souls was given to her by Jesus with a promise to release 1000 poor souls each time it is devoutly recited.*
- *Nov. 22: The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe — honoring Jesus Christ as the King of all creation & the universe is celebrated on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, just prior to the Advent season.*

Please pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory This Month!
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We are in a unique position in that our merits here on earth can assist the holy souls if we intentionally offer to God our prayers, good works, sacrifices, and especially the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for their relief. For this reason, the Church gives us the month of November to explore the profound connection between the living and the faithful departed and to increase our devotion to these souls who depend on us to get them to Heaven.

Source: https://covenantcatholic.org/devotion-of-the-month/november-dedicated-to-the-poor-souls/

ADORATION

Friday; Nov. 13 | Follows 830A Mass

MEN'S MINISTRY

Friday; Nov. 13 | 930A | Church Hall Mtg Rm.

ATTENTION WOMEN OF ST. THOMAS MORE

SAVE THESE DATES: February 5,6 & 7 for the STM Women's Parish Retreat at Christ the King Retreat Center.

Questions? Call Cathy Keesling: 530-828-0278 or Cheryl Barron: 530-514-8859 for more info.

Be sure to watch the STM Bulletin for details!



LUMEN CHRISTI

STM YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

ADULTS 18-35

BUNCO NIGHT

Dice, Dinner & Fellowship

An evening of fun, food, and new friendships!

DINNER PROVIDED
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!
Come solo or bring a friend.

DATE
November 12th
6 – 8 PM

LOCATION
STM Hall

HELP! 20 Couples Needed NOW to Make This Workshop Happen!

A powerful couples workshop is now available to St. Thomas More parishioners. Your participation matters — in fact, its critical — not only for your own relationship, but for building a parish community where couples encourage, support, and grow together. We need at minimum 20 couples to participate. Please sign up, invite other couples to join you and let's make this experience possible! Questions? See Sandra Rodriquez or Father Chuck. Sign up now for **Navigating Us** using the QR code below!

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(La escuela)
13 NOV | 7-9 P. M.
14 NOV | 10 A. M. - 2 P. M.
15 NOV | 10 A. M. - 12 P. M.

LIVE THE LIFE
STRENGTHENING MARRIAGES AND FAMILIES

¡Necesitamos al menos 20 parejas para poder llevar a cabo este taller!

Su participación es importante, no solo para fortalecer su propia relación, sino también para construir una comunidad parroquial donde las parejas se animan, se apoyan y puedan crecer juntas. ¡Inviten a otra pareja a participar y juntos ayudemos a hacer posible esta experiencia!

¡Inscríbanse hoy a Navigating Us!

STM Women's Friendsgiving Potluck & Meeting

Saturday, November 21st

10A
Parish Hall
Mtg Room

Bring a dish to share

PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Immediately following 10:30 & 12:30 Masses
St. Thomas More Catholic Church
$10. – Adults $30. – Families
Good Food. Good cause. Good fellowship

ST. THOMAS MORE COUNCIL #7773
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
PARADISE, CALIFORNIA

Operation Christmas Child Needs Your Help

Our parish is partnering with Samaritan's Purse to deliver Christmas Shoe Boxes to children around the world to bring them the joy and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Please take a shoe box and follow the instructions inside.

Thanks on behalf of the kids!

Meets Thursday at 130P in the Parish Hall Mtg Room

The weekly women's Bible study is studying the gospel of Mathew. Questions? Call Gail Crowley (530) 570-8474. All ladies are welcome!

Grief Support Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 6p
St. Vincent de Paul Room in the Church.

All are welcome.
Questions? Call Cheryl Barron, 530-514-8859.

Please Note This Week's Changes

Wed, Thurs, Fri (Nov. 11,12,13)
Liturgy of the Word
830A - Deacon Mike

No Confessions this week.