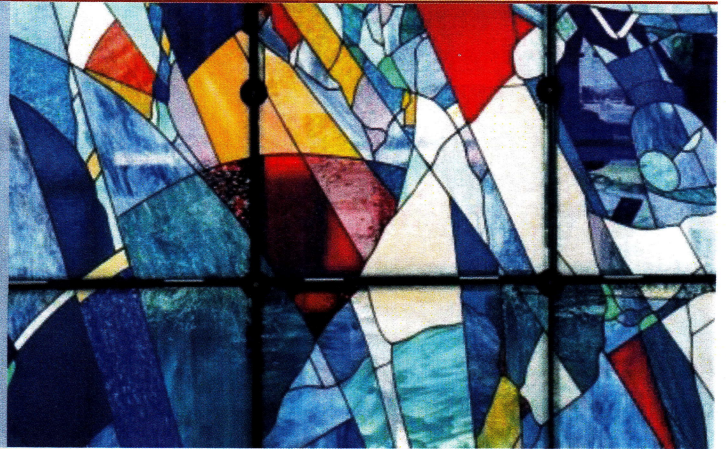
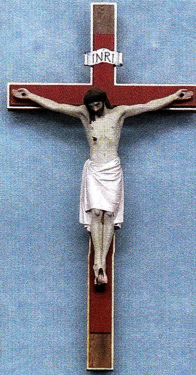
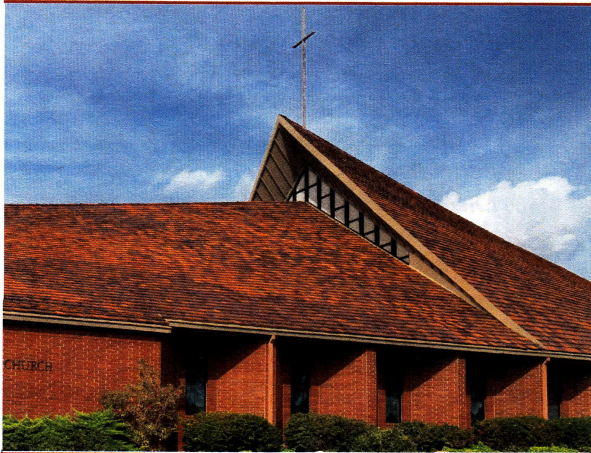


# ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## About St. Thomas More

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**MASS:** Sun. 1030a | Domingo Misa español 1230p  
Tue 6P | Wed 830A | Thur 830A | Fri. 830A  
**CONFESSION:** Tue 5p - 545p | Sat. 330p - 5p

## Important Dates

10SEP: Grupo Guadalupano 10A  
10SEP: **Confession/Confesión** 5p to 545p  
10SEP: **Mass Bilingual / Misa Bilingue 6P**  
11SEP: & 12,13Sep **Mass 830A Misa en inglés**  
14SEP: Women of STM Event Planning Session 10A  
15SEP: **Rosary** 30 mins before Mass at 10A

## Sunday Readings

*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*XXIII Domingo ordinario*

**1st Reading** *Isaiah 35:4-7a*  
**Psalm** 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10  
Praise the Lord, my soul!  
Alaba, alma mía, al Señor.

**2nd Reading** *James 2:1-5*  
**Gospel** *Mark 7:31-37*

## MEDITATION OF THE DAY

How Christ Continues to Touch and Heal Us  
**The Church is the Holy Church, despite all blemishes & wrinkles. She**  
*Meditation of the Day continues on next page*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8TH

Sunday; Sept. 8	Earl J. Whatcott † Josephine Dominguez †	1030A English
Sunday; Sept. 8	Elias y Alicia Barajas por su Aniversario	1230P español
Thursday; Sept. 12	"Poppa" Jack Rehmann †	830A English
Friday; Sept. 13	Cothena L. Brown †	830A English

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

*Deacon Cavalli*  
*Cathy Larsen*  
*Linda Stultz*  
*Angela Babcock*  
*Sharon Calhoun*  
*Jeff Clark*  
*Pat Mortensen*  
*Ben Richards*  
*Patrick Wallenan*

*Andrea Inzunza*  
*Barbara Brown*  
*Carrie Sue Sonsteng*  
*Sam Kempner*  
*Tylor Koski*  
*Denise Hughes*  
*Kimberly Helgeson Avoy*  
*Denis Helgeson*

*Jim McManus*  
*Rod Montgomery*  
*David Porter*  
*Barbara Maldonado*  
*Adriana Sepulveda*  
*Senona Gonzalez*  
*Samia Zumout*  
*Karen Reynolds*  
*Lora Ginn*

## SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS

**For the cry of the Earth**  
We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

## INTENCIONES DE SEPTIEMBRE DEL PAPA FRANCISCO

**Por el clamor de la tierra**  
"Oremos para que cada uno de nosotros escuche con el corazón el clamor de la Tierra y de las víctimas de las catástrofes naturales y del cambio climático, comprometiéndonos personalmente a cuidar el mundo que habitamos".

**This Week's Readings**

THE TWENTY-THIRD WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

**Monday; September 9<sup>th</sup>** Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest

1st Reading: I Corinthians 5:1-8

Psalm 5:5-6, 7, 12

*Lead me in your justice, Lord.*

Gospel: Luke 6:6-11

**Tuesday; Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: I Corinthians 6:1-11

Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b

*The Lord takes delight in his people.*

Gospel: Luke 6:12-19

**Wednesday; September 11<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: I Corinthians 7:25-31

Psalm 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17

*Listen to me, daughter; see and bend your ear.*

Gospel: Luke 6:20-26

**Thursday; September 12<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: I Corinthians 8:1B-7, 11-13

Psalm 139:1B-3, 13-14AB, 23-24

*Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.*

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**Friday; September 13<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: I Corinthians 9:16-19, 22B-27

Psalm 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12

*How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord,*

*mighty God!*

Gospel: Luke 6:39-42

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

**Saturday; September 14<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: Numbers 21:4B-9

Psalm 78:1BC-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38

*Do not forget the works of the Lord!*

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: John 3:13-17



*Meditation of the Day continued from front page.*

**MEDITATION OF THE DAY** How Christ Continues to Touch and Heal Us

*is the sanctified one, the "bride," that is, the chosen vessel of grace. She is the place where the holiness of God is enthroned presently and visibly. She is all this because in the sacraments, in the Sacrament, the Lord himself meets and touches us.... She is also all this, and in a way even more, because the visible, bodily appearance of Christ—the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared (Ti 3:4)—continues in the saints, indeed in the flesh, until the end of time.*

**The Church herself is the "vine"...***of the holiness of God dwelling on earth.... She is the "mother" of the saints in the strictest sense of the word, one might say in the biological sense, not just in the sense of one who rears a child. She "births" the saints into the world; they are nourished by her substance, bearing the features of God and hers as well. And she is not only the mother of those who are in the past, the historical ones, the already perfected saints, but also of the ones who are present, hidden, becoming; and she will, for as long as the world exists, in spite of all decay and corruption, all degeneration and catastrophe, always give birth to new, future saints....*

**She has already given birth to us;** *before any choice of our own, we are already marked with the indelible seal.... It is up to us to dare to talk to God, that is, to dare true prayer. Up to us to fall back on the seal of strength given in confirmation, like how one raises a sunken treasure up from a well. Up to us to really nourish ourselves from the "bread of life," though that means to do so as one uses food—regularly, adequately, not as a rare, solemn, or "formal" exception. Up to us, again and again, when the accumulated and tenacious filth of incessant failure becomes for us like lumps of clay so heavy on our soles that it inhibits walking, that we seek an alleviating purification and impetus for a new start in the sacrament of forgiveness...[and] internalize into ourselves the limitless possibility of what God can do with man....*

**In the saints...as first-fruits and harbingers of the new creation** (2 Cor 5:17), *which outlasts death and decline, is embodied the meaning, the success, that which from the beginning is intended as the ultimate goal: the unity of the whole world with God who is distant and yet so near.*

—IDA FRIEDERIKE GÖRRES

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**HOMILY NOTES**



**¡Bienvenidos a septiembre! Este mes se dedica tradicionalmente al honor de Nuestra Señora de los Dolores en gran parte debido a la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de los Dolores que este año cae el domingo 15 de septiembre y también rezamos el Rosario a las 10**

**a.m. ese día.** Todos los dolores de María se fusionan en el sufrimiento supremo de la Pasión. En la Pasión, María sufrió un martirio del corazón a causa de los tormentos de Nuestro Señor y de la grandeza de su amor por Él.

Junto a la cruz de Jesús estaban su madre y la hermana de su madre, María, esposa de Clopas, y María Magdalena. Cuando Jesús vio allí a su madre y al discípulo a quien amaba, dijo a su madre: Mujer, ahí tienes a tu hijo. Luego dijo al discípulo: "Ahí tienes a tu madre". Y desde aquella hora el discípulo la recibió en su casa (Jn 19:25-27).

**Affidamento** Jesús, al ver a su Madre, la confía al discípulo amado. Esto casi representa Su última voluntad y testamento. Hace de María la Madre del discípulo y hace del discípulo el hijo de la Madre. "La llevé a su casa", es decir, a su lugar más íntimo, a todo lo que más ama. Jesús no dejó sola a su Madre. La confió al cuidado de su amado discípulo, a quien lo siguió hasta el último.

**Mujer** Se usa la misma palabra que en Caná, casi como si hubiera una conexión entre los dos pasajes. En Caná, la hora de Jesús aún no había llegado, mientras que en la Cruz sí. La Cruz se convierte en el acontecimiento que Caná profetizó. Al utilizar el término "mujer", Jesús se refiere a Eva: "Ésta será llamada mujer" (Gn 2,23). María es la nueva Eva.

**Discípulo** Jesús confía a su Madre al discípulo. Este discípulo, nos dice la tradición, representa a toda la Iglesia. María está confiada a la Iglesia, y la Iglesia está confiada a María, Madre de Jesús, primera discípula de su Hijo.

**Madre y discípulo** Para todos nosotros, María es la Madre de su Hijo, nuestro Señor Jesús. Pero ella es también Discípula del Maestro, quien mejor que nadie puede ayudarnos a crecer en la Escuela de su Hijo. Ella, más que nadie, supo permanecer fiel en esta Escuela, hasta el punto de permanecer "de pie" al pie de la Cruz. Esta fidelidad le hizo sufrir un martirio interior: "Y a ti misma te traspasará una espada", había predicho Simeón (Lc 2,35).



**Welcome to September! This month is traditionally dedicated to the honor of Our Lady of Sorrows largely due to the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows which falls this year on Sunday, Sept. 15 and we also pray the Rosary at 10A on that day.** All the sorrows of Mary are merged in the supreme suffering at the Passion. In the Passion, Mary suffered a martyrdom of the heart because of Our Lord's torments and the greatness of her love for Him.

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home (Jn 19:25-27).

**Affidamento** Seeing His Mother, Jesus entrusts her to the beloved disciple. This almost represents His last will and testament. It makes Mary the Mother of the disciple, and makes the disciple the Mother's son. "He took her into his home", that is, into his most intimate place, into everything he holds most dear. Jesus did not leave His Mother alone. He entrusted her to the care of his beloved disciple, to the one who followed him to the last.

**Woman** The same word is used as at Cana, almost as if there is a connection between the two passages. At Cana, Jesus's hour had not yet come, whereas on the Cross, it had. The Cross becomes the event that Cana prophesied. By using the term, "woman", Jesus refers to Eve: "This one shall be called 'woman' " (Gn 2:23). Mary is the new Eve

**Disciple** Jesus entrusts His Mother to the disciple. This disciple, tradition tells us, represents the entire Church. Mary is entrusted to the Church, and the Church is entrusted to Mary, the Mother of Jesus, the first disciple of her Son.

**Mother and disciple** For all of us, Mary is the Mother of her Son, our Lord, Jesus. But she is also a Disciple of the Master, the one who can help us better than anyone else to grow in her Son's School. More than anyone else, she knew how to remain faithful in this School, to the point that she remained "standing" at the foot of the Cross. This fidelity caused her to suffer an interior martyrdom: "And you yourself a sword will pierce", Simeon had foretold (Lk 2:35).

## PARISH UPDATES

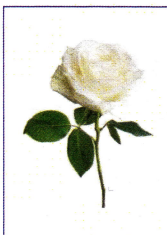
### STM Key Dates | Fechas Claves de STM

- ☑ **Tuesday, Sept. 10 | martes 10 de septiembre**  
*Grupo Guadalupano 10A*  
**Confession | Confesión 5p to 545P**  
**Mass Bilingual/Misa Bilingue 6P**
- ☑ **Wed., Sept. 11 | miércoles 11 de septiembre**  
**MASS/MISA 830A | English/inglés**
- ☑ **Thurs., Sept. 12 | jueves 12 de septiembre**  
**MASS | MISA 830A | English/inglés**
- ☑ **Friday, Sept. 13 | viernes 13 de septiembre**  
**MASS | MISA 830A | English/inglés**  
**Adoration + Adoración\* CANCELLED**
- ☑ **Saturday, Sept. 14 | sábado 14 de septiembre**  
**Confession | Confesión 330p to 5p**



### Eucharistic Adoration

**\*CANCELLED FOR FRIDAY, SEPT. 13**

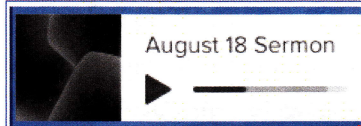


**The Funeral Mass for Anna Maria Stephens will be celebrated Friday, Sept. 13 at 11A.**

**The Memorial Mass for Frederick J. Manteufel will be celebrated Saturday, Sept. 14 at 10A.**

### Women of STM Chocolate Fest Planning Session Sept. 14

Please join us Saturday, Sept. 14 at 10A. Our Wine & Chocolate Extravaganza is right around the corner on Oct. 19 & we need to kick it in gear to get ready! We sold out last year. Let's do it again! **FYI-If you've already created your auction basket bring it to the meeting.**



August 18 Sermon

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**In re: The Roman Catholic Bishop of Sacramento, Case No. 24-21326**  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of California

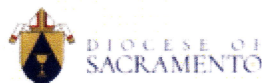
**Notice of Deadline for Filing Claims: October 1, 2024**

### YOU MAY HAVE A SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIM OR OTHER CLAIM AGAINST THE DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO

On April 1, 2024, The Roman Catholic Bishop of Sacramento aka Diocese of Sacramento filed a chapter 11 bankruptcy petition for protection under title 11 of the United States Code.

If you were sexually abused by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim so as to be received by October 1, 2024, or otherwise you will be forever barred, estopped, and enjoined from asserting such claim against the Diocese.

Claims based on acts or omissions of the Diocese that occurred before April 1, 2024, must be filed on or before October 1, 2024, even if such claims are not now fixed, liquidated, or certain or did not mature or become fixed, liquidated, or certain before April 1, 2024.



For more information on how to file a claim or about the bankruptcy, please visit: <https://www.donlinrecano.com/rcbsacramento>, or contact the Debtor's claims agent Donlin, Recano, & Company, Inc. via email at [rcbsacramentoinfo@drc.equiniti.com](mailto:rcbsacramentoinfo@drc.equiniti.com) or by phone at 1-866-714-7301; or visit the Debtor's website at <https://scd.org> and follow the links for Chapter 11 filing.

**In re: El Obispo Católico Romano de Sacramento, Caso No. 24-21326**  
Tribunal de Bancarrota de los Estados Unidos Para el Distrito Este de California

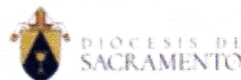
**Notificación de fecha límite para presentar reclamaciones:**  
**1 de Octubre de 2024**

### USTED PUEDE TENER UNA DEMANDA DE ABUSO SEXUAL U OTRA DEMANDA CONTRA LA DIÓCESIS DE SACRAMENTO

El 1 de abril de 2024, el Obispo Católico Romano de Sacramento, también conocido como Diócesis de Sacramento, presentó una petición de bancarrota del capítulo 11 para obtener protección bajo el título 11 del Código de los Estados Unidos.

Si usted fue abusado sexualmente por cualquier persona relacionada con la Diócesis, debe presentar su reclamo para que se reciba antes del 1 de octubre de 2024, o de lo contrario, se le prohibirá y excluirá para siempre hacer valer dicha reclamación contra la Diócesis.

Las reclamaciones basadas en actos u omisiones de la Diócesis que ocurrieron antes del 1 de abril de 2024, deben presentarse el 1 de octubre de 2024 o antes, incluso si dichas reclamaciones no están ahora fijas, liquidadas o ciertas o no se vencieron o se volvieron fijas, liquidadas o ciertas antes del 1 de abril de 2024.



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