

## 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)*

**MASS:** *Sun. 1030a | Domingo Misa español 1230p*

*Tue 6P | Wed 830A | Thur 830A | Fri. 830A*

**CONFESSION:** *Tue 5p - 545p | Sat. 330p - 5p*

## Important Dates

24SEP: Grupo Guadalupano 10A

24SEP: **Confession** | **Confesión** 5p to 545p

24SEP: **Mass Bilingual** | **Misa Bilingue** 6P

25SEP: & 26, 27Sep **Mass** 830A Misa en inglés

28SEP: **Confession** | **Confesión** 330p - 5p

05OCT: **Adoration** | **Adoración** 10A

## Sunday Readings

*Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*XXV Domingo ordinario*

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** *Wisdom 2:12, 17-20*

**Psalms** *54:3-4, 5, 6 and 8*

*The Lord upholds my life.*

*El Señor es quien me ayuda.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** *James 3:16-4:3*

**Gospel** *Mark 9:30-37*

## MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Understanding the Passion

***The passion, our passion, sure we are waiting for it. We know it must***

*Meditation of the Day continues on next page*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>

Sunday; Sept. 22	Al Penna †	1030A English
Sunday; Sept. 22	4to Aniversario de Teresa Sanchez †	1230P español
Tuesday; Sept. 24	Benny Mayo †	830A English
Wed.; Sept. 25	Shirley Howard †	830A English
Thurs.; Sept. 26	—	830A English
Friday; Sept. 27	—	830A English

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Deacon *Carvalli*  
Cathy Larsen  
Linda Stultz  
Angela Babcock  
Sharon Calboun  
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  
Nancy Cornett

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-FIFTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

**Monday; Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>** Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

1st Reading: Proverbs 3:27-34  
Psalm 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5  
*The just one shall live on your holy mountain, O Lord.*  
Gospel: Luke 8:16-18

**Tuesday; Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13  
Psalm 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44  
*Guide me, Lord, in the way of your commands.*  
Gospel: Luke 8:19-21

**Wednesday; September 25<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: Proverbs 30:5-9  
Psalm 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163  
*Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my feet.*  
Gospel: Luke 9:1-6

**Thursday; September 26<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11  
Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17BC  
*In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*  
Gospel: Luke 9:7-9

**Friday; Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>** Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11  
Psalm 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4  
*Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!*  
Gospel: Luke 9:18-22

**Saturday; Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 11:9—12:8  
Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17  
*In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*  
Gospel: Luke 9:43B-45



*Meditation of the Day continued from front page.*

**MEDITATION OF THE DAY** Understanding the Passion

*come and of course we intend to live it with a certain grandeur. We are waiting for the bell to ring that will inform us that the time has come for us to sacrifice ourselves. Like a log in the fireplace, we know that we have to be consumed. Like a piece of wool cut with scissors, we have to be separated. Like young animals that are sent to slaughter, we have to be destroyed.*

***We are waiting for our passion but it does not come.*** In its place there come small patiences.

***Patiences, those small pieces of the passion*** whose job it is to kill us gently for your glory, to kill us without our getting the glory.

***From dawn they come to greet us:*** our nerves, either too much on edge or too numb.... It is the urge to be silent when we ought to speak; and the urge to speak when we ought to be silent. It is the desire to go out when we have to stay in; and the urge to stay in when we have to go out. It is our disgust with our daily ration of life and the neurotic desire for all that is not ours.

***This is the way our patiences come,*** in serried ranks or in single file, and they always forget to remind us of the fact that they are the martyrdom for which we were preparing. And scornfully we let them pass by, as we wait for a cause that would be worth dying for.

***If every redemption is a martyrdom,*** not every martyrdom involves the spilling of blood. From the beginning of our lives to the very end, one by one, grapes may be picked from the bunch. This is the passion of patiences. — Venerable Madeleine Delbrêl

*Madeleine Delbrêl († 1964) was a French laywoman and writer devoted to caring for the poor and to evangelizing culture. / From The Joy of Believing, Ralph Wright, o.s.b., Tr. © 1993, Éditions Médiaspaul, Sherbrooke, QC.*

*Excerpt from Magnificat Magazine, Meditation of the Day, Sept. 22, 2024*



**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Saturday; Oct. 5 at 10A**  
**and**  
**Friday; Oct. 11 after 830A**  
**Mass**

**HOMILY NOTES**

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**Septiembre está llegando a su fin pero Nuestra Señora de los Dolores permanece siempre con nosotros.**

Durante este mes hemos sido atraídos al martirio espiritual que la Santísima Madre experimentó durante el martirio físico de Jesús. Los males del pecado son manifiestos pero vencidos mediante un sufrimiento intenso. Las lágrimas de angustia de la Santísima Madre reflejan el lavado del pecado por parte de Dios. Todos los dolores de María se funden 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.

**Oración: El Rosario de los Siete Dolores de la Virgen María\***

- Haz la señal de la cruz: En el nombre del Padre.....
- El acto de contrición
- Ave María (3)
- *Madre Misericordiosa*, recuérdanos siempre los Dolores de tu Hijo Jesús. Reina de los Mártires, tu corazón sufrió tanto. Te ruego, por los méritos de las lágrimas que derramaste en estos tiempos terribles y dolorosos, que obtengas para mí y para todos los pecadores del mundo la gracia de la total sinceridad y del arrepentimiento. Amén.

1. La profecía de Simeón. (Lucas 2:22-35)
2. La huida a Egipto (Mateo 2:13-15)
3. La pérdida de Jesús en el templo (Lucas 2:41-52)
4. María se encuentra con Jesús en el camino al Calvario (Lucas 23:27-31)
5. María está al pie de la cruz (Juan 19:25-27)
6. María recibe en sus brazos el cadáver de Jesús (Juan 19:38-40)
7. Jesús es colocado en la tumba (Juan 19:41-42)

- Oración final: Reina de los Mártires...
- María, que sin pecado fue concebida y que sufriste por nosotros, ruega por nosotros. (3 veces)
- En el nombre del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo. Amén  
~ Fin de la oración ~

\* El Rosario de los Siete Dolores se remonta al siglo XIV. María, Nuestra Señora de los Dolores, se apareció a Santa Brígida de Suecia y le reveló esta devoción al Rosario. Santa Brígida dedicó su vida a seguir los pasos de Cristo: cuidar verdaderamente de las personas necesitadas.

**Fuente de oración:** [https://www.immaculee.com/pages/7-sorrows-rosary-prayer?srsltid=AfmBOopFP7sWF2ckKukZm\\_cTFCOA729jKpm@MIhd-zKZQ1Z21xGwq2bx](https://www.immaculee.com/pages/7-sorrows-rosary-prayer?srsltid=AfmBOopFP7sWF2ckKukZm_cTFCOA729jKpm@MIhd-zKZQ1Z21xGwq2bx) **FUENTE:** <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/prayers/view.cfm?id=762&repos=3&subrepos=3&searchid=2419120> <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays/memorial-of-our-lady-of-sorrows.html>

**September is coming to a close but Our Lady of Sorrows remains with us always.**

During this month we have been drawn into the spiritual martyrdom that the Blessed Mother experienced during the physical martyrdom of Jesus. The evils of sin are manifest but conquered through intense suffering. The Blessed Mother's tears of anguish reflect God's washing away of sin. 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.

**Prayer: The Seven Sorrows Rosary of Virgin Mary\***

- Sign of the Cross: In the name of the Father...
- Act of Contrition: Oh my God...
- Hail Mary (3)
- *Most Merciful Mother*, remind us always about the Sorrows of your Son, Jesus. Queen of Martyrs, your heart suffered so much. I beg you, by the merits of the tears you shed in these terrible and sorrowful times, to obtain for me and all the sinners of the world the grace of complete sincerity and repentance. Amen.

1. The Prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:22-35)
2. The Flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15)
3. The Loss of Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41-52)
4. Mary Meet Jesus on the Way to Calvary (Luke 23:27-31)
5. Mary Stands at the Foot of the Cross (John 19:25-27)
6. Mary Receives the Dead Body of Jesus in Her Arms (John 19:38-40)
7. Jesus is Placed in the Tomb (John 19:41-42)

- Concluding Prayer: Queen of Martyrs...
- Mary, who was conceived without sin and who suffered for us, pray for us. (3 times)
- In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen  
~ End of Prayer ~

\* The Rosary of the Seven Sorrows dates back to the 14th century. Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, appeared to St. Bridget of Sweden and revealed this Rosary devotion to her. St. Bridget devoted her life to following in the footsteps of Christ – truly caring for people in need.

**Source:** <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/prayers/view.cfm?id=762&repos=3&subrepos=3&searchid=2419120> <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays/memorial-of-our-lady-of-sorrows.html>

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## PARISH UPDATES

### STM Key Dates | Fechas Claves de STM

- ✔ **Tuesday, Sept. 24 | martes 24 de septiembre**  
**Grupo Guadalupano 10A**  
*Confession | Confesión 5p to 545P*  
*Mass Bilingual/Misa Bilingue 6P*
- ✔ **Wed., Sept. 25 | miércoles 25 de septiembre**  
**MASS/MISA 830A | English/inglés**
- ✔ **Thurs., Sept. 26 | jueves 26 de septiembre**  
**MASS | MISA 830A | English/inglés**
- ✔ **Friday, Sept. 27 | viernes 27 de septiembre**  
**MASS | MISA 830A | English/inglés**
- ✔ **Saturday, Oct. 5 | sábado 5 de octubre**  
**Adoration | Adoración 10A**  
**Confession | Confesión 330p to 5p**



### SAVE THE DATE!

#### Blessing of the Animals

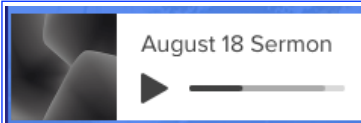
**The Secular Franciscans**  
invite you to bring your pets:  
dogs, cats, chickens, goats,  
hamsters, horses, goldfish, etc.

**Saturday; October 5**  
830A

St. Thomas More  
Under the Tent!

### SAVE THE DATE!

The Women of St. Thomas More present the  
5th Annual Taste of Heaven on Earth:  
Chocolate & Wine Tasting!  
**Saturday; October 19, 2024**  
Tickets on sale after Mass. We sold out last year.  
\$15 each ~GET YOURS NOW!~ \$15 each



### SERMON ARCHIVES

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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 su 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.



Para obtener más información sobre cómo obtener y presentar un reclamo o sobre la bancarrota, visite: <https://www.donlinrecano.com/rcbsacramento>, o comuníquese con el agente de reclamos del Deudor, Donlin, Recano & Company, Inc., por correo electrónico al [rcbsacramentoinfo@drc.equiniti.com](mailto:rcbsacramentoinfo@drc.equiniti.com) o por teléfono al 1-866-714-7301; o visite el sitio web del Deudor en <https://scd.org> y siga los enlaces para la presentación del Capítulo 11.