

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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

29SEP: TODAY IS PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY!

01OCT: **Confession** | **Confesión** 5p to 545p

01OCT: **Mass Bilingual** | **Misa Bilingue** 6P

02OCT: 3 & 4OCT **Mass** 830A Misa en inglés

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

05OCT: **Confession** | **Confesión** 330p - 5p

Sunday Readings

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

XXVI Domingo ordinario

1st Reading Numbers 11:25-29

Psalms 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Los mandamientos del Señor alegran el corazón.

2nd Reading James 5:1-6

Gospel Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 29TH

<i>Sunday; Sept. 29</i>	<i>Earl Whatcott †</i>	<i>1030A English</i>
<i>Sunday; Sept. 29</i>	<i>For the Intentions of Elias y Alicia Barajas</i>	<i>1230P español</i>
<i>Tuesday; Oct. 1</i>	<i>Matthew Rastelli †</i> <i>For the Health of Maria Gerspacher</i>	<i>830A English</i>
<i>Wed.; Oct. 2</i>	<i>Catherine Martin †</i>	<i>830A English</i>
<i>Thurs.; Oct. 3</i>	<i>Mercedes Zaragoza †</i>	<i>830A English</i>
<i>Friday; Oct. 4</i>	<i>For Greg & Yvonne Kidder's wedding anniversary</i>	<i>830A English</i>

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

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

*Andrea Inzunza
Mary Braddick
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-SIXTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Monday; Sept. 30th **Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

1st Reading: Job 1:6-22
Psalm 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7
Incline your ear to me and bear my word.
Gospel: Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday; October 1st **Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, virgin and Doctor of the Church**

1st Reading: Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23
Psalm 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8
Let my prayer come before you, Lord.
Gospel: Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday; Oct. 2nd **Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels**

1st Reading: Job 9:1-12, 14-16
Psalm 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15
Let my prayer come before you, Lord.
Gospel: Matthew 18:1-5, 10

Thursday; October 3rd

1st Reading: Job 19:21-27
Psalm 27:7-8A, 8B-9ABC, 13-14
I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.
Gospel: Luke 10:1-12

Friday; October 4th **Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi**

1st Reading: Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5
Psalm 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab
Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.
Gospel: Luke 10:13-16

Saturday; October 5th

1st Reading: Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17
Psalm 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130
Lord, let your face shine on me.
Gospel: Luke 10:17-24



Priesthood Sunday
Domingo del Sacerdocio
September 29, 2024

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Keeping Christ at the Center, No Matter the Cost

Love leads to communion, and communion allows everyone to move forward in harmony. Communion is not a happiness passively enjoyed, but it struggles to maintain a fraternal spirit and to open the doors of this fraternity to all people. By nature, love propagates itself; it is contagious, communicates to others, and draws everyone toward communion.

I must engrave this maxim within myself: "Communion is the struggle of every moment." A moment's neglect can destroy it; a mere trifle suffices: a single thought without charity, an obstinately maintained prejudice, a harmful attachment, a personal ambition or interest, an action done for myself and not for the Lord, returning to a bad habit already abandoned, the desire for personal satisfaction that overrides what is pleasing to the Lord.

Help me, Lord, to examine myself in this way: Who is the center of my life: you or me? If you are the center, then everyone will be gathered into unity. But if, instead, I see that people around me lose interest and disperse, that will be a sign that I have put myself at the center.

— VENERABLE FRANCIS XAVIER NGUYÊN VĂN THUÂN

Cardinal Nguyễn Văn Thuận († 2002) was imprisoned by the Vietnamese government for thirteen years, during which time he secretly sent prayers and spiritual writings to his flock. / From *Prayers of Hope: Words of Courage*, English edition. Copyright © 2012, Daughters of St. Paul/Pauline Books & Media, Boston, MA. All rights reserved.

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Happy Priesthood Sunday! Thank you for being our shepherd.

From:

Your St. Thomas More Parishioners!

HOMILY NOTES



Cerramos este último domingo de septiembre con el Domingo del Sacerdote, un día especial que se celebra anualmente para honrar a los hombres que sirven como sacerdotes.

En un extracto de *La Santísima Virgen María en la Vida y Ministerio del Sacerdote*, Monseñor Norberto Rivera, el 9 de julio de 1997, dijo: "Existe una relación esencial entre la Madre de Jesús y el sacerdocio de los ministros del Hijo, que se deriva de la relación que se encuentra entre la maternidad divina de María y el sacerdocio de Cristo. La espiritualidad mariana de todo sacerdote tiene sus raíces en esta relación. La espiritualidad sacerdotal no puede considerarse completa si no toma seriamente en consideración el testamento de Cristo crucificado, que quiso confiar a su Madre a su discípulo amado y, a través de ella, a todos los sacerdotes, que han sido llamados a llevar a cabo la obra de la redención".

El próximo domingo 27 de octubre se celebrará el Día Mundial del Sacerdote (DPM), una celebración y afirmación de los hombres que comprometen sus vidas al Señor y a la Iglesia a través del Sacramento del Orden Sagrado. Este día nos ofrece una oportunidad como feligreses católicos para agradecer, afirmar y compartir nuestro amor y apoyo hacia nuestros sacerdotes.

¡Los sacerdotes juegan un papel importante en nuestras vidas! Pueden celebrar y agradecer a tu sacerdote de diversas formas. Aquí hay algunas ideas para comenzar:

- Ore la oración del Día Mundial del Sacerdote diariamente hasta el 27 de octubre.
- Invita a tu sacerdote a tu casa para disfrutar de una buena comida casera.
- Envíele una nota escrita a mano diciéndole cuánto significa para usted su sacerdote y su ministerio.
- Rezar una novena u orar durante 24 horas por todos los sacerdotes y su sacerdocio.
- Dar una tarjeta de regalo, como una tarjeta de gasolina, para ayudarlos en sus viajes durante su ministerio.

Oración del día mundial del sacerdote 2024

Dios misericordioso y amoroso, te damos gracias por el don de nuestros sacerdotes. A través de ellos experimentamos tu presencia en los sacramentos. Ayuda a nuestros sacerdotes a ser fuertes en su vocación. Enciende sus almas con amor por tu pueblo. Concédeles la sabiduría, la comprensión y la fuerza que necesitan para seguir los pasos de Jesús. Inspíralos con la visión de tu Reino. Dale las palabras que necesitan para difundir el Evangelio. Permítales experimentar gozo en su ministerio. Ayúdalos a convertirse en instrumentos de tu divina gracia. Te lo pedimos por Jesucristo, que vive y reina como nuestro Eterno Sacerdote. Amén

Fuente de oración: <https://wwme.org/community/sponsored-events/world-priest-day/>



We closeout this last Sunday in September on Priesthood Sunday, a special day, celebrated annually, to honor the men who serve as priests. In an excerpt from *The Blessed Virgin Mary in the Life & Ministry of the Priest*, Monsignor Norberto Rivera, on July 9, 1997, said, "There exists an essential relationship between the Mother of Jesus and the priesthood of the ministers of the Son, which derives from the

relationship found between Mary's divine motherhood and Christ's priesthood. The Marian spirituality of every priest is rooted in this relationship. Priestly spirituality cannot be considered complete if it does not take into serious consideration the testament of Christ crucified, who wanted to confide his beloved disciple to his Mother and, through him, all priests, who have been called to carry forward the work of redemption".

World Priest Day (WPD) is Coming Sunday, Oct. 27!

A celebration and affirmation of the men who commit their lives to the Lord and the Church via the Sacrament of Holy Orders. This day offers us an opportunity as Catholic Parishioners to thank, affirm, and share our love and support for our priests. Priests play a significant part in our lives! You can celebrate and thank your priest in a variety of ways. Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- Pray the World Priest Day Prayer daily thru Oct. 27.
- Invite your priest to your home for a good home-cooked meal.
- Send your priest a handwritten note sharing how much his ministry means to you.
- Pray a novena or pray for 24 hours for all priests & their priesthood.
- Give a gift card such as a gas card to aid in their travel during their ministry.

World Priest Day Prayer 2024

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

***Source:** https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cclergy/documents/rc_con_cclergy_doc_19071997_conri_en.html#:~:text=Every%20priest%20knows%20that%20Mary,she%20watches%20over%20the%20priest **Prayer Source:** <https://wwme.org/community/sponsored-events/world-priest-day/>

PARISH UPDATES

STM Key Dates | Fechas Claves de STM

Sunday; Sept. 29

Happy Priesthood Sunday, Father Chuck!

- ☑ **Tuesday, Oct. 1 | martes 1 de octubre**
Confession | Confesión 5p to 545P
Mass Bilingual/Misa Bilingue 6P
- ☑ **Wed., Oct. 2 | miércoles 2 de octubre**
MASS/MISA 830A | English/inglés
- ☑ **Thurs., Oct. 3 | jueves 3 de octubre**
MASS | MISA 830A | English/inglés
- ☑ **Friday, Oct. 4 | viernes 4 de octubre**
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!



Eucharistic Adoration

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

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



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 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 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.