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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 830A

Sunday Readings

1st Reading 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

Psalm 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Muéstranos, Señor, tu misericordia.

2nd Reading Romans 9:1-5

Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 9TH

Sunday; August 9	Antonio Longuiera † Samuel Weaver † (death anniversary)	1030A
Domingo; 9 de agosto	Alvina Tecruceño Filemón Tenorio & Claudia Isabel Hernandez †† Ana Maria Hurtado Corral †	1230P español
Tues.; August 11	Antonio Rivera (cumpleaños # 1) Intenciones de Alicia Real	6P
Wed.; August 12	Intenciones de Eliás Barajas Intenciones de la Familia Barajas-Real	830A
Thurs.; August 13	Intenciones de Juan Carlos y Elvia Barajas	830A
Friday; August 14	For the soul of Kim Helgeson Avoy † For the intentions of the Helgeson Family	830A

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Rod Montgomery
Bernhard Family
Mary Anne Durant
Rick Sillman
Andrea Inzunza
Kimberly Laird
Leo Benedetti
The Mortenson Family
Michael Coronado
Joan Memmer

Samia Zumout
Greg DeCristofaro
Carrie Sonsteng
Art Sanchez
Santiago Avila
Carlos Torres
Tony & Francene Packett
Rick Hodson
Larry Young

Bryant Smith
Ron Keyes
Theresa Durant
Raul & Helvia
Saavedra
Dolores Costello
Rosemary Peterson
Susie Boyd
David Brown
Gloria Klinger

AUGUST INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

INTENCIONES DE AGOSTO DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

Por la evangelización en la ciudad

Oremos para que, en las grandes ciudades a menudo marcadas por el anonimato y la soledad, encontremos nuevas formas de anunciar el Evangelio, descubriendo caminos creativos para construir comunidad.

This Week's Readings
THE 18TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday; August 10th *Feast of Saint Lawrence,
Deacon and Martyr*

1st Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10
Psalm 12:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9
Blessed the man who is gracious and lends to those in need.
Gospel: John 12:24-26

Tuesday; August 11th *Memorial of Saint Clare,
Virgin*

1st Reading: Ezekiel 2:8-3:4
Psalm 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131
How sweet to my taste is your promise!
Gospel: Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday; August 12th

1st Reading: Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22
Psalm 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
The glory of the Lord is higher than the skies.
Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Thurs.; August 13th

1st Reading: Ezekiel 12:1-12
Psalm 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62
Do not forget the works of the Lord!
Gospel: Matthew 18:21-19:1

Friday; Aug. 14th *Memorial of Saint Maximilian
Kolbe, Priest and Martyr*

1st Reading: Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63 or
Ezekiel 16:59-63
Psalm Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6
You have turned from your anger.
Gospel: Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday; Aug. 15th *Solemnity of the Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

1st Reading: 1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16;
16:1-2
Psalm 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14
*Lord, go up to the place of your rest, you and the ark
of your holiness.*
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54b-57
Gospel: Luke 11:27-28

Sunday; August 16th

Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
O God, let all the nations praise you!
2nd Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

MEDITATION OF THE DAY
“Why did you doubt?”



From his monstrance, from his tabernacle, from the depth of our hearts, he speaks to us: “For such a long time I have been with you, living by your side, coming to you daily in Holy Communion, never leaving you, being even closer than I was to my disciples. Still you do not know me? Have you not contemplated my virtues? Have you not entered into my

Sacred Heart? Have you not shared my very life? I love you so much, so very much, beloved soul who is listening to me.”

That emotion...of Jesus as he delicately renders his most tender complaints causes our being to come to life.... Jesus was deeply moved and he was speaking to all the cold and indifferent souls of all the ages with the emphasis of the heart. Jesus, whom we so frequently forget about, complains with a sadness that tears the heart about that which hurts him most: our ingratitude!... What a painful sword being forgotten is for the Soul who only knew how to love and to sacrifice himself in every form of martyrdom to bring happiness to those he loves!

We really do not comprehend the profound love that the Heart of Jesus has for us. The more Jesus deigns to reveal to us those secrets of his loving Heart, the more we realize that we do not understand him. His Infinite Love causes him to complain on the one hand, while our littleness inclines him to forgive us. It is only our misery that draws God toward us, because that is all that is ours. It is into this emptiness—into this nothingness—that the ocean of his goodness and the infinite love of his heart are poured. — BLESSED CONCEPCIÓN CABRERA DE ARMIDA

Blessed Concepción († 1937), also known as “Conchita,” was a wife, mother, widow, and mystical writer. She was the first Mexican laywoman to be beatified. / From *What Jesus Is Like*, Most Rev. Donald W. Montrose, tr. © 2008, The Fathers and Brothers of the Society of St. Paul, ST PAULS/Alba House, Staten Island, NY. www.stpauls.us. Used with permission.

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HOMILY NOTES



Agosto es el mes dedicado al Inmaculado Corazón de María. Se invita a los fieles a reflexionar sobre el corazón puro, el amor inquebrantable y la virtud excelsa de María. La asociación del mes de agosto con el Inmaculado Corazón es una costumbre relativamente reciente, surgida en la época de la Segunda Guerra Mundial. El Papa de aquel entonces, el Venerable Pío XII, profesaba una profunda devoción a Nuestra Señora de Fátima, quien en 1917 dijo a los pastorcitos: «[Jesús] quiere establecer en el mundo la devoción a mi Inmaculado Corazón». Si bien los católicos han venerado el corazón de Nuestra Señora a lo largo de los siglos, el Papa Pío deseaba desde hacía tiempo universalizar esta devoción mediante una fiesta litúrgica específica que fomentara su práctica en toda la Iglesia.



August is the month dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The faithful are invited to reflect on Mary's pure heart, steadfast love, and towering virtue. The association of August with the Immaculate Heart is a fairly recent development stemming from the World War II era. The pope at the time, Venerable Pope Pius XII, held a deep devotion to Our Lady of Fatima who in 1917 told the shepherd children "[Jesus] wants to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart." Although Catholics throughout the ages venerated Our Lady's heart, Pope Pius had long desired to make this devotion more universal via a set feast day to promote it throughout the Church.

El próximo sábado 15 de agosto es la Solemnidad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María, la cual se celebrará tanto en la Misa del día como en la Misa de vigilia en la parroquia de San Juan Bautista en Chico.

LA ASUNCIÓN DE MARÍA LA FIESTA MÁS ANTIGUA DE NUESTRA SEÑORA

- * **Según la enseñanza de la Iglesia**, al final de su vida terrenal, María fue asunta –elevada en cuerpo y alma– al cielo.
- * **1950** – El Papa Pío XII proclamó el dogma de la Asunción el 1 de noviembre de 1950. «La Inmaculada Madre de Dios, siempre Virgen María, cumplido el curso de su vida terrenal, fue asunta en cuerpo y alma a la gloria celestial», declaró en la *Munificentissimus Deus* (que define el dogma de la Asunción).
- * **Nombre de la solemnidad:** Hacia el siglo VIII, en la época del Papa Adriano, la Iglesia comenzó a modificar su terminología, cambiando el nombre de la festividad del "Memorial de María" a "Asunción de María", según Matthew Benson, vicepresidente y director editorial de EWTN News. (En las Iglesias católicas orientales y ortodoxas, la solemnidad se conoce como la "Formación de la Theotokos", que significa "el sueño de la Madre de Dios").
- * **¿Dónde fue asunta María al cielo?** Jerusalén es el lugar tradicional –cerca del monte Sion y denominado «Lugar de la Dormición», el sitio donde María «se durmió»–, según explica la *Enciclopedia Católica*. (Hoy en día, la Abadía benedictina de la Dormición de María se alza en ese mismo lugar).
- * **Creencia de la Iglesia primitiva:** la creencia en la Asunción se remonta a los apóstoles. «Lo que estaba claro desde el principio era que no había reliquias de María que venerar», afirma EWTN.com. La creencia en la Asunción fue reafirmada en el Concilio de Calcedonia en el año 451.
- * **15 de agosto:** esta festividad se celebra en la Basílica de Santa María la Mayor de Roma desde al menos el siglo VI, según explica la Enciclopedia Católica; se trata de una solemnidad eclesiástica, el rango litúrgico más elevado para una festividad.
 - En todo el mundo se celebran misas de precepto, procesiones marianas y reuniones comunitarias. Esta solemnidad es día festivo en muchos países.
 - Lourdes (Francia): miles de personas se reúnen para participar en procesiones de antorchas.
 - Italia lo celebra con fuegos artificiales durante una festividad de mediados de agosto instituida por el emperador Augusto.
 - Polonia: se bendicen hierbas, se trenzan para formar coronas y se cuelgan cerca de imágenes sagradas.

Next Saturday, Aug. 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary which will be celebrated at both the Mass of the Day and the Vigil Mass at St. John the Baptist in Chico.

THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY THE OLDEST FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY

- * **Church teaching** – at the end of her earthly life, Mary was assumed – taken up body & soul – into heaven.
- * **1950** – Pope Pius XII declared the dogma of the Assumption on Nov. 1, 1950. "The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body & soul into heavenly glory," he stated in *Munificentissimus Deus* (Defining the Dogma of the Assumption.)
- * **Solemnity's Name** – By the eighth century, around the time of Pope Adrian, the Church began change to its terminology, renaming the feast day of the "Memorial of Mary" to the "Assumption of Mary", according to EWTN News VP & Editorial Director Matthew Benson. (In the Eastern Catholic & Orthodox Churches, the solemnity is known as the "Formation of the Theotokos," meaning "the falling asleep of the Mother of God.")
- * **Where was Mary Assumed Into Heaven?** Jerusalem is the traditional location, close to Mount Zion & named the "Place of Formation," the spot of Mary's "falling asleep," explains the Catholic Encyclopedia. (Today the Benedictine Abbey of the Dormition of Mary stands on the spot.)
- * **Belief From Early Church** – Belief in the Assumption dates to the apostles, "What was clear from the beginning was that there were no relics of Mary to be venerated," states EWTN.com. Belief in the Assumption was affirmed at the Council of Chalcedon in 451.
- * **Aug. 15** – The feast has been celebrated in Rome's Church of St. Mary Major since at least the sixth century, Catholic Encyclopedia explains, It is a Church solemnity, the highest liturgical rank of feast day.
 - Worldwide there are holy day of obligation Masses, Marian processions & communal gatherings. The solemnity is a public holiday in many countries.
 - Lourdes, France: thousands gather for candlelight processions.
 - Italy celebrates with fireworks in a mid-Aug holiday established by Emperor Augustus.
 - Poland: Herbs are blessed, woven into wreaths & hung near holy pictures.

**ADORATION**

Friday, Aug. 14 | Follows 830A Mass
Adoration extended to 7:30p thru September

**MEN'S MINISTRY**

Friday, Aug. 14 | **930A** | Church Hall Mtg Rm.

**LUMEN CHRISTI**

STM YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

CALLED INTO RELATIONSHIP WITH
JESUS CHRIST. ROOTED IN THE LIFE
AND TEACHINGS OF HIS CHURCH.
TOGETHER WE SHARE HIS LOVE WITH
OTHERS SO THAT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
MAY ILLUMINATE THE WORLD.

NEXT MEETING

Sept. 3 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT:

Heidi & Justin | (530) 864-0809

**Grief Support Ministry Meeting**

The STM Grief Support Ministry responds to the needs of people in grief. Its goal is to ensure that no one grieves alone.

The next meeting is

Wed. Aug. 12, 6P
St. Vincent de Paul Rm
in the Church

Questions? Call Cheryl Barron: 530-514-8859



Deepest sympathies to Elizabeth Hirsch on the passing of her grandmother, Susie Aldrich, who passed away on July 1. Details for her Funeral Mass to be advised.

ADVISORY: Special Collection Today!

Today we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Please support this collection to help combat a rising secular culture, increase priestly & religious formation, provide lay leadership training, catechesis & other programs.

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The Women of STM Meet Sat., Aug 15 to Plan Wine & Chocolate Extravaganza!

Ladies, please join the women of STM on Saturday Aug. 15 to plan the 2026 Wine & Chocolate Extravaganza which takes place Sat., Sept. 26.

Meeting details: Sat., Aug 15th | 10A | Parish Hall Mtg Rm.

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Thank You to the Wonderful, Loving, Generous People of St. Thomas More!

One again you have demonstrated your commitment to women in crisis pregnancies and their unborn babies. You have helped minister to them by giving \$2,425.22 to the Baby Bottle Fundraiser. Your giving has saved more babies from the abortion pill thru its reversal. Many young ladies have chosen life after seeing their unborn babies on the ultrasound your gifts helped to provide. There is even ministry to the fathers! This fundraising runs from Mother's Day to Father's Day to ensure better support for the needs of families. With gratitude, Greg & Kathy DeCristofaro — Pro-Life chairs



Left to right: Ashley Lundberg - Executive Director, Care Net of Paradise, accepting check from Greg & Kathy DeCristofaro.

In memory of

IRMA DOUGLAS

Please join us for mass

10:00 am

Friday, August 21st

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

416 Chestnut St, Chico, CA 95928

Irma was a St. Thomas More parishioner and Eucharistic Minister for many years.

STM parishioners Dirk Wohlauf, Rolawn & Chris Rehmann, performed in France, with Bella Voce, a Chico women's choir, in 4 cathedrals & Normandy. Check out the links on the STM website homepage to view videos of STM singers performing. Beautiful singing; spectacular churches. (Note: Pat Strickland, an alto in the STM Choir, also sings with Bella Voce but didn't make this trip for personal reasons.)

