

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 Bilingual

Wednesday, Thurs., & Friday 830A

Sunday Readings

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!**Un río alegre a la ciudad de Dios.***2nd Reading** 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17**Gospel** John 2:13-22

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9TH

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| Sunday; November 9 | For All the Faithful Departed † | 1030A |
| Domingo; 9 de Noviembre | Por Todos los Feles Difuntos † | 1230P español |
| Tues.; November 11 | For All the Faithful Departed † | 6P |
| Wed.; November 12 | For All the Faithful Departed † | 830A |
| Thurs.; November 13 | For All the Faithful Departed † | 830A |
| Friday; November 14 | For All the Faithful Departed † | 830A |

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Rod Montgomery
Raul Saavedra
Jose Raul Rivera
Mary Anne Durant
Isabel Rivera Leon
Andrea Inzunza
Joan Memmer
Leo Benedetti
Kim Avoy Helgeson

Samia Zumout
Greg DeCristofaro
Carrie Sonsteng
Art Sanchez
Santiago Ávila
Joe DiDuca
Barbara Mesa
Carlos Torres

Tim Steffen
Elaine Little
Ron Keyes
Theresa Durant
Sam Kempner
Richard Carmack
Helvia Saavedra
Celia Topete

NOVEMBER INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

For The Prevention of Suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

INTENCIONES DE NOVIEMBRE DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

Para la prevención del suicidio

Oremos para que quienes luchan con pensamientos suicidas encuentren el apoyo, la atención y el amor que necesitan en su comunidad, y se abran a la belleza de la vida.



PRAY FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY



This Week's Readings

THIRTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday; Nov. 10th Memorial of Saint Leo the Great,
Pope and Doctor of the Church

1st Reading: Wisdom 1:1-7

Psalm 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10

Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.

Gospel: Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday; Nov. 11th Memorial of Saint Martin of
Tours, Bishop

1st Reading: Wisdom 2:23-3:9

Psalm 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19

I will bless the Lord at all times.

Gospel: Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday; Nov. 12th Memorial of Saint Josaphat,
Bishop and Martyr

1st Reading: Wisdom 6:1-11

Psalm 82:3-4, 6-7

Rise up, O God, bring judgment to the earth.

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

Thursday; Nov. 13th Memorial of Saint Frances
Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

1st Reading: Wisdom 7:22b-8:1

Psalm 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175

Your word is for ever, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 17:20-25

Friday; November 14th

1st Reading: Wisdom 13:1-9

Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5ab

The heavens proclaim the glory of God.

Gospel: Luke 17:26-37

Saturday; November 15th

1st Reading: Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9

Psalm 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43

Remember the marvels the Lord has done!

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Sunday; November 16th

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Malachi 3:19-20a

Psalm 98:5-6, 7-8, 9

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

The Glory of Holy Mother Church



The Church is precious; it was created by God on the cross, when they pierced Christ's heart with the lance. The Church was created to be part of God! The Church is holy. The Church is something precious, mystical, beautiful...and beyond all understanding....

The human Church, the people of God –of course, they will make mistakes. Who doesn't? But notwithstanding all its human sinfulness, out of this community of love comes something fantastic, transparent, beautiful, beyond our kenning, whose head is indeed the Son of God, and whose Bride she is. She encompasses us all, such as we are. That is the Church we belong to. It's easy to criticize. It's easy to say, "With all that's happening in the Church, you want me to stay there?" ... We talk like this

because our faith needs strengthening. Faith is like a light. Faith is like a curtain rising, to show the beauty of what is behind. Faith changes everything....

The Church is holy: "one, holy." I personally would die for the Church. The Christ in priests is what matters. It is He who is of the essence. At Mass, when you come to the consecration, it's the word of Christ that matters.... Touch the Church, and you touch God. We need to examine this prayerfully.... Where Jesus Christ is, there is the Church. People say, "I believe in Jesus, but not in the Church." But you can't separate Jesus and the Church: it's impossible. Where Jesus Christ is, there is the Church....

Mysteriously, the Church comes from the very heart of the Lord, and is given to us to come close to the heart of the Father... When you begin to love the Church, you begin to enter into its mystery.... As you enter, you will enter into the heart of Christ. And he will take you by the hand & bring you to his Father. – SERVANT OF GOD

CATHERINE DE HUECK DOHERTY

Catherine de Hueck Doherty († 1985), born in Russia, established the Friendship House in Harlem, New York, in 1938, and later the Madonna House Apostolate in Combermere, Canada. / From *Mystical Body of Christ*. © 2013, Madonna House Publications, Combermere, Ontario, Canada. .

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HOMILY NOTES



Noviembre es el mes de la Devoción a las Santas Almas del Purgatorio. Nos encontramos en una posición única, ya que nuestros méritos terrenales pueden ayudar a las almas del Purgatorio si ofrecemos intencionalmente a Dios nuestras oraciones, buenas obras, sacrificios y, especialmente, el Santo Sacrificio de la Misa para su alivio.

Con la caída de las hojas y el acortamiento de los días, recordamos que toda vida terrenal llega a su fin, y nuestra atención se centra en una profunda y solemne devoción: las Almas del Purgatorio. El Catecismo enseña: «Todos los que mueren en la gracia y amistad de Dios, pero aún imperfectamente purificados, tienen asegurada su salvación eterna; pero después de la muerte, se someten a una purificación para alcanzar la santidad necesaria para entrar en la alegría del cielo» .(CCC 1030)



November is the month for Devotion to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. 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.

As the leaves fall & the days grow shorter, it reminds us that all earthly life comes to an end and focus shifts to a profound & solemn devotion—the Holy Souls of Purgatory. 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)

UNA PREGUNTA SOBRE EL PURGATORIO

Si alguna vez te han preguntado o te has preguntado si el purgatorio es real, aquí tienes un poco de información al respecto.

Q. ¿Existe el purgatorio en la Biblia?

A. La palabra «Purgatorio» no aparece en las Escrituras, pero la posibilidad de la purificación después de la muerte sí se plantea de forma incipiente. Por ejemplo, en el libro de los Macabeos, Judas Macabeo envía una ofrenda al Templo en nombre de sus hombres caídos que habían cometido un acto supersticioso (véase 2 Macabeos 12:39-45). Si bien este texto bíblico católico no figura en la Biblia protestante, debido a su eliminación por los reformadores, no obstante da testimonio de la fe de Israel en el siglo II a. C.

En el Nuevo Testamento (Mateo 5:25-26), nuestro Señor nos aconseja arreglar nuestros asuntos antes de comparecer ante el juez, pues de lo contrario podríamos ser encarcelados, donde permaneceríamos hasta saldar nuestra deuda. Este es un principio básico de justicia: las deudas con Dios deben ser saldadas. No podemos pagar nuestra deuda con Él, pues es infinita. Cristo pagó esa deuda, uniendo nuestra naturaleza a la Su Divina Naturaleza, y recibimos el perdón cuando nos volvemos a Él arrepentidos, a través de aquellos a quienes Él designó para este propósito (véase Juan 20:21-23; 2 Corintios 3:5-6). La culpa temporal, debido a las consecuencias en nosotros, en los demás y en el orden social, permanece, y debemos saldarla en la medida de nuestras posibilidades: devolviendo el dinero robado, reparando el daño a la reputación de alguien, pidiendo perdón a quien hemos herido física, emocional y moralmente, etc., si no en esta vida, en la venidera. Son estas deudas que podemos reparar las que no podemos simplemente ignorar, ni en vida ni en la muerte.

A QUESTION ABOUT PURGATORY

If you’ve ever been asked or have questioned whether purgatory is real, here’s a bit of background.

Q. Is purgatory Biblical?

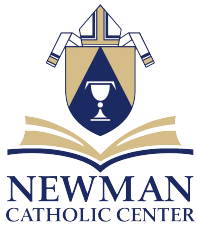
A. The word “Purgatory” does not appear in Scripture, but the possibility of purification after death certainly does in undeveloped form. For example, in the book of Maccabees, Judas Maccabee sends an offering to the Temple on behalf of his fallen men who had committed a superstitious act (see 2 Maccabees 12: 39-45). While this Catholic biblical text is not in the Protestant Bible, due to its removal by the Reformers, it nonetheless witnesses to the faith of Israel in the second century B.C.

In the New Testament (Matthew 5:25-26), Our Lord advises us to settle our affairs prior to going before the judge, or else we may be thrown into prison, where we remain until our debt is paid. This is a basic principle of justice: debts of justice must be paid. We cannot pay our debt to God, for it is infinite. Christ paid that debt, uniting our nature to His Divine Nature, and we receive forgiveness when we turn to Him in repentance through those whom He appointed for this purpose (see John 20:21-23; 2 Corinthians 3:5-6). The temporal guilt, due to the consequences in us, in others, in the good order of society, remains, and we must settle them to the extent we are able – returning stolen money, correcting injury to someone’s good name, asking forgiveness of someone we hurt, physically, emotionally, morally, and so on – if not in this life, in the next. It’s these debts within our power to repair we can’t simply set aside, whether in life or in death.

SOURCE: EWTN Seasons & Feast Days / All Souls Day.



"As we enter Heaven, we will see them, so many of them, coming towards us and thanking us. We will ask who they are, and they will say 'a poor soul you prayed for in Purgatory.'" -Venerable Fulton Sheen



YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS!

Check out the beautiful new website for our three Newman Centers at Chico State, Sacramento State, and U.C. Davis. The Newman Centers minister to our college students.

newmancatholiccenter.org



MEN'S MINISTRY

Friday, Nov. 14 | 7A | Church Hall Small Room

Please join for a
Ladies Fall
LUNCHEON

Women of St. Thomas More Meeting

Saturday, November 22 at 10A

Monthly Meeting & Friends Giving Potluck

NOTE! The Parish Financial Report time frame was mislabeled as June to Sept. The correct timeframe for this report is July to Sept.

Parish Financial Support

~~June~~ July- Sept.: First Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 2025

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| Offertory Collections | \$32,324 |
| WeShare (Online Giving) | \$9,205 |
| Special Collections | \$5,317 |
| Holy Days | \$254 |

Christ loves His church (Eph. 5:25) just as our parishioners love St. Thomas More and support her. This support allows us to live out our mission –

To know, love, live and spread the good news of Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith. Guided by the Holy Spirit, [we] share our time, talent, and treasure in the service of the spiritual, liturgical, educational and social needs of all God's people. (Adopted 1995)



ADORATION

Friday, Nov. 14 | Following 830A Mass
Ends at 6P



Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due Back by Nov. 24.

We're partnering with Samaritan's Purse to deliver Christmas Shoe Boxes to deserving children around the world. **REMINDER:** If you picked up a shoebox, once filled, return it to the church or church office no later than Monday, November 24.

If you take a shoe box, please do the following:

1. Follow the instructions inside the box.
2. Return the boxes to STM between Nov. 17 and 24. (Note: Don't over fill the shoe boxes.)
3. Optional: You can also donate \$10.00 to defray the cost of shipping by using the envelope provided.

Questions? Contact Greg DeCristofaro at (530) 873-4132H or (530) 588-3790C or email gregdec@att.net. Thanks!

STM Youth RETREAT

CALLING ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

SATURDAY NOV 15

WHERE: ACHIEVE

TIME: 9AM-4PM

COST: DONATION

Come Follow Me

HE'S CALLING YOUR NAME... WILL YOU TAKE THE FIRST STEP?

To register call/text Sandra Rodriguez (530) 966-2855