

# 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

**20OCT: The Rosary TODAY 30 mins b4 Mass@ 10A**

**20OCT: Men's Mtg after Mass 2day at the school**

22OCT: Grupo Guadalupano 830A

22OCT: **Confession | Confesión** 5p – **Mass | Misa** 6P

23OCT: 24, & 25 **Mass | Misa** 830A

26OCT: **Confession | Confesión** 330p - 5p

## Sunday Readings

*Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*XXIX Domingo ordinario*

**1st Reading** *Isaiah 53:10-11*

**Psalms** *33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22*

*Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

*Muéstrate bondadoso con nosotros, Señor.*

**2nd Reading** *Hebrews 4:14-16*

**Gospel** *Mark 10:35-45 or 10:42-45*



## MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Drinking the Cup of Christ's Love

***It is the intense love of Christ which fired the zeal of all the great***

*Meditation of the Day continues on next page*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 20TH

*Sunday; Oct. 20 Deceased Members of the St. Francis & St. Clare Fraternity † 1030A English*

*Domingo, 20 oct. Mercedes Zaragoza † 1230P español*

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

*Michael Krzanich*

*Cathy Larsen*

*Linda Stultz*

*Angela Babcock*

*S Sharon Calboun*

*Nancy Cornett*

*Linda Alberghotti*

*Ben Richards*

*Patrick Wallenan*

*Mary Braddick*

*Carrie Sue Sonsteng*

*Sam Kempner*

*Tylor Koski*

*Denise Hughes*

*Kimberly Helgeson Avoy*

*Denis Helgeson*

*Jim McManus*

*Rod Montgomery*

*David Porter*

*Barbara Maldonado*

*Lora Ginn*

*Senona Gonzalez*

*Samia Zumout*

*Karen Reynolds*

*Bill Bechtold*

## OCTOBER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS

*For a shared mission*

*We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.*

## INTENCIONES DE OCTUBRE DEL PAPA FRANCISCO

*Por una misión compartida*

*Oremos para que la Iglesia siga sosteniendo en todos los sentidos un estilo de vida sinodal, como signo de corresponsabilidad, promoviendo la participación, la comunión y la misión compartida entre sacerdotes, religiosos y laicos.*

Today is World Mission Sunday! See back page.

### This Week's Readings

THE TWENTY-NINTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

#### Monday; October 21<sup>st</sup>

1st Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10  
Psalm 100:1B-2, 3, 4AB, 4C-5  
*The Lord made us, we belong to him.*  
Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

#### Tuesday; October 22<sup>nd</sup>

1st Reading: Ephesians 2:12-22  
Psalm 85:9AB-10, 11-12, 13-14  
*The Lord speaks of peace to his people.*  
Gospel: Luke 12:35-38

#### Wednesday; October 23<sup>rd</sup>

1st Reading: Ephesians 3:2-12  
Psalm Isaiah 12:2-3, 4BCD, 5-6  
*You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.*  
Gospel: Luke 12:39-48

#### Thursday; October 24<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21  
Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19  
*The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.*  
Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

#### Friday; October 25<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6  
Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6  
*Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.*  
Gospel: Luke 12:54-59

#### Saturday; October 26<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: Ephesians 4:7-16  
Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4AB, 4CD-5  
*Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*  
Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Meditation of the Day continued from front page.

### MEDITATION OF THE DAY

## Drinking the Cup of Christ's Love

missionaries, past and present. They could not contain within themselves the love which filled their spirits. As human love overflows from the embrace of the couple into the children, who have been described as "love made visible," so the missionary's love makes visible new children in Christ. It is in terms of this intensity of love that the extraordinary sacrifices of the saints can be understood as heroic instead of insane. **As the Song of Songs proclaims:** Were one to offer all he owns to purchase love, he would be roundly mocked (8:7). We should give all for the pearl of great price, which is Christ. Just as all married couples are called to love each other for their whole lives, no matter the sacrifices involved, so it is the teaching of the Church that every man is called to become a saint. In the words of Christ: You cannot give yourself to God and money. Take up your cross and follow me. Enter by the narrow gate. **The lukewarm I will spit out of my mouth.** For most of us, love, human and divine, is desirable up to the point of suffering and sacrifice. Or, if at first we feel that we would do anything for the person we love, gradually our fervor dies. When we try to pinpoint how this happens, I think we would often find that a time came when a sacrifice was demanded of us which we refused to make. This decision is not always made in full consciousness. The moment of the test comes, we let it pass, we forget it, and then one day we discover that our life is not being lived out of intensity of commitment....

**Reading the lives of the saints, we are struck by the presence of turning points when these lovers of Christ took up the great challenge.** Their love of the good was so great that they staked their lives to win the battle against the evils which surrounded them. As a result of this same "all or nothing" attachment to the good, they were able to overcome in themselves every fault which would make them lazy, inept, betraying servants of Christ....

**If we wish to love with all the intensity of our being, then we must be ready to sacrifice all things which prevent us from being loving every moment of the day.** — RONDA CHERVIN

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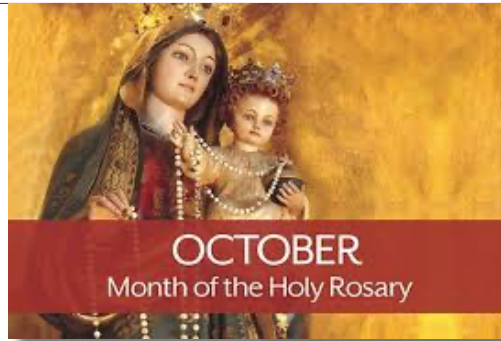
*Excerpt from Magnificat Magazine, Meditation of the Day, Oct. 20, 2024*

### HOMILY NOTES

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**¡Bienvenidos a octubre! Este mes está dedicado al Santo Rosario.** Según el dominico del siglo XV, Alan de la Roch, María se apareció a Santo Domingo en 1206 después de que él había estado orando y haciendo severas penitencias debido a su falta de éxito en la lucha contra la herejía albigense. María lo elogió por su valiente lucha contra los herejes y luego le dio el Rosario como un arma poderosa, explicándole sus usos y eficacia, y le dijo que lo predicara a otros. Si consideramos el poder del Rosario visto en sus efectos, encontramos gran abundancia de pruebas de su maravilloso valor.



**Welcome to October ! This month is dedicated to the Holy Rosary.** According to the 15th century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying & doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon – explaining its uses and efficacy– and told him to preach it to others. If we consider the power of the Rosary as seen in its effects, we find a great abundance of proofs of its wonderful value.

### **El poder del Rosario en nuestra vida cotidiana**

En tiempos de dificultad y desolación, es un gran consuelo poder volver toda nuestra esperanza hacia nuestra Madre Santísima y nuestro Salvador, su Hijo. Sor Lucía, una de las videntes de Fátima, dijo: "No hay problema, les digo, por difícil que sea, que no podamos resolver con el rezo del Santo Rosario". Escuchamos hablar de muchos de estos problemas en la Misa durante las Oraciones de los Fieles: violencia, hambre, pobreza, desastres naturales, enfermedades... En la Misa, oramos juntos por el fin de estos "problemas" semana tras semana. Pero la belleza del Rosario es que, al meditar continuamente sobre los misterios de la vida de Jesús, podemos comenzar a asumir su manera de pensar y actuar. Para decirlo de manera más bíblica, nos revestimos de la mente de Cristo. Él aumenta; disminuimos. Por eso, ya sean grandes o pequeños nuestros problemas, con una actitud cristiana podemos empezar a afrontarlos. Entonces, ¿cómo nos ayuda esto a resolver los problemas del mundo? Pensemos en Gandhi, quien dijo: "Sé el cambio que quieres ver en el mundo".

**Al abrir nuestros corazones a Jesús** a través de esta devoción mariana, estamos dando pasos para convertirnos en el cambio que nos gustaría ver y, por lo tanto, resolver los problemas del mundo, una persona a la vez.

**El objetivo del Rosario**, como cualquier forma de oración, no es que estemos cambiando a otros, ni siquiera cambiando situaciones o circunstancias. El objetivo del Rosario es que permitimos que el Señor transforme nuestros corazones y, al transformarlos, Él nos convierte en una luz que brilla para los demás.

Y cuando Su luz brilla a través de ti en la oscuridad, las tinieblas del mundo no pueden vencerla (cf. Juan 1:5).

**FUENTE:** [https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/10\\_1.cfm](https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/10_1.cfm); <https://www.theholyroary.org/> <https://ourcatholicradio.org/blog/importance-rosary-our-times>

**Fuente de oración:** nada

### **The Power of the Rosary in Our Everyday Lives**

In times of difficulty and desolation, it's such a consolation to be able to turn all of our hope toward our Blessed Mother and our Savior, her Son. Sister Lucia, one of the visionaries of Fatima, said, "There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary." We hear about many of these problems at Mass during the Prayers of the Faithful: violence, hunger, poverty, natural disasters, disease... In the Mass, we pray together for an end to these "problems" week after week. But the beauty of the Rosary is that, by continually meditating upon the mysteries of Jesus' life, we can begin to take on His way of thinking and acting. To put it more biblically, we put on the mind of Christ. He increases; we decrease. So, whether our problems are big or small, with a Christlike outlook we can begin to take them on. So, how does this help us solve the world's problems? Consider Gandhi, who said, "Be the change you want to see in the world."

**In opening our hearts to Jesus** through this Marian devotion, we are taking steps toward becoming the change we'd like to see – and thus, solving the world's problems, one person at a time.

**The point of the Rosary**, as with any form of prayer, is not that we're changing others, or even changing situations or circumstances. The point of the Rosary is that we're allowing the Lord to transform our hearts, and by transforming our hearts, He makes us a light to shine for others.

And when His light shines through you into the darkness, the darkness of the world can't overcome it (cf. John 1:5).

**Source:** [https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/10\\_1.cfm](https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/10_1.cfm); <https://www.theholyroary.org/> <https://ourcatholicradio.org/blog/importance-rosary-our-times>

**Prayer Source:** n/a

## PARISH UPDATES

### STM Key Dates | Fechas Claves de STM

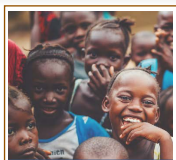
**TODAY!**

**Sunday; October 20 at 10A**

**The Rosary with Knights of Columbus  
30 minutes before Mass**



- ☑ **Tuesday, Oct. 22 | martes 22 de octubre**  
**Grupo Guadalupano 830A**  
*Confession | Confesión 5p-545P - Mass | Misa 6P*
- ☑ **Oct. 23-25, (Tu, Wed, Thu, Fri) Mass | Misa 830A**
- ☑ **Saturday, Oct. 26 | sábado 26 de octubre**  
*Confession | Confesión 330p to 5p*



### SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY for World Mission Sunday

We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call - to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious & lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions.

Thank you for your generosity. To donate online, visit <https://www.scd.org/wm>



### SPECIAL ADORATION NOTICE Saturday | NOV. 2 | 10A

**The theme of Adoration on Saturday, Nov. 2, will be: "The Holy Souls of Purgatory" We'll read the names of our faithful departed.**

If you would like the name(s) of your faithful departed read on this date, please add their name(s) to the **RED BOOK** in the Narthex. Add names by no later than Noon, Thurs. Oct. 31!

Please plan to attend Adoration on Nov. 2 at 10A



### Installation of Father Chuck Kelly

**Sunday; November 3 at 1030A Mass**

His Excellency Bishop Jaime Soto will concelebrate Mass with, and formally install Fr. Chuck as Priest of St. Thomas More. There will be one combined Spanish & English Mass. A Reception will follow. (Plz note: No Crown Rosary before Mass on Nov. 3)

### Donations to St. Thomas More Parish For the 3rd Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 2024

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
\$9,447.00	\$11,849.00	\$12,724.00



## World Priest Day

**is Coming Next Sunday, October 27!**

**St. Thomas More will join in this** celebration and affirmation of the men who commit their lives to the Lord and the Church via the Sacrament of Holy Orders by celebrating our own Fr. Chuck!

**In recognition of World Priest Day, here are six ways to celebrate Fr. Chuck and all priests:**

1. Pray the World Priest Day Prayer (see below) daily thru Oct. 27.
2. Invite your priest to your home for a good home-cooked meal.
3. Send your priest a handwritten note sharing how much his ministry means to you.
4. Pray a novena or pray for 24 hrs for all priests & their priesthood.
5. Give a gift card such as a gas card to aid in their travel during their ministry.
6. Plan to attend the official installation of Fr. Chuck as priest of STM Sunday, Nov. 3 at 1030A. (A reception will follow.)

### 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.



### ATTENTION ALL MEN!

**All men of the church please join Deacon Tom at a special Men's Ministry Meeting today after Mass!**

**School  
TODAY | After Mass | Multipurpose  
Room**