

# 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)

**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** Wisdom 18:6-9

**Psalm** 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Dichoso el pueblo escogido por Dios.

**2nd Reading** Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12

**Gospel** Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>

Sunday; August 10

Sam Weaver †  
Frank Maynard †

1030A

Domingo 10 de agosto

Ana Maria Hurtado †  
Intenciones de Elias y Alicia Real

1230P español

Tuesday; Aug. 12

Salud de Celso Verde  
Intenciones de Elias y Alicia Real

6P

Wed.; Aug. 13

Larry Campbell †  
Intenciones de Elias y Alicia Real

830A

Thurs.; Aug. 14

Carol Zellmer †  
Intenciones de Elias y Alicia Real

830A

Friday; Aug. 15

Intentions of Gloria Wenter-Smith  
Intenciones de Elias y Alicia Real

830A

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Rod Montgomery  
Raul Saavedra  
Jose Raul Rivera  
Mary Anne Durant  
Isabel Rivera Leon  
Andrea Inzunza  
Marlene Woodard  
Joan Memmer  
Leo Benedetti

Samia Zumout  
Greg DeCristofaro  
John Thomas  
Lourdes Collazo  
Carrie Sonsteng  
Art Sanchez  
Leilani McManus  
James McManus

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

## AUGUST INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

**For Mutual Coexistence**

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

## INTENCIONES DE AGOSTO DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

**Por la convivencia mutua**

Oremos para que las sociedades donde la convivencia parece más difícil no sucumban a la tentación del enfrentamiento por razones étnicas, políticas, religiosas o ideológicas.

## This Week's Readings

### NINETEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

**Monday; Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>** MEMORIAL OF SAINT CLARE,  
VIRGIN

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 10:12-22

Psalms 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20

*Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.*

Gospel: Matthew 17:22-27

**Tuesday; August 12<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 31:1-8

Psalms Deuteronomy 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 & 12

*The portion of the Lord is his people.*

Gospel: Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

**Wednesday; August 13<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalms 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17

*Blessed be God who filled my soul with fire!*

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

**Thursday; Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>** MEMORIAL OF SAINT  
MAXIMILIAN KOLBE,  
PRIEST AND MARTYR

1st Reading: Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17

Psalms 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

*Alleluia!*

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-19:1

**Friday; August 15<sup>th</sup>** SOLEMNITY OF THE  
ASSUMPTION OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**Holy Day of Obligation**

**Mass During the Day** (For times see back page)

1st Reading: Revelation 11:19A; 12:1-6A,  
10AB

Psalms 45:10, 11, 12, 16

*The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.*

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-27

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

**Saturday; August 16<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: Joshua 24:14-29

Psalms 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11

*You are my inheritance, O Lord.*

Gospel: Matthew 19:13-15

## MEDITATION OF THE DAY

### How to Be Ready for the Son of Man



**Lamb of God is how John the Baptist addresses Jesus.** From the start, he sees Jesus as a victim, chosen by God himself. The same should and indeed needs to apply to each Christian. We are born to be a living offering, to die with Christ, and then to share in his glory. We should look forward to the day of our meeting with him as a bride looks forward to her

bridegroom. That hour comes for everyone and, what is more, it comes like a thief, at a time in which we are not expecting it. It makes sense, therefore, to live each moment in view of that hour, and to act accordingly. ...

**Certainly, it is good and necessary to work for a better world of tomorrow,** which is best done by spreading a Christian lifestyle. And this not least in view of our brothers and sisters who are yet to come, because we want to love them too as Christ has taught us. But as far as we ourselves are concerned, we should always be alert, open to the call to enter into the life to come, into the kingdom which is not of this world.

**With God's help I want to be more than just resigned to the fact that** one day I need to face my final agony and death. Usually, we look at the ill and the dying as a category apart. We surround them with a special, even supernatural, atmosphere. But shouldn't we try to always live as if today were our last day, our last hour?

**Before dying Christ said:** Father, glorify your Son (Jn 17:1). In his eyes, it was a beginning therefore, not an ending. And Peter speaks similarly of the crown of glory awaiting us (1 Pt 5:4). This is Christianity. Therefore, I will accept the sufferings that this day will bring me as stepping stones to the final trial, that is, my final agony and struggle. I will look at them as exercises to develop patience, perseverance, trust in God, and a passion for the cross, which ultimately will carry me to glory. —SERVANT OF GOD CHIARA LUBICH

Chiara Lubich († 2008) was the founder and president of the Focolare movement. / From *Heaven on Earth: Meditations and Reflections*, Jerry Hearne, tr. © 2000, New City Press, Hyde Park, NY. [www.newcitypress.com](http://www.newcitypress.com).

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## HOMILY NOTES





**El mes de agosto está dedicado al Inmaculado Corazón de María y durante este mes también se fomenta una mayor adoración a la Eucaristía.**

El corazón físico de María es venerado (y no adorado como el Sagrado Corazón de Jesús) porque está unido a su persona y es la sede de su amor (especialmente por su divino Hijo), su virtud y su vida interior. Esta devoción incentiva un amor y una virtud similares.

**El viernes 15 de agosto, día de precepto,** la Iglesia celebrará la Solemnidad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María. Y aquí, en Santo Tomás Moro, celebraremos con dos misas:

**Viernes, 15 de agosto, 8:30A** (inglés)  
**Viernes, 15 de agosto, 6:30P** (bilingüe)

El viernes 22 de agosto se celebra la Conmemoración de la Realeza de la Santísima Virgen María, que no es día de precepto, pero sí una importante celebración de nuestra Madre. Horario de la misa: 8:30a

## ORACIÓN PARA: CONSAGRAR EL HOGAR A MARÍA

Oh Santísima Virgen María, Madre de Dios y Madre nuestra, consagramos nuestro hogar a tu Inmaculado Corazón. Extiende tu amorosa protección sobre nuestra morada y protege a todos los que aquí residen. Protege nuestro hogar, oh Santísima Madre, de todos los desastres naturales. Preservanos de los peligros de incendios, inundaciones, tormentas severas, vientos dañinos, daños por agua, plagas, terremotos y otras calamidades. Que tu manto protector nos proteja de las amenazas de la naturaleza. Defiende nuestro hogar, oh Santísima Madre, de todo mal y daño. Protégenos de los malos espíritus, intrusos, ladrones y quienes nos desean mal. Mantén nuestro hogar a salvo de todo peligro, visible e invisible. Que tu vigilancia maternal garantice nuestra seguridad y paz. Bendice este hogar y a todos los que entran, llenándolo de paz, alegría y armonía. Que nuestra morada sea un remanso de amor y gracia, que refleje la calidez de tu cuidado maternal. Hacemos esta consagración con amor y devoción, confiando en tu inagotable ayuda y protección. Protege siempre nuestro hogar y familia, querida Madre, y guíanos con seguridad hacia tu Hijo, Jesucristo. Amén.



**The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and during this month increased adoration to the Eucharist is also encouraged.**

The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life. Such devotion is an incentive to a similar love and virtue.

**On Friday, August 15, a Holy Day of Obligation,** the Church will celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. And here at St. Thomas More we will celebrate with two Masses:

**Friday, Aug. 15th, 8:30A** (English)  
**Friday, Aug. 15th, 6:30P** (bilingual)

Next, on Friday Aug. 22, is the Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary which is not a holy day of obligation, but an important celebration of our Mother nevertheless. Mass time: 830A.

## PRAYER TO : CONSECRATE ONE'S HOME TO MARY

O Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, we consecrate our home to your Immaculate Heart. Extend your loving protection over our abode, and keep all who reside here safe from harm. Protect our home, O Blessed Mother, from all natural disasters. Shield us from the dangers of fire, flood, severe storms, damaging winds, water damage, infestations, earthquakes, and other calamities. Let your protective mantle safeguard us from nature's threats. Defend our home, O Blessed Mother, against all evil and harm. Protect us from evil spirits, intruders, burglars, and those who wish us ill. Keep our home secure from all dangers, seen and unseen. Let your motherly vigilance ensure our safety and peace. Bless this home and all who enter, filling it with peace, joy, and harmony. May our dwelling be a haven of love and grace, reflecting the warmth of your maternal care. We make this consecration with love and devotion, trusting in your unfailing help and protection. Guard our home and family always, dear Mother, and lead us safely to your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SOURCE: [https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/08\\_1.cfm](https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/08_1.cfm)  
Prayer Source: <https://thecatholiccrusade.com/prayer-to-consecrate-ones-home-to-mary/>

## Formación de Fe para Niños

Taller de inscripción después de Santa Misa Agosto 24 y Agosto 31.

- Para los niños de grados K-6
- Clases comienzan en Septiembre
- Preparación para Sacramentos

Nos reuniremos en el salón pequeño después de Misa para asistir a los padres y niños con la registración. Se dará información sobre el año. Si no puede asistir favor de llamar a Sandra (530) 966-2855



## Faith Formation Registration

Registration after mass on Aug. 24th and Aug. 31st

- Open to all students K-6th grade
- Classes begin in September
- Sacrament Preparation

Meeting will be in the small hall to assist parents and students with registration and answer questions. If you miss registration please call Sandra (530)966-2855





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**Adult Confirmation**

If any adults need the Sacraments of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation, please call or come by the office to pick up registration forms. Classes will begin early September. Contact Deacon Mike or Deon for more information.

**Confirmación de adultos**

Si algún adulto necesita los Sacramentos de Primera Comunión y/o Confirmación, por favor llame o pase por la oficina para recoger los formularios de inscripción y obtener más información.



**Begins Thursday, Sept. 11 at 1p**

Ladies Bible Study group will meet in the hall 1P to 2P beginning Thursday, Sept. 11. The focus of the series is the Gospel of Mark found in the New Testament, using the study guide written by Scott Hahn & Curtis Mitch.

The guide is well written and provides a great deal of information and stimulation for discussion. All ladies are welcome. **Questions?** Call Gail Crowley 530.570-8474 or Louise Kyle 530.720-1061.



*The Women of STM*  
**Sixth Annual Chocolate & Wine Festival!**  
Saturday | Sept. 20 | 3p to 6p ~ Tickets on Sale Now!



St. Thomas More Council 7773  
**BLESSED FATHER MICHAEL  
MCGIVNEY RELIC**  
Founder of the Knights of Columbus



**Veneration after 6pm mass  
on Tuesday, August 19th.  
Bring rosaries or any other  
religious articles for  
veneration**

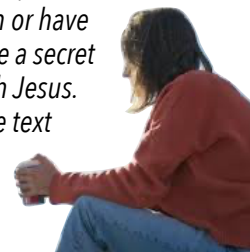
**Bring your favorite dish to share-  
POTLUCK TO FOLLOW**

**Abortion Recovery Group Begins Wed. Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>**

One in four people in the church have experienced abortion directly – both men & women. If this is you, or someone you love, Care Net invites you to a free & confidential recovery group that starts Sept. 10th and lasts eight weeks. Choose from two times:

~Wednesdays: 3P to 430P or 530P to 7P~

You may benefit from this group if you are experiencing: grief or regret regarding your abortion, emotional pain, avoid things that trigger memories of your abortion or have nightmares. This decision does not need to be a secret anymore; healing is available for you through Jesus. Questions? or to sign up for the group, please text Elizabeth Trinca at 530-591-9973 or call Care Net at 530-876-1113. Note: men & women will meet in separate groups.



**Just so you know...**

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