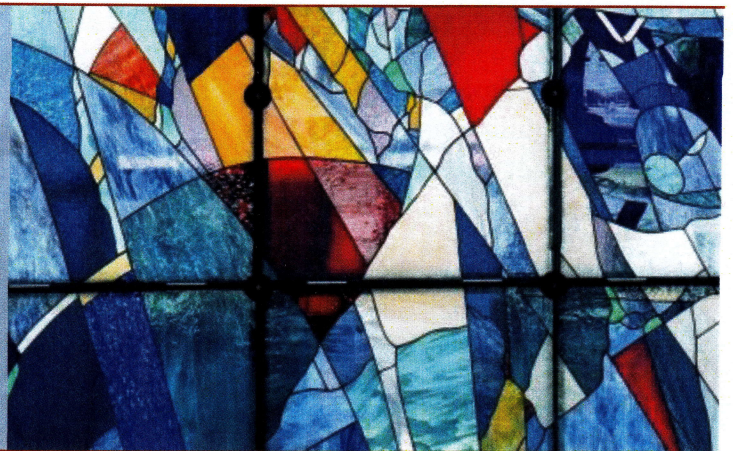
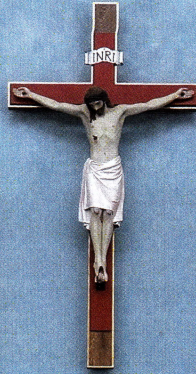


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CONFESSION: Tue 5p - 545p | Sat. 330p - 5p

Mass Times

Sunday 1030A
Domingo Misa en español 1230p
Tuesday 6p
Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 830A

Sunday Readings

1st Reading Deuteronomy 6:2-6
Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51
I love you, Lord, my strength.
Yo te amo, Señor, tú eres mi fuerza.
2nd Reading Hebrews 7:23-28
Gospel Mark 12:28b-34

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3RD

Sunday; Nov. 3	Holy Souls †	1030A Bilingual
Tuesday; Nov. 5	Dorothy Tracey † and the Holy Souls †	6:00P
Wed.; Nov. 6	Mercedes Zaragoza † and the Holy Souls †	830A
Thurs.; Nov. 7	Debbie Sharrett † and the Holy Souls †	830A
Friday; Nov. 8	Holy Souls †	830A

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Michael Krzanich
Cathy Larsen
Linda Stultz
Angela Babcock
Sharon Calboun
Nancy Cornett
Linda Alberghotti
Ben Richards
Patrick Wallenan

Hermana Zuly
Mary Braddick
Carrie Sue Sonsteng
Sam Kempner
Tylor Koski
Victor Furrer
Kimberly Helgeson Avoy
Denis Helgeson

Jim McManus
Rod Montgomery
David Porter
Barbara Maldonado
Lora Ginn
Senona Gonzalez
Samia Zumout
Karen Reynolds
Bill Bechtold

NOVEMBER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS

For anyone who has lost a child
We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

INTENCIONES DE NOVIEMBRE DEL PAPA FRANCISCO

Para cualquiera que haya perdido un hijo
Oramos para que todos los padres que lloran la pérdida de un hijo a encuentren apoyo en su comunidad y reciban paz y consuelo del Espíritu Santo.

Welcome back to St. Thomas More Bishop Soto!

This Week's Readings

THE THIRTY-FIRST WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Monday; November 4th MEMORIAL OF SAINT CHARLES BORROMEEO, BISHOP

1st Reading: Philippians 2:1-4
Psalm 131:1bcde, 2, 3
In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.
Gospel: Luke 14:12-14

Tuesday; November 5th

1st Reading: Philippians 2:5-11
Psalm 22:26B-27, 28-30AB, 30E, 31-32
I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.
Gospel: Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday; November 6th

1st Reading: Philippians 2:12-18
Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14
The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Thursday; November 7th

1st Reading: Philippians 3:3-8A
Psalm 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Let hearts rejoice who search for the Lord.
Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

Friday; November 8th

1st Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1
Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4AB, 4CD-5
Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.
Gospel: Luke 16:1-8

Saturday; Nov. 9th FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME

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!
2nd Reading: 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17
Gospel: John 2:13-22

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

United in Love



We who form the Church on earth can and must pray for each other: for those we love, for those who love us, for those who hate us, for the world at large, for our brothers and sisters in Christ and for his enemies. The community to which we Christians belong extends across time as well as space, embracing the departed alongside the living. No one is saved alone.

We are saved in and through others; and since for us Christians death does not constitute an impassable barrier or wall of separation, we look for help and companionship not only to the living but to those who have already completed their earthly course. In the unity of the Church, they and we are still organically linked together.

In heaven, I will not serve in the same way as I serve here but I will serve in another way. I want to serve all my life and in eternity—different gradations, but the same thing. In heaven we might not send roses, like the Little Flower does, but we will be at the beck and call of everyone on earth who calls on us. Icons and images of saints remind us that they are there; we are to call on saints so they will serve us....

The Church is on a pilgrimage toward the Father—a huge horde of people walking toward the heavenly Jerusalem—a pilgrimage led by the saints and Our Lady. Implore their help because they are guides to knowing God; and if you know God you will give him to others.
—SERVANT OF GOD CATHERINE DE HUECK DOHERTY

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HOMILY NOTES



Noviembre convoca desde la Iglesia un tiempo de oración por las almas del purgatorio.

Sin embargo, muchos católicos se han olvidado de orar por los muertos a diario simplemente porque ya no van a misa semanal ni practican este aspecto de su fe, incluso si ocasionalmente celebran misas por sus seres queridos fallecidos. En 1998, la Iglesia celebró el mil aniversario de la introducción del Día de los Difuntos por parte de San Odillo, el entonces abad de Cluny en Francia. Pero ni siquiera fue mencionado por la prensa católica estadounidense ni se reunieron artículos académicos o simposios para discutir las cuestiones relacionadas con el significado del dogma relativo al purgatorio.

Orientación de Santo Tomás

Santo Tomás especula que los que están en el purgatorio son más perfectos que nosotros en cuanto a que no pueden pecar, pero son menos perfectos que nosotros en cuanto al castigo que sufren. En este último sentido, ellos no están en un estado de oración por nosotros, sino más bien en un estado que requiere que oremos por ellos. Pero nada les impide alabar, agradecer, adorar, pedir y cosas por el estilo, pero Tomás no desarrolla esta noción de su vida de oración.

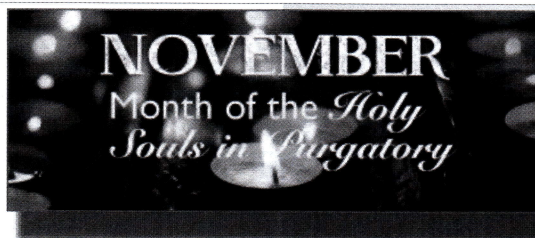
Dado que la Iglesia desde el principio siempre ha enseñado que es bueno y útil orar por nuestros seres queridos fallecidos, parece que [nuestros esfuerzos] pueden hacer varias cosas por ellos:

1. Nuestras oraciones y sacrificios pueden traerles consuelos desconocidos en medio de sus sufrimientos, pero no sabemos por revelación divina exactamente qué sucede.
2. Nuestros esfuerzos en su nombre pueden en realidad liberarlos de su estado directamente al cielo, ya sea porque la purificación posiblemente "se aceleró" o quizás se prescindieron de algunas purificaciones que tienen que ver con algo como restaurar la gloria extrínseca de Dios que les fue quitada indebidamente por pecado personal.

Cualquiera que sea el caso, la Iglesia enseña la importancia de la oración personal por los difuntos como signo de unidad con ellos y de amor divino hacia ellos en sus necesidades.

FUENTE: <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?id=1210>

Fuente de oración: nada

**November calls forth from the Church a time of prayer for the souls of purgatory.** However, many Catholics have forgotten to pray for the dead on a daily basis simply because they neither go to

weekly Mass anymore nor practice this aspect of their faith, even if they occasionally have Masses celebrated for their deceased loved ones. In 1998, the Church celebrated the One Thousandth Anniversary of the introduction of All Souls Day by St. Odillo, the then Abbot of Cluny in France. But, it was not even mentioned by the American Catholic Press nor were there scholarly articles or symposia gathered to discuss the issues around the meaning of the dogma concerning purgatory.

Guidance From St. Thomas

St. Thomas speculates that those who are in purgatory are more perfect than we insofar as they are not able to sin, but they are less perfect than we insofar as the punishment which they are suffering is concerned. In this latter respect, they are not in a state of prayer for us, but rather in a state which requires us to pray for them. But nothing stops them from praising, thanking, adoring, petitioning and the like but Thomas does not develop this notion of their prayer life.

Since the Church from the beginning has always taught that it is good and helpful to pray for our deceased loved ones, it seems that [our efforts] may do several things for them:

1. Our prayers and sacrifices may bring unknown consolations to them in the midst of their sufferings but we do not know from divine revelation exactly what happens.
2. Our efforts on their behalf may actually release them from their state directly into heaven either because the purification is possibly "hurried along" or perhaps some purifications were dispensed with that bear on something such as restoring the extrinsic glory of God which was unduly taken away by personal sin.

Whatever the case may be, the Church teaches the importance of personal prayers for the dead as a sign of unity with them and divine love for them in their needs.

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Prayer Source: n/a

All Souls' Offering Envelopes Available in the Vestibule

During the month of November, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for the souls of your loved ones who have passed. Make sure you write the names of those you would like to be remembered.

Table of Remembrance is Ready

The Table of Remembrance is ready to receive pictures of your loved ones who have passed away. Please be sure to place a sticker on the back of the picture with your name on it.

ADORATION

Friday | NOV. 8 | After 830A Mass | 9A to Noon

The Grupo Guadalupano thanks everyone who participated in their fundraising. It was a total success! The \$500 prize winner was Luis Martinez.

St. Thomas More Parish Sunday Collections For the Month Ending Oct. 31, 2024

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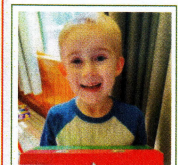


Installation of Father Chuck Kelly

TODAY!

His Excellency Bishop Jaime Soto will celebrate Mass and formally install Fr. Chuck as Pastor of St. Thomas More. Potluck will follow.

Thank you Bishop Soto!



Operation Christmas Child

This year St. Thomas More Catholic Church will be participating in Operation Christmas Child along with other churches on the Ridge. This program is sponsored by Samaritan's Purse and distributes shoe boxes to children who either have nothing or have lost everything, like the children who have suffered through the recent hurricanes in the East.

If you would like to participate:

- (1) **Pick up** a Christmas Child shoe box available in the Narthex.
- (2) **Look inside** the shoe box for the directions on items to fill it with.
- (3) **Fill the shoe box** according to the directions.
- (4) **Drop off** your filled shoe box in the Narthex from Nov. 18 until Nov. 25.

Questions? Contact Greg DeCristofaro at (530) 873-4132 or at gregdec@att.net.

Dear Parishioners of St. Thomas More,

The Women of St. Thomas More offer our deepest thanks to you, our parish family, for making the Taste of Heaven & Earth Wine and Chocolate Festival such an amazing success! This is our fifth year and this one was our best ever! We can't thank you enough for buying tickets, coming to the event, bringing your friends, helping out where needed, and just making it a fun time for all! The money raised is used for hospitality after Mass, and various philanthropic efforts such as CareNet, special church projects and more. —Sincerely, Lori MacPhail, president - Women of St. Thomas More

