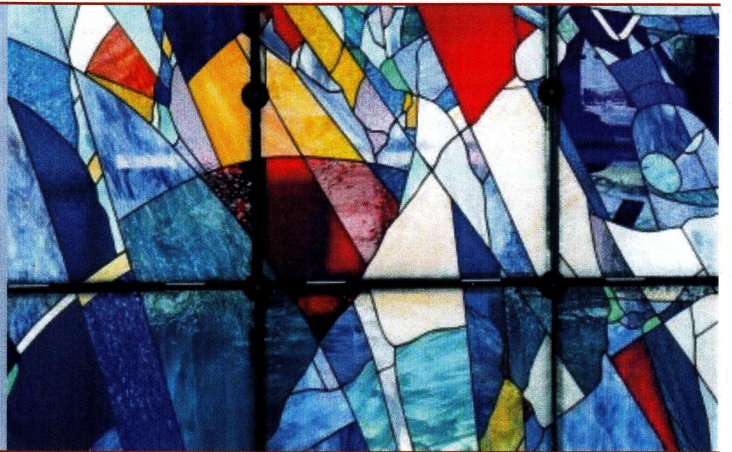


ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Office Hrs: Mon. - Thurs. 9a-2p (Closed Friday)

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 1 Kings 17:10-16
Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10
Praise the Lord, my soul!
El Señor siempre es fiel a su palabra.
2nd Reading Hebrews 9:24-28
Gospel Mark 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 10TH

<i>Sunday; Nov. 10</i>	<i>Erick Peterson and the Holy Souls †</i>	<i>1030A Bilingual</i>
<i>Domingo; 10 nov.</i>	<i>The Holy Souls †</i>	<i>1230P español</i>
<i>Tuesday; Nov. 12</i>	<i>Agapito Rivera and the Holy Souls †</i>	<i>6:00P</i>
<i>Wed.; Nov. 13</i>	<i>Major L. Brown and the Holy Souls †</i>	<i>830A</i>
<i>Thurs.; Nov. 14</i>	<i>Mercedes Zaragoza and the Holy Souls †</i>	<i>830A</i>
<i>Friday; Nov. 15</i>	<i>Jim Brown and the Holy Souls †</i>	<i>830A</i>

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

<i>Michael Krzanich</i>	<i>Hermana Zuly</i>	<i>Jim McManus</i>
<i>Cathy Larsen</i>	<i>Mary Braddick</i>	<i>Rod Montgomery</i>
<i>Linda Stultz</i>	<i>Carrie Sue Sonsteng</i>	<i>David Porter</i>
<i>Angela Babcock</i>	<i>Sam Kempner</i>	<i>Barbara Maldonado</i>
<i>Sharon Calhoun</i>	<i>Tylor Koski</i>	<i>Lora Ginn</i>
<i>Nancy Cornett</i>	<i>Victor Furrer</i>	<i>Senona Gonzalez</i>
<i>Linda Alberghotti</i>	<i>Kimberly Helgeson Avoy</i>	<i>Samia Zumout</i>
<i>Ben Richards</i>	<i>Denis Helgeson</i>	<i>Karen Reynolds</i>
<i>Patrick Wallenan</i>		<i>Bill Bechtold</i>

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.

The church office will be closed Monday in honor of Veteran's Day

This Week's Readings

THE THIRTY-SECOND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Monday; November 11th MEMORIAL OF SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP
 1st Reading: Titus 1:1-9
 Psalm 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.
 Gospel: Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday; November 12th MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOSAPHAT, BISHOP AND MARTYR
 1st Reading: Titus 2:1-8, 11-14
 Psalm 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29
The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.
 Gospel: Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday; Nov. 13th MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI, VIRGIN
 1st Reading: Titus 3:1-7
 Psalm 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
 Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

Thursday; November 14th
 1st Reading: Philemon 7-20
 Psalm 146:7, 8-9A, 9BC-10
Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob.
 Gospel: Luke 17:20-25

Friday; November 15th
 1st Reading: 2 John 4-9
 Psalm 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18
Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!
 Gospel: Luke 17:26-37

Saturday; Nov. 16th
 1st Reading: 3 John 5-8
 Psalm 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Blessed the man who fears the Lord.
 Gospel: Luke 18:1-8



I will call upon the LORD,
 who is worthy to be praised:
 So shall I be saved
 from my enemies.
 2 Samuel 22:4

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Giving to God Our Whole Livelihood

Praise the Lord, my soul, from whom all good things come and who lives now and forever; it is to him that you are to refer all things as the beginning and end of all that is good. It is with much gratitude that you are to offer him heartfelt praise, so that his gifts of heavenly grace may again and more abundantly come upon you until you arrive at the source of eternal life, the land of everlasting light, and the glorious vision of the divine presence.

Indeed, there is nothing better for you, nothing more salutary or sweeter or more joyful or more worthy or higher or happier or more perfect or more blessed than loving God most ardently, praising him most sincerely.

This I say a hundred times, and I repeat it a thousand times more. There is no duty more commendable, no occupation more worthwhile than to love and praise God, your Creator and Redeemer, and this with your whole heart, with your whole mind, and with all your strength. Do this as long as you breathe, move, and think. Do this in word and deed, day & night, morning, noon, and evening, every hour and every moment.

Always hold fast to God, completely and entirely, as much as you are physically and mentally able, so that God may be all in all to you, that he may be always & eternally loved, blessed, praised by you, highly exalted above all & before all, and that you may be united to him forever.

Therefore, faithful soul, exult in the Lord your God as the Blessed Virgin Mary exulted in Jesus, her Savior... Give yourself to God—all that you have, all that you do, all that you know, and all your talents—and you will be dearer to him than ever before and richer, too. Say with Saint Paul, having nothing for ourselves, yet possessing all things in God (2 Cor 6:10). Though poor, base, and despicable to this world, nevertheless, rich and always rejoicing in the Lord (1 Thes 5:16), assured that there is laid up for me a crown in heaven (2Tm 4:8). — VENERABLE THOMAS À KEMPIS

Thomas à Kempis († 1471) was a German priest and monk who wrote many spiritual works. / From On the Passion of Christ: According to the Four Evangelists: Prayers and Meditations. Joseph N. Tylenda, S.J., tr. © 2004, Ignatius Press, San Francisco, CA. www.ignatius.com.

Excerpt from Magnificat Magazine, Meditation of the Day, Nov. 10, 2024

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.



November is a time of prayer for the souls of purgatory as called for by the Church. However, many Catholics have forgotten to offer prayers for the dead throughout the year simply because they

neither go to weekly Mass anymore nor practice this aspect of their faith. 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.

¿Por qué orar por las santas almas durante el año?

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La Biblia se refiere a oraciones por los muertos;

- en 2 Macabeos: Cuando los soldados estaban preparando los cuerpos de sus camaradas asesinados para el entierro, los encontraron usando amuletos tomados de un templo pagano, violando la ley de Deuteronomio, por lo que oraron a Dios para que perdonara el pecado que estos hombres habían cometido.
- In the New Testament, 2nd Timothy, Paul prays for someone who died named Onesiphorus, saying: "May the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that day."

La Misa de Funeral es la forma más elevada de oración en la Iglesia y la oración más eficaz dicha en nombre de quienes nos precedieron; sin embargo, las oraciones continuas imploran ayuda espiritual.

Acerca del inserto de oración en este boletín

El inserto The Daily Prayers for the Holy Souls in Purgatory ofrece siete días de oraciones. Cada oración del día cierra con el Padre Nuestro, el Ave María y el De Profundis. Con suerte, estas oraciones le resultarán útiles cuando encuentre tiempo durante su apretada agenda para ofrecerlas. Hacer esto con su familia siempre que sea posible les dará un ejemplo para que algún día adopten esta práctica y ofrezcan las mismas oraciones por usted.

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

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The Bible refers to prayers for the dead;

- in 2nd Maccabees: When soldiers were preparing the bodies of their slain comrades for burial they found them wearing amulets taken from a pagan temple, violating the law of Deuteronomy, so they prayed God would forgive the sin these men had committed.
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The Funeral Mass is the highest form of prayer in the Church & the most effective prayer said on behalf of those who have gone before us; however, ongoing prayers implore spiritual help them.

About the Prayer Insert in this Bulletin

The Daily Prayers for the Holy Souls in Purgatory insert offers seven days of prayers. Each prayer for the day closes with the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the De Profundis. Hopefully, you will find these prayers useful when you find time during your busy schedule to offer them. Doing this with your family whenever possible will provide an example for them so that one day they will adopt this practice and offer these same prayers for you.

Source: <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?id=1210>; <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/260171/here-s-what-pope-francis-is-doing-for-all-saints-and>

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.

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

OCTOBER

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DECEMBER

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Operation Christmas Child

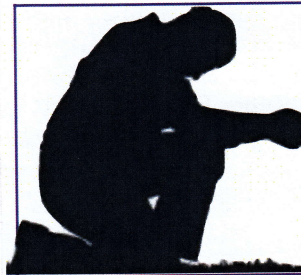
This year St. Thomas More Catholic Church will be participating in Operation Christmas Child along with other churches on the Ridge. This program is sponsored by Samaritan's Purse and distributes shoe boxes to children who either have nothing or have lost everything, like the children who have suffered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

If you would like to participate:

- Pick up** a Christmas Child shoe box available in the Narthex.
- Look inside** the shoe box for the directions on items to fill it with.
- Fill the shoe box** according to the directions.
- 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.

Attention Men of STM!



Please join Deacon Tom O'Connell for the Men's Prayer Group Friday | 645A | in the church



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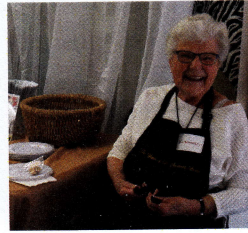
CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Special Collection Next Sunday

Next Sunday our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 38 million people in the U.S. live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd. To donate online: <https://www.scd.org/cchd>

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 & more.



—Sincerely, Lori MacPhail, president - Women of STM