

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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About St. Thomas More**Pastor** *Fr. Chuck Kelly***Deacons** *Mike Mangan, Gary Zellmer, Ray Helgeson***Parish Steward** *Greg Kidder***Secretary** *Maresa Kelly***Religious Education** *Sandra Rodriguez**St. Thomas More Catholic Church**767 Elliott Rd. Paradise, CA 95969**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** *Daniel 12:1-3***Psalm** *16:5, 8, 9-10, 11**You are my inheritance, O Lord!**Enséñanos, Señor, el camino de la vida.***2nd Reading** *Hebrews 10:11-14, 18***Gospel** *Mark 13:24-32***MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17TH**

<i>Sunday; Nov. 17</i>	<i>Jim Brown and the Holy Souls †</i>	<i>1030A Bilingual</i>
<i>Domingo; 17 nov.</i>	<i>The Holy Souls †</i>	<i>1230P español</i>
<i>Tuesday; Nov. 19</i>	<i>The Holy Souls †</i>	<i>6:00P</i>
<i>Wed.; Nov. 20</i>	<i>The Holy Souls †</i>	<i>830A</i>
<i>Thurs.; Nov. 21</i>	<i>Mercedes Zaragoza and the Holy Souls †</i>	<i>830A</i>
<i>Friday; Nov. 22</i>	<i>The Holy Souls †</i>	<i>830A</i>

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**LET US PRAY FOR***Michael Krzanich**Cathy Larsen**Lorraine Carr**Angela Babcock**Sharon Calboun**Nancy Cornett**Linda Alberghotti**Ben Richards**Patrick Wallenan**Mary Braddick**Carrie Sue Sonsteng**Sam Kempner**Tylor Koski**Victor Furrer**Kimberly Helgeson Avoy**Denis Helgeson**Don H**Joyce Finch**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.**2nd Collection today for Catholic Campaign for Human Development*

This Week's Readings

THE THIRTY-THIRD WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Monday; November 18th

1st Reading: Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5

Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6

Those who are victorious I will feed from the tree of life.

Gospel: Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday; November 19th

1st Reading: Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22

Psalm 15:2-3A, 3BC-4AB, 5

I will seat the victor beside me on my throne.

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday; Nov. 20th

1st Reading: Revelation 4:1-11

Psalm 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6

Holy, holy, holy Lord, mighty God!

Gospel: Luke 19:11-28

Thursday; Nov. 21stMEMORIAL OF THE
PRESENTATION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

1st Reading: Revelation 5:1-10

Psalm 149:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6A AND 9B

The Lamb has made us a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

Gospel: Luke 19:41-44

Friday; Nov. 22ndMEMORIAL OF SAINT
CECILIA, VIRGIN AND
MARTYR

1st Reading: Revelation 10:8-11

Psalm 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131

How sweet to my taste is your promise!

Gospel: Luke 19:45-48

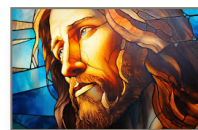
Saturday; Nov. 23rd

1st Reading: Revelation 11:4-12

Psalm 144:1, 2, 9-10

Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!

Gospel: Luke 20:27-40

**MEDITATION OF THE DAY**

How to Prepare to Meet Christ

You must believe in mercy to the point of believing that you are a joy for Jesus. I return to this thought which I have already touched upon, for it is essential. The life of the Christian is a life of love. Can people love one another without knowing that they are a joy for each other?

Ask yourself, "How does Jesus see me?" He sees me as his child since my baptism. He sees me, since my confirmation, filled with the superabundance of the gifts of his Spirit, marked with the indelible character of a soldier of his kingdom. He sees married people bathed in the grace of the sacrament of marriage. And, looking at husband and wife, he thinks of his union with the Church. He sees me as his lamb which has so often let itself be led back to the fold in his arms, purified by absolution. He sees my soul transformed into himself by Mass and Communion—my soul, where his Father and he have made their dwelling place because, If anyone love me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and will make our abode with him. These are the actual realities of sacramental graces! How many causes of joy for him there are in us!

What more does he see? All you have done for him: your prayers, your good impulses, all the acts which, in the course of your life, have been determined by your faith, your hope, and your love; your acts of generosity, your acts of charity, especially which you have forgotten in part but which Jesus has not forgotten, because they are engraved in his Heart. On the day of judgment, with what happiness and what approval he will remind you of all that, in detail, for his own glory, since he is the author of all that is good, but for yours, also, because you will have believed in his love. And if, in addition to all that, you give him your many miseries with great humility, but also with great confidence, then you give him his great joy—his joy of being Savior. Every soul in a state of grace is for him a heaven which only that soul could give him.

Here is a good resolution to take from this retreat: "I promise you, Jesus, to worry about nothing consciously, voluntarily, deliberately. As soon as I notice myself worrying, I shall listen to your gentle voice saying to me, 'Let me do it. Am I not here with you, in you?' And I shall say unconditionally, 'O Jesus, I thank you for everything.'" — FATHER JEAN DU CŒUR DE JÉSUS D'ELBÉE

Father d'Elbée († 1982), a French priest & spiritual author, was a member of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary. / From *I Believe in Love: Retreat Conferences on the Interior Life*, Marilyn Teichert with Madeleine Stebbins, trs. © 1974, Marilyn Teichert and Madeleine Stebbins. Published by Sophia Institute Press, Manchester, NH.

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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.

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

La Iglesia enseña la importancia de las oraciones personales por los muertos como signo de unidad y amor divino por ellos en sus necesidades. El Papa Francisco dijo: "La tradición de la Iglesia siempre ha instado a la oración por los muertos, en particular ofreciendo la celebración de la Eucaristía por ellos: es la mejor ayuda espiritual que podemos dar a sus almas, particularmente a las más abandonadas". "Nuestra fe nos enseña a orar por los muertos", dijo el obispo Edward K. Braxton de Belleville, Illinois, "las Escrituras enseñan que todos los muertos resucitarán. Sin embargo, sólo los justos están destinados al reino de Dios".

Para ayudarle, la semana pasada incluimos un encarte en el boletín: Oraciones diarias por las Santas Almas del Purgatorio. Cada oración del día cierra con el Padre Nuestro, el Ave María y el De Profundis. Si no recibió una copia y desea una, infórmese a Rolawn.

Santa Gertrudis la Gran Oración por las Santas Almas

Según la tradición, Nuestro Señor le dijo a Santa Gertrudis la Grande que cada vez que ella recitara piadosamente la siguiente oración, aliviaría enormemente el sufrimiento de aquellas santas almas en el purgatorio:

Padre Eterno, te ofrezco la Preciosísima Sangre de Tu Divino Hijo, Jesús, en unión con las misas celebradas hoy en todo el mundo, por todas las almas santas del purgatorio, por los pecadores de todas partes, por los pecadores de la iglesia universal, los de mi propia casa y dentro de mi familia. Amén.

Santa Gertrudis la Grande, una monja, escritora y mística alemana del siglo XIII, tuvo muchas visiones celestiales, incluida la de ser una de las primeras místicas a quienes Jesús alentó la devoción a su Sagrado Corazón. Se cuenta que Jesús le mostró un gran número de almas que entraban al cielo desde el purgatorio como resultado de su fiel y frecuente recitación de esta oración.

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



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.

Why Pray For the Holy Souls During the Year?

The Church teaches the importance of personal prayers for the dead as a sign of unity with, and divine love for them in their needs. Pope Francis said, "Church tradition has always urged prayer for the dead, in particular by offering the celebration of the Eucharist for them: it is the best spiritual help that we can give to their souls, particularly to the most abandoned ones."

"Our faith teaches us to pray for the dead," said Bishop Edward K. Braxton of Belleville, IL, "Scripture teaches that all of the dead shall be raised. However, only the just are destined for the kingdom of God."

To help you, last week we included an insert in the bulletin: Daily Prayers for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Each prayer for the day closes with the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the De Profundis. If you didn't receive a copy and would like one please let Rolawn know.

St. Gertrude the Great Prayer for the Holy Souls

According to tradition, Our Lord told St. Gertrude the Great that each time she piously recited the following prayer, it would greatly ease the suffering of those holy souls in purgatory:

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

St. Gertrude the Great, a 13th-century German nun, writer, and mystic, was graced with many heavenly visions, including being one of the earliest mystics to whom Jesus encouraged a devotion to his Sacred Heart. It is recounted that Jesus showed her a vast number of souls entering heaven from purgatory as a result of her faithful and frequent recitation of this prayer.

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.

Adoration New Time Effective Nov. 29



Beginning Friday, Nov. 29, Adoration will be every Friday after Mass 9A to 6p. Please sign up in the Narthex for an hour to be with Jesus. We don't want to leave him alone.

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

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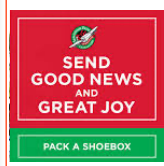
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Our Thanksgiving Collection

Our Thanksgiving Collection will benefit the Chiri Clinic in Ethiopia, Africa, where Sister Zully Cardenas Carreon from the Congregation of the Eucharistic Missionaries of the Infant Jesus and Our Lady of Fatima (MEJIF) is serving as a missionary.

Sister Zuly, along with Sister Ana Luisa Vasquez Lopez and Sister Antonia Sanchez Nunez provided support to our community after the Camp Fire through North Valley Catholic Social Services. They also helped many people during COVID as part of a five-year cultural exchange program that included serving, learning, and working. The MEJIF Sisters also provided support to other communities in Chico, Oroville, Gridley, and Yuba City.

Sister Ana Luisa is currently serving as a missionary in a hospital and nursing home in Guanajuato, Mexico, and Sister Antonia is serving in a hospital in Mexico City. They continue to pray for our community. You can see pictures of the Chiri Clinic and nearby community in the vestibule.



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.

Attention Men of STM!



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



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Special Collection TODAY

Please be generous in today's special collection to support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. One in eight people live in poverty in the U.S. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty & provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. Also, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider your support for this collection and those working on the margins. For more info about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development go to www.usccb.org/cchd. Donate online, <https://www.scd.org/cch>

Help Us Wish Our Seminarians a Merry Christmas

We are blessed to have 11 Seminarians who are very precious as they are the future of our diocese. We want to keep them encouraged so we are sending them Christmas cards. Would you help us? It's easy!

1. Pick up a pack of cards from Rolawn Rehmann or the office.
2. Complete the cards.
3. Return cards to church office by Sunday, Dec. 1.

