



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH


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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

Wed., Thursday, Friday 830A

Sunday Readings

1st Reading Isaiah 25:6-10a

Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Habitaré en la casa del Señor toda la vida.

2nd Reading Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 11TH

Sunday; October 11	Carol Zellmer † Manuel & Tonette Reyes †	1030A
Domingo; 11 de Octubre	Maria de la Luz Galan-Mayoral † (10mo Aniversario †)	1230P español
Tues.; October 13	No Mass (Priests' Study Days)	6P
Wed.; October 14	Liturgy of the Word with Deacon Mike	830A
Thurs.; October 15	Liturgy of the Word with Deacon Mike	830A
Friday; October 16	Anthony Gerspacher † Jim Brown †	830A

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Rod Montgomery
Bernhard Family
Mary Anne Durant
Andrea Inzunza
Kimberly Laird
Leo Benedetti
The Mortenson Family
Michael Coronado
Joan Memmer
Beverly Brown
Peg McMabon

Samia Zumout
Carrie Sonsteng
Art Sanchez
Santiago Ávila
Carlos Torres
Tony & Francene Packett
Larry Young
Kim DeFretias
Conrado Rodriguez
Mark Jimenez

Bryant Smith
Ron Keyes
Theresa Durant
Dolores Costello
Rosemary Peterson
David Brown
Gloria Klinger
The Ginn's Family
Rafael Baez
Humberto Bozzo

OCTOBER INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

INTENCIONES DE OCTUBRE DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

Para el ministerio de salud mental

Oremos para que se establezca el ministerio de salud mental en toda la Iglesia, ayudando a superar el estigma y la discriminación hacia las personas con enfermedades mentales.

This Week's Readings
THE 28TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**Monday; October 12th**

1st Reading: Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1
 Psalm 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a, 6-7
Blessed be the name of the Lord forever.
 Gospel: Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday; October 13th

1st Reading: Galatians 5:1-6
 Psalm 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48
Let your mercy come to me, O Lord.
 Gospel: Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday; October 14th

1st Reading: Galatians 5:18-25
 Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6
Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life.
 Gospel: Luke 11:42-46

Thursday; Oct. 15th *Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

1st Reading: Ephesians 1:1-10
 Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6
The Lord has made known his salvation.
 Gospel: Luke 11:47-54

Friday; October 16th

1st Reading: Ephesians 1:11-14
 Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13
Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.
 Gospel: Luke 12:1-7

Saturday; Oct. 17th *Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr*

1st Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23
 Psalm 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7
You have given your Son rule over the works of your hands.
 Gospel: Luke 12:8-12

Sunday; October 18th**Twenty-ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
 Psalm 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10
Give the Lord glory and honor.
 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
 Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

MEDITATION OF THE DAY
Sought and Invited by the King

You would not seek Christ or love him unless you had first been sought & loved... For the love is the reason for the search, and the search is the fruit of the love, and its certain proof. You are loved so that you may not suppose you are sought to be punished. You are sought so that you may not complain you are loved in vain. Both these loving and manifest favors give you

courage, and drive away your diffidence, persuading you to return, and stirring your affections. From this comes the zeal and ardor to seek him whom your soul loves, because you cannot seek unless you are sought, and when you are sought you cannot but seek....

One who is loved has nothing to fear. Let those fear who do not love; they must always live in fear of retribution. Since I love, I cannot doubt that I am loved, any more than I can doubt that I love. Nor can I fear to look on his face, since I have sensed his tenderness. In what have I known it? In this—not only has he sought me as I am, but he has shown me tenderness, and caused me to seek him with confidence....

How can he be angry with me for seeking him, when he overlooked the contempt I showed for him? He will not drive away someone who seeks him, when he sought someone who spurned him. The spirit of the Word is gentle, and brings me gentle greetings.... How can I fail to be inspired to seek him, when I have experienced his mercy and been assured of his peace? — SAINT BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux († 1153) was a monastic reformer and a prolific Cistercian preacher. He is a Doctor of the Church. / From *Honey and Salt: Selected Spiritual Writings of Saint Bernard of Clairvaux*, John F. Thornton and Susan B. Varenne, eds. © 2007, Vintage Books, New York, NY. All

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**HOMILY NOTES**

Bienvenidos a octubre, el mes dedicado al

Santo Rosario. Este mes está dedicado al Santo Rosario debido a la rica historia de esta devoción especial, que se remonta al 7 de octubre de 1571. Ese día, una flota cristiana obtuvo una victoria decisiva en la batalla de Lepanto. El Papa San Pío V atribuyó este triunfo a los innumerables católicos que rezaban el Rosario. En honor a este acontecimiento milagroso, instituyó la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de la Victoria –celebrada actualmente como la fiesta de Nuestra Señora del Rosario el 7 de octubre–, recordándonos así el poder de la oración y la amorosa intercesión de María. A lo largo de este mes, se nos invita a acoger esta hermosa oración. El Rosario es una meditación sobre los misterios de la vida de Cristo que nos ayuda a acercarnos más a Él a través de los ojos de su Madre. Es una fuente de fortaleza ante los desafíos y una oración profunda por la paz en nuestras familias, nuestra comunidad y nuestro mundo.

Se invita a los feligreses de St. Thomas More a rezar el Rosario con los Franciscanos Seglares el primer domingo de cada mes y con los Caballeros de Colón el cuarto domingo de cada mes.

«El Rosario es el "arma" para estos tiempos». — SAN PADRE PÍO

“Reza el Rosario todos los días para obtener la paz para el mundo.” — NUESTRA SEÑORA A LOS NIÑOS DE FÁTIMA.

Así que tomemos nuestros rosarios este mes de octubre y oremos los unos por los otros.

OCHO FORMAS DE CRECER EN LA DEVOCIÓN AL SANTO ROSARIO DURANTE EL MES DE OCTUBRE

1. *Comprométete a rezar el Rosario todos los días de octubre.*
2. *Aprende las 15 promesas de Nuestra Señora para quienes rezan su Rosario y enséñalas a los demás.*
3. *Planea un jardín dedicado al Rosario en tu patio trasero, con una estatua de María y un banco para rezar. ¡No olvides plantar tus flores favoritas en primavera!*
4. *Recen el Rosario en familia, con su cónyuge o con un amigo. Cada persona puede compartir sus intenciones antes de rezar y luego dirigir un misterio.*
5. *Coloca un rosario en tu mesita de noche, en el coche o en cualquier lugar que te recuerde rezar un Avemaría, una decena o aquello para lo que tengas tiempo en los distintos momentos del día.*
6. *Dedica tiempo a meditar sobre cada misterio y acontecimiento del Rosario, imaginándote en la escena de las Escrituras.*
7. *Anota en un diario las reflexiones que surjan mientras rezas el Rosario.*
8. *Utiliza el Rosario visual para mantener la atención en los misterios y en las Escrituras mientras oras.*

FUENTE: <https://covenantcatholic.org/devotion-of-the-month/october-dedicated-to-the-holy-rosary/>; <https://www.assumptionschool-sl.org/apps/news/article/2115888>

**Welcome to October, the month dedicated to The**

Holy Rosary. This month is dedicated to the Holy Rosary because of this special devotion's rich history that dates back to October 7, 1571. On that day, a Christian fleet won a decisive victory at the Battle of Lepanto. Pope St. Pius V attributed this triumph to the countless Catholics who were praying the Rosary. In honor of this miraculous event, he established the Feast of Our Lady of Victory, now celebrated as the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7, thus reminding us of the power of prayer and Mary's loving intercession. Throughout this month, we are invited to embrace this beautiful prayer. The Rosary is a meditation on the mysteries of Christ's life, helping us to grow closer to Him through the eyes of His mother. It is a source of strength in our challenges & a profound prayer for peace in our families, our community, and our world.

The parishioners of St. Thomas More are invited to pray the Rosary with the Secular Franciscans on the first Sunday of every month and with the Knights of Columbus on the fourth Sunday each month.

"The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times." — ST. PADRE PÍO

“Pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world...” — OUR LADY TO THE CHILDREN OF FÁTIMA.

So let's pick up our rosaries this October & pray for one another.

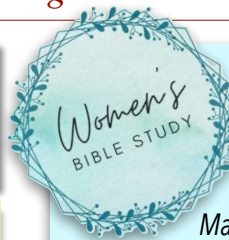
EIGHT WAYS TO GROW IN DEVOTION TO THE HOLY ROSARY IN OCTOBER

1. *Commit to praying the Rosary every day of October.*
2. *Learn Our Lady's 15 Promises to those who pray her Rosary and teach them to others.*
3. *Plan a rosary garden for your backyard with a statue of Mary and a bench for praying. Don't forget to plant your favorite flowers in the Spring!*
4. *Pray the Rosary as a family, with your spouse, or with a friend. Each person can share their intentions before praying and then lead a decade.*
5. *Place a rosary on your bedside table, in your car, or anywhere that will remind you to pray a Hail Mary, a decade, or whatever you have time for in the various moments of your day.*
6. *Spend time meditating on each Mystery and event of the Rosary, imagining yourself in the Scripture scene.*
7. *Journal insights received while praying the Rosary.*
8. *Use the Visual Rosary to help keep you focused on the mysteries and scripture while you pray.*

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**ADORATION**

Friday, Oct. 16 | Follows 830A Mass

**MEN'S MINISTRY**Friday, Oct. 16 | **930A** | Church Hall Mtg Rm.**Meets every Thursday at 130P in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.**

The weekly women's Bible study meets in the Parish Hall Meeting Room. We are studying the gospel of Mathew. Questions? Call Gail Crowley (530) 570-8474. All ladies are welcome!

COLUMBUS DAY DINNER
Celebrando Juntos

Proceeds support the intellectually disabled

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17**St. Thomas More Parish Hall****6P Social | 6:30P Dinner****Spaghetti Dinner** 🍷 **Entertainment****50/50 Drawing** 🍷 **Silent Auction****\$15 – Adults \$40 – Families****Tickets after Sunday Mass or at the door.****Boletos a la venta después la misa dominical o en la entrada.****Women of STM Monthly Meeting****Saturday | Oct. 17 | 10A****St. Thomas More Hall small meeting room**

At this important meeting we'll discuss outcomes & begin an after action review of the Chocolate Fest; calendarize remaining activities for 2026, and more!

Grief Support Ministry Meeting

The STM Grief Support Ministry responds to the needs of people in grief. Its goal is to ensure that no one grieves alone.

The next meeting is Wednesday, October 14 @ 6P in the St. Vincent de Paul room in the church. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Cheryl Barron at, 530-514-8859.



FRANCISCAN MONTH

Franciscan Month
2026DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, PEOPLE ACROSS THE COUNTRY WILL CELEBRATE THE FRANCISCAN VISION OF BUILDING A MORE FRATERNAL AND EVANGELICAL WORLD. LEARN MORE AND JOIN THE CELEBRATION: WWW.FRANCISCANMONTH.ORG**PRAYER OF THE HOLY FATHER LEO XIV
FOR THE JUBILEE OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI.**

St. Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man of peace, intercede for us before the Lord.

You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano, teach us to seek Him in the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall.

You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, Give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries.

In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers; unarmed and disarming witnesses of peace that comes from Christ. — Amen

(Taken from his letter to the Ministers General of the Conference of the Franciscan Family)