



# ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## About St. Thomas More

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*Office Hrs: Mon. - Thurs. 9a- 12p 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

Wed., Thursday, Friday 830A

## Sunday Readings

**1st Reading** *Isaiah 55:10-11*

**Psalm** *65:10, 11, 12-13, 14*

*The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.*

*Señor, danos siempre de tu aqua.*

**2nd Reading** *Romans 8:18-23*

**Gospel** *Matthew 13:1-23*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF JULY 12<sup>TH</sup>

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|-----------------------------|---|----------------------|
| <i>Sunday; July 12</i>      | <i>Florence Stephens &amp; family †<br/>Intentions of David Brown †</i> | <i>1030A</i>         |
| <i>Domingo; 12 de julio</i> | <i>Ed Jimenez †<br/>Larry Campbell †</i>                                | <i>1230P español</i> |
| <i>Tues.; July 14</i>       | <i>Cancelled</i>  | <i>6P</i>            |
| <i>Wed.; July 15</i>        | <i>Liturgy of the Word   Private Devotions</i>                          | <i>830A</i>          |
| <i>Thurs.; July 16</i>      | <i>Liturgy of the Word   Private Devotions</i>                          | <i>830A</i>          |
| <i>Friday; July 17</i>      | <i>Liturgy of the Word   Adoration</i>                                  | <i>830A</i>          |

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

*Rod Montgomery  
Bernhard Family  
Mary Anne Durant  
Rick Sillman  
Andrea Inzunza  
Kimberly Laird  
Leo Benedetti  
Kim Avoy Helgeson  
Antonio Longuiera  
Barbara Braun  
Michael Coronado*

*Samia Zumout  
Greg DeCristofaro  
Carrie Sonsteng  
Art Sanchez  
Santiago Ávila  
Carlos Torres  
Tony & Francene Packett  
Rick Hodson  
Patricia Mortenson*

*Bryant Smith  
Ron Keyes  
Theresa Durant  
Raul & Helvia  
Saavedra  
Dolores Costello  
Rosemary Peterson  
Susie Boyd  
David Brown  
Gloria Klinger*

## JULY INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

*For respect for human life*

*Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.*

## INTENCIONES DE JULIO DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

*Por el respeto a la vida humana*

*Oremos por el respeto y la protección de la vida humana en todas sus etapas, reconociéndola como un don de Dios.*

**This Week's Readings**  
**THE 15TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME****Monday; July 13<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: Isaiah 1:10-17  
 Psalm 50:8-9, 16b-17, 21, 23  
*To the upright I will show the saving power of God.*  
 Gospel: Matthew 10:34-11:1

**Tues.; July 14<sup>th</sup>** *Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha,  
Virgin [In the Dioceses of the U.S.]*

1st Reading: Isaiah 7:1-9  
 Psalm 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8  
*God upholds his city for ever.*  
 Gospel: Matthew 11:20-24

**Wed.; July 15<sup>th</sup>** *Memorial of Saint Bonaventure,  
Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

1st Reading: Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16  
 Psalm 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15  
*The Lord will not abandon his people.*  
 Gospel: Matthew 11:25-27

**Thursday; July 16<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19  
 Psalm 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21  
*From heaven the Lord looks down on the earth.*  
 Gospel: Matthew 11:28-30

**Friday; July 17<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8  
 Psalm Isaiah 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16  
*You saved my life, O Lord; I shall not die.*  
 Gospel: Matthew 12:1-8

**Saturday; July 18<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: Micah 2:1-5  
 Psalm 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14  
*Do not forget the poor, O Lord!*  
 Gospel: Matthew 12:14-21

**Sunday; July 19<sup>th</sup>****Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19  
 Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16  
*Lord, you are good and forgiving.*  
 2nd Reading: Romans 8:26-27  
 Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

**MEDITATION OF THE DAY**  
Whoever Has Ears Ought to Hear

**Hold the hand of the Lord, and talk to him any time you wish.** There is not a time to pray and a time not to pray. To pray is to pray always. You hold the hand of God. Sometimes you talk to him, sometimes you don't, but you are with him all the time!... **Prayer is simply the communication that constantly passes between you and the Lord.** Prayer is conversation with him. You don't need to understand how you talk to God. You just do it. He loves to listen to you and especially delights in your silence when you listen to him. Most of us are not used to praying as life flows along. We're used to "taking time" for prayer. In truth, we should be praying all the time. Prayer never stops.

**We can go into God's heart simply and directly, loving him, knocking at his door, and saying, "Lord, please let me in. I love you. You're so important to me."** Quietly and slowly, we begin to understand what he is saying, and our lives begin to change. Everything becomes different. We listen and listen. God's words pass through our brains and into our innermost selves. We begin to know what it means to belong to God and to love him, to be his very own. **Listen to him.** What he has to say is vitally important for us. Hold onto him with all your might and let everything else fall away. Nothing is of much importance compared to God. When he becomes the center of our life, all else will settle into place.

— SERVANT OF GOD CATHERINE DE HUECK DOHERTY

Catherine de Hueck Doherty († 1985), born in Russia, established the Friendship House in Harlem, New York City, in 1938, and later the Madonna House Apostolate in Combermere, Canada. / From *Soul of My Soul: Reflections from a Life of Prayer*. © 1985, Madonna House Publications, Combermere, Ontario, Canada. [www.madonnahouse.org](http://www.madonnahouse.org)

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**Fr. Chuck is on vacation June 22 thru July 17****Our regular schedule of weekday Masses returns next week Tuesday, July 21st!****Wed & Thursday 8:30A**

Liturgy of the Word & Private Devotions

**Friday 8:30A**

Liturgy of the Word followed by Adoration until 7:30P

*Sunday Masses remain at their regular time:*

*10:30A English & 12:30P Spanish*

## ¡Bienvenidos a julio, el mes dedicado a la Preciosísima Sangre!

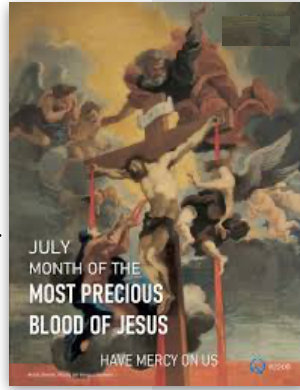
Esta devoción al sagrado misterio de la Sangre de Cristo, derramada por la humanidad, impregna toda la fe católica y es digna de nuestra atenta meditación y de nuestra más profunda adoración.

La devoción a la Preciosísima Sangre por parte de los santos y de los fieles se remonta a los inicios de la Iglesia. En la Sagrada Escritura leemos muchos versículos que honran la sangre de Cristo como fuente de nuestra salvación. San Pedro escribe: «Saben que fueron rescatados de la vana conducta heredada de sus padres, no con cosas corruptibles como la plata o el oro, sino con la preciosa sangre de Cristo, como de un cordero sin defecto ni mancha» (1 Pedro 1, 19).

La devoción a la Preciosísima Sangre cobró especial importancia para el Papa Pío IX durante su exilio en el transcurso de la guerra de independencia italiana. Consciente de la gran necesidad de la intervención divina, el Papa instituyó la fiesta de la Preciosísima Sangre para que se celebrara en julio de 1849. El objetivo era implorar la ayuda del Cielo para poner fin a la guerra. Poco después de la institución oficial de la fiesta, la guerra terminó y el Papa regresó a Roma, habiendo sido escuchadas sus oraciones. Con el tiempo, el mes de julio en su totalidad quedó consagrado a la Preciosísima Sangre. Por tanto, la Iglesia anima a todos los fieles a honrar y reconocer con especial atención, durante el mes de julio, la sangre de Jesús derramada por nosotros en su pasión y crucifixión.

### Seis formas de crecer en la devoción a la Preciosísima Sangre

1. Asiste a la Misa diaria y recibe la Sagrada Eucaristía, el Cuerpo y la Sangre del Señor.
2. Medita en los siete relatos de la Sagrada Escritura en los que Jesús derramó su sangre por nosotros: la Circuncisión, la Agonía en el huerto, la Flagelación en la columna, la Coronación de espinas, el Camino del Calvario, la Crucifixión y la Lanzada en el costado.
3. Haz un sacrificio por los demás cada semana. Nuestro Señor derramó voluntariamente su sangre, entregando su vida por nosotros. Podemos imitarlo renunciando a nuestra propia voluntad, a nuestros planes o a nuestra comodidad para servir al prójimo. De este modo, seguimos a Jesús en su sacrificio y le demostramos un amor tangible.
4. Memoriza versículos de las Escrituras que mencionen la Preciosa Sangre:
  - Romanos 5:9: «Pues mucho más, estando ya justificados en su sangre, por él seremos salvos de la ira de Dios.»
  - Efesios 2:13: «Pero ahora en Cristo Jesús, vosotros que en otro tiempo estabais lejos, habéis sido acercados por la sangre de Cristo.»
  - 1 Juan 1:7: «Si caminamos en luz, como él está en luz, tenemos comunión unos con otros, y la sangre de Jesús, su Hijo, nos limpia de todo pecado.»
5. Pray a lityany, chaplet, or offering of Reparation to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus.
6. Recita esta breve oración a lo largo del día para recordarte continuamente tu salvación: «¡Preciosísima Sangre de Jesucristo, sálvanos a nosotros y al mundo entero!»



## Welcome to July, the month dedicated to the Precious Blood!

This devotion to the sacred mystery of the Blood of Christ shed for humanity permeates the whole of the Catholic Faith and is worthy of our attentive meditation and deepest adoration.

Devotion to the Most Precious Blood by the saints and the faithful dates back to the beginnings of the Church. We read in Sacred Scripture many verses that honor the blood of Christ as the source of our salvation. Saint Peter writes, "You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways

inherited from your fathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot." (1 Peter 1:19)

The Most Precious Blood became a focus for Pope Pius IX while he was in exile during the Italian War for Independence. The Pope understood the great need for God's intervention and instituted the Feast of the Most Precious Blood to be celebrated in July 1849. The purpose was to call upon assistance from Heaven to end the war. Soon after the formal institution of the feast, the war ended and the Pope returned to Rome, his prayers having been answered. Eventually, the entire month of July became dedicated to the Most Precious Blood.

The Church, therefore, encourages all the faithful to honor and recognize with particular attention during the month of July the blood of Jesus shed for us during His passion and crucifixion.

### Six Ways to Grow in Devotion to the Precious Blood

1. Attend daily Mass and receive the Holy Eucharist, the Body and Blood of The Lord.
2. Meditate on the seven accounts in Sacred Scripture that Jesus shed His blood for us: Circumcision, Agony in the garden, Scourging at the pillar, Crowning of thorns, Carrying of the Cross, Crucifixion, and Piercing of His side.
3. Make a sacrifice for others each week. Our Lord willingly shed His blood, laying down His life for us. We can imitate Him by laying down our will, plans, or comfort to serve our neighbor. In that way, we follow Jesus in His sacrifice and show Him tangible love.
4. Memorize Scripture verses that mention the Precious Blood:
  - Romans 5:9: "Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God."
  - Ephesians 2:13: "But now in Christ Jesus, you who once were far off have been brought near in the blood of Christ."
  - 1 John 1:7: "[I]f we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."
5. Pray a lityany, chaplet, or offering of Reparation to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus.
6. Say this short prayer throughout the day to continually remind yourself of your salvation: "Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, save us and the whole world!"



**ADORATION**  
Friday, July 17 | Follows 8:30A Mass  
Adoration extended to 7:30p thru September



**MEN'S MINISTRY**  
Friday, July 17 | **930A** | Church Hall Mtg Rm.



**LUMEN CHRISTI**  
STM YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

CALLED INTO RELATIONSHIP WITH  
JESUS CHRIST. ROOTED IN THE LIFE  
AND TEACHINGS OF HIS CHURCH.  
TOGETHER WE SHARE HIS LOVE WITH  
OTHERS SO THAT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST  
MAY ILLUMINATE THE WORLD.

NEXT MEETING

**Aug. 6 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT:  
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**Office Hours  
Change**

**Until July 17  
Mon - Thurs.  
9A to Noon**

While Father Chuck is  
on vacation.

**Please Note!**

Effective Monday, July  
20, STM returns to  
normal business hours  
Mon - Thurs., 9A to 2p

**The Women's 1-  
Day Retreat With  
Special Guest  
Speaker Deacon  
Ray Helgeson  
is Cancelled &  
will be  
rescheduled for  
this Fall 2026.**

**Please Remember STM While On  
Vacation!**

IT'S VACATION TIME! Summer is here. Time to throw your cares away and hit the road. Meanwhile, St. Thomas More Catholic Church will still need care & support while you're away. Please remember STM by contributing online while you're on vacation.

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For your convenience cards with the QR code are in the narthex on the table to keep in your wallet or purse for future giving.



**Great Turnout for KidZone!**

St. Thomas More hosted a KidzCorner during Party in the Park in June. Thank you STM Youth Group for helping!  
**We'll do it one more time Wed. July 22**