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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 Sirach 27:30-28:7**Psalms** 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso.

2nd Reading Romans 14:7-9**Gospel** Matthew 18:21-35

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13TH

Sunday; September 13

Ed Jimenez †

1030A

Josephine Dominguez †

Domingo; 13 de Septiembre

Luis Alfonso Pérez (salud)

1230P español

Maximina León y familia

Tues.; September 15

Larry Campbell †

6P

Ana Karen Morado (salud)

Wed.; September 16

Onofre Real

830A

Sam Kempner †

Thurs.; September 17

Fr. Brendan †

830A

Carol Zellmer †

Friday; September 18

Ela & Erasmo Machado †

830A

Terri Walters †

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 McMahon

Samia Zumout
Carrie Sonsteng
Art Sanchez
Santiago Avila
Carlos Torres
Tony & Francene Packett
Rick Hodson
Larry Young
Kim DeFretias,
Humberto Bozzo

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

SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

INTENCIONES DE SEPTIEMBRE DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

Por el cuidado del agua

Oremos por una gestión justa y sostenible del agua, recurso vital, para que todos puedan tener un acceso equitativo a ella.

This Week's Readings
THE 23RD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**Monday; Sept. 14th** *Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

1st Reading: Numbers 21:4b-9

Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38

Do not forget the works of the Lord!

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: John 3:13-17

Tuesday; Sept. 15th *Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows*

1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a

Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5

We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Gospel: John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35

Wed.; Sept. 16th *Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*

1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Psalm 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Gospel: Luke 7:31-35

Thursday; September 17th

1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Psalm 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Gospel: Luke 7:36-50

Friday; September 18th

1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Psalm 56:10c-12, 13-14

I will walk in the presence of God, in the light of the living.

Gospel: Luke 8:4-15

Saturday; September 19th

1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49

Psalm 56:10c-12, 13-14

I will walk in the presence of God, in the light of the living.

Gospel: Luke 8:4-15

Sunday; September 20th**Twenty-fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

2nd Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a

MEDITATION OF THE DAY**Imitating Our Compassionate Master*****I'll bet if you were asked at this moment to make up a list of your neighbors' sins, weaknesses, and faults, without blinking an eyelash you'd have a long list.****But if I were to have you tell me something beautiful about your neighbor, even your family, you have to admit that the list of faults comes much more quickly. We need to focus on the beautiful qualities that the Father and the Son have planted in [our neighbors'] souls.***Compassion heals.** *Compassion makes things grow. It makes**a flower grow out of a garbage heap. It makes things that are desolate bloom.***What are we afraid of?** *We're afraid of the demands of compassion. To be compassionate is to forget yourself. To be compassionate is to think more of your neighbor. It is to say to your neighbor, "Look, I know you have weaknesses; I know you have faults...but I, too, am a sinner. I have done other things that nobody has ever seen or knows about..."***Compassion frees you.** *Compassion transforms you into the image of the Father....**How divine it is to forgive. How divine not to judge. How divine to rejoice, like the father at the prodigal son. How divine to say, "Oh, I'm so glad you're back. I'm so glad you're repentant." Look through the eyes of the Father. Look with the heart of Jesus. Look with the power of the Spirit. The Spirit in you can purify you. The Spirit in you can make you love your brother, though you hate his sin. That is compassionate. Lord, make us all compassionate as the Father is compassionate. — MOTHER ANGELICA OF THE**ANNUNCIATION, P.C.P.A.**Mother Angelica († 2016) was a Poor Clare nun and founder of the Eternal Word Television Network. / From Mother Angelica's Guide to the Spiritual Life. © 2021 by EWTN Publishing, Inc. Distributed by Sophia Institute Press, Manchester, NH. www.sophiainstitute.com.**Excerpt from Magnificat Magazine, Meditation of the Day, September 13, 2026***HOMILY NOTES**

Bienvenidos a septiembre, el mes dedicado a Nuestra Señora de los Dolores.

San Alfonso María de Liguori nos dice en **Las glorias de María** que el martirio de Nuestra Señora supera al de todos los demás mártires, ya que su duración fue más prolongada y su sufrimiento, mayor que el de cualquiera de ellos. A medida que el calor del verano da paso a la llegada del otoño, se nos recuerda que las etapas de nuestra vida también traen cambios: triunfos y alegrías, sacrificios y pesares. La dedicación propia del mes de septiembre invita a los católicos a dirigir el corazón y la mente hacia los siete dolores que marcaron la vida de la Santísima Virgen María.

«Si todos los dolores del mundo se unieran, no igualarían el de la gloriosa Virgen María». — San Bernardino de Siena

La devoción a Nuestra Madre de los Dolores, fundamentada en la Sagrada Escritura, se remonta a los primeros Padres de la Iglesia, quienes contemplaban los sufrimientos de María al pie de la cruz. Con el tiempo, septiembre llegó a conocerse como el mes de Nuestra Señora de los Dolores, ya que su festividad bajo esta advocación se había fijado acertadamente para el 15 de septiembre, el día siguiente a la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz.

LOS SIETE DOLORES DE MARÍA

La profecía de San Simeón | La huida a Egipto
El Niño Jesús perdido en el Templo
El encuentro de Jesús y María en el camino de la Cruz
La Crucifixión. | María recibe el cuerpo de Jesús bajado de la Cruz | El sepulcro de Jesús

ORACIÓN EN HONOR A LOS SIETE DOLORES DE MARÍA

Oh Dios, ven en mi auxilio; Señor, date prisa en socorrerme. Gloria al Padre, al Hijo y al Espíritu Santo, como era en el principio, ahora y siempre, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

1. Me compadezco de ti, oh María dolorosísima, por la aflicción de tu tierno corazón ante la profecía del santo y anciano Simeón. Madre querida, por tu corazón tan afligido, alcánzame la virtud de la humildad y el don del santo temor de Dios. | Dios te salve, María...
2. Me compadezco de ti, oh María dolorosísima, en la angustia de tu corazón amorosísimo durante la huida a Egipto y tu estancia allí. Madre querida, por tu corazón tan afligido, alcánzame la virtud de la generosidad, especialmente hacia los pobres, y el don de la piedad. | Dios te salve, María.
3. Me compadezco de ti, oh María dolorosísima, por las angustias que afligieron tu corazón ante la pérdida de tu amado Jesús. Madre querida, por tu corazón lleno de angustia, alcánzame la virtud de la castidad y el don de ciencia. | Dios te salve, María...
4. Me compadezco de ti, oh María Santísima de los Dolores, por la angustia de tu corazón al encontrarte con Jesús mientras cargaba su Cruz. Madre querida, por tu corazón tan afligido, alcánzame la virtud de la paciencia y el don de la fortaleza. | Dios te salve, María
5. Me compadezco de ti, oh María Santísima de los Dolores, por el martirio que sufrió tu generoso corazón al permanecer junto a Jesús durante su agonía. Madre querida, por tu corazón afligido, alcánzame la virtud de la templanza y el don de consejo. | Dios te salve, María
6. Me compadezco de ti, oh María dolorosísima, por la herida de tu corazón compasivo cuando el costado de Jesús fue atravesado por la lanza antes de que su cuerpo fuera bajado de la cruz. Madre querida, por tu corazón así traspasado, alcánzame la virtud de la caridad fraterna y el don de entendimiento. | Dios te salve, María
7. Me compadezco de ti, oh María dolorosísima, por las angustias que desgarraron tu amorosísimo corazón en el sepelio de Jesús. Madre querida, por tu corazón sumido en la amargura de la desolación, alcánzame la virtud de la diligencia y el don de la sabiduría. | Dios te salve, María...

SEPTEMBER DEVOTION:



Our Lady of Sorrows

Welcome to September, the month dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows.

St. Alphonsus Liguori tells us in *The Glories of Mary* that Our Lady's martyrdom exceeds that of all the martyrs in that its duration was longer and the suffering greater than all others.

As the warmth of summer gives way to the coming of fall, we are reminded that the seasons of our lives also bring change – triumph & joy, sacrifice & sorrow.

September invites Catholics to turn their hearts and minds toward the seven sorrows that marked the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

“If all the sorrows of the world were united, they would not equal that of the glorious Virgin Mary.” St. Bernardine of Siena

Devotion to Our Mother of Sorrows, supported in Sacred Scripture, dates back to the early Church Fathers contemplating Mary's sufferings at the foot of the cross. September eventually became known as the month of Our Lady of Sorrows because Her feast day of that title had been fittingly appointed for Sept 15 the day following The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY

St. Simeon's Prophecy | The Flight into Egypt
The Loss of Jesus in the Temple | The Meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross | The Crucifixion
Mary Receives the Body of Jesus taken down from the Cross
The Burial of Jesus

PRAYER IN HONOR OF THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me. Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

1. I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in the affliction of your tender heart at the prophecy of the holy and aged Simeon. Dear Mother, by your heart so afflicted, obtain for me the virtue of humility and the gift of the holy fear of God. | Hail Mary...
2. I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in the anguish of your most affectionate heart during the flight into Egypt and your sojourn there. Dear Mother, by your heart so troubled, obtain for me the virtue of generosity, especially toward the poor & the gift of piety. | Hail Mary
3. I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in those anxieties which tried your troubled heart at the loss of your dear Jesus. Dear Mother, by your heart so full of anguish, obtain for me the virtue of chastity and the gift of knowledge. | Hail Mary...
4. I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in the consternation of your heart at meeting Jesus as He carried His Cross. Dear Mother, by your heart so troubled, obtain for me the virtue of patience and the gift of fortitude. | Hail Mary...
5. I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in the martyrdom which your generous heart endured in standing near Jesus in His agony. Dear Mother, by your afflicted heart, obtain for me the virtue of temperance and the gift of counsel. | Hail Mary...
6. I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in the wounding of your compassionate heart, when the side of Jesus was struck by the lance before His Body was removed from the Cross. Dear Mother, by your heart thus transfixed, obtain for me the virtue of fraternal charity and the gift of understanding. | Hail Mary...
7. I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, for the pangs that wrenched your most loving heart at the burial of Jesus. Dear Mother, by your heart sunk in the bitterness of desolation, obtain for me the virtue of diligence and the gift of wisdom. | Hail Mary...

**ADORATION**

Friday, Sept. 18 | Follows 830A Mass
Adoration extended to 7:30p thru September

**MEN'S MINISTRY**

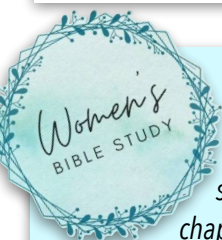
Friday, Sept. 18 | **930A** | Church Hall Mtg Rm.

SAVE A LIFE**GIVE BLOOD****Coming Soon:****STM Blood Drive**

Saturday, Oct. 3 | 10A to 2P

Sign ups begin Sunday, Sept. 20 after Mass

Questions? See Jim Collins after Mass or
call 831.821.9369



*at St. Thomas More is Now in Session
every Thursday at 130P*

The ladies Bible study meet in the Family Life Center small meeting rm. Study continues with Matthew chapter 14. There are a few things planned to vary & add to the study. All ladies are welcome!

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Saturday; Sept. 26TH

*A Taste of Heaven on Earth
Chocolate & Wine Festival*

TICKETS ON SALE NOW AFTER MASS!

\$15 per person | Kids 10yrs and younger are free

**It's Coming...****Priesthood Sunday | September 27**

A special day to honor Catholic priests and thank them for their service. Here are four ways to celebrate:

1. Pray for your parish priest.
2. Send a thank-you card or letter.
3. Invite a priest to dinner.
4. Pray for religious vocations.

Got Your Ticket for Ministry Days 2026?

All Catholic ministry leaders & volunteers in the Diocese of Sacramento are invited to Ministry Days 2026, Saturday, Sept. 26. This is the largest gathering of its kind & this year the day focuses on mental health, and challenges us all to encounter the Sacred Heart of Jesus as the ultimate source of mercy and healing. Enjoy a great day of prayer, networking, and fellowship as we discuss new ways to serve families navigating the complexities of mental health. Get tickets at www.ministrydays.com.

**¡RESERVA LA FECHA!**

Sábado, 26 de septiembre

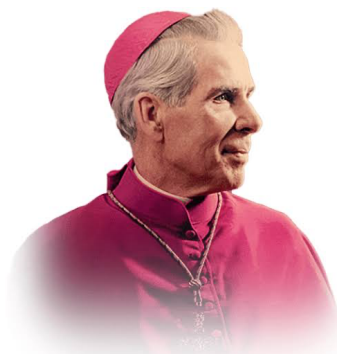
Un sabor del cielo en la Tierra

Festival del Chocolate y el Vino

¡Entradas a la venta ahora, después de la misa!

\$15 per person

Nota: Los niños de 10 años y menores son gratis.

**WATCH PARTY**

Thursday; Sept 24 | 11A to 2P

We are celebrating Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen being made a "Blessed" in the Catholic Church. This is called Beatification. The next step is Sainthood!

COME CELEBRATE WITH US!



**Faith Formation
& Sacrament Preparation
FOR CHILDREN**



**BEGINS
Sept. 13!**

Come by the office for registration forms

*La Formación de Fe y preparación
Sacramental comienza el
13 DE SEPTIEMBRE*

Pasa por la oficina por las formas de inscripción

