



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 *Exodus 19:2-6a*

Psalm *100:1-2, 3, 5*

We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

El Señor es nuestro Dios y nosotros su pueblo.

2nd Reading *Romans 5:6-11*

Gospel *Matthew 9:36-10:8*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF JUNE 14TH

<i>Sunday; June 14</i>	<i>Carol Zellmer † Peggy Duffy †</i>	<i>1030A</i>
<i>Domingo; 14 de junio</i>	<i>James Brody † Celia Elba Topete †</i>	<i>1230P español</i>
<i>Tues.; June 16</i>	<i>Jose Real</i>	<i>6P</i>
<i>Wed.; June 17</i>	<i>People of STM</i>	<i>830A</i>
<i>Thurs.; June 18</i>	<i>Intentions of David Brown</i>	<i>830A</i>
<i>Friday; June 19</i>	<i>Irma Douglas †</i>	<i>830A</i>

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

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

*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
 Michael Coronado*

JUNE INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

For the values of sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

INTENCIONES DE JUNIO DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

Por los valores del deporte

Oremos para que el deporte sea un instrumento de paz, encuentro y diálogo entre culturas y naciones, y para que promueva valores como el respeto, la solidaridad y el crecimiento personal.

This Week's Readings
THE 11TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday; June 15th

1st Reading: 1 Kings 21:1-16
Psalm 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7
Lord, listen to my groaning.
Gospel: Matthew 5:38-42

Tuesday; June 16th

1st Reading: 1 Kings 21:17-29
Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16
Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.
Gospel: Matthew 5:43-48

Wednesday; June 17th

1st Reading: 2 Kings 2:1, 6-14
Psalm 31:20, 21, 24
Let your hearts take comfort, all who hope in the Lord.
Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday; June 18th

1st Reading: Sirach 48:1-14
Psalm 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7
Rejoice in the Lord, you just!
Gospel: Matthew 6:7-15

Friday; June 19th

1st Reading: 2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20
Psalm 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18
The Lord has chosen Zion for his dwelling.
Gospel: Matthew 6:19-23

Saturday; June 20th

1st Reading: 2 Chronicles 24:17-25
Psalm 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34
For ever I will maintain my love for my servant.
Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34



Happy Anniversary Deacons!

Deacon Tom O'Connell | 18 years
of service to the Catholic Church June 7
and

Deacon Ray Helgeson | 41 years
of service to the Catholic Church June 8
and

Deacon Gary Zellmer | 38 years
of service to the Catholic Church June 11
and

Deacon Mike Mangan | 4 years
of service to the Catholic Church June 25

MEDITATION OF THE DAY
Ask the Master of the Harvest



All true apostolic workers expect much more from their sacrifices and prayers than from their active work... The secret of a fruitful apostolate is to be found much more at the foot of the Cross than in the display of brilliance. "These three remain: word, example, prayer; but the greatest of these is prayer," cries Saint Bernard. A very strong statement, but it is simply a commentary on the resolution taken by the Apostles to leave certain works alone in order to give themselves first of all to prayer; and only after that to preaching (Acts 6).

[Consider the] fundamental importance the Savior gave to this spirit of prayer. Looking out upon the world and upon the ages that were to come, he cried out in sorrow: The harvest indeed is great, but the laborers are few. What would he propose as the quickest way to spread his teaching? Would he ask his apostles to go to school in Athens, or to study, at Rome, under the Caesars, how to conquer and govern empires?... He reveals a program and a principle full of light: Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he send forth laborers into the harvest. No mention of techniques of organization, of raising funds, building churches, or putting up schools. Only pray ye. This one fundamental truth of prayer, and the spirit of prayer, is something the Master constantly repeated. Everything else, without exception flows from it.

Pray ye therefore! First of all, pray. Only after that, does Our Lord add going, teach...preach. Of course, God will make use of these other means; but the blessings that make a ministry fruitful are reserved for the prayers of a man of interior life. Such prayer will have the power to bring forth from the bosom of God the strength for an apostolate that souls cannot resist. —DOM JEAN-BAPTISTE CHAUTARD, O.C.S.O.

Dom Chautard († 1935) was a French Cistercian monk and the abbot of Sept-Fons Abbey. / From *The Soul of the Apostolate, A Monk of Our Lady of Gethsemani*, tr. © 1946, The Abbey of Gethsemani, Inc., Trappist, KY.

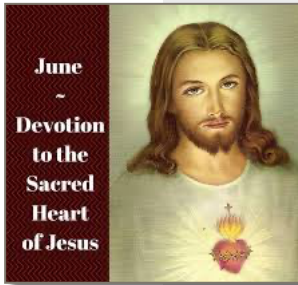
Excerpt from *Magnificat Magazine, Meditation of the Day, June 14, 2026*

HOMILY NOTES

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Junio está tradicionalmente dedicado al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, que representa la totalidad de la persona de Cristo y su amor divino-humano por la humanidad. Esta devoción, centrada en el amor, la misericordia y la compasión infinitos de Cristo, tiene su origen en las visiones recibidas por Santa Margarita María Alacoque en el siglo XVII. En 1673, Santa Margarita María –religiosa francesa de la Orden de la Visitación– tuvo visiones de Jesús, quien le reveló su Corazón ardiente de amor, coronado de espinas y herido por los pecados y la indiferencia de la humanidad.

La devoción al Sagrado Corazón fue también un elemento esencial de las esperanzas del Papa Juan Pablo II respecto a la «nueva evangelización» promovida por la Iglesia.



June is traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus which represents the totality of Christ's person and His divine-human love for humanity. This devotion, centered on the infinite love, mercy, and compassion of Christ, is rooted in 17th-century visions given to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque. In 1673 St. Alacoque, a French Visitation nun, experienced visions of Jesus who revealed His heart burning with love, crowned with thorns, and wounded by the sins and indifference of humanity.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart was also an essential component of Pope John Paul II's hopes for the "new evangelization" called for by the Church.

Mystical Visions

Through a series of mystical visions between 1673 and 1675, and particularly on the feast of Saint John the Evangelist, in 1673, Jesus Christ revealed to St. Alacoque His Sacred Heart as a symbol of His infinite love and mercy for humanity.

In these apparitions, Our Lord expressed sorrow over the coldness and indifference of many souls toward His love and entrusted Saint Margaret Mary with the mission of establishing public devotion to His Sacred Heart. This devotion includes practices such as Eucharistic adoration, the Holy Hour, reception of Holy Communion on the First Fridays of the month, and the celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart. As part of this revelation, Jesus made twelve specific promises to those who would honor His Sacred Heart with true devotion.

Visiones místicas

A través de una serie de visiones místicas ocurridas entre 1673 y 1675 —y particularmente en la fiesta de San Juan Evangelista, en 1673—, Jesucristo reveló a Santa Alacoque su Sagrado Corazón como símbolo de su amor y misericordia infinitos hacia la humanidad.

En estas apariciones, Nuestro Señor expresó su tristeza por la frialdad y la indiferencia de muchas almas hacia su amor, y encomendó a Santa Margarita María la misión de establecer la devoción pública a su Sagrado Corazón. Esta devoción incluye prácticas como la adoración eucarística, la Hora Santa, la recepción de la Sagrada Comunión los primeros viernes de mes y la celebración de la fiesta del Sagrado Corazón. Como parte de esta revelación, Jesús hizo doce promesas específicas a quienes honraran su Sagrado Corazón con verdadera devoción.

LAS 12 PROMESAS DEL SAGRADO CORAZÓN DE CRISTO

1. Les concederé todas las gracias necesarias en su estado de vida.
2. Estableceré la paz en sus hogares.
3. Los consolaré en todas sus aflicciones.
4. Seré su refugio seguro durante la vida y, sobre todo, en la muerte.
5. Bendeciré abundantes bendiciones en todas sus empresas.
6. Los pecadores encontrarán en Mi Corazón la fuente y el océano infinito de misericordia.
7. Las almas tibias se volverán fervorosas.
8. Las almas fervorosas se elevarán rápidamente a una gran perfección.
9. Bendeciré todo lugar donde se exponga y honre una imagen de mi Corazón.
10. Daré a los sacerdotes el poder de conmovir los corazones más endurecidos.
11. Aquellos que propaguen esta devoción tendrán sus nombres escritos en Mi Corazón, para siempre.
12. Te prometo, en la misericordia infinita de mi Corazón, que mi amor todopoderoso concederá a todos aquellos que comulguen el primer viernes de cada mes, durante nueve meses consecutivos, la gracia de la penitencia final. No morirán bajo mi desagrado ni sin recibir los sacramentos; mi Corazón será su refugio seguro en aquella última hora.

THE 12 PROMISES OF THE SACRED HEART OF CHRIST

1. I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their homes.
3. I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
5. I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
6. Sinners will find in My Heart the source & infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
9. I will bless every place in which an image of My Heart is exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the power of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who propagate this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be blotted out.
12. I promise you, in the excessive mercy of My Heart, that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Communion on the First Friday of every month for nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance. They shall not die in My displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments. My Heart shall be their secure refuge in that last hour.



ADORATION
Friday, June 19 | Follows 830A Mass
Adoration extended to 7:30p thru September



MEN'S MINISTRY
Friday, June 19 | **930A** | Church Hall Mtg Rm.

PARTY IN THE PARK THIS WEEK!

St. Thomas More, for the fourth consecutive summer, will sponsor KidzCorner during Party in the Park on Wednesday, June 17. We'll need help with set up, helping kids with games, crafts & teardown. Can you help? See Chris Rehmann or Larry Ahumada after Mass for more info. Set up begins at 430p. It's a lot of fun. We have lots of kiddos stopping by for crafts and games. If you're at the event be sure to stop by the STM tent.

We will also host a KidzCorner on Wednesday, July 22.

USCCB to Celebrate the Declaration of Independence Signing

On July 4, 2026, the U.S. will commemorate the Semiquincentennial (250th) Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will also commemorate this anniversary with three opportunities for Catholics to take part.

Opportunity 1 Parishes and individuals can participate by contributing to a collective 250 Hours of Adoration, in your home or church, during the 250th Anniversary of America.



Opportunity 2 250 Hrs of Works of Mercy. Works of mercy can include assisting at our local crisis pregnancy center or local food pantry & clothing closets, volunteering at and donating to our local St. Vincent de Paul. For examples and guides go to [https://www.usccb.org/resources/America 250 Catholic Resource - 250 Hours of Adoration and 250 Works of Mercy.pdf](https://www.usccb.org/resources/America%20Catholic%20Resource%20-%20250%20Hours%20of%20Adoration%20and%20250%20Works%20of%20Mercy.pdf)



Opportunity 3 The USCCB Consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Thursday, June 11, 2026. To prepare for the Consecration the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus may be incorporated into Holy Hour.



Sheets are now posted on the table in the narthex so that you can log your time in Adoration and/or your Works of Mercy. The collective hours of STM will be reported to the USCCB around mid June. Visit <https://www.usccb.org/weholdthesetruths>, to see the contributions of Catholics and the impact of our faith on the history of this country.

The Women's 1-Day Retreat With Special Guest Speaker Deacon Ray Helgeson Is Cancelled & will be rescheduled for Fall 2026. Questions? See Cheryl Barron.

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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STM Online Giving QR Code



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You can find our giving platform online at stmparadise.com. At the top of the Home Page click Online Giving, follow the prompts.

For your convenience we've included an insert of the QR code above on a card to keep in your wallet or purse for future giving.

Baby Bottles Due Father's Day June 21

Fill them with loose your change, bills, and checks.

Babies and parents need you! Pick up bottles in the Narthex. Return to St. Thomas More anytime up until Father's Day, Sunday, June 21. Questions? See Kathy DeCristofaro after Mass. CareNet clients receive support, counseling, and, thanks to the sonogram machine donated by the STM Knights of Columbus, the vast majority of mothers who see a sonogram of their baby decide against abortion.



Biberones para el Día del Padre: 21 de junio

Llénalos con tus monedas sueltas, billetes y cheques. ¡Los bebés y los padres te necesitan! Recoge los biberones en el Nártex. Devuélvelos a St. Thomas More en cualquier momento hasta el Día del Padre, domingo 21 de junio. ¿Tienes preguntas? Consulta a Kathy DeCristofaro después de la Misa.

Los clientes de CareNet reciben apoyo y asesoramiento; además, gracias al ecógrafo donado por los Caballeros de Colón de STM, la gran mayoría de las madres que ven una ecografía de su bebé deciden no abortar.

