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Office Hrs: Mon. - Thurs. 9a-2p (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 Bilingual

Wednesday, Thurs., & Friday 830A

Sunday Readings

1st Reading Numbers 21:4b-9**Psalms** 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38

Do not forget the works of the Lord!

No olvidemos las hazañas del Señor.

2nd Reading Philippians 2:6-11**Gospel** John 3:13-17

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14TH

<i>Sunday; September 14</i>	Josephine Dominguez † Intentions of Karthy & Art Sanchez	1030A
<i>Domingo ; 14 de septiembre</i>	Personas de STM	1230P español
<i>Tuesday; Sept. 16</i>	Intenciones de Kenia Ureña Valdes (Cumpleaños)	6P
<i>Wed.; Sept. 17</i>	Carol Zellmer †	830A
<i>Thurs.; Sept. 18</i>	Ken Campbell †	830A
<i>Friday; Sept. 19</i>	Raúl & Helvia Saavedra	830A

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

 Rod Montgomery
 Raul Saavedra
 Jose Raul Rivera
 Mary Anne Durant
 Isabel Rivera Leon
 Andrea Inzunza
 Joan Memmer
 Leo Benedetti
 Diane Clark


 Samia Zumout
 Greg DeCristofaro
 John Thomas
 Carrie Sonsteng
 Art Sanchez
 Leilani McManus
 James McManus

 Tim Steffen
 Elaine Little
 Ron Keyes
 Theresa Durant
 Sam Kempner
 Richard Carmack
 Helvia Saavedra
 Lily Tomkowitz

SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

For Our Relationship with All Of Creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

INTENCIONES DE SEPTIEMBRE DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

Por nuestra relación con toda la creación

Oremos para que, inspirados por San Francisco, experimentemos nuestra interdependencia con todas las criaturas amadas por Dios y dignas de amor y respeto.

This Week's Readings**TWENTY-FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME****Monday; Sept. 15th** MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

1st Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Psalm 28:2, 7, 8-9

Blessed be the Lord, for he has heard my prayer.

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

Tuesday; Sept. 16th MEMORIAL OF SAINTS CORNELIUS, POPE, AND CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYRS

1st Reading: 1 Timothy 3:1-13

Psalm 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6

I will walk with blameless heart.

Gospel: Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday; Sept. 17th

1st Reading: 1 Timothy 3:14-16

Psalm 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

How great are the works of the Lord!

Gospel: Luke 7:31-35

Thursday; September 18th

1st Reading: 1 Timothy 4:12-16

Psalm 111:7-8, 9, 10

How great are the works of the Lord!

Gospel: Luke 7:36-50

Friday; September 19th

1st Reading: 1 Timothy 6:2c-12

Psalm 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20

Blessed the poor in spirit; the Kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Gospel: Luke 8:1-3

Saturday; Sept. 20th MEMORIAL OF SAINT ANDREW KIM TAE-GŎN, PRIEST, AND PAUL CHŎNG HA-SANG, AND COMPANIONS,

1st Reading: 1 Timothy 6:13-16

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

Come with joy into the presence of the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 8:4-15

Sunday; September 21st**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

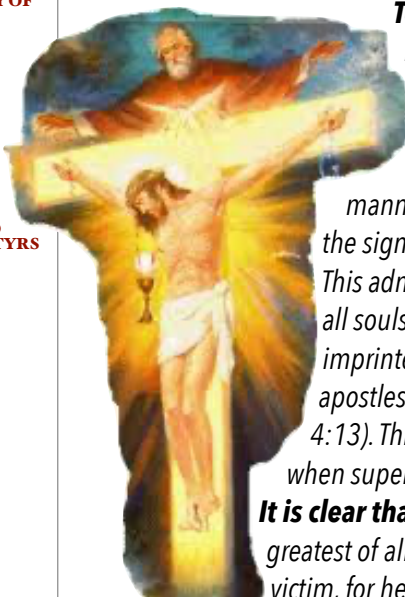
1st Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

MEDITATION OF THE DAY**Why We Exalt the Holy Cross****To our limited human reason, Jesus on the cross****may appear vanquished.** On the contrary he is the all-powerful conqueror over sin and Satan. He is the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world, as his resurrection was to demonstrate in a visible and striking manner: victory over death, which is the consequence of sin, is the sign of victory over sin.

This admirable contrast of power in immolation is to be found in all souls in whom the image of the Crucified is profoundly imprinted: in Mary, Mother of Sorrows, in the persecuted apostles, who were considered the refuse of this world (1 Cor 4:13). This should teach us the marvelous fruitfulness of suffering when supernaturally endured in union with the Savior....

It is clear that our Savior's passion was a true sacrifice, the greatest of all sacrifices.... On the cross, Jesus was at once priest and victim, for he was offering himself up voluntarily. From the time he

prayed at Gethsemane until he expired, all his words and acts were expressions of this voluntary oblation which is, as it were, the soul of this sacrifice of adoration, supplication, reparation, and thanksgiving....

Each day as we assist at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass let us learn to live by the sacrifice of the cross which is perpetuated in substance on the altar. Let us especially ask for an understanding of the cross and for a love of those crosses which Providence has reserved for us from all eternity until we enter heaven. Let us remember this law of Christian life: Unless the grain of wheat falling into the ground die, itself remaineth alone. But if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit (Jn 12:24).**Let us often repeat the seven last words of Christ,** which are, so to speak, his testament, and let us ask Mary to enable us to understand them: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.—This day thou shalt be with Me in paradise.—Woman, behold thy son. Behold thy mother.—My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?—I thirst.—It is consummated.—Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit." — FATHER REGINALD GARRIGOU-LAGRANGE, O.P.Father Garrigou-Lagrange († 1964) was a prolific Dominican theologian and spiritual writer. He was the theology doctoral advisor of the future Saint John Paul II. / From *Our Savior & His Love for Us*. Translation by A. Bouchard. © Baronius Press. Original French edition *Le Sauveur et son amour pour nous*.Excerpt from *Magnificat Magazine*, *Meditation of the Day*, September 14, 2025**HOMILY NOTES**

La devoción a Nuestra Señora de los Dolores destaca el mes de septiembre.

Esta devoción nos fue dada por Santa Brígida de Suecia (1303-1373), a quien se le reveló que la devoción a los Siete Dolores de la Santísima Virgen traería grandes gracias. Santo Tomás Moro celebrará la Conmemoración de Nuestra Señora de los Dolores el martes 16 de septiembre en la misa de las 18:00 (que sigue al sacramento de la reconciliación).

La devoción a Nuestra Señora de los Dolores se convirtió en un estándar en la Iglesia alrededor del siglo XIV y varios Papas la fomentaron.

La Santísima Virgen María reveló a Santa Brígida de Suecia (1303-1373) que las siguientes siete gracias serían concedidas a las almas que la honraran diariamente rezando siete Avemarías y meditando sobre sus lágrimas y dolores.

LAS SIETE GRACIAS DE MARÍA

Esta devoción a Nuestra Señora de los Dolores consiste en rezar siete Avemarías mientras se medita cada uno de los Siete Dolores de María.

1. Concederé paz a sus familias.
2. Serán iluminados sobre los misterios divinos.
3. Los consolaré en sus dolores y los acompañaré en su trabajo.
4. Les daré todo lo que pidan, siempre que no se oponga a la adorable voluntad de mi divino Hijo ni a la santificación de sus almas.
5. Los defenderé en sus batallas espirituales contra el enemigo infernal y los protegeré en cada instante de sus vidas.
6. Los ayudaré visiblemente en el momento de su muerte; verán el rostro de su madre.
7. He obtenido [esta gracia] de mi divino Hijo: quienes propaguen esta devoción a mis lágrimas y dolores serán llevados directamente de esta vida terrena a la felicidad eterna, pues todos sus pecados serán perdonados y mi Hijo y yo seremos su eterno consuelo y alegría.

FUENTE: <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/seven-dolors-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary-5437>; <https://www.catholiccompany.com/pages/the-seven-sorrows-of-mary>; <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/prayers/view.cfm?id=762>

FUENTE de ORACIÓN: <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/prayers/view.cfm?id=762>



The Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows highlights of the month of September. This devotion is given to us by St. Bridget of Sweden (1303-1373) to whom it was revealed that devotion to the Blessed Virgin's Seven Sorrows would bring great graces. St. Thomas More will celebrate the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows on Tuesday, Sept. 16 at the 6p Mass (which follows the sacrament of reconciliation.)

Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows became a standard in the Church around the 14th century with several Popes encouraging it.

The Blessed Virgin Mary revealed to St. Bridget of Sweden (1303-1373) that the following seven graces would be granted to the souls who honor her daily by saying seven Aves and meditating on her tears and dolours (sorrows).

THE SEVEN GRACES OF MARY

1. I will grant peace to their families.
2. They will be enlightened about the divine mysteries.
3. I will console them in their pains and I will accompany them in their work.
4. I will give them as much as they ask for as long as it does not oppose the adorable will of my divine Son or the sanctification of their souls.
5. I will defend them in their spiritual battles with the infernal enemy and I will protect them at every instant of their lives.
6. I will visibly help them at the moment of their death; they will see the face of their mother.
7. I have obtained [this grace] from my divine Son that those who propagate this devotion to my tears and dolours will be taken directly from this earthly life to eternal happiness, since all their sins will be forgiven and my Son and I will be their eternal consolation and joy.

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NOW IN SESSION! THURSDAYS at 1P

A new Ladies Bible Study has begun and meets each Thursday at 1p in the Hall. Haven't joined yet? It's not too late. The next session is this Thursday, Sept. 18, at 1p in the Hall.

The ladies are studying the New Testament, Gospel of Mark, and use a study guide written by Scott Hahn and Curtis Mitch. The guide is well written and provides a great deal of information and stimulation for discussion. For questions and to pick up a study guide call Gail Crowley 530.570-8474 or Louise Kyle 530.720-1061.

Respect For Life Fall Fast and Pray

Beginning Sept. 24 through Nov. 2, we will be praying & fasting out on the sidewalk to save lives and souls!

Day	Time	Location
Wednesdays	8A to 5P	Women's Health Specialist abortion facility. 1469 Humboldt, Chico
Fridays	11A to 5P	Planned Parenthood, 3100 Cohasset Rd., Chico, CA. 95973

We are doing this instead of 40 Days For Life to see if we can get more people out at one time. Jesus needs your help! Be His hands & feet thru prayer & peaceful witness. You can just show up or call 530.519.8818 or email 40dayschico@gmail.com Also check with Kathy DeCristofaro for more information.

The Women of St. Thomas More invite you to the...



Sixth Annual Chocolate and Wine Festival!

Saturday | Sept. 20 | 3p to 6p

Tickets on Sale Now After Mass!

See Madeline Riley or Lori MacPhail for tickets & questions.

Newest Saints Featured on STM Website!

Check out the links to our new Saints, Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati, on the parish website at <https://stmparadise.org/> The STM website celebrates the canonization of Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis – two vibrant young men who show that holiness doesn't erase humor, it highlights it. Visit our website to find info on both saints plus a link to St. Carlo Acutis' Eucharistic Miracles display.

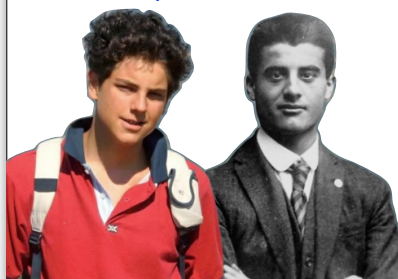
Both saints had a great sense of humor during their brief lives. Pier Giorgio Frassati (April 6, 1901 – July 4, 1925), the mountaineering "Man of the Beatitudes," was also the prank mastermind of his friend group, the Tipi Loschi. On retreats, he was notorious for short-sheeting beds – including those of the priests (the temerity!). To add to the mischief, he'd then sneak in with a toy trumpet to rouse sleepy companions and then march them off to a hidden chapel for Mass. His pranks weren't cruel; they were affectionate, keeping joy at the center of faith, as shared by Frassati USA.

Decades later, Carlo Acutis (May 3, 1991 – October 12, 2006) carried that same joyful mischief. His middle-school religion teacher, Sister Monica Ceroni, recalled to Catholic News Agency: "He was certainly not a perfect student... sometimes forgot his homework or showed up late. But he had a 'healthy curiosity' and 'wanted to get to the bottom of things'. He was also a real joker," remembering how his playful energy and lightheartedness lit up the classroom – and gently nudged others toward faith. Religion classes weren't just lessons; for Carlo, they were moments when "he was more passionate than others and more alive when religion class was on."

What's striking is how both young men – decades apart – show that holiness and humor aren't enemies. Joy rooted in Christ spills out in laughter, teasing, and yes, pranks. Together they show us that holiness doesn't mean erasing humor or hiding quirks. It means letting joy become a doorway for others. And perhaps that's the most timeless prank of all: saints who surprise us not by being untouchable, but by being disarmingly, contagiously human.

Want to learn more? Visit the STM website <https://stmparadise.org/> to discover more about the lives and miracles of these two newest saints.

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REMINDER - ADORATION - Friday
Immediately following 830A Mass until 6p.



REMINDER: MEN'S MINISTRY- Friday, 7A
In the Hall (Go to the small room)