

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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 Proverbs 8:22-31

Psalm 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

¡Qué admirable, Señor, es tu poder!

2nd Reading Romans 5:1-5

Gospel John 16:12-15

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 15TH

Sunday; June 15	Leo Valentine † Raymond Helgeson †	1030A
Domingo 15 de junio	Intenciones de Jesus Maldonado Health intentions of Carlos Torres	1230P español
Tuesday; June 17	Shelley Brutsman †	6P
Wed.; June 18	Carol Zellmer †	830A
Thurs.; June 19	For the parishioners of St. Thomas More	830A
Friday; June 20	For the parishioners of St. Thomas More	830A

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Rod Montgomery
Kimberly Steffen-Parkney
Raul Saavedra
Jose Raul Rivera
Mary Anne Durant
Isabel Rivera Leon

Samia Zumout
Greg DeCristofaro
John Thomas
Lourdes Collazo
Carrie Sonsteng
Art Sanchez

Tim Steffen
Elaine Little
Ron Keyes
Theresa Durant
Sam Kempner

JUNE INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

That each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from His heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

INTENCIONES DE JUNIO DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

Para que cada uno de nosotros encuentre consuelo en una relación personal con Jesús, y desde su corazón, aprenda a tener compasión del mundo.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

This Week's Readings

ELEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday; June 16th

1st Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10
Psalm 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4
The Lord has made known his salvation.
Gospel: Matthew 5:38-42

Tuesday; June 17th

1st Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9
Psalm 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a
Praise the Lord, my soul!
Gospel: Matthew 5:43-48

Wednesday; June 18th

1st Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11
Psalm 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9
Blessed the man who fears the Lord.
Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday; June 19th

1st Reading: 2 Corinthians 11:1-11
Psalm 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8
Your works, O Lord, are justice and truth.
Gospel: Matthew 6:7-15

Friday; June 20th

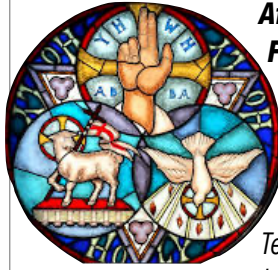
1st Reading: 2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30
Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
From all their distress God rescues the just.
Gospel: Matthew 6:19-23

Saturday; June 21st **MEMORIAL OF SAINT ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, RELIGIOUS**

1st Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10
Psalm 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Knowing and Loving the Trinity



After having spoken many times & in various ways to our Fathers through the Prophets, God, in these last days, spoke to us through his Son, the Word, who bears the stamp of his substance and the splendor of his glory (Heb 1:1-3), who came to earth to preach to men the kingdom of God and to tell them about the secret and hidden life of the Triune God. [The Old Testament Prophets] had emphasized certain attributes of God:

Isaiah spoke of his greatness and majesty, Jeremiah of his justice, and Hosea of his merciful love and unflagging tenacity. And the greatest of them all, Moses, had risen all the way to the sublime truth that touches intimately the mystery of God's ineffable being: I am he who is (Ex 3:14).

But no one has ever seen God. Only God, the only Son who is in the bosom of the Father, could come and reveal him to us (cf. Jn 1:18). He has manifested to men the authentic divine Reality: God the Father; God the Son, equal to the Father and one with him; God the Holy Spirit, proceeding from the Father and the Son.... The Incarnation of the Word inaugurates a new age, one that is explicitly Trinitarian; a new creed, in a God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; a new economy, with new worship, a new priesthood, a new people, a new kingship characteristic of what we can call, with Saint Ambrose, "the royal kingdom of the Trinity," regnum Trinitatis. The mystery of the Trinity, which remained in the shadows throughout the Old Testament, bursts into light in the New.... The Church of Christ will forever be illuminated by this triune mystery....

St. John is the one who has presented to us the simple & sublime words in which the Lord himself has summarized our entire spiritual life as being such a permanent intimacy with God. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word and my Father will love him and we will come to him and make our dwelling in him (Jn 14:23). The Spirit of Love, the Paraclete, will also dwell in you (cf. Jn 14:16-17). This indwelling of the Trinity in our souls constitutes the essence of our interior life: to live in communion with the Father and the Son, by the breath of the same Spirit of love.

—FATHER MARIE-MICHEL PHILIPON, O.P.

Father Philipon († 1972) was a French Dominican priest and theologian. / From *The Trinity, The Keystone of the Christian Mysteries*, Matthew K. Miner, 2023. www.athomist.com.

Excerpt from *Magnificat Magazine*, Meditation of the Day, June 15, 2025

HOMILY NOTES



¡Bienvenidos a junio! Este mes está consagrado a la devoción al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús. «De entre todas las pruebas de la infinita bondad de nuestro Salvador, ninguna destaca más que el hecho de que, al enfriarse el amor de los fieles, Él, el Amor Divino mismo, se entregó a nosotros para ser honrado con una devoción muy especial, y que el rico tesoro de la Iglesia se abrió de par en par en beneficio de esa devoción». Estas palabras del Papa Pío XI se refieren a la Devoción al Sagrado Corazón, que en su forma actual data de las revelaciones dadas a Santa Margarita María Alacoque en 1673-1675.



Welcome to June! This month is set apart for devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. "From among all the proofs of the infinite goodness of our Savior none stands out more prominently than the fact that, as the love of the faithful grew cold, He, Divine Love Itself, gave Himself to us to be honored by a very special devotion and that the rich treasury of the Church was thrown wide open in the interests of that devotion." These words of Pope Pius XI refer to the Sacred Heart Devotion, which in its present form dates from the revelations given to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1673-75.

EL PAPA LEÓN XIV PUBLICA SU PRIMERA INTENCIÓN MENSUAL

El Papa ha publicado su primera intención de oración mensual en video en inglés a través de la Red Mundial de Oración del Papa. Visite <https://thepopevideo.org/june-that-the-world-might-grow-in-compassion/> para escuchar al Papa León XIV, en inglés, presentar su intención de oración de junio. Se trata de un breve video que incluye imágenes filmadas en la Iglesia del Santísimo Nombre de Jesús en Roma.

ORACIÓN AL SAGRADO CORAZÓN

La devoción al Sagrado Corazón fue característica de la piedad en la época de Santa Gertrudis la Grande (1256-1302), monja benedictina y reconocida mística. De hecho, fue la primera gran exponente de la devoción al Sagrado Corazón. En nuestros esfuerzos por honrar el Corazón de Jesús, nosotros [en la Red Mundial de Oración del Papa] tenemos esta oración como modelo para la nuestra:

Señor, hoy vengo a tu tierno Corazón, a ti que tienes palabras que encienden mi corazón, a ti que derramas compasión sobre los pequeños y los pobres, sobre los que sufren y sobre todas las miserias humanas.

Deseo conocerte más, contemplarte en el Evangelio, estar contigo y aprender de ti y de la caridad con la que te dejaste tocar por todas las formas de pobreza.

Nos mostraste el amor del Padre amándonos sin medida con tu Corazón divino y humano. Concede a todos tus hijos la gracia de encontrarte. Cambia, moldea y transforma nuestros planes para que solo te busquemos a ti en cada circunstancia: en la oración, en el trabajo, en los encuentros y en nuestra vida diaria.

Desde este encuentro, envíanos en misión, una misión de compasión por el mundo en la que Tú eres la fuente de donde mana todo consuelo. Amén.

Fuente https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/06_1.cfm ; <https://thepopevideo.org/june-that-the-world-might-grow-in-compassion/>
Fuente de oración: <https://thepopevideo.org/june-that-the-world-might-grow-in-compassion/>

POPE LEO XIV RELEASES HIS 1ST MONTHLY INTENTION

The Pope has released his first monthly prayer intention on video in English on the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. Go to <https://thepopevideo.org/june-that-the-world-might-grow-in-compassion/> to hear Pope Leo XIV, in English, present his June prayer intention. It's a short video that includes images filmed in the Church of the Holy Name of Jesus in Rome.

PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART

Devotion to the Sacred Heart was characteristic of the piety during the time of St. Gertrude the Great (1256-1302), Benedictine nun and renowned mystic. She was, in fact, the first great exponent of devotion to the Sacred Heart. In our efforts to honor the Heart of Jesus we [at the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network] have this prayer as a model for our own:

*Lord, I come to Your tender Heart today,
to You who have words that set my heart ablaze,
to You who pour out compassion on the little ones & the poor, on those who suffer, and on all human miseries.*

*I desire to know You more, to contemplate You in the Gospel, to be with You and learn from You
and from the charity with which You allowed Yourself
to be touched by all forms of poverty.*

*You showed us the Father's love by loving us without
measure with Your divine and human Heart.
Grant all Your children the grace of encountering You.
Change, shape, and transform our plans,
so that we seek only You in every circumstance:
in prayer, in work, in encounters, and in our daily routine.*

*From this encounter, send us out on mission,
a mission of compassion for the world
in which You are the source from which all consolation
flows. Amen.*

Source: https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/06_1.cfm ;
<https://thepopevideo.org/june-that-the-world-might-grow-in-compassion/>
Prayer Source: <https://thepopevideo.org/june-that-the-world-might-grow-in-compassion/>



Welcome Fr. John Healy! He will shepherd us through July 4. Read his fascinating biography on the STM website! Riveting! (Fr. Chuck is on vacation)



2025 Jubilee of Hope Upcoming Events

June 19
thru
June 21

Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession June 19 to 21

Celebrate this Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope are participating in this Procession which will start June 19 in Vallejo and end on June 21 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Many stops along the way for people across the Diocese to join us on the water and land. There will be a flotilla of boats representing several yacht clubs. **Questions?** visit <https://scd.org/JubileeEuchaisticProcession>

SPECIAL BLESSINGS WILL BE OFFERED TO:

- JUNE 20: ALL PEOPLE ON JUNETEENTH @ 4P ST. JOSEPH, RIO VISTA
- ACTIVE MILITARY/VETERANS @ 2:30P ST. ANTHONY, WALNUT GROVE,
- FIRST RESPONDERS @ 6P ST. JOSEPH, CLARKSBURG
- JUNE 21: BOATS IN PROCESSION @ NOON, ON THE WATER NEAR OLD SACRAMENTO
- MARRIED & ENGAGED COUPLES @ 5P, THE CATHEDRAL

MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED ALONG THE ROUTE:

- THURS., JUNE 19, 7:45A, ST. CATHERINE, VALLEJO
- FRI., JUNE 20, 11A, ST. TERESE, ISLETON
- FRI., JUNE 20, 8:15A, ST. JOSEPH, CLARKSBURG

OVERNIGHT ADORATION WILL BE CELEBRATED AT:

- THURS., JUNE 19, ST. JOSEPH, RIO VISTA STARTING AT 5P
- FRI., JUNE 20, ST. JOSEPH, CLARKSBURG STARTING AT 6:30P

LITURGY OF THE HOURS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON:

- THURS., JUNE 19 AT ST. BASIL, VALLEJO 9:45A | ST. VINCENT, VALLEJO 10:45A | ST. JOSEPH, RIO VISTA 4P
- FRI., JUNE 20 AT ST. JOSEPH, RIO VISTA 8A | ST. ANTHONY, WALNUT GROVE 230P | ST. JOSEPH, CLARKSBURG 6P
- SAT., JUNE 21 AT THE CATHEDRAL WITH BOTH BISHOPS 5:15P & 8:30P.

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSIONS TO THE CATHEDRAL ON SAT., JUNE 21:

- FROM TOWER BRIDGE AT 3:30P
- FROM HOLY SPIRIT, SACRAMENTO (IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 4P MASS)
- FROM ST. FRANCIS, SACRAMENTO (IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 5:15P MASS)

June 26

Jubilee Sacred Heart Pilgrimage | Sacred Heart Parish, Susanville
Sacred Heart Parish in Susanville will host a pilgrimage walk to celebrate the Jubilee Year as one of the 12 pilgrimage sites. The walk begins Thursday, June 26 and ends Friday, June 27 on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The pilgrimage walk will start on the Bizz Johnson Trail from Westwood to Susanville with an overnight camp at the midway point. The walk will conclude at Sacred Heart Parish followed by Mass with Auxiliary Bishop Rey Bersabal. Pilgrims under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Questions? For more info and registration visit sacredheartpilgrimage.net

Turn in Your Baby Bottle Today!
The CareNet baby bottle campaign is closing. Drop baby bottles in the box on the table in the Narthex. If you don't have it with you today, drop off in the church office this week. Kathy DeCristofaro will make sure all bottles get to CareNet. Thanks for supporting babies, moms, and dads! Questions? See Kathy DeCristofaro.



THE SECULAR FRANCISCANS & ST. VINCENT DE PAUL INVITE YOU TO COFFEE AND DONUTS TODAY AFTER MASS IN THE HALL.



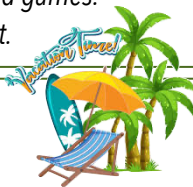
Congratulations Deacon Ray!

Congratulations to Deacon Ray Helgeson on his 40th Ordination Anniversary on June 8. May the Lord continue to bless you with His strength and peace!



PARTY IN THE PARK IS COMING!

St. Thomas More for the third consecutive summer will sponsor KidzCorner during Party in the Park on Wednesday, June 25. We'll need help with set up, games, crafts, and teardown. Can you help? See Chris Rehmann after Mass for more info. June 25 will be the only hosting date for us this year. Set up begins at 430p. It's lots 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.



Please Remember STM While On Your Vacay

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. Just go to stmparadise.org > at top center of page click ONLINE GIVING > GIVE NOW; and follow the prompts. Or go to <https://www.wesharegiving.org/app/giving/WeShare-20000315?tab=home>



God our Father, In your wisdom and love you have created us and called us your own. Bless our fathers, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. In moments of joy, rejoice with them. In times of struggle, give them your courage & perseverance. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor and appreciate them always with a spirit of profound respect. May the example & prayer of St. Joseph inspire them to live their vocation with courage. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.