

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 Bilingual

Wednesday, Thurs., & Friday 830A

Sunday Readings

1st Reading Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10**Psalm** 40:2, 3, 4, 18

Lord, come to my aid!

Señor, date prisa en ayudarme.

2nd Reading Hebrews 12:1-4**Gospel** Luke 12:49-53

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 17TH

<i>Sunday; August 17</i>	<i>David and Luz Tacandong †</i>	<i>1030A</i>
	<i>Intentions of Leo Bourgeois</i>	
<i>Domingo 17 de agosto</i>	<i>Rafaela Arroyo †</i>	<i>1230P español</i>
	<i>Rafael Barajas †</i>	
<i>Tuesday; Aug. 19</i>	<i>Dolores Martinez †</i>	<i>6P</i>
	<i>Odilon Barajas †</i>	
<i>Wed.; Aug. 20</i>	<i>Cumpleaños de Hernán Ureña-Valdés</i>	<i>830A</i>
	<i>Salud de Celso Verde</i>	
<i>Thurs.; Aug. 21</i>	<i>Maria Santo Arrellano †</i>	<i>830A</i>
	<i>Intenciones de Antonio y Juanita Rivera</i>	
<i>Friday; Aug. 22</i>	<i>Intentions of Gloria Wenter-Smith</i>	<i>830A</i>
	<i>Ken Campbell †</i>	

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

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

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

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

AUGUST INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

For Mutual Coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

INTENCIONES DE AGOSTO DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

Por la convivencia mutua

Oremos para que las sociedades donde la convivencia parece más difícil no sucumban a la tentación del enfrentamiento por razones étnicas, políticas, religiosas o ideológicas.

This Week's Readings

TWENTIETH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday; Aug. 18th

1st Reading: Judges 2:11-19

Psalm 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab & 44
Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.

Gospel: Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday; August 19th

1st Reading: Judges 6:11-24a

Psalm 85:9, 11-12, 13-14

The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

Gospel: Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday; Aug. 20th MEMORIAL OF SAINT BERNARD, ABBOT AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

1st Reading: Judges 9:6-15

Psalm 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Lord, in your strength the king is glad.

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday; Aug. 21st MEMORIAL OF SAINT PIUS X, POPE

1st Reading: Judges 11:29-39a

Psalm 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Friday; Aug. 22nd MEMORIAL OF THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

1st Reading: Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22

Psalm 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday; August 23rd

1st Reading: Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17

Psalm 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5

See how the Lord blesses those who fear him.

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday; August 24th

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Psalm 117:1, 2

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

The Fire Christ Desires to See



Until God has absorbed my whole life and I am completely transformed in him, everything that I do is insignificant. My works will always be imperfect. In spite of this, he is content, he urges me, not letting me rest, repeating at every instant: "Follow the name that I have given you; be an apostle of my love."...

He seems to support me and assure the good results of everything I do, so that nothing will be -

ineffective but everything will contribute to the increase of his love in souls. But I ask ever more, namely, that whatever I do should always continue to do good, to produce love, until the end of the world. And I seem to hear the words: "Love is a fire that spreads; it burns whatever it encounters, and nothing can put it out."... Love is the divine power, the eternity of God beginning in us.... It is a participation in his divine being. God and the one that loves him become one thing.... Who will help me to make all souls understand the power and excellence of love and how rich is the soul simply by being able to love? If all would appreciate this treasure, there would not be poverty or pain on this earth, because love would change everything into heaven. As a proof of how love is our all and does all, notice this detail.

Holy Mass was just beginning and I said to myself: "I want to hear it well, because by one Mass well attended, I am certain that my faults will be pardoned." With this intention I united myself to Jesus through Mary and I practiced other acts to this effect, remaining recollected until the Gospel.

But then, until Communion I was distracted without realizing that I was at Mass. On realizing it, I was confounded and exclaimed, "My Jesus, my fervor of wanting to hear Mass well has stopped here." And I perceived in my interior the voice of the Lord saying to me: "You can desire something to be well done, but you cannot effect it. I have to do it in you and you must recognize your nothingness and impotency. This is what has happened here. You had the good will, but I have fulfilled it for you." And with this I was consoled. —VENERABLE MARY MAGDALEN OF JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST, C.P.

Mother Mary Magdalen († 1960) was a Passionist nun from Italy. This is a letter to her spiritual director. / From *Toward the Heights of Union with God*, Fr. John G. Arinterro, o.p., and Mother Mary Magdalen, c.p., Jordan Aumann, o.p., tr. © 1972, Passionist Nuns Monastery, Erlanger, KY. All
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HOMILY NOTES

El mes de agosto está dedicado al Inmaculado Corazón de María y durante este mes también se fomenta una mayor adoración a la Eucaristía.

El corazón físico de María es venerado (y no adorado como el Sagrado Corazón de Jesús) porque está unido a su persona y es la sede de su amor (especialmente por su divino Hijo), su virtud y su vida interior. Esta devoción incentiva un amor y una virtud similares.



The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and during this month increased adoration to the Eucharist is also encouraged.

The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life. Such devotion is an incentive to a similar love and virtue.

El viernes 22 de agosto se celebra la Conmemoración de la Realeza de la Santísima Virgen María, que no es día de precepto, pero sí una importante celebración de nuestra Madre. Horario de la misa: 8:30a

The Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated Friday, Aug. 22. This is not a holy day of obligation, but an important celebration of our Mother nevertheless. Mass time: 8:30A. Adoration follows.

Acerca del Inmaculado Corazón de María

Así como la devoción al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús es esencial, porque resalta el amor redentor del Verbo Encarnado, también lo es la devoción al Inmaculado Corazón de María, ya que enfatiza el amor corredentor de la Madre de Dios.

A diferencia del Corazón de Jesús, el Corazón de María no participa en la unión hipostática y, por lo tanto, es un corazón puramente humano. Es el corazón de la más perfecta de las criaturas, que llevó el amor de Dios a su máximo esplendor y estuvo estrechamente unida al Corazón de Jesús en una intimidad maternal y filial. Esta intimidad comenzó con la Encarnación del Verbo en su seno purísimo, culminó con su ofrenda final en el Calvario –donde ofreció a su Hijo por nuestra salvación– y continúa ahora en el Cielo. Por el Corazón de María, como explica el P. José María Canal, CMF, «entendemos su intimidad, sus sentimientos maternos, su misericordia y su ternura hacia los pecadores». Según el Papa Pío XII, es «un símbolo de toda la vida interior, cuya perfección moral, méritos y virtudes trascienden todo entendimiento humano». Por el Corazón de María, como explica el P. José María Canal, CMF, «entendemos su intimidad, sus sentimientos maternos, su misericordia y su ternura hacia los pecadores». Según el Papa Pío XII, es «un símbolo de toda la vida interior, cuya perfección moral, méritos y virtudes trascienden todo entendimiento humano».

About the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Just as devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is essential, because it highlights the redeeming love of the Incarnate Word, so also is devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, since it emphasizes the co-redeeming love of the Mother of God.

Unlike the Heart of Jesus, the Heart of Mary doesn't participate in the hypostatic union and, therefore, is a purely human heart. It is the heart of the most perfect of creatures who took the love of God to the highest point possible and was closely united to the Heart of Jesus in a maternal and filial intimacy. This intimacy began with the Incarnation of the Word in her most pure womb, culminated with her final offering on Calvary –where She offered her Son for our salvation– and continues now in Heaven.

By the Heart of Mary, as Fr. José Maria Canal, CMF explains, “we understand her intimacy, maternal feelings, mercy and tenderness toward sinners.” According to Pope Pius XII it is “a symbol of all interior life, whose moral perfection, merits and virtues are beyond all human understanding!”

Pius XII also emphasizes this maternal Heart's compassion: “The Most Pure Heart of the Virgin [is the] seat of that love, compassion and all most lofty affections that participated so much in our redemption, especially when She ‘stabat iuxta Crucem,’ stood vigilantly next to the Cross.” (cf. John 19:25)

ORACIÓN PARA: CONSAGRARME AL CORAZÓN DE MARÍA

Oh Santísima Virgen María, Reina del Cielo y de la Tierra, conforme a tu deseo manifestado en Fátima, me consagro hoy a tu Inmaculado Corazón. A ti confío todo lo que tengo, todo lo que soy, a tu bendita guarda y especial cuidado, y a tu Inmaculado Corazón. Amén.

FUENTE: <https://americaneedsfatima.org/articles/the-immaculate-heart-of-mary-core-of-the-fatima-message>; https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/08_1.cfm

PRAYER TO : CONSECRATE MYSELF TO THE HEART OF MARY

O most holy Virgin Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, in accordance with thy wish made known at Fatima, I consecrate myself today to thine Immaculate Heart. To thee I entrust all that I have, all that I am, to thy blessed charge and special keeping and into thine Immaculate Heart. Amen.

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Confirmación de adultos

Si algún adulto necesita los Sacramentos de Primera Comunión y/o Confirmación, por favor llame o pase por la oficina para recoger los formularios de inscripción y obtener más información.



Faith Formation Registration

Registration after mass on

Aug. 24th and Aug. 31st

- Open to all students K-6th grade
- Classes begin in September
- Sacrament Preparation

Meeting will be in the small hall to assist parents and students with registration and answer questions. If you miss registration please call Sandra (530)966-2855

Adult Confirmation

If any adults need the Sacraments of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation, please call or come by the office to pick up registration forms. Classes will begin early September. Contact Deacon Mike or Deon for more information.

Formación de Fe para Niños

Taller de inscripción después de Santa Misa Agosto 24 y Agosto 31.

- Para los niños de grados K-6
- Clases comienzan en Septiembre
- Preparación para Sacramentos

Nos reuniremos en el salon pequeño después de Misa para asistir a los padres y niños con la registracion. Se dara información sobre el año. Si no puede asistir favor de llamar a Sandra (530) 966-2855

Just so you know...

Friday Aug. 22, is the Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This day is not a holy day of obligation. However, as August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, note this as a reminder of another special day for our Mother. Mass will be celebrated at 830A.

Ladies Bible Study Begins Thursday, Sept. 11 at 1p

Ladies Bible Study group will meet in the hall 1P to 2P beginning Thursday, Sept. 11. The focus of the series is the Gospel of Mark found in the New Testament, using the study guide written by Scott Hahn & Curtis Mitch.

The guide is well written and provides a great deal of information and stimulation for discussion. All ladies are welcome. **Questions?** Call Gail Crowley 530.570-8474 or Louise Kyle 530.720-1061.



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BLESSED FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY RELIC

Founder of the Knights of Columbus



Veneration after 6pm mass on Tuesday, August 19th. Bring rosaries or any other religious articles for veneration

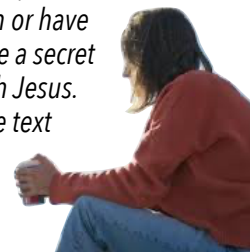
Bring your favorite dish to share- POTLUCK TO FOLLOW

Abortion Recovery Group Begins Wed. Sept. 10th

One in four people in the church have experienced abortion directly – both men & women. If this is you, or someone you love, Care Net invites you to a free & confidential recovery group that starts Sept. 10th and lasts eight weeks. Choose from two times:

~Wednesdays: 3P to 430P or 530P to 7P~

You may benefit from this group if you are experiencing: grief or regret regarding your abortion, emotional pain, avoid things that trigger memories of your abortion or have nightmares. This decision does not need to be a secret anymore; healing is available for you through Jesus. Questions? or to sign up for the group, please text Elizabeth Trinca at 530-591-9973 or call Care Net at 530-876-1113. Note: men & women will meet in separate groups.



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



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



The Women of St. Thomas More
Sixth Annual Chocolate & Wine Festival!
Saturday | Sept. 20 | 3p to 6p ~ Tickets on Sale Now!