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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 Isaiah 55:6-9**Psalm** 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Bendeciré al Señor eternamente.

2nd Reading Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a**Gospel** Matthew 20:1-16a

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20TH

Sunday; Sept. 20

Elizabeth Whalen †

1030A

Gertrude Valentine †

Domingo; 20 de Septiembre

Carmen Velásquez (Primer aniversario) †

1230P español

Padre Carlos Kelly (Intenciones)

Tues.; September 22

Jose Miguel Saavedra †

6P

Koloski Brothers

Wed.; September 23

Joan Keeting †

830A

Nonie Schultz †

Thurs.; September 24

Larry Campbell †

830A

Friday; September 25

Parmenio Ospina †

830A

Edgardo Rivera (Cumpleaños)

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 25TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**Monday; Sept. 21st** *Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and evangelist*

1st Reading: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

Psalm 119:2-3, 4-5

Their message goes out through all the earth.

Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13

Tuesday; Sept. 22nd

1st Reading: Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13

Psalm 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44

Guide me, Lord, in the way of your commands.

Gospel: Luke 8:19-21

Wed.; Sept. 23rd *Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest*

1st Reading: Proverbs 30:5-9

Psalm 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163

Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my feet.

Gospel: Luke 9:1-6

Thursday; September 24th

1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11

Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17bc

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Gospel: Luke 9:7-9

Friday; September 25th

1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

Psalm 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4

Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!

Gospel: Luke 9:18-22

Saturday; September 26th

1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 11:9—12:8

Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Gospel: Luke 9:43b-45

Sunday; September 27th**Twenty-sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

MEDITATION OF THE DAY**Our Spiritual Wages**

Saint Augustine's saying is so clearly true, that "material goods, unlike those of the spirit, cannot belong wholly and simultaneously to more than one person." The same house, the same land, cannot belong completely to several people at once, nor the same territory to several nations. And herein lies the reason of that unhappy conflict of interests which arises from the feverish quest of these earthly possessions.

On the other hand...the same spiritual treasure can belong in its entirety to all men, and at the same time to each, without any disturbance of peace between them.

Indeed, the more there are to enjoy them in common the more completely do we possess them. The same truth, the same virtue, the same God, can belong to us all in like manner, and yet none of us embarrasses his fellow-possessors. Such are the inexhaustible riches of the spirit that they can be the property of all and yet satisfy the desires of each.

Indeed, we possess a truth completely only when we teach it to others, when we make others share our contemplation; only then do we truly love a virtue when we wish others to love it also; only then do we wholly love God when we desire to make him loved by all. Give money away, or spend it, and it is no longer yours. But give God to others, and you possess him more fully for yourself. — 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 *The Three Ways of the Spiritual Life*. © 1977, TAN Books, Charlotte, NC (www.tanbooks.com).

Excerpt from *Magnificat Magazine*, Meditation of the Day, September 20, 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

7 FORMAS DE CRECER EN LA DEVOCIÓN A NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LOS DOLORES

1. Medita en cada uno de los Siete Dolores de María (enumerados anteriormente).
2. Conoce las siete promesas* hechas a quienes meditan en los dolores de Nuestra Señora (ver más abajo).
3. Conoce las cuatro gracias concedidas a quienes son devotos de Nuestra Señora y de sus dolores.
4. Memoriza versículos de las Escrituras que resalten los dolores que experimentó María, como Lucas 2, 34-35 y Juan 19, 25-27.
5. Coloca una imagen o un icono de Nuestra Señora de los Dolores junto a un crucifijo en tu hogar.
6. Lee las **Revelaciones de Santa Brígida: Sobre la vida y pasión de Nuestro Señor y la vida de su Santísima Madre** para conocer a esta santa y meditar sobre los sufrimientos de Jesús y María.
7. Une tus propios sufrimientos a los de Jesús y María; es una acción meritoria que agrada a Nuestro Señor y a Nuestra Señora.

✱ Las siete promesas otorgadas por Nuestra Señora son: paz familiar, iluminación sobre los misterios divinos, consuelo divino en el trabajo y el dolor, concesión de peticiones acordes con la voluntad de Dios, defensa espiritual contra el enemigo, asistencia materna visible en el momento de la muerte y felicidad eterna directa por meditar en los Dolores de Nuestra Señora.

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

7 WAYS TO GROW IN DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS

1. Meditate on each of the Seven Sorrows of Mary (listed above).
2. Learn the Seven Promises* given to those who meditate on Our Lady's Sorrows (see below).
3. Learn the Four Graces given to those devoted to Our Lady and her Sorrows.
4. Memorize Scripture verses that highlight the sorrows Mary experienced like, Luke 2:34-35 and John 19:25-27
5. Place an image or icon of Our Lady of Sorrows next to a crucifix in your home.
6. Read the *Revelations of Saint Bridget: On the Life and Passion of Our Lord and the Life of His Blessed Mother* to learn about this saint and meditate on the sufferings of Jesus and Mary.
7. Unite your own sufferings with those of Jesus and Mary, a meritorious action pleasing to Our Lord and Our Lady.

✱ The Seven Promises given by Our Lady are family peace, enlightenment on divine mysteries, divine consolation in labor and pain, granted requests aligned with God's will, spiritual defense against the enemy, visible maternal assistance at death, and direct eternal happiness for meditating on Our Lady's Sorrows.

**ADORATION**

Friday, Sept. 25 | Follows 830A Mass
Adoration extended to 7:30p thru September

**MEN'S MINISTRY**

Friday, Sept. 25 | **930A** | Church Hall Mtg Rm.

**TWO WILL WIN
\$10,000**



**Donate Blood Oct. 1-31
to be automatically
entered for a chance to
win 1 of 2 \$10,000.
gift cards*!**

*Terms & conditions apply; visit
vitalant.org/scarygoodgiveaway

**ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH
BLOOD DRIVE**

Saturday, October 3rd
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Donate in the Parish Hall
767 Elliot Road
Paradise, CA

For an appointment, contact Jim Collins at
831-821-9369



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Due to recent FDA
eligibility changes, **OVER 60%
OF THE POPULATION CAN
GIVE BLOOD.** See if you are
eligible to help save lives.

*Let us not love
with words or
speech but with
actions and in
truth.*

1 John 3:18



**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!

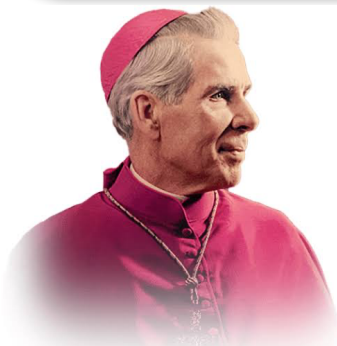
**SAVE THE DATE!**

THIS Saturday; Sept. 26TH!!

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

TICKETS ON SALE AFTER MASS! GET YOURS NOW!

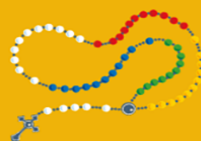
\$15 per person | Kids 10yrs and younger are free

**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!



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.

Confirmación de Adultos

Comienza el 5 de octubre de 8:30pm a
10:00pm por Zoom.

Para mas información puedes contactar a
Eva Lin-Galan (510)982-6017.

**Blessing of the
Animals**

Bring your
service
animals,
your pets,
horses,
pigs, birds,
dogs,
reptiles,
cats by for
a blessing!

Date: OCT
FRIDAY 2nd

Time: 12:30

**Everyone
Welcome!**

St. Thomas More Catholic Church