



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
Wed., Thursday, Friday 830A*

Sunday Readings

1st Reading *Jeremiah 20:10-13*

Psalm *69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35*

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Escúchame, Señor, porque eres bueno.

2nd Reading *Romans 5:12-15*

Gospel *Matthew 10:26-33*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF JUNE 21ST

<i>Sunday; June 21</i>	<i>Peggy Duffy † Leo Valentine †</i>	<i>1030A</i>
<i>Domingo; 21 de junio</i>	<i>Intenciones de la Familia Torres-Rodriguez Francisco Rivera Garcia</i>	<i>1230P español</i>
<i>Tues.; June 23</i>	<i>Cancelled</i>	<i>6P</i>
<i>Wed.; June 24</i>	<i>Liturgy of the Word Private Devotions</i>	<i>830A</i>
<i>Thurs.; June 25</i>	<i>Liturgy of the Word Private Devotions</i>	<i>830A</i>
<i>Friday; June 26</i>	<i>Liturgy of the Word. Adoration</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 12TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday; June 22nd

1st Reading: 2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18
Psalm 60:3, 4-5, 12-13
Help us with your right hand, O Lord & answer us.
Gospel: Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday; June 23rd

1st Reading: 2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36
Psalm 48:2-3Ab, 3cd-4, 10-11
God upholds his city for ever.
Gospel: Matthew 7:6, 12-14

Wed.; June 24th *Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist*

1st Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6
Psalm 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15
I praise you, for I am wonderfully made.
2nd Reading: Acts 13:22-26
Gospel: Luke 1:57-66, 80

Thursday; June 25th

1st Reading: 2 Kings 24:8-17
Psalm 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9
For the glory of your name, O Lord, deliver us.
Gospel: Matthew 7:21-29

Friday; June 26th

1st Reading: 2 Kings 25:1-12
Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6
Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!
Gospel: Matthew 8:1-4

Saturday; June 27th

1st Reading: Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19
Psalm 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21
Lord, forget not the souls of your poor ones.
Gospel: Matthew 8:5-17



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 July 30

MEDITATION OF THE DAY
Surrendering Our Fears to God



The great effort of prayer is to return repeatedly to the silent depths of our heart where all acts are purer...

A longing to cast ourselves completely before him and give all to him is what carries us into these depths of silent self-forgetfulness
But the surrender of our soul only takes on a deeper reality when it enters a garden much like Gethsemane, where the night is cold and the winds cast twisting shadows among the gnarled trees. There the soul must expect no rescue but from God himself.

The great need in our own Gethsemanses is to discover the prayer of Jesus being prayed secretly in our soul: Not my will, but yours, be done. This word of surrender does not come to the help of prayer as though providing an answer to solve a problem.

An act of surrender may not remove a tension felt within our soul.

Rather, what may happen is that a sense of his strength, of his promise to take care of everything, may pierce a mysterious depth within our soul.

The surrender to God in a brief phrase becomes suddenly, not our prayer alone, but Jesus' words to his Father spoken again from a concealed depth within our soul in that hour. This is the nature of a true spiritual fire that must invade our desire for God in prayer. Only when prayer over time carves a fire of deep surrender to God inside the deeper layers of our soul does a passion for God truly inflame our soul.

—FATHER DONALD HAGGERTY

Father Haggerty serves at Saint Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. / From The Hour of Testing: Spiritual Depth and Insight in a Time of Ecclesial Uncertainty. © 2025, Ignatius Press, San Francisco, CA. www.ignatius.com.

Excerpt from Magnificat Magazine, Meditation of the Day, June 21, 2026

Fr. Chuck is on vacation June 22 thru July 17

Wed & Thursday 8:30A

Liturgy of the Word & Private Devotions

Friday 8:30A

Liturgy of the Word followed by Adoration until 7:30P

On Sunday, June 28 at 1P

Fr. Francisco will celebrate ONE BILINGUAL MASS

*The rest of the Sunday Masses will be at their regular time:
10:30A English & 12:30P Spanish*

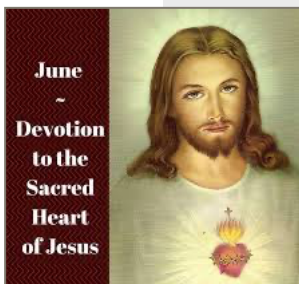


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Junio está tradicionalmente dedicado al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, que representa la totalidad de la persona de Cristo y su amor divino-humano por la humanidad.

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.

Fundamento bíblico de esta devoción

Jesús, que es uno con el Padre (cf. Jn 10, 30), invita a sus discípulos a vivir en íntima comunión con él, a conformar su vida a la suya y a sus enseñanzas. Él, a su vez, se revela como «manso y humilde de corazón» (Mt 11, 29). Puede decirse que, en cierto sentido, la devoción al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús es una forma cultural de la mirada profética y evangélica de todos los cristianos hacia aquel que fue traspasado (cf. Jn 19, 37; Zac 12, 10), la mirada de todos los cristianos hacia el costado de Cristo, atravesado por una lanza y del que brotaron sangre y agua (cf. Jn 19, 34), símbolos del «sacramento admirable de la Iglesia» (San Agustín).

El Evangelio de San Juan relata cómo el Señor mostró sus manos y su costado a los discípulos (cf. Jn 20, 20) y cómo invitó a Tomás a introducir la mano en su costado (cf. Jn 20, 27). Este acontecimiento ha ejercido también una influencia notable en el origen y el desarrollo de la devoción de la Iglesia al Sagrado Corazón. Estos y otros textos presentan a Cristo como el Cordero pascual, victorioso e inmolado (cf. Ap 5, 6).

San Agustín escribe: «El acceso es posible: Cristo es la puerta. Se abrió para ti cuando su costado fue abierto por la lanza. Recuerda lo que brotó de su costado; elige, pues, por dónde quieres entrar en Cristo. Del costado de Cristo, mientras agonizaba en la cruz, brotaron sangre y agua al ser atravesado por una lanza. En esa agua está tu purificación; en esa sangre, tu redención».

Scriptural Basis for this Devotion

Jesus, who is one with the Father (cf. John 10, 30), invites his disciples to live in close communion with him, to model their lives on him and on his teaching. He, in turn, reveals himself as "meek and humble of heart" (Mt 11, 29). It can be said that, in a certain sense, devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a cultic form of the prophetic and evangelic gaze of all Christians on him who was pierced (cf. John 19, 37; Zac 12, 10), the gaze of all Christians on the side of Christ, transfixed by a lance, and from which flowed blood and water (cf. John 19, 34), symbols of the "wondrous sacrament of the Church" (St. Augustine).

The Gospel of St. John recounts the showing of the Lord's hands and his side to the disciples (cf. John 20, 20), and of his invitation to Thomas to put his hand into his side (cf. John 20, 27). This event has also had a notable influence on the origin and development of the Church's devotion to the Sacred Heart. These and other texts present Christ as the paschal Lamb, victorious and slain (cf. Apoc 5, 6). St. Augustine writes: "Access is possible: Christ is the door. It was opened for you when his side was opened by the lance. Remember what flowed out from his side: thus, choose where you want to enter Christ. From the side of Christ as he hung dying upon the Cross there flowed out blood and water; when it was pierced by a lance. Your purification is in that water; your redemption is in that blood".



ADORATION
Friday, June 26 | Follows 8:30A Mass
Adoration extended to 7:30p thru September



MEN'S MINISTRY
Friday, June 26 | **930A** | Church Hall Mtg Rm.

Great Turnout for KidZone!

St. Thomas More hosted KidzCorner during Party in the Park last Wednesday. Thank you STM Youth Group for your help!
We'll do it again Wed. July 22.



LUMEN CHRISTI

STM YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

CALLED INTO RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST. ROOTED IN THE LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF HIS CHURCH. TOGETHER WE SHARE HIS LOVE WITH OTHERS SO THAT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST MAY ILLUMINATE THE WORLD.

NEXT MEETING

July 2 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT:
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Baby Bottles Due TODAY June 21

Return your baby bottles filled with loose change, bills, and checks today!

Biberones vencidas HOY 21 de junio

¡Devuelva hoy mismo sus biberones llenos de monedas sueltas, billetes y cheques!

Office Hours Change

June 22 to July 17 Mon - Thurs, 9A to Noon, while Father Chuck is on vacation.

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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For your convenience cards with the QR code are in the narthex on the table to keep in your wallet or purse for future giving.

28 de junio

Venta de comida Food sale

DUROS PREPARADOS, NACHOS Y FRUTA \$10

FRITURAS, RASPADOS Y HORCHATA \$5

PARROQUIA ST. THOMAS MORE, PARADISE

***Después de Misa*
*After Mass***

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.