

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 Genesis 14:18-20

Psalms 110:1, 2, 3, 4

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek. for the Lord.

Tú eres sacerdote para siempre.

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel Luke 9:11b-17

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 22ND

Sunday; June 22	Antonia Reyes † Florence Stephens and family †	1030A
Domingo 22 de junio	For the people of St. Thomas More	1230P español
Tuesday; June 24	For the Health of Don VanRoekel For the Recovery of Linda Bradley	6P
Wed.; June 25	For the people of St. Thomas More	830A
Thurs.; June 26	For the people of St. Thomas More	830A
Friday; June 27	For the people 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.

This Week's Readings

TWELFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday; June 23rd

1st Reading: Genesis 12:1-9

Psalm 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Gospel: Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday; 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

Wednesday; June 25th

1st Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Gospel: Matthew 7:15-20

Thursday; June 26th1st Reading: Genesis 16:1-12, 15-16 or
16:6b-12, 15-16

Psalm 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Gospel: Matthew 7:21-29

Friday; June 27th SOLEMNITY OF MOST SACRED
HEART OF JESUS

1st Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16

Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

2nd Reading: Romans 5:5b-11

Gospel: Luke 15:3-7

Saturday; June 28th

1st Reading: 2Genesis 18:1-15

Psalm Luke 1:46-47, 48-49, 50, 53, 54-55

The Lord has remembered his mercy.

Gospel: Matthew 8:5-17

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

The Greatest Sign of Friendship and Love



This, then, is the last & greatest sign that Our Lord could give.... He who sat at table with the sinners gives himself to be their meat. He at whose table we desire to stand as servants comes forth himself to serve us. He who lives secretly within the heart, yet who was Incarnate before men's eyes, once more repeats that crowning act of love and presents himself under - visible appearances to those eyes that desire to see him. If

humility is the essence of friendship, here, surely, is the Supreme Friend....

That he, the Creator of the world, who made himself once to be in the form of a creature; that he who, dwelling in inaccessible light, descended to our lower darkness—that this God of ours, who so passionately desired the friendship of the sons of men as to make himself in their image and likeness—that Jesus Christ, who, rising again from the dead dies now no more (Rom 6:9), who has taken up our human nature to that glory from which that same human nature once brought him down—that he who is above all laws should present himself not once but ten thousand times as our Victim, not once but ten thousand times as our Food...this is indeed the Jesus whom we have known in the Gospels and in our own hearts—our Friend by every right and every claim.

Learn, then, something of his own humility before the Sacrament which is himself. As he strips from himself that glory which is his, we must strip from ourselves the pride to which we have no right—every rag and shred of that complacency and self-centeredness that are the greatest of all obstacles to the designs of his love. We must humble ourselves in the very dust before those divine and gracious feet, which, not only in Jerusalem two thousand years ago, but today and in these cities in which we live, travel so far to seek and save our souls. —MONSIGNOR ROBERT HUGH BENSON

Monsignor Benson († 1914) was a British convert to Catholicism who is best known for his novels about the faith. / From *The Friendship of Christ*. © 1955, The Newman Press, Westminster, MD. All rights reserved.

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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.

RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA SOLEMNIDAD DEL SACRATÍSIMO CORAZÓN DE JESÚS VIERNES 27 DE JUNIO.

La Solemnidad del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús se celebra el viernes siguiente al Segundo Domingo después de Pentecostés (Domingo de Corpus Christi) y este año se celebrará el viernes 27 de junio. A continuación se enumeran las lecturas del 27 de junio en este día en el que recordamos que en Su amor por nosotros, Su agonía y Su Pasión se entregó por cada uno de nosotros.

Primera lectura: Ezequiel 34, 11-16
Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 22, 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6
El Señor es mi pastor, nada me faltará.
Segunda lectura: Romanos 5, 5-11
Evangelio: Lucas 15, 3-7

El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, n.º 478, nos enseña que: «Jesús nos conoció y nos amó a todos durante su vida, su agonía y su Pasión, y se entregó por cada uno de nosotros: «El Hijo de Dios... me amó y se entregó por mí» (Gal 2,20). Nos ha amado a todos con un corazón humano. Por esta razón, el Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, traspasado por nuestros pecados y por nuestra salvación (cf. Jn 19,34), «es considerado con razón el signo y símbolo principal de ese... amor con el que el divino Redentor ama continuamente al Padre eterno y a todos los seres humanos» sin excepción (Pío XII, Enc. Haurietis aquas (1956): DS 3924; cf. DS 3812).

ORACIÓN AL SAGRADO CORAZÓN

Oh Dios, que en el Corazón de tu Hijo, herido por nuestros pecados, nos concedes con misericordia los inagotables tesoros de tu amor, concédenos, te rogamos, que al rendirle el homenaje de nuestra devoción, le ofrezcamos también una digna reparación. Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

Fuente https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/06_1.cfm

Fuente de oración: <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2025-06-27>

RECOGNITION OF THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS FRIDAY, JUNE 27.

The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is designated on the Friday after the Second Sunday after Pentecost (Corpus Christi Sunday) and will be celebrated this year on Friday, June 27. Listed below are the readings for June 27 on this day when we remember that in His love for us, his agony and his Passion gave himself up for each one of us.

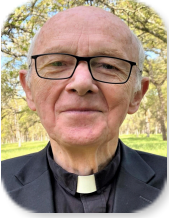
1st Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16
Responsorial Psalm : Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6.
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
2nd Reading: Romans 5:5b-11
Gospel: Luke 15:3-7

The Catechism of the Catholic Church 478 teaches us that: "Jesus knew and loved us each and all during his life, his agony and his Passion, and gave himself up for each one of us: "The Son of God. . . loved me and gave himself for me" (Gal 2:20). He has loved us all with a human heart. For this reason, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, pierced by our sins and for our salvation (Cf. Jn 19:34), "is quite rightly considered the chief sign and symbol of that. . . love with which the divine Redeemer continually loves the eternal Father and all human beings" without exception (Pius XII, Enc. Haurietis aquas (1956): DS 3924; cf. DS 3812).

PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART

O God, who in the Heart of your Son, wounded by our sins, bestow on us in mercy the boundless treasures of your love, grant, we pray, that, in paying him the homage of our devotion, we may also offer worthy reparation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Fr. John Healy is here to shepherd us thru July 4 while Fr. Chuck is on vacation.

Be sure to read Fr. Healy's reflections on Sunday's Readings. They are posted each week on the STM website under Homilies. To read these great words of wisdom go to stmparadise.org/homilies and move down to Fr. Healy.

PARTY IN THE PARK THIS WEEK!

St. Thomas More for the third consecutive summer will sponsor KidZone during Party in the Park this Wednesday, June 25. We'll need help with set up, games, crafts, and teardown. We have three ways you can help:

1. Meet us on Wednesday at 430p for setup.
2. Join us anytime 5p to 730p to help the kids with games& crafts.
3. Join us at 8p for tear down.

June 25 will be the only hosting date for us this year. It's lots of fun. We have lots of kiddos participating in the crafts and games. Stop by and say hello!

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?>



2025 Jubilee of Hope Upcoming Events

**June 26
to
June 27**

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



5 Surprising Things That Happen When You Go to Adoration More Often!

You develop a sense of awe and wonder

- 1 *There is nothing like the atmosphere of a quiet chapel or church, the smell of incense and the splendor of the monstrance to help you understand the truth of what is happening in Adoration. We are truly before Jesus Christ, His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. The more you sink into that silence in front of the Host, the more you'll realize the only response is awe and wonder at the greatness of our God.*

You experience peace in other areas of your life

- 2 *Jesus said "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you." (John 14:27) The outward peace we can experience in Adoration (the quiet & the stillness) reaches much deeper. It leads to an inner peace that affects all areas of our lives. It doesn't mean everything in our life will be perfect & without suffering, but Christ's peace means we know the storms of life can't shake us.*

You begin to look outwardly

- 3 *Jesus told us to "love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:34) Spending time in Adoration connects us to the whole world – after all, we're spending time with the Creator of all things! More time praising and adoring God means you can look beyond your own concerns and see the needs of others in your life and in the world we live in.*

You get bored sometimes

- 4 *There are going to be times when Adoration can feel anything but glorious. You get distracted, your mind begins to wander, you can hear someone else sniffing next to you. Maybe in the beginning, Adoration was full of wonderful feelings! Regular Adoration is when daily life sets in and it can make it feel not so special. But that doesn't devalue or take away from the truth of what Adoration is. Our faith is more than feelings and God will still be working in you. This is the beauty of the Incarnation—God made man, coming into all our stresses, fears, problems—and yes, boredom. Know that even if an hour spent in Adoration is a continual returning to Him every few minutes when your mind wanders, you are still giving God the best gift you can—your time and company.*

But you become excited going to Adoration

- 5 *The more time you spend in Adoration discovering that God is a God who loves you and wants to spend time with you, the more you begin to actually want to go. If Adoration once felt like a chore, you might even find yourself becoming excited to go! Adoration is addictive, not just because of the things we can gain for ourselves, but because we were created to adore. As we say in the Mass, it is "right and just" that we should give thanks to the Lord! Adoration is imprinted on our hearts and "our hearts are restless until they find our rest in Him"! (Thanks, St. Augustine!)*



And there's more! Next week we'll publish **Five More Surprising Things That Happen When You Go to Adoration More Often!**
Reminder: Adoration is every Friday after 830A Mass until 6p.