



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 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Toda la tierra ha visto al Salvador.

2nd Reading Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel Luke 23:35-43

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23RD

<i>Sunday; November 23</i>	<i>For All the Faithful Departed †</i>	<i>1030A</i>
<i>Domingo; 23 de Noviembre</i>	<i>Por Todos los Feles Difuntos †</i>	<i>1230P español</i>
<i>Tues.; November 25</i>	<i>For All the Faithful Departed †</i>	<i>6P</i>
<i>Wed.; November 26</i>	<i>For All the Faithful Departed †</i>	<i>830A</i>
<i>Thurs.; November 27</i>	<i>For All the Faithful Departed †</i>	<i>10A</i>
<i>Friday; November 28</i>	<i>For All the Faithful Departed †</i>	<i>830A</i>

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

 Rod Montgomery
Raul Saavedra
Jose Raul Rivera
Mary Anne Durant
Isabel Rivera Leon
Andrea Inzunza
Joan Memmer
Leo Benedetti
Kim Avoy Helgeson
James McManus

 Samia Zumout
Greg DeCristofaro
Carrie Sonsteng
Art Sanchez
Santiago Ávila
Joe DiDuca
Barbara Mesa
Carlos Torres
Bernhard Family

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

NOVEMBER INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

For The Prevention of Suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

INTENCIONES DE NOVIEMBRE DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

Para la prevención del suicidio

Oremos para que quienes luchan con pensamientos suicidas encuentren el apoyo, la atención y el amor que necesitan en su comunidad, y se abran a la belleza de la vida.



PRAY FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY



HOMILY NOTES

Noviembre es el mes de la Devoción a las Santas Almas del Purgatorio. Nos encontramos en una posición única, ya que nuestros méritos terrenales pueden ayudar a las almas del Purgatorio si ofrecemos intencionalmente a Dios nuestras oraciones, buenas obras, sacrificios y, especialmente, el Santo Sacrificio de la Misa para su alivio.

La caída de las hojas y el acortamiento de los días nos recuerdan que toda vida terrenal llega a su fin. El Catecismo enseña: «Todos los que mueren en la gracia y amistad de Dios, pero aún imperfectamente purificados, tienen asegurada su salvación eterna; pero después de la muerte, se someten a una purificación para alcanzar la santidad necesaria para entrar en la alegría del cielo». (CCC 1030)



November is the month for Devotion to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. We are in a unique position in that our merits here on earth can assist the holy souls if we intentionally offer to God our prayers, good works, sacrifices, and especially the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for their relief. The falling leaves & shorter days remind us that all earthly life comes to an end. The Catechism teaches: "All who die in God's grace and friendship but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death, they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven." (CCC 1030)

¡DOS PREGUNTAS MÁS SOBRE EL PURGATORIO!

Si alguna vez te han preguntado o te has preguntado qué es el purgatorio, aquí tienes más información. La semana pasada, en nuestra sección de preguntas frecuentes, hablamos sobre quién va al purgatorio y cómo es.

Q1 ¿Por qué debería rezar por los muertos?

A1 Las almas santas no pueden orar por sí mismas y necesitan nuestras oraciones. Nunca debemos asumir que una persona fue directamente a Dios, e incluso quienes fueron canonizados murieron deseando que se celebraran misas y se rezara por ellos. Si bien la Iglesia no reza litúrgicamente por quienes vivieron y murieron en escándalo, los familiares y amigos sí pueden rezar por ellos, con la esperanza de que su ser querido se haya convertido en el último momento. Si sus oraciones no logran ayudar a la persona, aun así son meritorias para quien rezó. Por supuesto, no es necesario rezar por los santos canonizados, y quienes están en el infierno están fuera de nuestro alcance y de la misericordia de Dios.

Q2 ¿Pueden los muertos interceder por los vivos?

A2 ¡Sí! Solo las almas pueden, ya sea en el Cielo o en el Purgatorio. Todos los fieles, ya sea en la tierra (la Iglesia Militante), en el Purgatorio (la Iglesia Purgante) o en el Cielo (la Iglesia Triunfante), forman una «Comunión de los Santos» en Dios, porque «Él no es Dios de muertos, sino de vivos; pues para él todos viven» (Lucas 20:38).

Así pues, aunque las almas santas no pueden interceder por sí mismas, nosotros obtendremos poderosos intercesores y agradaremos al Señor con nuestras oraciones por ellas. San Pablo de la Cruz dijo: «Si en vida hemos sido bondadosos con las almas del Purgatorio, Dios hará que esa ayuda no nos sea negada después de la muerte».

TWO MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT PURGATORY

If you've ever been asked or wondered what purgatory is all about here's more information for you. Last week's FAQ was about who goes to purgatory & what it's like.

Q1 Why should I pray for the dead?

A1 Because the holy souls cannot pray for themselves they are in need of our prayers. We should never assume a person went immediately to God. Even people who went on to be canonized died wanting Masses and prayers to be said for them. While the Church does not pray liturgically for those who lived and died scandalously, family members and friends certainly may pray for them, hoping that their loved one made a last-minute conversion. If their prayers can't help the person, they are still meritorious to the one who prayed. It is unnecessary, of course, to pray for canonized saints, and those who are in Hell are beyond our reach and God's mercy.

Q2 Can the dead intercede for the living?

A2 Yes! Just souls can, whether they are in Heaven or Purgatory. All the faithful, whether on earth (the Church Militant), in Purgatory (the Church Suffering), or in Heaven (the Church Triumphant), form a "Communion of the Saints" in God, for "He is not God of the dead, but of the living; for all live to Him" (Luke 20:38). So, while the holy souls cannot pray for themselves, we will obtain powerful intercessors and please the Lord with our prayers for them. St. Paul of the Cross once said, "If, during life, we have been kind to the suffering souls in Purgatory, God will see that help not [be] denied us after death."

SOURCE : <https://covenantcatholic.org/devotion-of-the-month/november-dedicated-to-the-poor-souls/>; EWTN Seasons & Feast Days / All Souls Day.



Happy Thanksgiving! Please remember to pray for our beloved souls in purgatory.

O LORD God almighty, I pray Thee, by the Precious Blood which Thy Divine Son Jesus shed in the garden, deliver the souls in purgatory, and especially that soul, amongst them all, which is most destitute of spiritual aid; and vouchsafe to bring it to Thy glory, there to praise and bless Thee forever. Amen. (End with 1 Our Father & 1 Hail Mary)



Visit www.stmparadise.org to read Camp Fire: STM Legacy, the amazing story of our parish's recovery efforts after the Camp Fire, plus short biographies on the three STM victims Joanne Caddy, Julian Binstock, and Elisabeth Gaal, along with pics, and the Chico ER-Paradise Post article: *85 Lives, 85 Stories*.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due Back No Later Than Monday!



We've partnered with Samaritan's Purse to deliver Christmas Shoe Boxes to children around the world. If you picked up a shoebox and have yet to return it, we need it back by Monday, Nov. 24!

Got a shoe box? It's not too late to do the following:

1. Follow the instructions inside the box.
2. **Return the box to STM Office by Monday, Nov. 24, at 2p!** (Note: Don't over fill the shoe boxes.)
3. Optional: You can also donate \$10.00 to defray the cost of shipping by using the envelope provided.

Questions? Contact Greg DeCristofaro at (530) 873-4132H or (530) 588-3790C or email gregdec@att.net. Thanks!

Attention: Important Mass Changes

- The Tues., Nov. 25 Mass & potluck will be the last one for this year. In December we will celebrate Tuesday Mass at 8:30A.
- **Thanksgiving Mass**, on Thurs., Nov. 27, will be celebrated at 10A and will be bilingual.

Knights of Columbus See's Candy Sale



It's baaacck! The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree members are once again selling yummy See's Candy just in time for the Christmas Season. Candy sales fund their scholarship program.

A 1-pound box is just \$30.00 and makes a great Christmas or hostess gift. Please support the Knight's scholarship fund by purchasing a box or two after Mass.



MEN'S MINISTRY

Friday, Nov. 28 | 7A | Church Hall Small Room

It is truly right and just

OUR DUTY AND OUR SALVATION

always and everywhere to give You thanks.



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

Special Meeting Dec. 10



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The STM Grief Support Ministry is a response to the needs of people grieving the death of a loved one/ones, in their lives.

The goal of this Ministry is to ensure that no one will grieve alone.

Our first meeting is December 10th at 6p, in the St. Vincent de Paul Room.

After Dec. 10, the meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Questions? Please call Cheryl Barron, 530-514-8859.



ANNUAL
WOMEN OF STM

Christmas Party

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH
5:00 p.m.

AT THE REHMANN HOME

Bring your favorite dish or dessert to share!

Join us for an evening of fellowship, laughter, and Christmas cheer.



ADORATION

Friday, Nov. 28 | Following 830A Mass
Adoration ends at 6P