

# ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## About St. Thomas More

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**CONFESSION:** Tuesday 5p to 545p

Wednesday &amp; 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., &amp; Friday 830A

## Sunday Readings

**1st Reading** Isaiah 66:18-21**Psalm** 117:1, 2

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

(Mc 16, 15) Vayan por todo el mundo y prediquen el Evangelio.

**2nd Reading** Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13**Gospel** Luke 13:22-30

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup>

<i>Sunday; August 24</i>	Robert St. Cartier † Anthony Gerspacher † For the health intentions of Greg DeCristofaro	1030A
<i>Domingo 24 de agosto</i>	For the birthday intentions of Milagros Rivera Intenciones de Antonio & Juanita Rivera	1230P español
<i>Tuesday; Aug. 26</i>	For the intentions of Raul & Helvia Saavedra	6P
<i>Wed.; Aug. 27</i>	Earl J. Whatcott † Intentions of Rick Hodson	830A
<i>Thurs.; Aug. 28</i>	People in Ukraine	830A
<i>Friday; Aug. 29</i>	For the health intentions of Veronika Lehman Intentions of Terry Matthews	830A

## 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

### TWENTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Monday; Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10  
Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b  
*The Lord takes delight in his people.*  
Gospel: Matthew 23:13-22

#### Tuesday; August 26<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8  
Psalm 139:1-3, 4-6  
*You have searched me and you know me, Lord.*  
Gospel: Matthew 23:23-26

#### Wednesday; Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>

MEMORIAL OF  
SAINT MONICA

1st Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13  
Psalm 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab  
*You have searched me and you know me, Lord.*  
Gospel: Matthew 23:27-32

#### Thursday; Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>

MEMORIAL OF SAINT  
AUGUSTINE, BISHOP  
AND DOCTOR OF THE  
CHURCH

1st Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13  
Psalm 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17  
*Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing  
for joy!*  
Gospel: Matthew 24:42-51

#### Friday; Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>

MEMORIAL OF THE PASSION OF  
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

1st Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8  
Psalm 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12  
*Rejoice in the Lord, you just!*  
Gospel: Mark 6:17-29

#### Saturday; August 30<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11  
Psalm 98:1, 7-8, 9  
*The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.*  
Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

#### Sunday; August 31<sup>st</sup>

### Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29  
Psalm 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11  
*God, in your goodness, you have made a home  
for the poor.*  
2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a  
Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

## MEDITATION OF THE DAY

### How to Be Known by the Lord



**"Actions speak louder than words,"** we say, and, "He's all talk," phrases used to describe the man who says a lot and does nothing. Or simply, we may say, "Talk is cheap." These phrases all express the same basic point: words and actions must go together. They do not mean that words are useless. On the contrary, it is precisely because we believe words have importance that we fault those whose actions contradict what they say....

**Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," shall enter the kingdom of heaven,** but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.... The faith we - profess must be lived. Our words must become flesh.... This demand for integrity of word and action helps explain the Church's rules, restrictions, and requirements. Mother Church wants to keep us from hypocrisy—to ensure that we live according to what we believe.... John Paul II called this "practical atheism"—professing the faith of the redeemed but not living as one redeemed. And the world longs to see in us this integrity of faith and action. How will the world believe in a Redeemer unless we live as a people redeemed?

**Catholic worship likewise depends on** such integrity, on the unity of interior devotion and exterior action. Our thoughts, words, and actions must be one in a common movement to God the Father.... So Mother Church trains us in integrity of worship. In the Mass she unites our words and actions. As we make the sign of the cross, we say, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." As we say that we have sinned through our own fault, we strike our breasts. As we confess the Incarnation, we bow low. Our words become flesh.... Likewise, Catholic morality is simply the living out of the faith we profess. Especially by works of charity we give flesh to the words God is love (1 Jn 4:16)....

**And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.** Our approach to God follows the same pattern as his approach to us. As the Word became flesh to save us, so we attain salvation when our words become flesh in worship and daily living. As the world came to know God through the Word Made Flesh, so it continues to know him through our words made flesh. — FATHER PAUL SCALIA

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## HOMILY NOTES



**A medida que el mes de agosto llega a su fin, hemos incluido un recordatorio y una oración de consagración.**



*Como se afirma en la doctrina mariana de la Iglesia Católica: No adoramos a María ni la ponemos por encima de Cristo, sino que llegamos a Cristo a través de María, como Cristo llegó a nosotros a través de Ella.*

### RECORDATORIO: POR QUÉ DEBEMOS REPARAR AL INMACULADO CORAZÓN DE MARÍA

Nuestra consagración al Inmaculado Corazón de María nos llama a reparar las ofensas que nosotros y otros hemos cometido contra ella. La Iglesia nos invita a consagrarnos a su Inmaculado Corazón, invocándonos implícitamente a esta reparación. Pero más explícitamente, e incluso antes de Fátima, San Pío X ofreció indulgencia plenaria a todos los que el primer sábado de cada mes observaran devociones especiales en honor a la Virgen Inmaculada en un espíritu de reparación por las blasfemias proferidas contra ella. Sin embargo, hay una razón aún más fundamental por la que cada uno de nosotros debe reparación al Inmaculado Corazón de María: cada pecado nuestro le causó dolor y sufrimiento en unión con su divino Hijo. Pues el pecado fue la causa de aquel terrible día en el Calvario cuando ella, como la Nueva Eva, compartió el tormento del gran sacrificio y, en medio de un dolor indescriptible, dio a luz espiritualmente a todos los miembros del Cuerpo Místico de su divino Hijo. Dios quiso que María estuviera íntimamente asociada a su Hijo al cargar con el peso de todos los pecados; sin duda, entonces, su Inmaculado Corazón, en unión con su divino Corazón, debe recibir reparación de nosotros, quienes les hemos causado tanto dolor. Si alguien hiere incluso a un ser humano común y corriente, no ignora la necesidad de enmendarlo. ¡Cuánto más debemos a los Corazones de Jesús y de María!

### ORACIÓN: CONSAGRACIÓN DIARIA AL SAGRADO CORAZÓN DE JESÚS Y AL INMACULADO CORAZÓN DE MARÍA

Sagrado Corazón de Jesús e Inmaculado Corazón de María, me consagro por completo al Santísimo Amor de vuestros Dos Corazones. Deseo reparar todos los pecados del mundo, incluyendo los míos. Ofrezco estas cosas por amor a los Corazones de Jesús y María. Centraré mi atención en la belleza y apartaré mis pensamientos de la maldad. No presumiré, sino que seré humilde. Ofreceré todos mis sufrimientos, enfermedades y heridas. Buscaré la voluntad de Dios, no la mía. Agradeceré la bondad y las bendiciones que recibo de Dios en todas las cosas. Haré todo en mi vida por amor a Dios. Y amaré a los demás como Dios me ha amado. Oh Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, por la intercesión del Inmaculado Corazón de María, recibe la ofrenda y consagración que ahora te hago. Consérvame fiel hasta la muerte. Conduceme un día al Feliz Hogar Celestial. Deseo vivir para siempre con Dios Padre y el Espíritu Santo, Jesús mío, junto con tu Inmaculada Madre. Sagrado Corazón de Jesús e Inmaculado Corazón de María, protégenos. 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](https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/08_1.cfm)

**As the month of August winds down, we have included a Reminder and a Prayer of Consecration.**

*As stated in the Marian doctrine of the Catholic Church: We do not worship Mary or place her above Christ, but we come to Christ through Mary, as Christ came to us through Her.*

### REMINDER: WHY WE OWE REPARATION TO THE INMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Our consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary calls upon us to make reparation for the offenses that we & others have committed against her. The Church invites us to consecrate ourselves to her Immaculate Heart, implicitly calling upon us for this reparation. But more explicitly, and even before Fatima, Saint Pius X offered a plenary indulgence to all who on the first Saturday of the month would observe special devotions in honor of the Immaculate Virgin in a spirit of reparation for the blasphemies uttered against her. However, there's an even more basic reason why each one of us owes reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary: every sin of ours caused grief and suffering to her in union with her divine Son. For sin was the cause of that terrible day on Calvary when she, as the New Eve, shared in the torment of the great sacrifice, and, amidst indescribable pain, brought forth spiritually all the members of the Mystical Body of her divine Son. God willed that Mary should be intimately associated with His Son in bearing the burden of all sin; surely then, her Immaculate Heart, in union with His divine Heart, should receive reparation from us who have caused them such pain. If anyone causes hurt to even a very ordinary human being, he does not overlook the need to make amends. How much more do we owe to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary!

### PRAYER: DAILY CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS & INMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary, I Consecrate my entire self to the Most Holy Love of Your Two Hearts. I wish to make reparation for all the sins of the world, including my own. I offer these things for the love of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. I will keep my mind on beauty and turn my thoughts from evil things. I will not show off, but remain humble. I will offer up all my sufferings, sickness and hurts. I will seek God's Will, not my own. I will show appreciation for the kindness, the blessings that I receive, from God for all things. I will do everything in my life for love of God. And I will love others, as God has loved me. O Sacred Heart of Jesus, through the Intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, receive the offering and consecration I now make of myself to You. Keep me faithful unto death. Bring me one day to the Happy Home in Heaven. I desire to live forever with God the Father & the Most Holy Spirit You my Jesus, together with Your Most Immaculate Mother. Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary, please protect us. Amen.

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## 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



## 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



## 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.



## Thank you Knights of Columbus for the Wonderful Veneration of Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney



Last Tuesday the Knights brought to STM a 1st degree relic of K of C Founder, Fr. McGivney, which was venerated after the 6p Mass. Parishioners at the veneration were able to touch the relic & touch their religious articles to it. In 1997, A Cause for Canonization for Fr. McGivney was opened.



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!  
See Madeline Riley for tickets



## 2025 Jubilee of Hope Upcoming Events

Hey Young People! Join Father Chuck and young people from across the diocese at...

## ON FiRE

**Saturday September 13, 2025**

**9A to 8P**

Join us at ON FiRE 2025 for the Jubilee Day for Young People!

Six Flags Discovery Kingdom  
1001 Fairgrounds Dr  
Vallejo, CA 94589

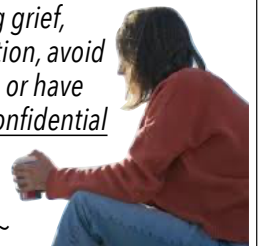
Cost: \$64 per person (STM has sponsors & scholarships to help defray some of the costs if needed. Call the church office 530.877.4501 for more info.)

## Abortion Recovery Group Begins Wed. Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>

If you, or someone you love are experiencing grief, regret or emotional pain regarding your abortion, avoid things that trigger memories of your abortion or have nightmares, 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~

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.



## 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.