

# ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## About St. Thomas More

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

*Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8A to 825A*

## Mass Times

*Sunday 1030A*

*Domingo Misa en español 1230p*

*Tuesday 6p*

*Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 830A*

## Sunday Readings

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** *Daniel 7: 13-14*

**Psalms** *93:1, 1-2, 5*

*The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.*

*Enséñanos, Señor, el camino de la vida.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** *Revelation 1:5-8*

**Gospel** *John 18:33b-37*



Happy birthday, Father Chuck!  
As you celebrate Mass, may we also  
give thanks for all that you do.  
—God bless you.



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

<i>Sunday; Nov. 24</i>	<i>The Holy Souls †</i>	<i>1030A</i>
<i>Domingo; 24 nov.</i>	<i>The Holy Souls †</i>	<i>1230P español</i>
<i>Tuesday; Nov. 26</i>	<i>The Holy Souls †</i>	<i>6:00P</i>
<i>Wed.; Nov. 27</i>	<i>Mercedes Zaragoza &amp; The Holy Souls †</i>	<i>830A</i>
<i>Thurs.; Nov. 28</i>	<i>Al Pena &amp; Holy Souls †</i>	<i>830A</i>
<i>Friday; Nov. 29</i>	<i>The Holy Souls †</i>	<i>830A</i>

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

*Michael Krzanich*

*Cathy Larsen*

*Lorraine Carr*

*Angela Babcock*

*Sharon Calboun*

*Nancy Cornett*

*Linda Alberghotti*

*Ben Richards*

*Patrick Wallenan*

*Mary Braddick*

*Carrie Sue Sonsteng*

*Sam Kempner*

*Tylor Koski*

*Victor Furrer*

*Kimberly Helgeson Avoy*

*Denis Helgeson*

*Don H*

*Joyce Finch*

*Rod Montgomery*

*David Porter*

*Barbara Maldonado*

*Lora Ginn*

*Senona Gonzalez*

*Samia Zumout*

*Karen Reynolds*

*Bill Bechtold*

## NOVEMBER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS

*For anyone who has lost a child*

*We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.*

## INTENCIONES DE NOVIEMBRE DEL PAPA FRANCISCO

*Para cualquiera que haya perdido un hijo*

*Oramos para que todos los padres que lloran la pérdida de un hijo a encuentren apoyo en su comunidad y reciban paz y consuelo del Espíritu Santo.*

Adoration! Friday, 9A to 6P, after 830A Mass. Please sign up.

**This Week's Readings**

THE THIRTY-FOURTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

**Monday; November 25<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5

Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6

*Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.*

Gospel: Luke 21:1-4

**Tuesday; November 26<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: Revelation 14:14-19

Psalm 96:10, 11-12, 13

*The Lord comes to judge the earth.*

Gospel: Luke 21:5-11

**Wednesday; Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: Revelation 15:1-4

Psalm 98:1, 2-3AB, 7-8, 9

*Great and wonderful are all your works, Lord, mighty God!*

Gospel: Luke 21:12-19

**Thursday; Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> THANKSGIVING DAY**

1st Reading: Sirach 50:22-24

Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11

*I will praise your name for ever, Lord.*

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

**Friday; Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: Revelation 20:1-4, 11-21:2

Psalm 84:3, 4, 5-6A AND 8A

*Here God lives among his people.*

Gospel: Luke 21:29-33

**Saturday; Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> FEAST OF SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE**

1st Reading: Romans 10:9-18

Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11

*Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.*

Gospel: Matthew 4:18-22

**MEDITATION OF THE DAY****The Kingdom of Mercy**

**“It is God, who is rich in mercy, whom Jesus Christ has revealed to us as Father: it is his very Son who, in himself, has manifested him and made him known to us.”** I wrote this at the beginning of my encyclical *Dives in Misericordia* to show that Christ is the revelation and incarnation of the Father’s mercy. Salvation consists in believing and accepting the mystery of the Father and of his love, made manifest and freely given in Jesus through the Spirit. In this way the kingdom of God comes to be fulfilled: the kingdom prepared for in the Old Testament, brought about by Christ and in Christ, and proclaimed to all peoples by the Church....

**Jesus of Nazareth brings God’s plan to fulfillment.** After receiving the Holy Spirit at his Baptism, Jesus makes clear his messianic calling: he goes about Galilee preaching the Gospel of God and saying: “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel.” The proclamation and establishment of God’s kingdom are the purpose of his mission: I was sent for this purpose (Lk 4:43). But that is not all.

**Jesus himself is the Good News, as he declares at the very beginning of his mission in the synagogue at Nazareth, when he applies to himself the words of Isaiah about the Anointed One sent by the Spirit of the Lord (Lk 4:14-21).** Since the Good News is Christ, there is an identity between the message and the messenger; between saying, doing, and being. His power, the secret of the effectiveness of his actions, lies in his total identification with the message he announces; he proclaims the Good News not just by what he says or does, but by what he is....

**The kingdom that Jesus inaugurates is the kingdom of God.** Jesus himself reveals who this God is, the One whom he addresses by the intimate term *Abba, Father*. God, as revealed above all in the parables, is sensitive to the needs and sufferings of every human being: he is a Father filled with love and compassion, who grants forgiveness and freely bestows the favors asked of him. Saint John tells us that God is love. Every person therefore is invited to repent and believe in God’s merciful love. The kingdom will grow insofar as every person learns to turn to God in the intimacy of prayer, as to a Father, and strives to do his will.

— SAINT JOHN PAUL II

Saint John Paul II († 2005) reigned as pope from 1978 until 2005. / From *Redemptoris missio* # 12-13, on the permanent validity of the Church’s missionary mandate.

Excerpt from *Magnificat Magazine, Meditation of the Day, Nov. 24, 2024*

**HOMILY NOTES**

**Noviembre ha sido un tiempo de oración por las almas del purgatorio como lo pide la Iglesia.** Sin embargo, muchos católicos se han olvidado de ofrecer oraciones por los muertos durante todo el año.

Esperamos que esta columna haya sido un recordatorio de su importancia. En 1998, la Iglesia celebró el milésimo aniversario de la introducción del Día de los Difuntos por parte de San Odillo, el entonces abad de Cluny en Francia.

"Si no hubiera esperado que los caídos se levantaran de nuevo, habría sido inútil y tonto orar por ellos en la muerte". —2 Macabeos 12:44

### ¿Por qué orar por las santas almas durante todo el año?

Al cerrar el mes de las Santas Almas, es de esperar que se haya reforzado la importancia de las oraciones continuas por las Santas Almas. Como cierre, aquí hay 10 razones finales:

1. Algunos muertos han entregado sus vidas a Jesús y han vivido para Él. Entonces no pueden ir al infierno. Sin embargo, no son completamente santos y purificados. Por eso no pueden ir inmediatamente al cielo (Hebreos 12:14). Necesitan nuestras oraciones para "crecer hasta la plena madurez de Cristo" (Efesios 4:15).
2. El Señor dice en Su palabra que es "un pensamiento santo y piadoso" orar por los muertos (2 Macabeos 12:45).
3. El Señor da a entender en Su palabra que algunos pecados pueden ser perdonados después de nuestra muerte (Mateo 12:32).
4. Si oramos por los muertos, estamos expresando nuestra fe en Jesús, la Resurrección y la Vida (Juan 11:25).
5. Rezar por los muertos es un signo de esperanza.
6. Orar por los muertos muestra que el amor es tan fuerte que puede romper la barrera de la muerte (ver Cantar de los Cantares 8:6).
7. Orar por los muertos muestra el asombroso poder de la oración.
8. Si oramos por los muertos, estamos siguiendo el ejemplo de los primeros cristianos, escuchando a la Iglesia y orando junto con millones de cristianos.
9. Orar por los muertos nos ayuda a crecer en la fe, el amor y la santidad.
10. Principalmente, oramos por los muertos porque Dios quiere que lo hagamos y queremos agradecerle.

"Concédeles, Señor, el descanso eterno, y brille para ellos la luz perpetua. Que las almas de todos los fieles difuntos, por la misericordia de Dios, descansen en paz. Amén."

FUENTE: <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?id=1210>

Fuente de oración: Oración católica tradicional



**November has been a time of prayer for the souls of purgatory as called for by the Church.** However, many Catholics have forgotten to offer prayers for the dead throughout the year. We hope this column

has been a reminder of its importance. In 1998, the Church celebrated the One Thousandth Anniversary of the introduction of All Souls Day by St. Odillo, the then Abbot of Cluny in France.

"If he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death." —2 Maccabees 12:44

### Why Pray For the Holy Souls Throughout the Year?

As we close the month of the holy souls, hopefully the importance of ongoing prayers for Holy Souls has been reinforced. As a closing though here are 10 final reasons:

1. Some dead people have committed their lives to Jesus and lived for Him. So they can't go to hell. However, they are not fully holy and purified. So they can't immediately go to heaven (Hebrews 12:14). They need our prayers for them to "grow to the full maturity of Christ" (Ephesians 4:15).
2. The Lord says in His word that it is "a holy and pious thought" to pray for the dead (2 Maccabees 12:45).
3. The Lord implies in His word that some sins can be forgiven after we die (Matthew 12:32).
4. If we pray for the dead, we are expressing our faith in Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25).
5. Praying for the dead is a sign of hope.
6. Praying for the dead shows that love is so strong that it can break the barrier of death (see Song of Songs 8:6).
7. Praying for the dead shows the awesome power of prayer.
8. If we pray for the dead, we are following the example of the first Christians, listening to the Church, and praying together with millions of Christians.
9. Praying for the dead helps us grow in faith, love, and holiness.
10. Primarily, we pray for the dead because God wants us to do so, and we want to please Him.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen."

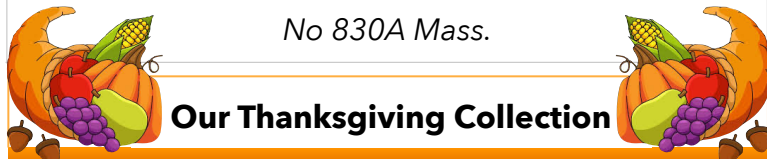
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Prayer Source: Traditional Catholic Prayer

### Thanksgiving Mass Time Thursday Nov. 28

Thanksgiving Mass will be at 10:00A.  
This will be a bilingual Mass.

No 830A Mass.

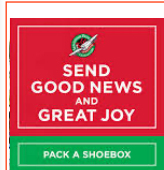


### Our Thanksgiving Collection

Our Thanksgiving Collection will benefit the Chiri Clinic in Ethiopia, Africa, where Sister Zully Cardenas Carreon from the Congregation of the Eucharistic Missionaries of the Infant Jesus and Our Lady of Fatima (MEJIF) is serving as a missionary.

Sister Zuly, along with Sister Ana Luisa Vasquez Lopez and Sister Antonia Sanchez Nunez provided support to our community after the Camp Fire through North Valley Catholic Social Services. They also helped many people during COVID as part of a five-year cultural exchange program that included serving, learning, and working. The MEJIF Sisters also provided support to other communities in Chico, Oroville, Gridley, and Yuba City.

Sister Ana Luisa is currently serving as a missionary in a hospital and nursing home in Guanajuato, Mexico, and Sister Antonia is serving in a hospital in Mexico City. They continue to pray for our community. You can see pictures of the Chiri Clinic and nearby community in the vestibule.



### Operation Christmas Child Filled Shoe Box due Mon., Nov 25!

St. Thomas More Catholic Church is participating in Operation Christmas Child along with other churches on the Ridge. This program is sponsored by Samaritan's Purse and distributes shoe boxes to children who either have nothing or have lost everything.

If you would like to participate:

- (1) **Pick up** a Christmas Child shoe box available in the Narthex.
- (2) **Look inside** the shoe box for the directions on items to fill it with.
- (3) **Fill the shoe box** according to the directions.
- (4) **Drop off** your filled shoe box in the Narthex by Monday, Nov. 25!

Questions? Contact Greg DeCristofaro at (530) 873-4132 or at [gregdec@att.net](mailto:gregdec@att.net).



### Attention Men of STM!

Please join Deacon Tom O'Connell for the Men's Prayer Group Friday | 7A | in the church

### Adoration New Time Effective Friday!



As of this Friday, Nov. 29, Adoration will be every Friday after Mass, 9A to 6p. Please sign up in the Narthex for time to be with Jesus. We want to always be with him!



### Sacrament of Reconciliation New Times!

Tuesdays 5p to 5:45p  
Wed., Thurs. & Fri. 8a to 8:25a



### Join Us for An Advent Series

Dcn Helgeson will lead a series on studying & praying scriptures on the promises & power of the gift of hope.  
**Thursdays | Dec. 5, 12, 19 | 930A - 11A**  
And 1 evening session  
**Tuesday | Dec. 17 | 630p - 830p**



### Pick up Pictures Today!

Please pick up the pictures of your loved ones from the Remembrance Table after Mass today!



### Help Us Wish Our Seminarians a Merry Christmas

We are blessed to have 11 Seminarians who are very precious as they are the future of our diocese. We want to keep them encouraged so we are sending them Christmas cards. Would you help us? It's easy!



1. Pick up a pack of cards in the office.
2. Complete the cards.
3. Return cards to church office by Sunday, Dec. 1.