ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH






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About St. Thomas More

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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
Wed., Thursday, Friday 830A

Sunday Readings

1st Reading Exodus 22:20-26
Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Tu, Señor, eres mi refugio.

2nd Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
Gospel Matthew 22:34-40

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 25TH

Sunday; October 25	*Estela & Verling Velayo †* *Jim Anderson †*	*1030A*
Domingo; 25 de Octubre	*Melanie Torres (birthday)* *Crisoforo Nazareno (birthday)*	*1230P español*
Tues.; October 27	*Conrado Rodriguez †* *Pat Lonergan †*	*6P*
Wed.; October 28	*Rosemary Peterson* *Eliza Collins*	*830A*
Thurs.; October 29	*Larry Campbell †* *Miguel Curiel (health)* *Cathy Nazareno (birthday)*	*830A*
Friday; October 30	*Harrison Bull †* *Rosemary Peterson*	*830A*

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Rod Montgomery
Bernhard Family
Mary Anne Durant
Andrea Inzunza
Kimberly Laird
Leo Benedetti
The Mortenson Family
Michael Coronado
Joan Memmer
Beverly Brown
Peg McMahon

Samia Zumout
Carrie Sonsteng
Art Sanchez
Santiago Ávila
Carlos Torres
Tony & Francene Packett
Larry Young
Kim DeFretias
Mark Jimenez
Bob Gallagher

Bryant Smith
Ron Keyes
Theresa Durant
Dolores Costello
Rosemary Peterson
David Brown
Gloria Klinger
The Ginn's Family
Rafael Baez
Humberto Bozzo

OCTOBER INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

INTENCIONES DE OCTUBRE DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

Para el ministerio de salud mental

Oremos para que se establezca el ministerio de salud mental en toda la Iglesia, ayudando a superar el estigma y la discriminación hacia las personas con enfermedades mentales.

This Week's Readings

THE 30TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday; October 26th
1st Reading:Ephesians 4:32–5:8
Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6
Behave like God as his very dear children.
Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday; October 27th
1st Reading: Ephesians 5:21-33
Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Blessed are those who fear the Lord.
Gospel: Luke 13:18-21

Wednesday; October 28th *Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles*
1st Reading: Ephesians 2:19-22
Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5
Their message goes out through all the earth.
Gospel: Luke 6:12-16

Thursday; October 29th
1st Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20
Psalm 144:1b, 2, 9-10
Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!
Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

Friday; October 30th
1st Reading: Philippians 1:1-11
Psalm 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
How great are the works of the Lord!
Gospel: Luke 14:1-6

Saturday; Oct. 31st
1st Reading: Philippians 1:18b-26
Psalm 42:2, 3, 5cdef
My soul is thirsting for the living God.
Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-11

Sunday; November 1st
Solemnity of All Saints

1st Reading: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.
2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-3
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

A Total Love



The primary effect of love–perfect love–is to do everything for the sake of God alone. *If we love him with all our heart, we want only his good, only his will, toward which we strive. And we strive toward his will, toward his good, every moment of our lives. If we love him with all our soul, we gear our feelings toward his, we look to him constantly in order to think, speak, and act as he does, the way he likes most.*

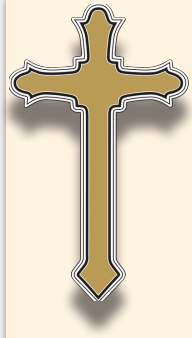
If we love him with all our mind, our minds are constantly *turned toward him to focus on him, to ask him what his will is, to try to do what he wishes, to best comfort him, to most glorify him.*

To love him is to focus on him constantly and *to do everything for his sake, for the sake of him alone. All our thoughts must be for him, for his sake; all our words must be uttered for his sake; and all our actions must be performed for his sake. At every moment of our lives we must aim at only one thing, we must seek only one goal: to think, to say, and to do what most pleases our beloved Lord.*

Oh, my God, may I love you! *That is the only grace I ask of you, for myself and all the living…. I pray for your holy love, for myself, for all those for whom you want me to say a special prayer, for all the living, today and in the future. May all love you with all their heart, with all their soul, and with all their mind. I ask this of you with all my soul for them and for myself, on your behalf, on behalf of your heart, oh my Lord Jesus!* —
Saint Charles de Foucauld

Saint Charles de Foucauld († 1916), contemplative and mystic, lived among the Tuareg people of Algeria. His life and writings are the inspiration for the Congregation of the Little Brothers of Jesus. / From Scriptural Meditations on Faith, Alexandra Russell, tr. Published in the United States by New City Press, 1988.

Excerpt from Magnificat Magazine, Meditation of the Day, October 25, 2026



HOMILY NOTES



Aunque octubre llega a su fin, nuestra devoción al Santo Rosario no debería terminar; al contrario, debe ser continua. *A lo largo de nuestra vida, se nos invita a acoger esta hermosa oración: una meditación sobre los misterios de la vida de Cristo que nos ayuda a acercarnos más a Él a través de los ojos de su Madre. Es, y seguirá siendo, una fuente de fortaleza ante nuestros desafíos, así como una oración profunda por la paz en nuestras familias, nuestra comunidad y nuestro mundo.*

Se invita a los feligreses de St. Thomas More a rezar el Rosario con los Franciscanos Seglares el primer domingo de cada mes y con los Caballeros de Colón el cuarto domingo de cada mes.

«El Rosario es el "arma" para estos tiempos». — San Padre Pío

"*Rezad el Rosario todos los días para obtener la paz para el mundo.*" – Nuestra Señora a los niños de Fátima.

Un santo con profunda devoción al santo rosario

Santo Domingo, sacerdote mendicante y predicador dotado del siglo XIII, que anhelaba encontrar la manera de superar la herejía albigense y recuperar para Cristo las almas perdidas, se retiró al bosque para ayunar y orar con fervor. En respuesta a sus oraciones, la Santísima Virgen María se le apareció y le entregó el Rosario —al que ella llamó su «Salterio»—, compuesto por 150 avemarías divididas en 15 decenas.

Nuestra Señora dejó claro a santo Domingo que la Salutación Angélica (el Avemaría), unida a la meditación sobre los misterios de la fe, derrotaría los errores de los albigenses y conduciría los corazones de vuelta a la Verdad. Esta profecía se cumplió, y a santo Domingo se le atribuye haber llevado a miles de herejes y almas extraviadas a la Iglesia católica mediante el poder del Rosario. Santo Domingo fundó, además, una familia religiosa de alcance mundial llamada Orden de Predicadores —conocida también como los dominicos—, la cual ha dado a la Iglesia innumerables santos y sigue estando plenamente viva hoy en día.

Fechas importantes

Sábado, 31 de octubre - Mediodía - Misa de Todos los Santos (Cementerio Paradise)
Domingo, 1 de noviembre - 10A- Recen el Rosario con los franciscanos seglares
Domingo, 1 de noviembre - 10:30A Misa de la Solemnidad de Todos los Santos (bilingüe)
Lunes, 2 de noviembre - 7:30A Conmemoración de todos los fieles difuntos (Día de los Fieles Difuntos) - Iglesia Católica de San Juan Bautista

FUENTE: https://covenantcatholic.org/devotion-of-the-month/october-dedicated-to-the-holy-rosary/

Although October is drawing to a close our dedication to The Holy Rosary should not, it instead should be ongoing. *Throughout our life we are invited to embrace this beautiful prayer – a meditation on the mysteries of Christ's life, helping us to grow closer to Him through the eyes of His mother. It is and will remain a source of strength in our challenges and a profound prayer for peace in our families, our community, and our world.*

The parishioners of St. Thomas More are invited to an ongoing opportunity pray the Rosary with the Secular Franciscans on the first Sunday of every month and with the Knights of Columbus on the fourth Sunday each month.

"The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times." — St. Padre Pio

"*Pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world . . .*
– Our Lady to the Children of Fatima.

A Saint With Deep Devotion to the Holy Rosary

St. Dominic, a mendicant priest and gifted preacher in the 13th century, who longed to find a way to overcome the Albegentian heresy and win back lost souls to Christ, went into the forest to fast and fervently pray. In answer to his prayers, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to him, giving him the Rosary, which she called her Psalter, 150 Hail Marys divided into 15 decades.

Our Lady made it clear to St. Dominic that the Angelic Salutation (the Hail Mary) joined with meditations on the mysteries of the Faith would defeat the errors of the Albegentians and turn hearts back to the Truth. This prophecy was fulfilled and St. Dominic is credited with bringing many thousands of heretics and wandering souls into the Catholic Church through the power of the Rosary. St. Dominic went on to found a worldwide religious family called the Order of Preachers, also known as The Dominicans, which has given the Church countless saints and is still vibrant today.

Source: https://covenantcatholic.org/devotion-of-the-month/october-dedicated-to-the-holy-rosary/

Important Dates

Saturday, Oct. 31 - Noon - All Hallows Cemetery Mass (Paradise Cemetery)
Sunday Nov. 1 - 10A - Pray the Rosary with the Secular Franciscans
Sunday, Nov. 1 - 1030A - Solemnity of All Saints Mass (Bilingual)
Monday, Nov 2 - 730A - The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) - St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

ADORATION

Friday; Oct. 30 | Follows 830A Mass

MEN'S MINISTRY

Friday; Oct. 30 | 930A | Church Hall Mtg Rm.

THEY GOT IT ALL! DOCTORS DECLARE POPE LEO CANCER FREE! THANKS BE TO GOD!



Pope Leo XIV, recently diagnosed with lung adenocarcinoma, successfully completed surgery to remove a lung nodule at Rome's Gemelli Hospital on October 13. Pope Leo XIV had requested the faithful's prayers with the message: "Entrusting each of you to the protection of the Holy Family of Nazareth, I ask you please to pray for me, as I pray for you." In response, Catholics, Bishops, and well-wishers world worldwide lifted up the pontiff during his procedure and recovery offering Rosaries, daily Masses, and intercessions to St. Peregrine. On Oct. 21 doctors confirmed the disease was localized, fully addressed, and will require no further medical treatment.
Faith is not solitary. The suffering of the Holy Father called Catholics around the world to join together in prayer for the shepherd entrusted with caring for us. As people of faith, we believe that Jesus, the Divine Physician, is always by our side, offering us comfort and hope. Thanks be to God!



HELP! 20 Couples Needed to Make This Workshop Happen!

A powerful couples workshop is now available to St. Thomas More parishioners. Your participation matters — in fact, its critical — not only for your own relationship, but for building a parish community where couples encourage, support, and grow together. We need at minimum 20 couples to participate. Please sign up, invite other couples to join you and let's make this experience possible! Questions? See Sandra Rodriquez or Father Chuck. Sign up now for **Navigating Us** using the QR code below!

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(La escuela)
13 NOV | 7-9 P. M.
14 NOV | 10 A. M. - 2 P. M.
15 NOV | 10 A. M. - 12 P. M.

LIVE THE LIFE
STRENGTHENING MARRIAGES AND FAMILIES

¡Necesitamos al menos 20 parejas para poder llevar a cabo este taller!

Su participación es importante, no solo para fortalecer su propia relación, sino también para construir una comunidad parroquial donde las parejas se animan, se apoyan y puedan crecer juntas. ¡Inviten a otra pareja a participar y juntos ayudemos a hacer posible esta experiencia!

¡Inscríbanse hoy a Navigating Us!

Women's Bible Study

Meets every Thursday at 130P in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.

The weekly women's Bible study meets in the Parish Hall Meeting Room. We are studying the gospel of Mathew. Questions? Call Gail Crowley (530) 570- 8474. All ladies are welcome!



Faith-based Voter Guide Online Now

A Biblically & faith-based voter guide for the Nov. 3 elections is available online at **iVoterGuide.com**

Un Guía para votar según nuestra fe el 3 de noviembre se encuentra en este enlace: **iVoterGuide.com** Arriba a la izquierda se puede cambiar de inglés al español.

PLEASE NOTE TWO CRITICAL DATES!

31 OCT: Noon - All Hallows Cemetery Mass
1 NOV: 1030A - All Saints Mass | Bilingual | Potluck follows
1 NOV: Bring photos of your beloved dead to place on the Table of Remembrance

