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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 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

Lord, I love your commands.

Yo amo, Señor, tus mandamientos.

2nd Reading Romans 8:28-30

Gospel Matthew 13:44-52

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF JULY 26TH

Sunday; July 26	Raul & Helvia Saavedra Anniversary Al Penna † & Tina Penna †	1030A
Domingo; 26 de julio	Salud de Isabel Rivera Leon Hna. Maria Flores Rivera y su congregación	1230P español
Tues.; July 28	Parishioners of STM	6P
Wed.; July 29	Parishioners of STM	830A
Thurs.; July 30	Larry Campbell † Julieta Rivera (Birthday)	830A
Friday; July 31	Kim Helgeson Avoy † Intentions of Deacon Ray and Donna	830A

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Rod Montgomery
Bernbard Family
Mary Anne Durant
Rick Sillman
Andrea Inzunza
Kimberly Laird
Leo Benedetti
The Mortenson Family
Michael Coronado
Joan Memmer

Samia Zumout
Greg DeCristofaro
Carrie Sonsteng
Art Sanchez
Santiago Ávila
Carlos Torres
Tony & Francene Packett
Rick Hodson
Larry Young

Bryant Smith
Ron Keyes
Theresa Durant
Raul & Helvia
Saavedra
Dolores Costello
Rosemary Peterson
Susie Boyd
David Brown
Gloria Klinger

JULY INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages,
recognizing it as a gift from God.

INTENCIONES DE JULIO DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

Por el respeto a la vida humana

Oremos por el respeto y la protección de la vida humana en todas sus
etapas, reconociéndola como un don de Dios.

This Week's Readings
THE 17TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday; July 27th

1st Reading: Jeremiah 13:1-11
Psalm Deuteronomy 32:18-19, 20, 21
You have forgotten God who gave you birth.
Gospel: Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday; July 28th

1st Reading: Jeremiah 14:17-22
Psalm 79:8, 9, 11 and 13
For the glory of your name, O Lord, deliver us.
Gospel: Matthew 13:36-43

Wed.; July 29th *Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus*

1st Reading: Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21
Psalm 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18
God is my refuge on the day of distress.
Gospel: John 11:19-27

Thursday; July 30th

1st Reading: Jeremiah 18:1-6
Psalm 146:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6ab
Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob.
Gospel: Matthew 13:47-53

Friday; July 31st *Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest*

1st Reading: Jeremiah 26:1-9
Psalm 69:5, 8-10, 14
Lord, in your great love, answer me.
Gospel: Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday; Aug. 1st *Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

1st Reading: Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24
Psalm 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34
Lord, in your great love, answer me.
Gospel: Matthew 14:1-12

Sunday; August 2nd

Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3
Psalm 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18
The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.
2nd Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39
Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

MEDITATION OF THE DAY
Searching for the Kingdom of Peace



Our peace doesn't come from the world, from exterior circumstances. It comes from our communion in faith and love with Jesus, the Prince of Peace. It is the fruit of prayer. God is an ocean of peace, and each time we are in intimate union with him through prayer, our hearts find peace again.

Sometimes, praying until peace comes back is an urgent duty.... The quest for interior peace is much more

than the search for peace of mind. It really is about something else: opening ourselves up to God's actions. The more we reach out toward peace, the more the grace of God is capable of acting in our lives. [As] a tranquil lake perfectly reflects the sun, so is a peaceful heart receptive to the action and movement of the Spirit....

Only a peaceful heart is capable of truly loving. Remaining calm in the face of trouble, uneasiness, and interior disturbances is necessary in order for God to act in our lives. We can still grow in love, and our lives can have the fruitfulness we are called to have, if we can accomplish this inward peace....

The only time we have good discernment is when we are at peace. When we're preoccupied by worry, disturbed by events in our lives, our emotions can get the best of us and we don't have an objective grasp on reality—we are tempted to see everything in black and white and question everything in our life.

When a problem has robbed us of our peace, the most important thing is not to resolve the problem in the hope of regaining our peace, but to regain a minimum of peacefulness, and then to see what we can do to face the problem. We will avoid making irrational choices for all the wrong reasons. How do we get back this minimum level of peace? Essentially through prayer, listening to the Word, and believing that God will never abandon us. — FATHER JACQUES PHILIPPE

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HOMILY NOTES



Cerramos el mes de julio, dedicado a la Preciosísima Sangre, con 12 citas que cambiarán tu forma de ver y vivir la Santa Misa.

La devoción al sagrado misterio de la Sangre de Cristo, derramada por la humanidad, impregna toda la fe católica y es digna de nuestra atenta meditación y de nuestra más profunda adoración. Esta devoción, tanto de los santos como de los fieles, se remonta a los inicios de la Iglesia, al tiempo que numerosos versículos de la Sagrada Escritura honran la sangre de Cristo como fuente de nuestra salvación.

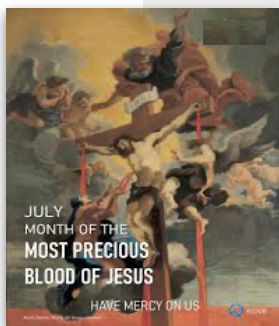
El Papa Pío IX comprendió la gran necesidad de la intervención de Dios e instituyó la Fiesta de la Preciosísima Sangre, celebrada en julio de 1849. Más tarde, todo el mes de julio se dedicó a la Preciosísima Sangre. La Iglesia anima a todos los fieles a honrar y reconocer la sangre de Jesús, derramada por nosotros durante su pasión y crucifixión.

12 CITAS DE 11 SANTOS Y 1 BEATO QUE CAMBIARÁN TU FORMA DE VER Y VIVIR LA SANTA MISA.

1. Cuando se celebra la Eucaristía, el santuario se llena de innumerables ángeles que adoran a la divina Víctima inmolada en el altar. ~ San Juan Crisóstomo
2. Los ángeles rodean y ayudan al sacerdote cuando celebra la Misa. ~ San Agustín
3. «El mejor momento para pedir y obtener favores de Dios es el momento de la Elevación». ~ San Juan Bosco
4. La celebración de la Santa Misa tiene tanto valor como la muerte de Jesús en la cruz. ~ Santo Tomás de Aquino
5. Santa Teresa, abrumada por la bondad de Dios, preguntó a Nuestro Señor: «¿Cómo puedo agradecértelo?». Nuestro Señor respondió: «ASISTE A UNA MISA».
6. Mi Hijo ama tanto a quienes asisten al Santo Sacrificio de la Misa que, si fuera necesario, moriría por ellos tantas veces como han escuchado Misa. ~ Nuestra Señora al Beato Alano.
7. Cuando recibimos la Sagrada Comunión, experimentamos algo extraordinario: una alegría, una fragancia, un bienestar que estremece todo el cuerpo y lo hace exultar. ~ San Juan María Vianney
8. No hay nada tan grande como la Eucaristía. Si Dios tuviera algo más precioso, nos lo habría dado. ~ San Juan María Vianney
9. Procura asistir a Misa también entre semana, aunque ello suponga un sacrificio. Nuestro Señor te recompensará con sus bendiciones y hará que tengas éxito en tus empresas. ~ San Juan Bosco
10. Cuando hemos recibido la Sagrada Comunión, el bálsamo del amor envuelve el alma como la flor envuelve a la abeja. ~ San Juan María Vianney
11. Sería más fácil para el mundo sobrevivir sin el sol que prescindir de la Santa Misa. ~ San Pío de Pietrelcina
12. Si realmente comprendiéramos la Misa, moriríamos de alegría. ~ San Juan María Vianney

FUENTE: <https://covenantcatholic.org/devotion-of-the-month/july-dedicated-to-the-precious-blood/>

Entonces... si la Misa es el mayor milagro de la tierra, ¿por qué tantos la tratan con ligereza?



We close out July, the month dedicated to the Precious Blood, with 12 quotes that will change the way you view & attend Holy Mass!

The devotion to the sacred mystery of the Blood of Christ shed for humanity permeates the whole of the Catholic Faith and is worthy of our attentive meditation and deepest adoration. This devotion by both the saints and the faithful dates back to the beginnings of the Church while many verses in sacred scripture honor the blood of Christ as the source of our salvation.

Pope Pius IX understood the great need for God's intervention and instituted the Feast of the Most Precious Blood celebrated in July 1849. Later, the entire month of July became dedicated to the Most Precious Blood. The Church encourages all the faithful to honor and recognize the blood of Jesus shed for us during His passion and crucifixion.

12 QUOTES FROM 11 SAINTS & 1 BLESSED THAT WILL CHANGE THE WAY YOU VIEW & ATTEND HOLY MASS

1. When the Eucharist is being celebrated, the sanctuary is filled with countless angels who adore the divine victim immolated on the altar. ~ St. John Chrysostom
2. The angels surround and help the priest when he is celebrating Mass. ~ St. Augustine
3. The best time to ask and obtain favors from God is the time of the Elevation. ~ St. John Bosco
4. The celebration of Holy Mass is as valuable as the death of Jesus on the cross. ~ St. Thomas Aquinas
5. St. Teresa was overwhelmed with God's Goodness and asked Our Lord "How can I thank you?" Our Lord replied, "ATTEND ONE MASS."
6. My Son so loves those who assist at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass that, if it were necessary He would die for them as many times as they've heard Masses. ~ Our Lady to Blessed Alan.
7. When we receive Holy Communion, we experience something extraordinary – a joy, a fragrance, a well-being that thrills the whole body and causes it to exalt ~ St. John Mary Vianney
8. There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us. ~ Saint John Mary Vianney
9. Be eager to go to Mass on weekdays also, even if it costs a sacrifice. Our Lord will reward you with His Blessings and make you succeed in your undertakings ~ St. Don Bosco
10. When we have been to Holy Communion, the balm of love envelops the soul as the flower envelops the bee. ~ St. John Mary Vianney
11. It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do without Holy Mass. ~ St. Pio of Pietrelcina
12. If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy. ~ St. John Mary Vianney

Source: <https://www.catholic365.com/article/40505/15-quotes-from-the-saints-that-will-change-the-way-you-view-and-attend-holy-mass.html> - <https://covenantcatholic.org/devotion-of-the-month/july-dedicated-to-the-precious-blood/>

So... if Mass is the greatest miracle on earth, why do so many treat it casually?

**ADORATION**

Friday, July 31 | Follows 8:30A Mass
Adoration extended to 7:30p thru September

**MEN'S MINISTRY**

Friday, July 31 | **930A** | Church Hall Mtg Rm.

**LUMEN CHRISTI**

STM YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

CALLED INTO RELATIONSHIP WITH
JESUS CHRIST. ROOTED IN THE LIFE
AND TEACHINGS OF HIS CHURCH.
TOGETHER WE SHARE HIS LOVE WITH
OTHERS SO THAT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
MAY ILLUMINATE THE WORLD.

NEXT MEETING

Aug. 6 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

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**The Women of
STM Kick Off Their
Wine & Chocolate
Extravaganza
Planning Session!**

August is almost here,
which means it's time for
the women of the parish
to meet and plan the
2026 Wine & Chocolate
Extravaganza which takes
place Saturday, Sept. 26.

Meeting details

**Aug15th
10A
Parish Hall
Meeting Room**

*Funeral Mass
for
Ed Jimenez*

*is scheduled for
Friday | July 31 | 10A
at St. Thomas More
Interment follows
Reception at STM*



*Deepest sympathies to
Elizabeth Hirsch on the
passing of her grandmother,
Susie Aldrich, who passed
away on July 1. Details for
her Funeral Mass to be
advised.*

**Please Remember STM While On
Vacation!**

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.

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**Thank you STM Parishioners for Your Help
with KidzCorner at Party in the Park Last
Wednesday!**

Wednesday, July 22, was the last KidzCorner St. Thomas More will host for this year at Party in the Park and we end with another great turn out! It was extremely helpful to have the STM Youth Group along with STM parishioners working on set up, and helping kids with rock painting, games, and prizes. Thanks so much, everyone. See you next year!

ADVISORY: Special Collection Coming Sunday, August 9

On Sunday, August 9, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america. To donate online, visit <https://www.scd.org/cla>.