

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 Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18**Psalm** 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

El Señor no está lejos de sus fieles.

2nd Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**Gospel** Luke 18:9-14

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 26TH

Sunday; October 26	Helvia Saavedra in thanksgiving for her birthday	1030A
Domingo; 26 de Octubre	Intenciones de los Párrocos de STM	1230P español
Tuesday; October 28	The Holy Souls in Purgatory †	6P
Wed.; October 29	Ken Campbell †	830A
Thurs.; October 30	Jim Brown †	830A
Friday; October 31	Caroline Hubbert †	830A

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
Carlos Torres

Samia Zumout
Greg DeCristofaro
John Thomas
Carrie Sonsteng
Art Sanchez
Leilani McManus
James McManus
Santiago Ávila
Joe DiDuca

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

OCTOBER INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

For Collaboration Between Different Religious Traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend & promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

INTENCIONES DE OCTUBRE DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

Por la colaboración entre las diferentes tradiciones religiosas

Oremos para que los creyentes de diferentes tradiciones religiosas trabajen juntos para defender y promover la paz, la justicia y la fraternidad humana.



This Week's Readings

THIRTIETH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday; October 27th

1st Reading: Romans 8:12-17

Psalm 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21

Our God is the God of salvation.

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday; Oct. 28th Feasts of Saints Simon & 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

Wednesday; October 29th

1st Reading: Romans 8:26-30

Psalm 13: 4-5, 6

My hope, O Lord, is in your mercy.

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Thursday; October 30th

1st Reading: Romans 8:31b-39

Psalm 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31

Save me, O Lord, in your mercy.

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

Friday; October 31st

1st Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Gospel: Luke 14:1-6

Saturday; November 1st Solemnity of All Saints

1st Reading: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

Psalm 24:1bc, 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

Sunday; November 2nd All Souls

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

1st Reading: Wisdom 3:1-9

Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

or
Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil, for you are with me.

2nd Reading: Romans 5:5-11 or 6:3-9

Gospel: John 6:37-40

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

True and Saving Worship



All repetitive forms of expression run the risk of becoming automatic, lifeless habits; yet this does not prevent a girl from wanting to end an evening's date with a kiss, or longing to hear certain words repeated over and over again. Even if this action itself has become mere habit, the failure to perform it is sometimes far more significant; it usually reveals a rejection of love. By analogy, to avoid seeking God's presence in church on his chosen day is to refuse to bring to reality the bond of love; it is to turn away from God to the pursuit of a life divorced from his sacramental presence. If going to Mass has become boring to some, it is not usually because of the formal structures, but because Christ in the Mass seems unreal to them. A person who no longer truly believes that Christ is present in the Mass is likely to focus on exterior aspects of Church rites instead of on essentials. His mood is like that of a man who is so disappointed in his blind date that his mind wanders from her to the question of how to spend the least money, or who else in the room might be more interesting.... In every loving relationship there are certain moments the memory of which are cherished and often celebrated as anniversaries.

So, in a similar way, **the liturgy of the Church celebrates the great moments of God's love for man**: the birth of Christ; the Crucifixion; the Resurrection; the coming of the Holy Spirit. Each Mass serves to express in its liturgy the basic rhythm of human and divine love. We begin with the acknowledgment of the rift between ourselves and Christ, caused by our turning away from him.... "Lord, have mercy." We remind ourselves of the beauty of God, our great Love: "Glory to God in the highest." **We listen to what he has to say to us**: the readings from Sacred Scripture. We renew our act of faithful commitment to him: the Creed. We offer ourselves to him—not just the attractive part but the whole of our daily lives—and we beg him to renew his redemption of us. Then, Christ takes the lead. We watch in wonder as he again shoulders our sins, renews his sacrifice, reconciles us to each other in peace, gives himself to us in Holy Communion, sealing us to him and to each other through the mystical participation in his Body and Blood. Transformed by Christ and filled with his strength, we go forth to bring him to the world in which we live. — RONDA CHERVIN

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HOMILY NOTES

A medida que octubre y la devoción al Rosario de este mes se acercan a su fin, la mayor atención al Rosario continuará en noviembre.

LA IMPORTANCIA DEL ROSARIO PARA LAS BENDITAS ALMAS DEL PURGATORIO

Hoy es el último domingo del mes del Santo Rosario.

El próximo domingo es la Conmemoración de Todos los Fieles Difuntos (Fieles Difuntos). En

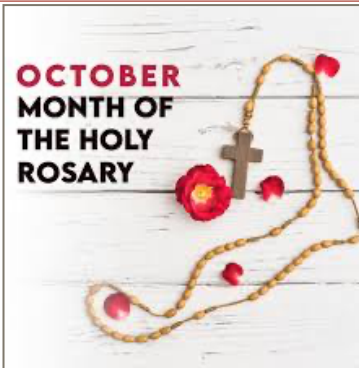
este momento, es especialmente importante rezar el rosario por las santas almas del purgatorio. Esto se debe a que rezar el rosario se considera una forma poderosa de ayudar a estas almas. Rezar el rosario por las santas almas del purgatorio es un acto caritativo de misericordia que puede brindarles consuelo y ayudar en su proceso de purificación antes de que puedan entrar al cielo. Así es como el rosario ayuda a las santas almas:

1. Alivia el sufrimiento: Según la tradición, el rosario puede disminuir el sufrimiento de las almas del purgatorio y brindarles alivio.
2. Ofrece una poderosa intercesión: Se cree que rezar el rosario obtiene la intercesión de María por las almas, ya que están confiadas a su cuidado.
3. Proporciona "escaleras espirituales": Cada Ave María se considera una escalera espiritual que las almas pueden usar para ascender al cielo.
4. Concede gracia: Cada misterio del rosario envía una luz y una gracia específicas a las sombras del purgatorio.
5. Ofrece indulgencias: Es un medio para obtener indulgencias para las almas del purgatorio, que se les pueden aplicar.

Si bien el Santo Sacrificio de la Misa se considera la forma más poderosa de ayudar a las almas del purgatorio, aun así, el poder del Rosario no puede ser exagerado:

1. Las almas del purgatorio tienen asegurado el cielo, pero aún se están purificando y no pueden orar por sí mismas.
2. Orar por los muertos se considera una Obra Espiritual de Misericordia.
3. Nuestras oraciones son vistas como un puente entre los vivos y los que están en el purgatorio.
4. El párrafo 958 del Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica (versión en inglés) afirma que «Nuestra oración por ellas [las almas del purgatorio] no solo puede ayudarlas, sino también hacer eficaz su intercesión por nosotros». Se refiere al concepto más amplio de la Comunión de los Santos en las notas del párrafo 962.

Así como nuestra Santísima Madre insta a los vivos a recurrir de nuevo al Rosario para librarnos de nuestros peligros, también nos insta a rezarlo por nuestros queridos difuntos que ya no pueden orar por sí mismos. Si el pueblo de Dios hace esto, tanto por nuestra civilización como por nuestros queridos difuntos, tendremos mayor confianza en que quienes vivimos en la tierra seremos librados de nuestros peligros, mientras que las almas de nuestros queridos difuntos podrán ascender por la "escalera espiritual" del Rosario para ascender al cielo y terminar antes su tiempo en el purgatorio.



As October and this month's Devotion to the Rosary draw to a close heightened attention to the Rosary will continue into November.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ROSARIO TO THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

Today is the last Sunday in the month of the holy Rosary.

Next Sunday is The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls). It is especially

important to pray the rosary for the holy souls in

purgatory. This is because praying the rosary is considered a powerful way to help these souls. Praying the rosary for the holy souls in purgatory is a charitable act of mercy that can bring them comfort & aid their purification process before they can enter heaven. Here's how the Rosary helps the holy souls:

1. Alleviates suffering: According to tradition, the rosary can diminish the suffering of souls in purgatory and bring them relief.
2. Offers powerful intercession: Praying the rosary is believed to gain the intercession of Mary for the souls, as they are entrusted to her care.
3. Provides "spiritual ladders": Each Hail Mary is seen as a spiritual ladder that the souls can use to ascend toward heaven.
4. Bestows grace: Each mystery of the rosary sends a specific light and grace into the shadows of purgatory.
5. Offers indulgences: It is a means of gaining indulgences for the souls in purgatory, which can be applied to them.

While the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is considered the most powerful way to help souls in purgatory, even so, power of the Rosary cannot be overstated:

1. Souls in purgatory are assured of heaven but are still being purified and cannot pray for themselves.
2. Praying for the dead is considered a Spiritual Work of Mercy.
3. Our prayers are seen as a bridge between the living and those in purgatory.
4. Paragraph 958 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, states that "Our prayer for them [the souls in purgatory] is capable not only of helping them, but also of making their intercession for us effective". It refers to the broader concept of the Communion of Saints in paragraph 962, notes.

As our Blessed Mother urges the living to turn again to the Rosary to help deliver us from our dangers, she also urges us to pray the Rosary for our beloved dead who can no longer pray for themselves. If the people of God do this, for both our civilization and our beloved dead, we have a greater reason for confidence that we who live on the earth will be delivered from our dangers while the souls of our beloved dead can climb the "spiritual ladder" of the Rosary to ascend to heaven and end their time in purgatory sooner.

SOURCE: <https://covenantcatholic.org/devotion-of-the-month/october-dedicated-to-the-holy-rosary/>; <https://marian.org/13th/the-fifteen-promises-of-our-lady>

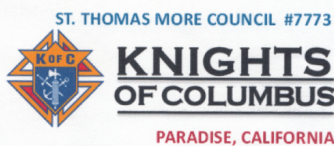
Special Mass | Saturday; November 1 | 11A**Paradise Cemetery | Near the Nunneley Road Entrance****Breakfast Burritos****SUNDAY, November 2**

Immediately following 10:30 and 12:30 Masses

St. Thomas More Catholic Church**Good Food. Good cause. Good fellowship**

\$10.00 – Adults \$30.00 – Families

Tickets at the door

**Parish Financial Support**

June - Sept.: First Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 2025

Offertory Collections \$32,324

WeShare (Online Giving) \$9,205

Special Collections \$5,317

Holy Days \$254

Christ loves His church (Eph. 5:25) just as our parishioners love St. Thomas More and support her. This support allows us to live out our mission –

To know, love, live and spread the good news of Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith. Guided by the Holy Spirit, [we] share our time, talent, and treasure in the service of the spiritual, liturgical, educational and social needs of all God's people. (Adopted 1995)

Operation Christmas Child Needs Your Help

Our parish is partnering with Samaritan's Purse to deliver Christmas Shoe Boxes to deserving children around the world to bring them the joy and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

We're asking you to please take a shoe box and do the following:

1. Follow the instructions inside the box.
2. Return the boxes to STM between Nov. 17 and 24.
(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. We thank you on behalf of the kids!



Left to right: Greg DeCristofaro, Yolie Lack, Phil and Sue Barteck.

STM's Joyful Noise Choir Supports Food Pantry

Phil Barteck, Director - St. Thomas More Joyful Noise Choir, presented the First Baptist Food Pantry with \$150 worth of pasta. Thank you Phil and Joyful Noise Choir!

**Respect for Life Fall Fast & Pray
Ends Sunday; Nov. 2!**
Please join us for this final week

Wednesdays | 8A to 5P | Women's Health Specialists
1469 Humboldt, Chico
Fridays | 11A to 5P | Planned Parenthood
3100 Cohasset Rd., Chico

**MEN'S MINISTRY**

Friday; Oct. 31 | 7A | Church Hall Small Room

**ADORATION**Friday; Oct. 31 | Following 830A Mass
Ends at 6P