

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 Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Te damos gracias de todo corazón.

2nd Reading Colossians 2:12-14

Gospel Luke 11:1-13

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 27TH

Sunday; July 27	Al Penna † Frank Maynard †	1030A
Domingo 27 de julio	Cumpleaños de Julieta Rivera	1230P español
Tuesday; July 29	Intenciones de Juanita Martinez y familia	6P
Wed.; July 30	For the Intentions of Maria Garcia For Deacon Mike Mangan on the 3rd Anniversary of his Ordination	830A
Thurs.; July 31	For the Intentions of Phil and Helen Kelly	830A
Friday; August 1	For the Intentions of Leo Bourgeois	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

Samia Zumout
Greg DeCristofaro
John Thomas
Lourdes Collazo
Carrie Sonsteng
Art Sanchez

Tim Steffen
Elaine Little
Ron Keyes
Theresa Durant
Sam Kempner
Richard Carmack

JULY INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

For formation in discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

INTENCIONES DE JULIO DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

Para la formación en el discernimiento

Oremos para que sepamos de nuevo discernir, saber elegir caminos de vida y rechazar todo lo que nos aleja de Cristo y del Evangelio.

Special Presentation by Fr. Chuck! See back page for more info!

This Week's Readings

SEVENTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday; July 28th

1st Reading: Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34

Psalm 106:19-20, 21-22, 23

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Gospel: Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday; July 29th MEMORIAL OF SAINTS MARTHA, MARY, AND LAZARUS

1st Reading: Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28

Psalm 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel: John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday; July 30th

1st Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99:5, 6, 7, 9

Holy is the Lord our God.

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday; July 31st MEMORIAL OF SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST

1st Reading: Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38

Psalm 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11

*How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord,
mighty God!*

Gospel: Matthew 13:47-53

Friday; August 1st MEMORIAL OF SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

1st Reading: Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27,
34b-37

Psalm 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab

Sing with joy to God our help.

Gospel: Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday; August 2nd

1st Reading: Leviticus 25:1, 8-17

Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 7-8

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Gospel: Matthew 14:1-12

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

“Teach Us to Pray”



When someone speaks to his neighbor, he thinks about what he is saying: and all the more so the more important is the one

to whom he is speaking. Therefore, since in praying we speak to the most high God, a man must be most sure to think as he prays. [According to Saint] Bernard: “When you enter the church to pray, leave outside the din of your fluctuating thoughts, so that you may be with God alone.” For it is not possible that someone should speak to God whilst he is chattering to the whole world, even though he may be in silence....

We are seeking in our prayers that God might be

attentive to us, according to the text: Be attentive to me and hear me (Ps 55:3).

Now how likely is it that he will do this, if we are not attentive to ourselves?... It is from the heart that prayer takes most of its power.... [According to Saint] Isidore: “Prayer is of the heart, not of the lips.” For God does not attend [merely] to the words of the one beseeching him, but he looks rather on the heart of the man who prays. So the man who does not have his heart in his prayer takes away from prayer what is best in it. So it is clear from all this that the heart’s intention is necessary in prayer.... So that this may be more easily done, the heart must be first recollected when one comes to pray....

However, it should be known that even when from human weakness someone cannot have his heart firmly in his prayers, he should not for that reason grow weary of praying, since even though a poor man may not be continuously crying out, he nevertheless moves the master of the house to have pity on him simply by his bodily appeal as he sits there at the gate all day long. And much more should one trust in the mercy of our Lord.... When there was a meritorious intention at the beginning of the prayer, the whole work that follows is meritorious, even if one is not always actually thinking about it. –BLESSED HUMBERT OF ROMANS

Blessed Humbert (c. 1200–1277) was a French Dominican friar and a prolific author who served as Master of the Order of Preachers from 1254 to 1263. / From *De Oratione*, Thomas Crean, o.p., tr. © 2020 by Arouca Press, Waterloo, ON, Canada. www.aroucapress.com.

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HOMILY NOTES

Julio, el mes dedicado a la Preciosísima Sangre de Nuestro Señor, está llegando a su fin. Cerramos los últimos días de julio con las Siete Ofrendas a la Preciosísima Sangre. Esta

devoción se basa en las siete ocasiones en que Jesús derramó su Preciosa Sangre: su circuncisión, su sudor en el huerto, la flagelación en el pilar, la coronación de espinas, la carga de la cruz, su crucifixión y la lanza en su costado. Venera la Sangre de Cristo al ofrecer oraciones penitenciales. Si bien se reza con mayor frecuencia durante la Cuaresma, las devociones a la Preciosa Sangre de Jesús son apropiadas en cualquier época del año.



July, the month dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord, is nearing its end. We close the final days of July with The 7 Offerings to the Precious Blood. This devotion is based on the seven

occasions when Jesus shed His Precious Blood: His circumcision, sweating blood in the garden, scourging at the pillar, crowning of thorns, carrying of the cross, his crucifixion and the spear into his side. It venerates the Blood of Christ while offering penitential prayers. While it is most often prayed during Lent, devotions to the Precious Blood of Jesus are appropriate at any time of the year.

DEVOCIÓN: 7 OFRENDAS A LA SANGRE PRECIOSA

I Padre Eterno, te ofrecemos la Preciosa Sangre de Jesús, derramada en la cruz y ofrecida diariamente en el altar, para la gloria de tu nombre, para la venida de tu reino y para la salvación de todos los hombres.

Gloria al Padre, al Hijo y al Espíritu Santo. Como era en el principio, ahora y siempre, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

V. Alabado sea siempre Jesús, alabado y agradecido.

R. Quien con Su Sangre nos ha salvado.

II Padre Eterno, te ofrecemos la Preciosa Sangre de Jesús, derramada en la cruz y ofrecida diariamente en el altar, por la propagación de la Iglesia, por el Papa, por los obispos, sacerdotes y religiosos, y por la santificación de todo el pueblo de Dios.

Gloria al Padre, al Hijo y al Espíritu Santo. Como era en el principio, ahora y siempre, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

V. Alabado sea siempre Jesús, alabado y agradecido.

R. Quien con Su Sangre nos ha salvado.

III Padre Eterno, te ofrecemos la Preciosa Sangre de Jesús, derramada en la cruz y ofrecida diariamente en el altar, por la conversión de los pecadores, por la aceptación amorosa de tu palabra y por la unión de todos los cristianos.

Gloria al Padre, al Hijo y al Espíritu Santo. Como era en el principio, ahora y siempre, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

V. Alabado sea siempre Jesús, alabado y agradecido.

R. Quien con Su Sangre nos ha salvado.

IV Padre Eterno, te ofrecemos la Preciosa Sangre de Jesús, derramada en la cruz y ofrecida diariamente en el altar, por nuestras autoridades civiles, por el fortalecimiento de la moral pública y por la paz y la justicia entre todas las naciones.

Gloria al Padre, al Hijo y al Espíritu Santo. Como era en el principio, ahora y siempre, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

V. Alabado sea siempre Jesús, alabado y agradecido.

R. Quien con Su Sangre nos ha salvado.

La devoción a la Preciosa Sangre continúa en la última página.

<https://thecatholiccrusade.com/seven-offerings-of-the-precious-blood>

DEVOTION: 7 OFFERINGS TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

I Eternal Father, we offer You the Precious Blood of Jesus, poured out on the cross and offered daily on the altar, for the glory of Your name, for the coming of Your kingdom, and for the salvation of all people.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

V. Praise and thanksgiving be evermore to Jesus.

R. Who with His Blood has saved us.

II Eternal Father, we offer You the Precious Blood of Jesus, poured out on the cross and offered daily on the altar, for the spread of the Church, for the pope, for bishops, priests, and religious, and for the sanctification of all the people of God.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

V. Praise and thanksgiving be evermore to Jesus.

R. Who with His Blood has saved us.

III Eternal Father, we offer You the Precious Blood of Jesus, poured out on the cross and offered daily on the altar, for the conversion of sinners, for the loving acceptance of Your word, and for the union of all Christians.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

V. Praise and thanksgiving be evermore to Jesus.

R. Who with His Blood has saved us.

IV Eternal Father, we offer You the Precious Blood of Jesus, poured out on the cross and offered daily on the altar, for our civil authorities, for the strengthening of public morals, and for peace and justice among all nations.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

V. Praise and thanksgiving be evermore to Jesus.

R. Who with His Blood has saved us.

V Eternal Father, we offer You the Precious Blood of Jesus, poured out on the cross and offered daily on the altar, for the sanctification of our work and our suffering, for the poor, the sick and the afflicted, and for all who rely on our prayers.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

V. Praise and thanksgiving be evermore to Jesus.

R. Who with His Blood has saved us.

Devotion to the Precious Blood continues on back page.

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THIS FRIDAY: LIVING in the DIVINE WILL!

Fr. Chuck will give a presentation on Jesus' revelation to Luisa Piccarreta on the gift of living in God's own divine life.

How do I live
in God's
Divine Will?

**Friday, August 1
6:00-7:30p
in the Church**

What does it
mean to live
in the Divine
Will?

What is the Divine Will of God?

Luisa Piccarreta was a Catholic mystic & member of the Third Order of Saint Dominic. Her writings and spirituality centered on union with the will of God. Her cause for canonization is currently in process.

Vivir en la DIVINA VOLUNTAD!

Karla Lombardi, de Guadalajara, experta en la Divina Voluntad, va a compartir con nosotros este gran don que Dios nos esta ofreciendo en nuestros tiempos. Todos invitados!

Cuando: Viernes, 1 Agosto, 6:00-8:00 pm

Sábado, 2 Agosto, 10:00-3:00 pm, almuerzo incluido

Donde: Parroquia de Santo Thomas Moro, Paradise

Costo: \$10 para el almuerzo el sábado. Viernes es gratis



**REMINDER: ADORATION - Friday
immediately following 830A Mass until 6p.**



Attention Men of STM!

Please join Deacon Tom
O'Connell for the
Men's Ministry
Friday | 7A | in the Hall
(go to the small room)



MEMORIAL WALL TILES UPDATE

The final group of tiles purchased several months ago will be mounted on the Memorial Wall by July 29. Thank you to all those who supported this effort to remember their loved ones and to help pay for our lovely outdoor gathering area next to the hall.

Devotion: 7 Offerings to the Precious Blood continued from page 3.

VI Eternal Father, we offer You the Precious Blood of Jesus, poured out on the cross and offered daily on the altar, for our own special needs, both spiritual and temporal, for those of our relatives, friends and benefactors, and also for those of our enemies.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

V. Praise and thanksgiving be evermore to Jesus.

R. Who with His Blood has saved us.

VII Eternal Father, we offer You the Precious Blood of Jesus, poured out on the cross and offered daily on the altar, for those who are to die this day, for the souls in purgatory, and for our final union with Christ in glory.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

V. Praise and thanksgiving be evermore to Jesus.

R. Who with His Blood has saved us.

V. Glory to the Blood of Jesus.

R. Now and forever. Amen.

Devoción: 7 Ofrendas a la Preciosa Sangre (continuación de la página 3)

V Padre Eterno, te ofrecemos la Preciosa Sangre de Jesús, derramada en la cruz y ofrecida diariamente en el altar, para la santificación de nuestro trabajo y de nuestro sufrimiento, por los pobres, los enfermos y los afligidos, y por todos los que cuentan con nuestras oraciones.

Gloria al Padre, al Hijo y al Espíritu Santo. Como era en el principio, ahora y siempre, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

V. Alabado sea siempre Jesús, alabado y agradecido.

R. Quien con Su Sangre nos ha salvado..

VI Padre Eterno, te ofrecemos la Preciosa Sangre de Jesús, derramada en la cruz y ofrecida diariamente en el altar, por nuestras propias necesidades especiales, tanto espirituales como temporales, por las de nuestros parientes, amigos y benefactores, y también por las de nuestros enemigos.

Gloria al Padre, al Hijo y al Espíritu Santo. Como era en el principio, ahora y siempre, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

V. Alabado sea siempre Jesús, alabado y agradecido.

R. Quien con Su Sangre nos ha salvado.

VII Padre Eterno, te ofrecemos la Preciosa Sangre de Jesús, derramada en la cruz y ofrecida diariamente en el altar, por los que han de morir este día, por las almas del purgatorio y por nuestra unión final con Cristo en la gloria.

Gloria al Padre, al Hijo y al Espíritu Santo. Como era en el principio, ahora y siempre, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

V. Alabado sea siempre Jesús, alabado y agradecido.

R. Quien con Su Sangre nos ha salvado.

V. Gloria a la Sangre de Jesús.

R. Ahora y por los siglos. Amén.