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Office Hrs: Mon. - Thurs. 9a- 2p; Closed Friday

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 Ezekiel 18:25-28**Psalms** 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Descúbrenos, Señor, tus caminos.

2nd Reading Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5**Gospel** Matthew 21:28-32

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27TH

Sunday; Sept. 27	Sam Kempner † Ramon & Estela Reyes †	1030A
Domingo; 27 de Septiembre	Genaro Salazar † Mateo Chino †	1230P español
Tues.; September 29	Esmeralda Rivera (cumpleaños) Oscar Rivera (cumpleaños)	6P
Wed.; September 30	Joan Keeting † Nonie Schultz †	830A
Thurs.; October 1	For the health intentions of Mark Jimenez For the intentions of Valentina de la Fuente	830A
Friday; October 2	James Brody † For the intentions of the Torres-Rodriguez Family Parmenio Ospina †	830A

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Rod Montgomery
Bernbard 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
Rick Hodson
Larry Young
Kim DeFretias,

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

SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

INTENCIONES DE SEPTIEMBRE DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

Por el cuidado del agua

Oremos por una gestión justa y sostenible del agua, recurso vital, para que todos puedan tener un acceso equitativo a ella.

This Week's Readings
THE 26TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**Monday; September 28th**

1st Reading: Job 1:6-22

Psalm 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7

Incline your ear to me and hear my word.

Gospel: Luke 9:46-50

Tues.; Sept. 29th *Fest of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels*

1st Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12ab

Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Gospel: John 1:47-51

Wed.; Sept. 30th *Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

1st Reading: Job 9:1-12, 14-16

Psalm 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15

Let my prayer come before you, Lord.

Gospel: Luke 9:57-62

Thursday; October 1st *Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church*

1st Reading: Job 19:21-27

Psalm 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12

Friday; October 2nd *Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels*

1st Reading: Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5

Psalm 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab

Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.

Gospel: Matthew 18:1-5, 10

Saturday; October 3rd

1st Reading: Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17

Psalm 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130

Lord, let your face shine on me.

Gospel: Luke 10:17-24

Sunday; September 27th**Twenty-seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20

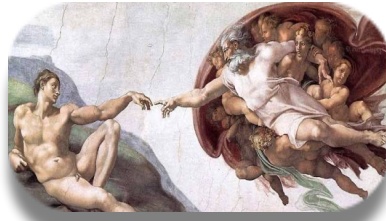
The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Learning to Love the Father's Will

**We have many questions in troubled times:**

"How can I go on?" "How long will this last?" "Why is this happening to me?" "Who's to blame?" "Is it normal for this to happen?" These questions are fair enough, and sometimes answering them can even help us solve our problems.

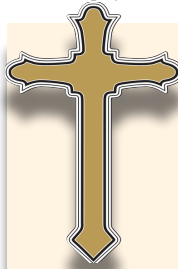
But often there are no answers. One can spend a lifetime, for instance, trying to assign responsibility for a situation without succeeding. Instead of being bent on getting answers, one needs the courage to leave certain legitimate questions unanswered—something always painful—and adopt a different perspective:

"At the end of the day, what does God want from me in all this?" It is good to remember a fundamental point: It is not knowledge that saves but faith. What saves... is finding the right attitude, the one to which God invites us. Faith lies in welcoming situations with confidence and submitting our conduct to the will of the Holy Spirit...

People in difficult situations who come to terms with their inability to understand everything and begin to ask what God wants of them here and now receive enlightenment little by little. Perhaps an act of confidence is made, or forgiveness is accepted, or there is a renewed effort to pray. Relief and release are the result, and a pathway to the future opens up. — FATHER JACQUES PHILIPPE

Father Philippe is a member of the Community of the Beatitudes and a renowned spiritual director. / From *Called to Life*, Neal Carter, tr. © 2008, Scepter Publishers, Inc., Strongsville, OH. www.scepterpublishers.org.

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**HOMILY NOTES**

Al llegar a su fin septiembre, el mes dedicado a Nuestra Señora de los Dolores, deseamos grabar en sus corazones tres cosas: 1) los Dolores de Nuestra Señora; 2) las promesas de Nuestra Señora (a quienes meditan sobre sus dolores); y 3) una oración a Nuestra Señora.

San Alfonso María de Ligorio nos dice en **Las glorias de María** que el martirio de Nuestra Señora supera al de todos los demás mártires, pues su duración fue más prolongada y su sufrimiento mayor que el de cualquiera de ellos. El calor del verano ha dado paso al otoño, recordándonos que las estaciones de nuestra vida también traen cambios: triunfos y alegrías, sacrificios y pesares. Se nos ha invitado, una y otra vez, a dirigir el corazón y la mente hacia los siete dolores que marcaron la vida de la Santísima Virgen María. Al acompañar a María en sus dolores, descubriremos la esperanza y la fortaleza necesarias para afrontar nuestras propias pruebas, así como un recordatorio constante de que nos hallamos acogidos en los brazos de una Madre compasiva, cuyo amor e intercesión no conocen límites.

«Si todos los dolores del mundo se unieran, no igualarían el de la gloriosa Virgen María». — SAN BERNARDINO DE SIENA

LOS SIETE DOLORES DE MARÍA

*La profecía de San Simeón | La huida a Egipto
El Niño Jesús perdido en el Templo
El encuentro de Jesús y María en el camino de la Cruz
La Crucifixión. | María recibe el cuerpo de Jesús bajado de la Cruz | El sepulcro de Jesús*

LAS SIETE PROMESAS DADAS POR NUESTRA SEÑORA

*Paz familiar | Iluminación sobre los misterios divinos |
Consuelo divino en el trabajo y el dolor | Peticiones
concedidas conforme a la voluntad de Dios | Defensa
espiritual contra el enemigo | Asistencia materna visible en
el momento de la muerte | Felicidad eterna directa por
meditar en los Dolores de Nuestra Señora.*

ORACIÓN A NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LOS DOLORES

Querida Madre María, tu corazón sufrió profundamente durante tu peregrinación terrenal a causa de los padecimientos que soportaron tu familia y tu pueblo. Una espada de dolor atravesó tu amoroso corazón cada vez que experimentaste el dolor del pecado, que hería a tu Hijo inocente y a todos los que te rodeaban. Te necesitamos, María, para que estés con nosotros en nuestras penas, a fin de que no nos rindamos ni caigamos en la desesperación, sino que mantengamos la esperanza en el amor de Dios por nosotros y en el cumplimiento de sus promesas. Nosotros también queremos consolar tu tierno corazón, tan afligido por nuestros pecados, que hoy siguen ofendiendo gravemente a tu Hijo. Dulce Madre de los Dolores, te amamos. Amén.

SEPTEMBER DEVOTION:



Our Lady of Sorrows

As September, the month dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows draws to a close we hope to place on your heart three things: 1) The Sorrows of Our Lady; 2) The Promises of Our Lady (to those who meditate on her sorrows); and 3) a Prayer to Our Lady.

St. Alphonsus Liguori tells us in *The Glories of Mary* that Our Lady's martyrdom exceeds that of all the

martyrs in that its duration was longer and the suffering greater than all others.

The warmth of summer has given way to fall which reminds us that the seasons of our lives also bring change – triumph & joy, sacrifice & sorrow. Catholics have been invited, again and again, to turn our hearts and minds toward the seven sorrows that marked the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As we accompany Mary in her sorrows, we will discover the hope and strength we need to face our own trials, and an enduring reminder that we are cradled in the arms of a compassionate Mother, whose love and intercession know no bounds.

“If all the sorrows of the world were united, they would not equal that of the glorious Virgin Mary.” ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENNA

THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY

*St. Simeon's Prophecy | The Flight into Egypt
The Loss of Jesus in the Temple | The Meeting of Jesus
and Mary on the Way of the Cross | The Crucifixion
Mary Receives the Body of Jesus taken down from the Cross
The Burial of Jesus*

THE SEVEN PROMISES GIVEN BY OUR LADY

*Family peace | Enlightenment on divine mysteries | Divine
consolation in labor and pain, | Granted requests aligned with
God's will, | Spiritual defense against the enemy | Visible
maternal assistance at death | Direct eternal happiness for
meditating on Our Lady's Sorrows.*

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Dear Mother Mary, your heart was pained so much on your earthly pilgrimage by the sufferings your family and your nation endured. A sword of sorrow pierced your loving heart each time you experienced the pain of sin which wounded your innocent Son and all those around you. We need you, Mary, to be with us in our sorrows, that we may not give up or despair, but keep hoping in God's love for us, and in the fulfillment of His promises. We too want to console your tender heart, so pained by our sins, which continue so grievously against your Son today. Sweet Mother of Sorrows, we love you. Amen.

**ADORATION**

Friday, Oct. 2 | Follows 830A Mass

**MEN'S MINISTRY**Friday, Oct. 2 | **930A** | Church Hall Mtg Rm.**Blessing of the Animals**

Bring your service animals, your pets, horses, pigs, birds, dogs, reptiles, cats by for a blessing!

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Date: OCT 2nd
FRIDAY**Time:** 12:30**Everyone Welcome!****TWO WILL WIN \$10,000****Donate Blood Oct. 1-31 to be automatically entered for a chance to win 1 of 2 \$10,000. gift cards*!***Terms & conditions apply; visit vitalant.org/scarygoodgiveaway**ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE****Saturday, October 3rd**
10:00 AM – 2:00 PMDonate in the Parish Hall
767 Elliot Road
Paradise, CAFor an appointment, contact Jim Collins at **831-821-9369**

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Due to recent FDA eligibility changes, OVER 60% OF THE POPULATION CAN GIVE BLOOD. See if you are eligible to help save lives.

Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

1John3:18



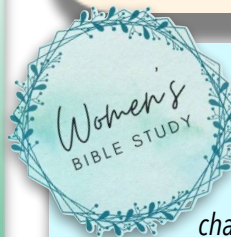
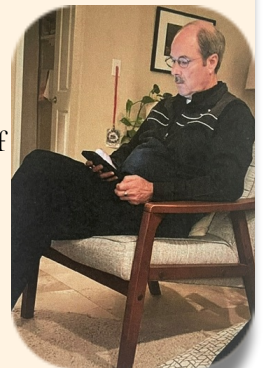
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**COLUMBUS DAY DINNER****Celebrando Juntos**

Proceeds support the intellectually disabled

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17**St. Thomas More Parish Hall****6P Social | 6:30P Dinner**
Spaghetti Dinner | Entertainment
50/50 Drawing | Silent Auction**\$15 – Adults \$40 – Families****Get your tickets after Sunday Mass or at the Door**

It's HERE ...

Priesthood Sunday is Today!*On this special day to honor our Catholic priests we thank Fr. Chuck for his tireless service to the parishioners of St. Thomas More Catholic Church. One of the 4 ways to celebrate our priest is to pray for him. Please note the Prayer for Priests reprinted below, and pray it for Fr. Chuck and for all priests as often as you can.***PRAYER FOR PRIESTS***Gracious and loving God,
we thank you for the gift of our priests.
Through them, we experience your presence in the Sacraments.**Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.
Set their souls on fire with love for your people.
Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.
Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.
Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.
Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.
Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.
Amen**"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ." — St. JOHN VIANNEY, PATRON SAINT OF PARISH PRIESTS***at St. Thomas More is Now in Session every Thursday at 130P***The ladies Bible study meet in the Family Life Center small meeting rm. Study continues with Matthew chapter 14. There are a few things planned to vary & add to the study. All ladies are welcome!***Confirmación de Adultos 5 de octubre**

Comienza el 5 de octubre de 8:30P a 10:00P por Zoom.

Para mas información puedes contactar a Eva Lin-Galán (510)982-6017.