



# ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## About St. Thomas More

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*767 Elliott Rd. Paradise, CA 95969*

*Office Hrs: Mon. - Thurs. 9a- 12p 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** *2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a*

**Psalm** *89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19*

*Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*

*Proclamaré sin cesar la misericordia del Señor.*

**2nd Reading** *Romans 6:3-4, 8-11*

**Gospel** *Matthew 10:37-42*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>

<i>Sunday; June 28</i>	<i>The Durant Family †</i>	<i>1P</i>
<i>Domingo; 28 de junio</i>	<i>Francisco Melgarejo †</i>	<i>Bilingual</i>
	<i>Agapito Rivera Vargas †</i>	
<i>Tues.; June 30</i>	<i>Cancelled</i>	<i>6P</i>
<i>Wed.; July 1</i>	<i>Liturgy of the Word   Private Devotions</i>	<i>830A</i>
<i>Thurs.; July 2</i>	<i>Liturgy of the Word   Private Devotions</i>	<i>830A</i>
<i>Friday; July 3</i>	<i>Liturgy of the Word.   Adoration</i>	<i>830A</i>

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

*Rod Montgomery  
Bernbard Family  
Mary Anne Durant  
Rick Sillman  
Andrea Inzunza  
Kimberly Laird  
Leo Benedetti  
Kim Avoy Helgeson  
Antonio Longuiera  
Barbara Braun  
Michael Coronado*

*Samia Zumout  
Greg DeCristofaro  
Carrie Sonsteng  
Art Sanchez  
Santiago Ávila  
Carlos Torres  
Tony & Francene Packett  
Rick Hodson  
Patricia Mortenson*

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

## JUNE INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

**For the values of sports**

*Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.*

## INTENCIONES DE JUNIO DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

**Por los valores del deporte**

*Oremos para que el deporte sea un instrumento de paz, encuentro y diálogo entre culturas y naciones, y para que promueva valores como el respeto, la solidaridad y el crecimiento personal.*

**This Week's Readings**  
**THE 13TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Monday; June 29<sup>th</sup>** *Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles*

1st Reading: Acts 12:1-11  
Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
*The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.*  
2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18  
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

**Tuesday; June 30<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12  
Psalm 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8  
*Lead me in your justice, Lord.*  
Gospel: Matthew 8:23-27

**Wed.; July 1<sup>st</sup>**

1st Reading: Amos 5:14-15, 21-24  
Psalm 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17  
*To the upright I will show the saving power of God.*  
Gospel: Matthew 8:28-34

**Thursday; July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

1st Reading: Amos 7:10-17  
Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11  
*The judgments of the Lord are true, and all of them are just.*  
Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8

**Friday; July 3<sup>rd</sup>** *Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle*

1st Reading: Ephesians 2:19-22  
Psalm 117:1bc, 2  
*Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.*  
Gospel: John 20:24-29

**Saturday; July 4<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: Amos 9:11-15  
Psalm 85:9 and 10, 11-12, 13-14  
*The Lord speaks of peace to his people.*  
Gospel: Matthew 9:14-17



**Happy Anniversary Deacons!**

**Deacon Tom O'Connell | 18 years**  
of service to the Catholic Church June 7  
and

**Deacon Ray Helgeson | 41 years**  
of service to the Catholic Church June 8  
and

**Deacon Gary Zellmer | 38 years**  
of service to the Catholic Church June 11  
and

**Deacon Mike Mangan | 4 years**  
of service to the Catholic Church July 30

**MEDITATION OF THE DAY**  
Becoming Worthy of God



**We may, at times, derive immense satisfaction from our spiritual duties, at other times not.** Or there may be some spiritual activities which give us satisfaction and others that don't. For instance, we may get much more satisfaction attending a shared prayer session than we do from Mass. What matters is that we never allow such satisfaction to become a motive force. It can do so without our realizing it. We are not asked to reject the delight we might feel in our devotional activities, of course not, but we must not give this delight a significance it has not got. Because we get a greater sense of God's presence at a prayer meeting than at Mass or in silent prayer, it does not mean that God is in fact more for us in the prayer meeting and that we are justified in opting for that form of spiritual activity rather than for those which give no

satisfaction. **Perseverance in spiritual duties whether pleasurable or not is of supreme importance.** To take up this or that because it pleases, because it is interesting, and to drop it when the interest goes; to pray when we feel like it and not when we don't, is to make a farce of prayer and to use God for our self-indulgence. **The most valuable form of asceticism, because it is the actual exercise of love, is the patient acceptance of the hardships and sufferings of life.** For every good, responsible person there is a large measure of suffering which he takes in his stride, hardly advertent to it—it is part of life. Nevertheless it is just this hidden cross, patiently shouldered day after day, that gradually wears down our selfishness. It is the more precious in that it is hidden even from ourselves and does not flatter our pride. Monotony is one such cross.

**Everyone from childhood upwards has to learn to take monotony if they would get anywhere.** It seems an inescapable part of human existence, inescapable that is if we are true to our human condition. There must come a time for each responsible person when options are closed, a way of life is chosen and perseverance in that way of life will be the actual expression of our dedication to God.—SISTER RUTH BURROWS, O.C.D.

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**Fr. Chuck is on vacation June 22 thru July 17**

**Wed & Thursday 8:30A**

Liturgy of the Word & Private Devotions

**Friday 8:30A**

Liturgy of the Word followed by Adoration until 7:30P

**Today, Sunday, June 28 at 1P**

Fr. Francisco celebrates ONE BILINGUAL MASS

Thank you and Welcome Fr. Francisco!

*Subsequent Sunday Masses will be at their regular time:*

*10:30A English & 12:30P Spanish*







**ADORATION**  
Friday, July 3 | Follows 8:30A Mass  
Adoration extended to 7:30p thru September



**MEN'S MINISTRY**  
Friday, July 3 | **930A** | Church Hall Mtg Rm.

**Great Turnout for KidZone!**

St. Thomas More hosted a KidzCorner during Party in the Park in June. Thank you STM Youth Group for helping! **We'll do it one more time Wed. July 22**



**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

**July 2** 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT:  
Heidi & Justin | (530) 864-0809

The Women's 1-Day Retreat With Special Guest Speaker Deacon Ray Helgeson **is Cancelled & will be rescheduled for this Fall 2026. Questions? See Cheryl Barron.**

**Office Hours Change**

**June 22 to July 17**  
**Mon - Thurs.**  
**9A to Noon**

While Father Chuck is on vacation.

28 de junio  
**Venta de comida Food sale**

**DUROS PREPARADOS NACHOS Y FRUTA \$10**

**FRITURAS, RASPADOS Y HORCHATA \$5**

**PARROQUIA ST. THOMAS MORE, PARADISE**

**\*Después de Misa\*  
\*After Mass\***



**FOURTH OF JULY WEEKEND**  
**Pancake Breakfast**

**Next Sunday, July 5!**

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



ST. THOMAS MORE COUNCIL #7773  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
PARADISE, CALIFORNIA

**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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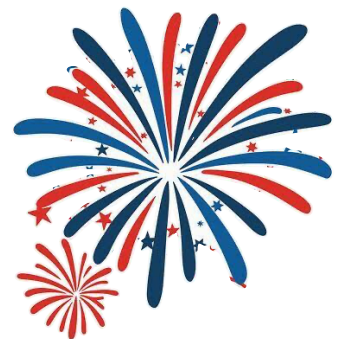
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**Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July**

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**250** *The People*  
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