

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 Amos 6:1a, 4-7**Psalm** 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Alabemos al Señor, que viene a salvarnos. Alabemos al

2nd Reading 1 Timothy 6:11-16**Gospel** Luke 16:19-31

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28TH

Sunday; September 28

Leo Bourgeois

1030A

Greg DeCristofaro

Domingo ; 28 de septiembre

Teresa Sanchez †

1230P español

Esmeralda Rivera (cumpleaños)

Tuesday; Sept. 30

Oscar Rivera (cumpleaños)

6P

Wed.; October 1

The People of St. Thomas More

830A

Thurs.; October 2

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830A

Friday; October 3

Raúl & Helvia Saavedra

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

Samia Zumout

Greg DeCristofaro

John Thomas

Carrie Sonsteng

Art Sanchez

Leilani McManus

James McManus

Tim Steffen

Elaine Little

Ron Keyes

Theresa Durant

Sam Kempner

Richard Carmack

Helvia Saavedra

Lily Tomkowitz

SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

*For Our Relationship with All Of Creation**Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.*

INTENCIONES DE SEPTIEMBRE DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

*Por nuestra relación con toda la creación**Oremos para que, inspirados por San Francisco, experimentemos nuestra interdependencia con todas las criaturas amadas por Dios y dignas de amor y respeto.*

This Week's Readings

TWENTY-SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday; Sept. 29th FEAST OF SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

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

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

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

Gospel: John 1:47-51

Tuesday; Sept. 30th MEMORIAL OF SAINT JEROME, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

1st Reading: Zechariah 8:20-23

Psalms 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7

God is with us.

Gospel: Luke 9:51-56

Wed.; October 1st MEMORIAL OF SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

1st Reading: Nehemiah 2:1-8

Psalms 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

Let my tongue be silenced if I ever forget you!

Gospel: Luke 9:57-62

Thurs.; October 2nd MEMORIAL OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

1st Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12

Psalms 119:8, 9, 10, 11

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Gospel: Matthew 18:1-5, 10

Friday; October 3rd

1st Reading: Baruch 1:15-22

Psalms 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9

For the glory of your name, O Lord, deliver us.

Gospel: Luke 10:13-16

Saturday; October 4th MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

1st Reading: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29

Psalms 69:33-35, 36-37

The Lord listens to the poor.

Gospel: Luke 10:17-24

Sunday; October 5th

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

The One Who Was Truly Rich



In short, we have read that everything that was good came the rich man's way, and everything that was bad came the poor man's way; nevertheless, such adversities did not crush the poor man, nor did all this prosperity do the rich man any good.... Adversities neither straighten out the lazy nor overcome the strong, since it is neither one's material prosperity nor poverty but one's character that either leads the grateful to their reward or leads the ungrateful away to their punishment.

The poor man, full of sores, is stationed at the rich man's doorway, but this occurs not by some human coincidence, but by God's design, in order that the contest between the rich and the poor man play itself out on earth and have its audience in heaven.

God was watching, the angels were watching the unique competition between the rich and the poor man. The rich man stood all decked out in the armor of his riches, and by contrast the poor man was lying clothed only in his very flesh. The rich man was protected by throngs of servants; the poor man, his skin torn away, was being prodded by his stinging pain.

The rich man was hurling spears of heartlessness, while Lazarus was repelling them with his shield of compassion.... Why should I say more? The poor man was victorious [even with] his flesh trampled underfoot, but fully armed from above, he made his ascent into the spiritual realm....

And if we have the possibility of ascending on high, and if we have the opportunity of living in heaven, if the bosom of Abraham has been made ready to provide rest for all who are good, if Peter has been stationed at the gates of heaven, if Lazarus is in the bosom of so great a father... why do we not exchange earth for heaven? Why do we not purchase what is eternal with what is transitory? Why do we not use what is going to perish to buy what lasts forever?— SAINT PETER CHRYSOLOGUS

Saint Peter Chrysologus († 450), Doctor of the Church, was the archbishop of Ravenna, Italy. / From Saint Peter Chrysologus: *Selected Sermons*, Volume 3, *The Fathers of the Church: A New Translation*, Volume 110, William B. Palardy, tr. © 2005, The Catholic University of America Press, Washington, D.C.

Excerpt from *Magnificat Magazine*, Meditation of the Day, September 28, 2025

HOMILY NOTES

Con el fin de septiembre, también llega a su fin la Devoción de este mes a Nuestra Señora de los Dolores. (Esta devoción nos la dio Santa Brígida de Suecia (1303-1373), a quien se le reveló que la devoción a los Siete Dolores de la Santísima Virgen traería grandes gracias).



As September winds down so, too, does this month's Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows. (A devotion given to us by St. Bridget of Sweden (1303-1373), to whom it was revealed that devotion to the Blessed Virgin's Seven Sorrows would bring great graces.)

Cerramos septiembre con una consagración a Nuestra Madre y esperamos que puedas encontrar tiempo para esta oración antes de que termine el mes este martes.

We close out September with a consecration to Our Mother and hope you are able to find time for this prayer before the month ends this Tuesday.

CONSAGRACIÓN A NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LOS DOLORES

CONSECRATION TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS

¡Oh Santísima Virgen María, Reina de los Mártires, ojalá pudiera estar en el Cielo, para contemplar allí los honores que te rinden la Santísima Trinidad y toda la Corte Celestial!

Pero ya que aún peregrino en este valle de lágrimas, recibe de mí, tu indigno siervo y pobre pecador, el homenaje más sincero y el acto de vasallaje más perfecto que una criatura humana pueda ofrecerte. En tu Inmaculado Corazón, traspasado por tantas espadas de dolor, deposito hoy mi pobre alma para siempre. Recíbeme como partícipe de tus dolores y no permitas que me aparte de la cruz en la que tu Hijo Unigénito expiró por mí. Contigo, oh María, soportaré todos los sufrimientos, contradicciones y enfermedades con que tu divino Hijo me visite en esta vida. Te los ofrezco todos, en memoria de los dolores que padeciste durante tu vida, para que cada pensamiento de mi mente y cada latido de mi corazón sean de ahora en adelante un acto de compasión por tus dolores y de complacencia por la gloria que ahora gozas en el Cielo. Desde entonces, oh querida Madre, ahora compadezco tus dolores y me regocijo al verte glorificada. Ten compasión de mí y reconcilia conmigo a tu Hijo Jesús, para que pueda convertirme en tu verdadero y leal hijo/a. Ven a mí en mi último día y ayúdame en mi última agonía, así como estuviste presente en la agonía de tu divino Hijo Jesús, para que desde este doloroso exilio pueda entrar al Cielo y allí ser partícipe de tu gloria. Amén.

O most holy Virgin Mary, Queen of Martyrs, would that I could be in Heaven, there to contemplate the honors rendered unto thee by the Most Holy Trinity and the whole Heavenly Court! But since I am still a pilgrim in this vale of tears, receive from me, thy unworthy servant and a poor sinner, the most sincere homage and the most perfect act of vassalage a human creature can offer thee. Into thine Immaculate Heart, pierced through by so many swords of sorrow, I place today my poor soul forever. Receive me as a partaker in thy dolours, and never suffer that I should depart from that Cross on which thine Only-begotten Son expired for me. With thee, O Mary, I will endure all the sufferings, contradictions and infirmities, with which it will please thy divine Son to visit me in this life. All of them I offer unto thee, in memory of the dolours which thou didst suffer during thy life, that every thought of my mind and every beating of my heart may henceforward be an act of compassion for thy Sorrows, and of complaisance for the glory thou now enjoyest in Heaven. Since then, O dear mother, I now compassionate thy dolours and rejoice in seeing thee glorified, do thou also have compassion on me, and reconcile me to thy son Jesus, that I may become thy true and loyal son/daughter; do thou come to me on my last day and assist me in my last agony, even as thou wert present at the agony of thy divine Son Jesus, that from this painful exile, I may enter into Heaven, there to be made partaker of thy glory. Amen.

FUENTE: <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/seven-dolors-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary-5437> ; <https://www.catholiccompany.com/pages/the-seven-sorrows-of-mary> ; <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/prayers/view.cfm?id=762>

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FUENTE de ORACIÓN: Preparado por la Asociación Una Voce de la Isla de Vancouver (U.V.V.I.A.)

Prayer Source: Prepared by the Una Voce Vancouver Island Association (U.V.V.I.A.)

COLUMBUS DAY DINNER



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

6:00 PM Social; 6:30 PM Dinner



Proceeds will help support the intellectually disabled.

St. Thomas More Parish Hall

***Spaghetti Dinner*Entertainment *50/50 Drawing**

\$15.00 – Adults \$40.00 – Families (children under 16)

Tickets after Sunday Mass or at the Door

\$100 DOOR PRIZE

Oración por Los Sacerdotes

Dios misericordioso y amoroso, te damos gracias por el don de nuestros sacerdotes.

A través de ellos experimentamos tu presencia en los sacramentos.

Ayuda a nuestros sacerdotes a ser fuertes en su vocación.

Enciende sus almas con amor por tu pueblo.

Concédeles la sabiduría, la comprensión y la fuerza que necesitan para seguir los pasos de Jesús. Inspíralos con la visión de tu Reino.

Dales las palabras que necesitan para difundir el Evangelio.

Permíteles experimentar gozo en su ministerio.

Ayúdalos a convertirse en instrumentos de tu divina gracia.

Te lo pedimos por Jesucristo, que vive y reina como nuestro Eterno Sacerdote. Amén

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

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/prayer-priests>

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday; October 4th at 8 a.m.



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

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Everyone Welcome!

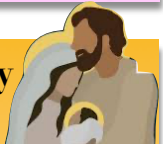


REMINDER: LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Thursday | 1P | Church Hall



Respect For Life Fall Fast & Pray Underway at Two Locations



Since last Wednesday, Sept. 24, we have been praying & fasting on the sidewalk at the locations listed below. Note the days and time. This vigil continues thru Sunday, Nov. 2!

Day	Time	Location
Wednesdays	8A to 5P	Women's Health Specialist abortion facility. 1469 Humboldt, Chico
Fridays	11A to 5P	Planned Parenthood, 3100 Cohasset Rd., Chico, CA. 95973

Jesus needs our help! It's estimated that 1,038,000 abortions were performed in the U.S. in 2024! Please consider being the hands & feet of Jesus thru prayer & peaceful witness at one or both of the sites listed above. Simply show up. Questions? call 530.519.8818 or email 40dayschico@gmail.com or see Kathy DeCristofaro after Mass.