

# ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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 Bilingual

Wednesday, Thurs., & Friday 830A

## Sunday Readings

**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.

El Señor me libró de todos mis temores.

**2nd Reading** 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

**Gospel** Matthew 16:13-19

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup>

|                     |   |               |
|---------------------|---|---------------|
| Sunday; June 29     | Deceased members of the Mangan Family †     | 1030A         |
| Domingo 29 de junio | Intenciones de Maria Garcia                 | 1230P español |
| Tuesday; July 1     | Deceased members of the Fechler Family †    | 6P            |
| Wed.; July 2        | Larry Campbell †                            | 830A          |
| Thurs.; July 3      | For the Health of Don Van Roekel            | 830A          |
| Friday; July 4      | Deceased members of the Fitzgerald Family † | 830A          |

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Rod Montgomery  
Kimberly Steffen-Parkney  
Raul Saavedra  
Jose Raul Rivera  
Mary Anne Durant  
Isabel Rivera Leon  
Andrea Inzunza

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

Tim Steffen  
Elaine Little  
Ron Keyes  
Theresa Durant  
Sam Kempner

## JUNE INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

That each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from His heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

## INTENCIONES DE JUNIO DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

Para que cada uno de nosotros encuentre consuelo en una relación personal con Jesús, y desde su corazón, aprenda a tener compasión del mundo.

**Blessed** is the nation

whose **God** is the Lord,

the people he chose for his inheritance.

Psalm 33:12





## This Week's Readings

### Monday; June 30<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: Genesis 19:15-29

Psalm 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12

*The Lord is kind and merciful.*

Gospel: Matthew 8:18-22

### Tuesday; July 1<sup>st</sup>

1st Reading: Genesis 19:15-29

Psalm 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12

*O Lord, your mercy is before my eyes.*

Gospel: Matthew 8:23-27

### Wednesday; July 2<sup>nd</sup>

1st Reading: Genesis 21:5, 8-20a

Psalm 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13.

*The Lord hears the cry of the poor.*

Gospel: Matthew 8:28-34

### Thursday; July 3<sup>rd</sup>

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

### Friday; July 4<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: Genesis 23:1-4, 19;  
24:1-8, 62-67

Psalm 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.*

Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13



### Saturday; July 5<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29

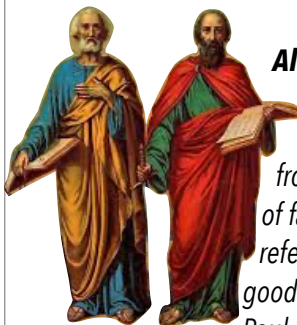
Psalm 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6

*Praise the Lord for the Lord is good!*

Gospel: Matthew 9:14-17

## MEDITATION OF THE DAY

### The Glory of Peter and Paul



**Although all the blessed apostles are recipients of an equal share of grace from the Lord of holiness, nonetheless**

in some way Peter and Paul seem to stand out from the others and to excel by reason of a certain special virtue of faith in the Savior. Indeed, we are able to prove this by referring to the judgment of the Lord himself. For to Peter, as to a good steward, he gave the key of the heavenly kingdom, and upon Paul, as one skilled in instruction, he enjoined the teaching office

in the school of the Church. Thus those whom the one would educate to salvation the other would receive into peace, and while Paul would enlighten their hearts with the teaching of his words Peter would open to their souls the kingdom of heaven. Hence Paul also received, so to speak, a key from Christ, that of knowledge.

**For whatever opens up the hard places of hearts to faith,** lays bare the secrets of minds, and brings what is kept closed within out into the open by an intelligible presentation, ought to be called a key. A key, I say, both opens the conscience to the confession of sin and inserts grace for the eternal saving mystery. Each, then, received a key from the Lord: the one of knowledge, and the other of power.

**The one dispenses the riches of immortality, the other distributes** the treasures of knowledge. For there are in fact treasures of knowledge, as it is written: in whom all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden (Col 2:3).

**Consequently blessed Peter and Paul stand out among all the apostles** and excel by a certain special prerogative.... But where did they suffer martyrdom? In the city of Rome, which holds the leadership and the chief place among the nations, so that where the head of superstition had been, there the head of holiness might rest, and where the princes of the peoples used to live, there the princes of the churches might remain. From this we are able to grasp how meritorious blessed Peter and Paul are: as the Lord illumined the region of the East with his own suffering, so he deigned to illumine the region of the West by the blood of the apostles who were acting in his place. And although his suffering is sufficient for salvation, nonetheless he has offered us these martyrs as an example. —SAINT MAXIMUS OF TURIN

Saint Maximus of Turin († 5th century) was the first bishop of Turin, Italy, and an outstanding biblical scholar and preacher. / From *The Sermons of St. Maximus of Turin*, translated by Boniface Ramsey, o.p., tr. © 1989, Boniface Ramsey, o.p., Paulist Press, Inc., New York/Mahwah, NJ. [www.paulistpress.com](http://www.paulistpress.com).

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## HOMILY NOTES







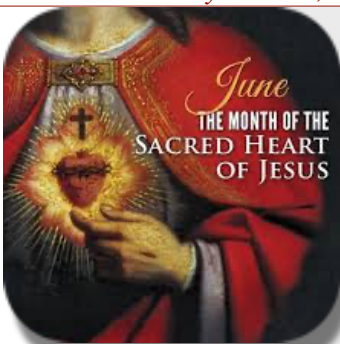
29 de junio de 2025

Solemnidad de san Pedro y san Pablo, Apóstoles

June 29, 2025

**Junio está llegando a su fin; espero que hayan tenido tiempo este mes para la devoción al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús.**

«De entre todas las pruebas de la infinita bondad de nuestro Salvador, ninguna destaca más que el hecho de que, al enfriarse el amor de los fieles, Él, el Amor Divino mismo, se entregó a nosotros para ser honrado con una devoción muy especial, y que el rico tesoro de la Iglesia se abriera de par en par en beneficio de esa devoción». Estas palabras del Papa Pío XI se refieren a la Devoción al Sagrado Corazón, que en su forma actual data de las revelaciones dadas a Santa Margarita María Alacoque en 1673-1675.



**June is coming to an end; hopefully you had time this month for devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.**

"From among all the proofs of the infinite goodness of our Savior none stands out more prominently than the fact that, as the love of the faithful grew cold, He, Divine Love Itself, gave Himself to us to be honored by a very special devotion and that the rich treasury of the Church was thrown wide open in the interests of that devotion." These words of Pope Pius XI refer to the Sacred Heart Devotion, which in its present form dates from the revelations given to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1673-75.

Para este último domingo de junio se imprime a continuación una novena que el Padre Pío recitaba todos los días por todos aquellos que solicitaban sus oraciones.

For this last Sunday in June printed below is a novena that Padre Pio recited every day for all those who requested his prayers.

**ORACIÓN DE NOVENA AL SAGRADO CORAZÓN**

**NOVENA PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART**

Novena eficaz al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús

*I. Oh, Jesús mío, dijiste: «En verdad os digo: Pedid y recibiréis, buscad y hallaréis, llamad y se os abrirá». Mira, yo llamo, busco y pido la gracia de... (escribe tu petición aquí). Padrenuestro... Avemaría... Gloria al Padre... Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, en ti confío plenamente.*

*II. Oh Jesús mío, dijiste: «En verdad os digo que si pidéis algo al Padre en mi nombre, os lo dará». He aquí, en tu nombre, pido al Padre la gracia de... (escribe tu petición) Padrenuestro... Avemaría... Gloria al Padre... Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, en ti confío plenamente.*

*III. Oh, Jesús mío, tú has dicho: «En verdad os digo que el cielo y la tierra pasarán, pero mis palabras no pasarán». Animado por tus palabras infalibles, pido ahora la gracia de... (escribe tu petición aquí) Padrenuestro... Avemaría... Gloria al Padre... Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, en ti confío plenamente.*

*Oh Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, por quien es imposible no tener compasión de los afligidos, ten piedad de nosotros, miserables pecadores, y concédenos la gracia que te pedimos, por el Doloroso e Inmaculado Corazón de María, tierna Madre vuestra y nuestra.*

*Rezad la Salve, Reina y añadid: San José, padre adoptivo de Jesús, ruega por nosotros.*

*-- St. Margaret Mary Alacoque*

Efficacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

*I. O my Jesus, you have said: 'Truly I say to you, ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you.' Behold I knock, I seek and ask for the grace of..... (here name your request) Our Father... . Hail Mary... . Glory Be to the Father... . Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.*

*II. O my Jesus, you have said: 'Truly I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.' Behold, in your name, I ask the Father for the grace of..... . (here name your request) Our Father... Hail Mary... . Glory Be To the Father... . Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.*

*III. O my Jesus, you have said: 'Truly I say to you, heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away.' Encouraged by your infallible words I now ask for the grace of... . (here name your request) Our Father... . Hail Mary... . Glory Be to the Father... . Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.*

*O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace which we ask of you, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, your tender Mother and ours.*

*Say the Hail, Holy Queen and add: St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, pray for us.*

*-- St. Margaret Mary Alacoque*



Fr. John Healy is here to shepherd us thru July 4 while Fr. Chuck is on vacation.

Be sure to read Fr. Healy's reflections on Sunday's Readings. They are posted each week on the STM website under Homilies. To read these great words of wisdom go to [stmparadise.org/homilies](http://stmparadise.org/homilies) and move down to Fr. Healy.

## THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH PARTY IN THE PARK

Thanks Chris, Kevin, Greg & Kathy for help with KidZone during Party in the Park this past Wednesday. Thank you so much for your help setting up games, assisting kids with crafts and ,of course, teardown! It was fun. The kiddos were great. Hope to see you next year.



### FOURTH OF JULY WEEKEND

## Pancake Breakfast

SUNDAY, JULY 6

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



## You're Invited to

### Father Chuck's 26th Anniversary Dinner —Tuesday, July 8, after 630p Mass—

- **This is a two-fold opportunity** to welcome Fr. Chuck back from vacation AND celebrate his 26 years in the priesthood. A chicken mole dinner will be served.
- **All we need from parishioners** are volunteers to bring beverages or desserts.
- **The signup sheet** is posted in the Narthex. Please sign up if you can help with beverages or desserts.



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## Surprising Things That Happen When You Go to Adoration More Often!

### Grace enters your life

It's amazing how a simple act of committing to even a short time of regular Adoration makes such a huge difference to the rest of your life. Carry that moment of being in His presence with you long after leaving the church. His grace sustains you in every moment, especially in moments of temptation; which becomes easier to resist when you're spending more time in Adoration. It's really that straightforward.

### You realize how fortunate you are

If your trip to Adoration is as easy as driving or walking there, you realize how easy it is to take it for granted. Many folks would love to spend more time with Jesus in Adoration but are housebound, sick or busy parents. Then there are those in the world who actually risk their lives for the Eucharist & are persecuted for their faith. Remember those who risk dangerous situations to be present with Jesus. We have a gift.

### You realize God has a sense of humor

The more you can sit & let God speak to you (instead of spending all your time filling the silence with talking to Him), you'll realize that God has a really good sense of humor. He likes a joke or two & sometimes these moments are funny enough to make you want to laugh out loud. Surprising, maybe, but don't the best fathers show you their love by affectionate good humor?

### You want to go to Confession more

This might sound scary, but it's not. Confession allows us to experience the mighty boundless ocean that is God's mercy. His mercy swallows up all our sins and gives us a true kind of freedom, a freedom without fear, which allows us to make the leap into His love and goodness, complete with all His perfect plans for our life. Time and time again, going to Confession re-enforces the knowledge that we are jumping into the arms of a father who loves us very much and "never tires of forgiving us." (Pope Francis)

### You fall in love

Ultimately, you can't help this one! When you spend more time with an open heart in Adoration and just let Christ love you, then you'll fall in love too. That love will define you and allow you to be your best.

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## Last week we published Five Surprising Things That Happen When You Go to Adoration More Often!

The first five surprises were:

1. You develop a sense of awe and wonder.
2. You experience peace in other areas of your life.
3. You begin to look outwardly (beyond your own concerns)
4. You get bored sometimes (get distracted, but you still give God your best by giving God some of your time)
5. But you become excited going to Adoration (it's imprinted on our hearts & our hearts are restless until we find Him.)

