

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 Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Psalm 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Dios da libertad y riqueza a los cautivos.

2nd Reading Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Gospel Luke 14:1, 7-14

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 31ST

Sunday; August 31

Estela & Verling Velayo †
Helen & Phil Kelly

1030A

Domingo 31 de agosto

The People of STM

1230P español

Tuesday; Sept. 2

Raul & Helvia Saavedra

6P

Wed.; Sept. 3

Kim Helgeson-Avoy
On the birthday of Gerardo Cantares

830A

Thurs.; Sept. 4

The People of STM

830A

Friday; Sept. 5

Denis Helgeson
Stacey Crook

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
Joan Memmer
Leo Benedetti

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

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

AUGUST INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

For Mutual Coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

INTENCIONES DE AGOSTO DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

Por la convivencia mutua

Oremos para que las sociedades donde la convivencia parece más difícil no sucumban a la tentación del enfrentamiento por razones étnicas, políticas, religiosas o ideológicas.

This Week's Readings

TWENTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday; September 1st

1st Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Psalm 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13

The Lord comes to judge the earth.

Gospel: Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday; September 2nd

1st Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11

Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14

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

Gospel: Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday; Sept. 3rd

MEMORIAL OF SAINT
GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE
AND DOCTOR OF THE
CHURCH

1st Reading: Colossians 1:1-8

Psalm 52:10, 11

I trust in the mercy of God for ever.

Gospel: Luke 4:38-44

Thursday; September 4th

1st Reading: Colossians 1:9-14

Psalm 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6

The Lord has made known his salvation.

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Friday; September 5th

1st Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5

Come with joy into the presence of the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 5:33-39

Saturday; September 6th

1st Reading: Colossians 1:21-23

Psalm 54:3-4, 6 and 8

God himself is my help.

Gospel: Luke 6:1-5

Sunday; September 7th

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b

Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

2nd Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Divine Manners



Today's Gospel would seem at first sight to be no more than a piece of worldly wisdom or a page from a secular book of manners in which the reader is advised to follow an exaggerated form of modesty. In fact...manners or good behavior cannot be separated from Christian morals, since Christianity cannot succeed where ordinary humanity is absent... The Biblical authors always had the task of trying to prevent human manners from becoming purely external and of making them deeper and more central in man's life. This is clear from [the book of] Sirach, whose author speaks, in his instruction about good behavior, of the contrast between pride and humility and between self-glorification and readiness to love others.

In the parable about choosing places at table, Jesus taught at the deepest possible level. [It is] a parable of the history of the world, in which a ruthless struggle for power has always taken place with little thought for the fate of others. God, who entered human history in Jesus Christ himself, does not participate in this struggle. **All his life, from Bethlehem & Nazareth to Golgotha, Jesus took the lowest place.** What he says in this parable is verified in the whole of his life and suffering. He was always on the side of the lowest and the last; and through him those who are the lowest & the last become the highest and the first. Indeed, he became so completely identified in his life and teaching with the lowest place that he has made himself present with us, not only in the Eucharist, but also in the least of men: I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.... As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me. These words of the Lord take us further and further into the heart of Christian life. The story begins with ordinary manners, which form the point of departure. The next step is that we have to learn not to reduce manners to an empty, dishonest structure [and then to find] unity with the lowest and the last who is really the highest and the first, the Redeemer.

The one who invites us to his table to share in the Eucharist wants to lead us to a more and more completely Eucharistic life. In this way, we shall find him more and more easily on the way of everyday life and thus be also on the way toward his eternal wedding feast, where those who are lowest and last will be forever the highest and the first.

— POPE BENEDICT XVI

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Excerpt from Magnificat Magazine, Meditation of the Day, August 31, 2025

HOMILY NOTES

Hoy es el último día de agosto, pero no es el fin de nuestra devoción al Inmaculado Corazón de María.

Se fomenta la devoción continua al Inmaculado Corazón de María, ya que esta práctica se centra en la pureza y el amor de María, ofreciéndonos esperanza y un camino hacia Dios a través de la consagración a ella.

Hacer de esta devoción perpetua implica dedicar la vida a Dios a través de María, imitando su entrega. Fomenta la oración, especialmente el Rosario, la meditación de las Sagradas Escrituras y las obras de reparación por los pecados, con el fin de fomentar una unión más profunda con Jesús y crecer en la fe y la santidad.

CINCO RAZONES PARA LA DEVOCIÓN AL INMACULADO CORAZÓN DE MARÍA

1. Un signo de esperanza:

El Corazón Inmaculado de María, intacto por el pecado y lleno de amor hacia Dios, sirve como un poderoso signo de esperanza en un mundo de sufrimiento e incertidumbre.

2. Un camino hacia Dios:

El corazón de María, morada de Jesús, puede acercarnos a su Hijo, recordándonos que la santidad es posible incluso en tiempos difíciles.

3. Amor maternal y consuelo:

Como madre, María ofrece un refugio y una fuente de consuelo, animándonos a «hacer lo que Él os diga» (Juan 2,5).

4. Inspiración para la santidad:

Al meditar en las virtudes de María y su respuesta a la voluntad de Dios, nos sentimos inspirados a vivir vidas de santidad y fe inquebrantable.

5. Reparación y Conversión:

Mediante actos de devoción, ofrecemos oraciones y sacrificios para consolar su corazón, dolido por las blasfemias y la ingratitud, y para orar por la conversión de los pecadores.

ORACIÓN: ACTO DIARIO DE CONSAGRACIÓN A MARÍA
Reina mía y Madre mía, me entrego por completo a ti; y para demostrarte mi devoción, te consagro hoy mis ojos, mis oídos, mi boca, mi corazón, todo mi ser sin reservas. Por tanto, buena Madre, como soy tuyo, guárdame, protégeme, como tu propiedad y posesión. Amén.

(Opcional: Añadir 1 Ave María)

FUENTE: <https://americaneedsfatima.org/articles/the-immaculate-heart-of-mary-core-of-the-fatima-message>; https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/08_1.cfm

FUENTE de ORACIÓN: <https://www.knightsoftheholyeucharist.com/consecration-to-mary->



Today is the last day of August but it is not the end our devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Ongoing and continuous devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is encouraged as this practice is centered on Mary's purity & love, offering us hope & a path to God through consecration to her.

Making this a perpetual devotion involves dedicating one's life to God through Mary by imitation of her self-giving. It encourages prayer, especially the Rosary, meditation on Scripture, and acts of reparation for sins, with the goal of fostering a deeper union with Jesus and growing in faith and holiness.

FIVE REASONS FOR DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

1. A Sign of Hope:

Mary's Immaculate Heart, untouched by sin and filled with love for God, serves as a powerful sign of hope in a world of suffering & uncertainty.

2. A Path to God:

Mary's heart, a dwelling place for Jesus, can draw us closer to her Son, reminding us that holiness is possible even in difficult times.

3. Maternal Love and Consolation:

As a mother, Mary offers a refuge and a source of consolation, encouraging us to "do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5).

4. Inspiration for Holiness:

By meditating on Mary's virtues and response to God's will, we are inspired to live lives of holiness and unwavering faith.

5. Reparation and Conversion:

Through acts of devotion, we offer prayers and sacrifices to console her heart, which is pained by blasphemies and ingratitude, and to pray for the conversion of sinners.

PRAYER: DAILY ACT OF CONSECRATION TO MARY

My Queen and my Mother, I give myself entirely to you; and to show my devotion to you, I consecrate to you this day my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my whole being without reserve. Wherefore, good Mother, as I am your own, keep me, guard me, as your property and possession. Amen.

(Optional: Add 1 Hail Mary)

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Prayer Source: <https://www.knightsoftheholyeucharist.com/consecration-to-mary-prayer-download/>

LAST DAY TO REGISTER!

Faith Formation Registration

Registration after mass on

Aug. 24th and Aug. 31st

- Open to all students K-6th grade
- Classes begin in September
- Sacrament Preparation

Meeting will be in the small hall to assist parents and students with registration and answer questions. If you miss registration please call Sandra (530)966-2855



ÚLTIMO DÍA PARA INSCRIBIRSE

Formación de Fe para Niños

Taller de inscripción después de Santa Misa Agosto 24 y Agosto 31.

- Para los niños de grados K-6
- Clases comienzan en Septiembre
- Preparación para Sacramentos

Nos reuniremos en el salon pequeño después de Misa para asistir a los padres y niños con la registracion. Se dara información sobre el año. Si no puede asistir favor de llamar a Sandra (530) 966-2855



SEGUNDA
COLECTA

El próximo fin de semana habrá una segunda colecta para el Fondo de Jubilación de Sacerdotes Diocesanos. Es una oportunidad para que los feligreses puedan agradecerle a nuestros sacerdotes fieles y dedicados, por su largo y entregado servicio a la Diócesis. Por favor consideren hacer una donación.

Pancake Breakfast

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

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



LADIES BIBLE STUDY | SEPT. 11 | 1P | HALL

We will use the New Testament, Gospel of Mark, with a study guide written by Scott Hahn and Curtis Mitch. Questions? Call Gail Crowley 530.570-8474 or Louise Kyle 530.720-1061.



SECOND
COLLECTION

Next weekend, there will be a second collection for the Diocesan Collection for Priests Retirement. This is an opportunity for parishioners to thank our faithful and dedicated priests for their long and loving service to the Diocese. Please prayerfully consider making a donation.



REMINDER: MEN'S MINISTRY- Friday, 7A
In the Hall (Go to the small room)



REMINDER - ADORATION - Friday
Immediately following 830A Mass until 6p.



The Women of St. Thomas More
Sixth Annual Chocolate & Wine Festival!
Saturday | Sept. 20 | 5p to 6p - Tickets on Sale Now!
See Madeline Riley or Lori MacPhail for tickets



2025 Jubilee of Hope Upcoming Events

Hey Young People! Join Father Chuck and young people from across the diocese at...

ON FIRE

Saturday Sept. 13, 2025
9A to 8P

Join us at ON FIRE 2025 for the Jubilee Day for Young People!
Six Flags Discovery Kingdom
1001 Fairgrounds Dr
Vallejo, CA 94589

Cost: \$64 per person (STM has sponsors & scholarships to help defray some of the costs if needed. Call the church office 530.877.4501 for more info.)

DRIVERS
NEEDED!

Talk to Father
Chuck.

Abortion Recovery Group Begins Wed. Sept. 10th

If you, or someone you love are experiencing grief, regret or emotional pain regarding your abortion, avoid things that trigger memories of your abortion or have nightmares, Care Net invites you to a free & confidential recovery group that starts Sept. 10th and lasts eight weeks. Choose from two times:

~Wednesdays: 3P to 430P or 530P to 7P~

Questions? or to sign up for the group, please text Elizabeth Trinca at 530-591-9973 or call Care Net at 530-876-1113. Note: men & women will meet in separate groups.

