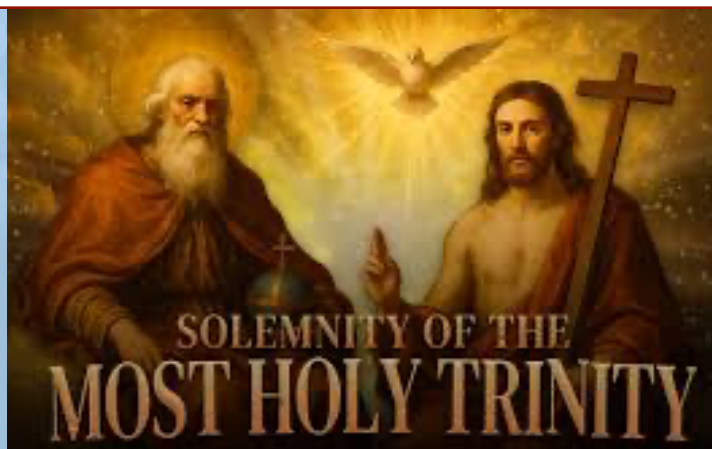




# ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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

Wed., Thursday, Friday 830A

## Sunday Readings

**1st Reading** Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

**Psalms** Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56

Glory and praise for ever!

Bendito seas, Señor, para siempre.

**2nd Reading** 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

**Gospel** John 3:16-18

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR EASTER WEEK OF MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>

Sunday; May 31	Kevin MacPhail † Mauricio Siplat †	1030A
Domingo; 31 de mayo	Yasali Nazareno Elizabeth Madrigal †	1230P español
Tues.; June 2	<i>Mass Cancelled \ Fr. Chuck on Retreat</i>	6P
Wed.; June 3	<i>Mass Cancelled \ Fr. Chuck on Retreat</i>	830A
Thurs.; June 4	<i>Mass Cancelled \ Fr. Chuck on Retreat</i>	830A
Friday; June 5	Rick Hodson † Intentions of the Family Torres-Rodriguez	830A

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

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



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  
Mary Neeley.  
Dolores Costello  
Rosemary Peterson  
Susie Boyd  
David Brown  
Gloria Klinger  
Michael Coronado

## MAY INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

*That everyone might have food*

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

## INTENCIONES DE MAYO DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

*Para que todos tengan alimento*

Oremos para que todos —desde los grandes productores hasta los pequeños consumidores— se comprometan a evitar el desperdicio de alimentos y a asegurar que todos tengan acceso

**This Week's Readings**  
**THE 9TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Monday; June 1<sup>st</sup>** *Memorial of Saint Justin, Martyr*

1st Reading: 2 Peter 1:2-7  
Psalm 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16  
*In you, my God, I place my trust.*  
Gospel: Mark 12:1-12

**Tuesday; June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

1st Reading: 2 Peter 3:12-15a, 17-18  
Psalm 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16  
*In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*  
Gospel: Mark 12:13-17

**Wednesday; June 3<sup>rd</sup>** *Memorial of Saint Charles  
Lwanga and Companions,  
Martyrs*

1st Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12  
Psalm 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef  
*To you, O Lord, I lift up my eyes.*  
Gospel: Mark 12:18-27

**Thursday; June 4<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-15  
Psalm 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14  
*Teach me your ways, O Lord.*  
Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

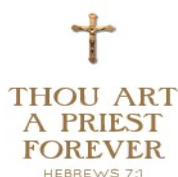
**Friday; June 5<sup>th</sup>** *Memorial of Saint Boniface,  
Bishop and Martyr*

1st Reading: 2 Timothy 3:10-17  
Psalm 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168  
*O Lord, great peace have they who love your law.*  
Gospel: Mark 12:35-37

**Saturday; June 6<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: 2 Timothy 4:1-8  
Psalm 71:8-9, 14-15AB, 16-17, 22  
*I will sing of your salvation.*  
Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

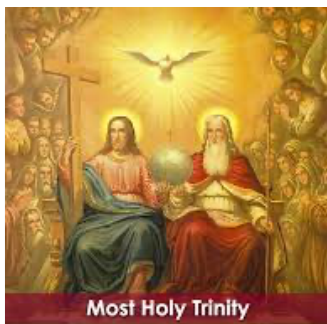
*Happy Ordination Anniversary Fr. Chuck!  
On this day in 1999, 27 years ago, Chuck  
Kelly was ordained a priest.*

  
THOU ART  
A PRIEST  
FOREVER  
HEBREWS 7:1



*St. Thomas More Catholic Church is blessed  
to have you!*

**MEDITATION OF THE DAY**  
**One and Three**



*Look at the sun on high, which appears to be one.  
But bend down and look and see its shining—a second.  
Test, touch, and examine its heat—a third.  
They are like one another, and not alike....  
Fire and sun are single natures.  
Three things are mingled within them threefold—  
Substance, heat, and, third, light—  
And they dwell in accord with another....  
If fire's nature is such a marvel*

*(It begets, yet suffers no loss; it spreads evenly, without growing cold;  
Though its heat is distinct, it is not cut off from it...),  
[It bears] the mystery of the Spirit—the type of the Holy Spirit....  
And though they are so like one another,  
[Fire] is still far different, for it cannot depict  
The Trinitarian mysteries, which can never be depicted.  
And if the investigation of this fire inundates us—  
How can it be one? How can it be three?  
How can those things that dwell within it be three?  
How can its heat be divided and not cut off?—  
A nature that we have received lovingly, in a threefold manner,  
Yet have not, along with it, possessed divisive debating,  
How much more should we receive simply  
These Three, with love that does not dispute?  
Their nature does not come after us, to become like us,  
For they are like each other in every way,  
[While] the natures of creatures are distinct and dissimilar.  
How much more distinct than all is the nature above all?— SAINT EPHREM THE SYRIAN*

*Saint Ephrem the Syrian († 373), a deacon and a hermit, wrote hundreds of hymns in honor of the Blessed Trinity, the Incarnation, and the Blessed Virgin Mary. / From The Fathers of the Church, Saint Ephrem the Syrian: The Hymns on Faith, Volume 130, Jeffrey T. Wickes, tr. © 2015, The Catholic University of America Press, Washington, D.C.*

*Excerpt from Magnificat Magazine, Meditation of the Day, May 31, 2026*

**HOMILY NOTES**

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**Hoy es el último día de mayo, y con él concluye el mes dedicado a la Santísima Virgen María, Madre de Dios.** Sin embargo, la oportunidad de celebrar nuestro amor y reverencia hacia la Santísima Madre nunca termina. Al igual que el Papa León XIII\* (conocido como el «Papa del Rosario»), quien fomentó una fidelidad inquebrantable hacia la Santísima Virgen y compuso oraciones en su honor, nosotros también podemos rezar nuestro Rosario a diario y recitar algunas de las oraciones escritas por el Papa León XIII.



**Today is the last day of May, and ends the month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of God.** But the opportunity to celebrate our love & reverence for the Blessed Mother never ends. Like Pope Leo XIII\* (known as the Rosary Pope), who encouraged unwavering fidelity to the Blessed Virgin and wrote prayers in Her honor, we can say our Rosary daily and pray some of the prayers written by Pope Leo XIII.

## ORACIONES EN HONOR A NUESTRA MADRE SANTÍSIMA

El Papa León XIII fomentó una fidelidad inquebrantable a la Santísima Virgen, compuso oraciones en su honor y la consideró la Mediadora de toda gracia. Su promoción de la devoción mariana sigue siendo influyente hasta el día de hoy como guía hacia una mayor santidad a través de Nuestra Santísima Madre.

A continuación se detallan tres de las oraciones y prácticas devocionales más significativas en honor a María, establecidas por el Papa León XIII:

### 1. Oración del Papa León XIII – Es dulce música

*Es dulce música para el oído decir: ¡Te honro, oh Madre! Es un dulce canto repetir: ¡Te honro, oh santa Madre! Eres mi deleite, mi amada esperanza y mi casto amor; mi fortaleza en todas las adversidades. Si mi espíritu, turbado y abatido por las pasiones, sufre bajo la penosa carga de la tristeza y el llanto; si ves a tu hijo abrumado por la desventura, oh bondadosa Virgen María, permíteme hallar descanso en tu maternal abrazo. Mas, ¡ay!, ya se aproxima velozmente el último día. Desterra al demonio a las profundidades infernales y permanece más cerca, amada Madre, de tu hijo anciano y extraviado. Con un toque suave, cubre mis cansados ojos y encomienda bondadosamente a Dios el alma que a Él retorna.*

### 2. Las oraciones leoninas

En 1884, el Papa León XIII dispuso que se recitara un conjunto específico de oraciones –dirigidas explícitamente a implorar la intercesión de María para la protección de la Iglesia– al final de cada Misa rezada.

(El sacerdote y la congregación rezan el Ave María tres veces, luego la Salve Regina y una oración por la Iglesia).

### Oración final del Papa León XIII

*María, muestra que eres nuestra Madre; que nuestra oración sea escuchada por Jesús, que quiso ser tu Hijo.*

### 3. Oración del Papa Leo XIII - De pequeño te amé

*Cuando era niño, te amaba como a una madre. Ahora que soy anciano, mi amor por ti ha crecido. Recíbeme en el cielo como a uno de los bienaventurados, y proclamaré que he obtenido tan gran premio gracias a tu patrocinio. Amén.*

\* El papa León XIII (2 de marzo de 1810 – 20 de julio de 1903) es conocido como «el Papa del Rosario», por haber escrito más encíclicas sobre el Rosario que ningún otro papa. Cabeza de la Iglesia católica desde 1878 hasta su muerte en 1903, ostentó el cuarto pontificado más largo de la historia, por detrás de los de San Pedro, Pío IX (su predecesor) y Juan Pablo II.

## PRAYERS IN HONOR OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Pope Leo XIII encouraged unwavering fidelity to the Blessed Virgin, wrote prayers in Her honor, and held Her to be the Mediatrix of all grace. His promotion of Marian devotion is influential to this day as a guide to greater holiness through Our Blessed Mother.

Three of the most significant prayers and devotional practices honoring Mary established by Pope Leo XIII are detailed below:

### 1. Prayer of Pope Leo XIII - It Is Sweet Music

*It is sweet music to the ear to say: I honor you, O Mother! It is a sweet song to repeat: I honor you, O holy Mother! You are my delight, dear hope, and chaste love, my strength in all adversities. If my spirit that is troubled and stricken by passions suffers from the painful burden of sadness and weeping, if you see your child overwhelmed by misfortune, O gracious Virgin Mary, let me find rest in your motherly embrace. But alas, already the last day is quickly approaching. Banish the demon to the infernal depths, and stay closer, dear Mother, to your aged and erring child. With a gentle touch, cover the wary pupils and kindly consign to God the soul that is returning to him.*

### 2. The Leonine Prayers

In 1884, Pope Leo XIII mandated that a specific set of prayers – explicitly aimed at seeking Mary's intercession for the protection of the Church– be recited at the end of every Low Mass.

(The priest & congregation recite the Hail Mary three times, then Hail, Holy Queen (Salve Regina), and a prayer for the Church.)

### Closing Prayer of Pope Leo XIII

*Mary, show that you are our Mother; may our prayer be heard by Jesus who willed to be your Son.*

### 3. Prayer of Pope Leo XIII - As a Little Child I Loved You

*As a little child, I loved you like a mother. Now that I am old, my love for you has grown. Receive me in heaven as one of the blessed and I will proclaim that I have obtained such a great prize through your patronage. Amen.*

\* Pope Leo XIII \* (March 2, 1810 to July 20, 1903) is known as The Rosary Pope, having written more encyclicals on the Rosary than any other pope. Head of the Catholic Church from 1878 until his death in 1903, he had the fourth-longest reign of any pope, behind those of St. Peter, Pius IX (his predecessor), and John Paul II.



**ADORATION EXTENDED!**  
Friday, May 29 | Follows 8:30A Mass  
Adoration extended to 7:30p thru September



### MEN'S MINISTRY

Friday, May 29 | **930A** | Church Hall Mtg Rm.

### USCCB to Celebrate the Declaration of Independence Signing

On July 4, 2026, the U.S. will commemorate the Semiquincentennial (250th) Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will also commemorate this anniversary with three opportunities for Catholics to take part.

**Opportunity 1** Parishes and individuals can participate by contributing to a collective 250 Hours of Adoration, in your home or church, during the 250th Anniversary of America.



**Opportunity 2** 250 Hrs of Works of Mercy. Works of mercy can include assisting at our local crisis pregnancy center or local food pantry & clothing closets, volunteering at and donating to our local St. Vincent de Paul. For examples and guides go to [https://www.usccb.org/resources/America 250 Catholic Resource - 250 Hours of Adoration and 250 Works of Mercy.pdf](https://www.usccb.org/resources/America%20Catholic%20Resource%20-%20250%20Hours%20of%20Adoration%20and%20250%20Works%20of%20Mercy.pdf)



**Opportunity 3** The USCCB Consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Thursday, June 11, 2026. To prepare for the Consecration the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus may be incorporated into Holy Hour.



**Sheets are now posted on the table in the narthex so that you can log your time in Adoration and/or your Works of Mercy.** The collective hours of STM will be reported to the USCCB around mid June. Visit <https://www.usccb.org/weholdthesetruths>, to see the contributions of Catholics and the impact of our faith on the history of this country.

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

### Women of St. Thomas More Summer BBQ June 13



The Women of STM will hold their "Welcome to Summer" BBQ Saturday, June 13 at 4p at the home of Chris & Rolawn Rehmann, 6475 Apple Creek Dr. in Paradise. This is the last "meeting" until fall. Ladies are welcome to provide any side dishes as desired.

**The Lumen Christi Group will meet Thurs., June 4 at 6:30p.**

### NOVENA BEGINS WEDNESDAY JUNE 3

### 9-DAY NOVENA to the SACRED HEART of JESUS USCCB CONSECRATION OF THE U.S. TO THE SACRED HEART

Ahead of the Semiquincentennial (250th) anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the Bishops of the United States, on June 11, will consecrate the country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

For the nine days leading up to the consecration the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has asked all Catholics to pray the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus beginning Wed. June 3 & ending June 11, the day of the consecration. The consecration will be live-streamed on the USCCB youtube channel <https://www.youtube.com/usccb> and EWTN tv at 1P PDT.

Didn't get a copy of the Novena in last weeks bulletin? Get a copy online on the STM website at [www.stmparadise.com](http://www.stmparadise.com) in English or Spanish.

### Baby Bottles Are Here! Get Yours Now

**Babies and parents need you! The CareNet baby bottle campaign is in full swing.** Bottles are available for pick up in the Narthex. Fill them with loose your change, bills, and checks.

Return to St. Thomas More anytime up until Father's Day, Sunday, June 21. Questions? See Kathy DeCristofaro after Mass.



### MAY 31 Last Day to Complete K of C Scholarship Application

The Knights of Columbus offer two scholarships for students entering, or are enrolled in an accredited community college, college, university, vocational or trade school. Today, May 31, is last day complete application.

KofC - John T. Donohue Fourth Degree Assembly Scholarship has up to \$2,000 available. Complete application **TODAY** online at [https://kofc-ca-d2.org/wp-content/Docs/Assembly Scholarship Application.pdf](https://kofc-ca-d2.org/wp-content/Docs/Assembly%20Scholarship%20Application.pdf) Additionally, the KofC - St. Thomas More Council 7773 Scholarship has up to \$1,000 available. Complete application **TODAY** online at [https://kofc-ca-d2.org/wp-content/Docs/Assembly Scholarship Application.pdf](https://kofc-ca-d2.org/wp-content/Docs/Assembly%20Scholarship%20Application.pdf)

### Ladies Bible Study Last Class June 4 at 1P

Family Life Center - small meeting room  
The Ladies Bible Study will be on summer break after the Thurs., June 4 class and will resume in the fall.  
**Questions? Call Gail Crowley 530-877-8474**



**¡Ya llegaron los biberones! Consigue el tuyo ahora**  
**Los bebés y los padres te necesitan!** La campaña de los biberones de CareNet está en pleno apogeo. Los biberones están disponibles para ser recogidos en el nártex. Llénalos con tus monedas sueltas, billetes y cheques. Devuélvelos a St. Thomas More en cualquier momento hasta el Día del Padre, el domingo 21 de junio. ¿Tienes preguntas? Consulta a Kathy DeCristofaro después de la Misa.



**You are cordially invited to celebrate Fr. Chuck's Ordination Anniversary after Mass in the church hall.**

