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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 Ezekiel 33:7-9**Psalm** 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

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

Señor, que no seamos sordos a tu voz.

2nd Reading Romans 13:8-10**Gospel** Matthew 18:15-20

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6TH

Sunday; September 6 Deceased members of the Jeff & Diane Clark Family † 1030A
Deacon Ray & Donna Helgeson

Domingo; 6 de Septiembre Alicia & Elias Barajas 1230P español
Familia Rivera (Antonio & Juanita)

Tues.; September 8 Carol Zellmer † 6P
Alicia & Elias Barajas

Wed.; September 9 Aniversario de Bodas de Elias & Alicia Barajas 830A

Thurs.; September 10 Earl J. Whatcott † 830A
Dave Webster

Friday; September 11 Efrain Real 830A
Lisbeth Real

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Rod Montgomery
Bernhard Family
Mary Anne Durant
Andrea Inzunza
Kimberly Laird
Leo Benedetti
The Mortenson Family
Michael Coronado
Joan Memmer
Beverly Brown
Peg McMahon


Samia Zumout
Carrie Sonsteng
Art Sanchez
Santiago Avila
Carlos Torres
Tony & Francene Packett
Rick Hodson
Larry Young
Kim DeFretias,
Humberto Bozzo

Bryant Smith
Ron Keyes
Theresa Durant
Dolores Costello
Rosemary Peterson
David Brown
Gloria Klinger
The Ginn's Family,
Rafael Baez

SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

INTENCIONES DE SEPTIEMBRE DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

Por el cuidado del agua

Oremos por una gestión justa y sostenible del agua, recurso vital, para que todos puedan tener un acceso equitativo a ella.

This Week's Readings
THE 23RD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**Monday; September 7th**

1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 5:1-8

Psalm 5:5-6, 7, 12

Lead me in your justice, Lord.

Gospel: Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday; Sept. 8th *Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

1st Reading: Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30

Psalm 13:6ab, 6c

With delight I rejoice in the Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Wed.; Sept. 9th *Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest [In the Dioceses of the U.S.]*

1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31

Psalm 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17

Listen to me, daughter; see and bend your ear.

Gospel: Luke 6:20-26

Thursday; September 10th

1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13

Psalm 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24

Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Friday; September 11th

1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27

Psalm 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!

Gospel: Luke 6:39-42

Saturday; September 12th

1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-18

To you, Lord, I will offer a sacrifice of praise.

Gospel: Luke 6:43-49

**Sunday; September 13th****Twenty-fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Sirach 27:30—28:7

Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

2nd Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

MEDITATION OF THE DAY
Why We Gather in His Name

The smallest thing, a disturbance in the atmosphere, a change of temperature, is enough to destroy life. The frost of spring, an unusual drop in temperature on a May evening, and the harvest is destroyed. The same is true for the most important and most fragile part of man: his divine life.... The Christian community offers an environment that shows men how to live according to the ways of Christ, who assists, supports, and illuminates the heart of man.

Just as I do not invent my life, I do not invent my faith but instead receive it as it is. Likewise, I do not have to invent my prayer, but I receive Christ's prayer, born of the Spirit of God and already existing in the community of his children. The older people introduce the little ones to the life of Christ; the previous generations educate and admit the new generations into this movement of prayer born of Christ and supported by the fact that he is waiting for us.... No doubt, it is often the young who recall and demand the essential things, and the fervor of the new members revivifies that of the older ones. But it is also from the fidelity of the older members that the newly arrived draw truth, or else lose it....

The Church is able to offer me the prayer of Christ and to welcome me into a living environment, a community, where this prayer can originate and grow. Thus, it is no more a matter of choice for a "member" to live attached to his organism or to separate himself from it than it is for a Christian to do without his community. A man is Christian only if he is a member of Christ, and he is a member of Christ only if he receives within himself the life that comes through communion in faith and the prayer of his brothers. — FATHER BERNARD BRO, O.P.

Father Bro († 2018) was a French Dominican friar, a distinguished theologian, and the author of many books. / From *Learning to Pray*, James Morris, tr. Copyright © 1966, The Society of St. Paul, ST PAULS/Alba House, Staten Island, NY. www.stpauls.us. Used with permission.

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**HOMILY NOTES**

Bienvenidos a septiembre, el mes dedicado a Nuestra Señora de los Dolores.

San Alfonso María de Liguori nos dice en **Las glorias de María** que el martirio de Nuestra Señora supera al de todos los demás mártires, ya que su duración fue más prolongada y su sufrimiento, mayor que el de cualquiera de ellos. A medida que el calor del verano da paso a la llegada del otoño, se nos recuerda que las etapas de nuestra vida también traen cambios: triunfos y alegrías, sacrificios y pesares. La dedicación propia del mes de septiembre invita a los católicos a dirigir el corazón y la mente hacia los siete dolores que marcaron la vida de la Santísima Virgen María.

«Si todos los dolores del mundo se unieran, no igualarían el de la gloriosa Virgen María». — San Bernardino de Siena

La devoción a Nuestra Madre de los Dolores, fundamentada en la Sagrada Escritura, se remonta a los primeros Padres de la Iglesia, quienes contemplaban los sufrimientos de María al pie de la cruz. Con el tiempo, septiembre llegó a conocerse como el mes de Nuestra Señora de los Dolores, ya que su festividad bajo esta advocación se había fijado acertadamente para el 15 de septiembre, el día siguiente a la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz.

LOS SIETE DOLORES DE MARÍA

La profecía de San Simeón

La huida a Egipto

El Niño Jesús perdido en el Templo

El encuentro de Jesús y María en el camino de la Cruz

La Crucifixión

María recibe el cuerpo de Jesús bajado de la Cruz

El sepulcro de Jesús

PRINCIPALES FESTIVIDADES CATÓLICAS DE SEPTIEMBRE

1. 8 de septiembre: *La Natividad de la Santísima Virgen María* conmemora el nacimiento de la Madre de Dios y señala la venida del Salvador.
2. 12 de septiembre: *La fiesta del Santísimo Nombre de María* reconoce la dignidad y la santidad asociadas al nombre de María, así como las virtudes que este representa, tales como la pureza, la humildad y la obediencia.
3. 14 de septiembre: *La fiesta de la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz* se estableció muy tempranamente en la Iglesia para conmemorar el hallazgo de la Santa Cruz por parte de Santa Elena, madre de Constantino.
4. 15 de septiembre: *La fiesta de Nuestra Señora de los Dolores* es el motivo de nuestra devoción mensual e invita a los católicos a reflexionar sobre la profunda compasión, humildad y fortaleza de la Virgen María al vivir la realidad de la misión de su Hijo y acompañarlo durante su Pasión y Muerte.
5. 23 de septiembre — *La fiesta de San Padre Pío* conmemora a un querido santo moderno que llevó los estigmas a lo largo de su vida sacerdotal. Se identificó con Nuestro Señor y Nuestra Señora en su sufrimiento y lo ofreció en penitencia y amor.
6. 24 de septiembre — *La fiesta de Nuestra Señora de la Merced* (también conocida como *Nuestra Señora del Rescate*) conmemora la Orden de la Merced, fundada por San Pedro Nolasco, quien recibió una aparición de Nuestra Señora mostrándole el hábito blanco de la orden, destinada a rescatar a los cristianos capturados por los moros en España.
7. 29 de septiembre — *La fiesta de los arcángeles* honra a san Miguel, san Gabriel y san Rafael. Nuestra Señora es Reina de los ángeles, quienes están siempre a su servicio.

FUENTE: <https://covenantcatholic.org/devotion-of-the-month/september-dedicated-to-our-lady-of-sorrows/>

SEPTEMBER DEVOTION:

Our Lady of Sorrows

Welcome to September, the month dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows.

St. Alphonsus Liguori tells us in *The Glories of Mary* that Our Lady's martyrdom exceeds that of all the martyrs in that its duration was longer and the suffering greater than all others.

As the warmth of summer gives way to the coming of fall, we are reminded that the seasons of our lives

also bring change – triumph & joy, sacrifice & sorrow. The dedication of September invites Catholics to turn their hearts and minds toward the seven sorrows that marked the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

“If all the sorrows of the world were united, they would not equal that of the glorious Virgin Mary.” St. Bernardine of Siena

Devotion to Our Mother of Sorrows, supported in Sacred Scripture, dates back to the early Church Fathers contemplating Mary's sufferings at the foot of the cross. September eventually became known as the month of Our Lady of Sorrows because Her feast day of that title had been fittingly appointed for Sept 15 the day following The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY

St. Simeon's Prophecy

The Flight into Egypt

The Loss of Jesus in the Temple

The Meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross

The Crucifixion

Mary Receives the Body of Jesus taken down from the Cross

The Burial of Jesus

KEY CATHOLIC FEAST DAYS IN SEPTEMBER

1. Sept. 8 - *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary* commemorates the birth of the Mother of God and points to the coming of the Savior.
2. Sept. 12 - *The Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary* is a recognition of the dignity and holiness associated with Mary's name and the virtues it represents such as purity, humility, and obedience.
3. Sept. 14 - *The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross* was established very early in the Church to honor the finding of the Holy Cross by St. Helena, the mother of Constantine.
4. Sept. 15 - *The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows* is the reason for our monthly devotion and invites Catholics to reflect on the deep compassion, humility, and strength of the Virgin Mary as she experienced the reality of Her Son's mission and accompanied Him through His Passion and Death.
5. Sept. 23 — *The Feast of St. Padre Pio* commemorates a beloved modern saint who bore the stigmata throughout his priestly life. He identified with Our Lord and Our Lady in his suffering & offered it in penance and love.
6. Sept. 24 — *The Feast of Our Lady of Mercy* (also known as *Our Lady of Ransom*) commemorates the Mercedarian order founded by St. Peter Nolasco who received an apparition of Our Lady showing him the white habit of the order, which would ransom Christians captured by the Moors in Spain.
7. Sept. 29 — *The Feast of the Archangels* honors St. Michael, St. Gabriel, & St. Raphael. Our Lady is Queen of the Angels who are always at her service

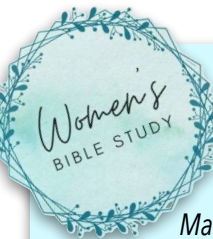
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ADORATION
Friday, Sept. 11 | Follows 830A Mass
Adoration extended to 7:30p thru September



MEN'S MINISTRY
Friday, Sept. 11 | **930A** | Church Hall Mtg Rm.



**at St. Thomas More Resumes
Thursday, Sept. 10 at 130P**

The ladies Bible study will meet in the Family Life Center small meeting rm. Study will continue with Matthew chapter 14. There are a few things planned to vary & add to the study. All ladies are welcome!

**Women of STM
Meeting**

**Saturday; Sept. 12TH
10A**

**St. Vincent de Paul Rm
(in the church)**

ALL HANDS ON DECK!

The annual Chocolate & Wine Fest is almost here and we need your help with planning and support.

All women of the parish are automatic members of this group so please join us on Sept. 11 at 10A and bring your goods ideas.

Questions? See Susie Boyd, Cathy Keesling or Cheryl Barron.



**¡RESERVA LA
FECHA!**

**Sábado, 26 de
septiembre**

*Un sabor del cielo en la Tierra
Festival del Chocolate y el Vino
¡Entradas a la venta ahora, después
de la misa!*

\$15 per person

*Nota: Los niños de 10 años y menores
son gratis.*



**SAVE THE
DATE!**

Saturday; Sept. 26TH

*A Taste of Heaven on Earth
Chocolate & Wine Festival
TICKETS ON SALE NOW AFTER MASS!*

\$15 per person

Kids 10yrs and younger are free

Pancake Breakfast - TODAY!
Immediately following the 1030 and 1230p Masses
\$10. per Adult | \$30. per Family

Good food | good cause | good fellowship

ST. THOMAS MORE COUNCIL #7773

Got Your Ticket for Ministry Days 2026?

All Catholic ministry leaders & volunteers in the Diocese of Sacramento are invited to Ministry Days 2026, Saturday, Sept. 26. This is the largest gathering of its kind & this year the day focuses on mental health, and challenges us all to encounter the Sacred Heart of Jesus as the ultimate source of mercy and healing. Enjoy a great day of prayer, networking, and fellowship as we discuss new ways to serve families navigating the complexities of mental health. Tickets on sale now at www.ministrydays.com.

Get your tickets Now - ON FiRE 2026 | Sat., Sept. 12 | 9A - 7P

Don't miss the 17th annual ON FiRE at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom in Vallejo, CA. This year we are excited to welcome the Joe Melendrez, Francis Cabildo, and Fr. Edwin Leonard to the main stage to inspire and challenge the youth from all over Northern California. For more info and ways you and your teen can get involved visit www.onfirenorcal.com

Consigue tus entradas ahora - ON FiRE 2026 | Sábado, 12 de Septiembre de 9A a 7P

No te pierdas la 17ª edición anual de ON FiRE en Six Flags Discovery Kingdom en Vallejo, CA. Este año nos complace dar la bienvenida a Joe Melendrez, Francis Cabildo y al Padre Edwin Leonard en el escenario principal para inspirar y desafiar a los jóvenes de todo el Norte de California. Encuentra más información y descubre cómo tú y tu hijo adolescente pueden participar en www.onfirenorcal.com

**Faith Formation
& Sacrament Preparation
FOR CHILDREN
BEGINS
Sept. 13!**

Come by the office for registration forms

La Formación de Fe y preparación
Sacramental comienza el
13 DE SEPTIEMBRE
Pasa por la oficina por los formularios de inscripción.