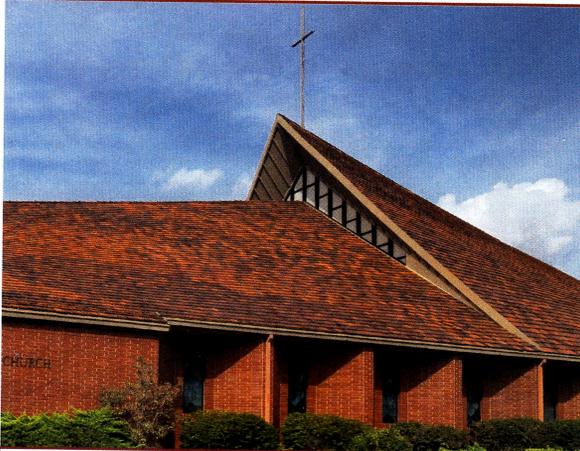


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Important Dates

27OCT: **Snacks, Ice Cream & Drinks Sale after Mass**
 29OCT: **Confession | Confesión 5p - Mass | Misa 6P**
 30OCT: 31, & 1Nov **Mass | Misa 830A**
 01NOV: **All Saints Day Bilingual Mass 530P**
 02NOV: **ADORATION** & reading names of departed 10A
 02NOV: **Mass Paradise Cemetery 1p | Confesión 330p**

Sunday Readings

*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
XXX Domingo ordinario*

1st Reading Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Grandes cosas has hecho por nosotros, Señor.

2nd Reading Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel Mark 10:46-52

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 27TH

<i>Sunday; Oct. 27</i>	<i>Karen Phillips †</i>	<i>1030A English</i>
<i>Domingo, 27 oct.</i>	<i>Larry Campbell †</i>	<i>1230P español</i>
<i>Tuesday; Oct. 29</i>	<i>For the Intentions of Elias Barajas</i>	<i>6:00P</i>
<i>Wed.; Oct. 30</i>	_____	<i>830A</i>
<i>Thurs.; Oct. 31</i>	<i>Mercedes Zaragoza †</i>	<i>830A</i>
<i>Friday; Nov. 1</i>	<i>Herb Peterson † and the Holy Souls</i>	<i>830A</i>
<i>Saturday; Nov. 2</i>	<i>Holy Souls † MASS at Paradise Cemetery</i>	<i>1:00P</i>

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

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OCTOBER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS

For a shared mission

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

INTENCIONES DE OCTUBRE DEL PAPA FRANCISCO

Por una misión compartida

Oremos para que la Iglesia siga sosteniendo en todos los sentidos un estilo de vida sinodal, como signo de corresponsabilidad, promoviendo la participación, la comunión y la misión compartida entre sacerdotes, religiosos y laicos.

Today is World Priest Day! Thank you Fr. Chuck for answering the call!

This Week's Readings

THE THIRTIETH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Monday; October 28th FEAST OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLE

1st Reading: Ephesians 2:19-22

Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5

The Lord made us, we belong to him.

Gospel: Luke 6:12-16

Tuesday; October 29th

1st Reading: Ephesians 5:21-33

Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 13:18-21

Wednesday; October 30th

1st Reading: Ephesians 6:1-9

Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14

The Lord is faithful in all his words.

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Thursday; October 31st

1st Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

Psalm 144:1B, 2, 9-10

Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

Friday; November 1st SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

1st Reading: Revelations 7:2-4, 9-14

Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

Saturday; November 2nd

1st Reading: Wisdom 3:1-9

Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

or

Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil, for you are with me.

2nd Reading: Romans 6:3-9

Gospel: John 6:37-40

THE
COMMEMORATION
OF ALL THE
FAITHFUL
DEPARTED
(ALL SOULS)

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

"Your faith has saved you"



*The Gospels show again & again the deeper goal of the Lord's miracles of healing. When a woman who had had a hemorrhage for twelve years touched the fringe of his garment and sensed that she was healed, she tried to slip away unnoticed (Mk 5:25-34). But Jesus looked around to see who had done it. He did not want her to leave with just a physical cure. He wanted her to meet his gaze, to see his look of love and enter into a relationship with him. Realizing she had been discovered, the woman approached and, like the healed leper, fell down before Jesus. **She already knew she was healed, but perhaps at a deeper level now, she realized what had been done to her: divine life and power had flowed into her. Jesus tenderly reassured her, Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease. His gift of peace (in Hebrew, shalom) is not only the absence of conflict, but wholeness, well-being, complete harmony with oneself and others....***

***Bartimaeus too received much more than a physical recovery.** When Jesus called him over in response to his cries for mercy, throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. To cast off his cloak was symbolic of leaving behind his former life of blindness and beggary and everything that went with it. The New Testament often exhorts us to put off or cast off the old self—the pre-conversion self, the self before we met Christ—and all the thinking and behaviors that went with it. Bartimaeus' sight was restored, but even more, the eyes of his heart were enlightened.*

***He demonstrated the perfect response to a healing:** he followed Jesus on the way, the way of discipleship, a whole new life of following the Master wherever he leads. Bartimaeus' healing is an image of what happens to every Christian at conversion and baptism: our hearts are enlightened and through faith we are enabled to truly see what is invisible. We begin to understand realities of the kingdom that we could not understand before, and we gladly set out with Jesus on the way—the way that sometimes leads to the cross, but ultimately to the Resurrection.*

— MARY HEALY

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HOMILY NOTES



Este mes dedicado al Santo Rosario llega a su fin.

Según el dominico del siglo XV, Alan de la Roch, la primera aparición conocida de María fue en 1206 a Santo Domingo, después de haber estado orando y haciendo severas penitencias por no haber combatido la herejía albigense. María lo elogió por su valiente lucha contra los herejes y luego le dio el Rosario como un arma poderosa, explicándole sus usos y eficacia, y le dijo que lo predicara a otros.

Hoy es aún más crítico que reconozcamos y usemos el poder del Rosario no sólo en nuestra vida cotidiana sino en el contexto más amplio de los problemas del mundo: violencia, hambre, pobreza, desastres naturales, enfermedades...

El Consuelo de la Santísima Madre

El Rosario es formativo. Se vuelve hábito recurrir automáticamente a María en tiempos de desolación, mirándola como nuestra perfecta, santa Madre y guía, como Jesús esencialmente nos pide que hagamos desde Su lugar en la cruz:

Quando Jesús vio allí a su madre y al discípulo a quien amaba, dijo a su madre: Mujer, ahí tienes a tu hijo. Luego dijo al discípulo: "Ahí tienes a tu madre". (Juan 19:25-27)

San Luis de Montfort, un influyente promotor y profundo escritor sobre el Rosario, escribió que el Rosario:

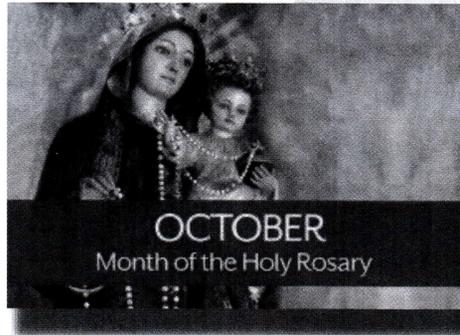
- poco a poco nos va dando un perfecto conocimiento de Jesucristo.
- Purifica nuestras almas, lavando el pecado.
- Facilita nuestra capacidad de practicar la virtud.
- nos enciende de amor por Nuestro Señor Bendito.
- nos enriquece con gracias y méritos.
- nos da la victoria sobre nuestros enemigos (los enemigos espirituales que acechan en lo más profundo de nuestro corazón).

El Rosario puede ayudarnos a cultivar esa relación con Nuestro Señor, y la parte más asombrosa del trato es que Jesús ya está enamorado de nosotros. ¡Él nos conoce! Él conoce nuestros corazones, mentes, historias, miedos, deseos y preocupaciones. Él nunca nos abandonará, nos dejará solos o solitarios.

Quando sabemos que no estamos solos, nuestra fuerza y coraje aumentan.

¿Y no son esas cualidades las que podrían usarse para el bien del mundo? El Rosario, como cualquier forma de oración, no significa que estemos cambiando a otros, ni siquiera cambiando situaciones o circunstancias; sino más bien, permitimos que el Señor transforme nuestros corazones y, al transformarlos, Él nos convierte en una luz que brilla para los demás.

FUENTE: <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/>

**This month, dedicated to the Holy Rosary, is coming to a close.**

According to the 15th century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, the earliest known appearance of Mary was in 1206 to St. Dominic after he had been praying & doing severe penances due to failing to combat the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon –

explaining its uses & efficacy– and told him to preach it to others. Today it is even more critical that we acknowledge & use the power of the Rosary in not only our everyday lives but in the greater context of the world's problems: violence, hunger, poverty, natural disasters, disease...

The Consolation of the Blessed Mother

The Rosary is formative. It becomes habit to turn automatically to Mary in times of desolation, looking to her as our perfect, holy Mother and guide, as Jesus essentially asks us to do from His place on the cross:

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." (John 19:25-27)

St. Louis de Montfort – an influential promoter of and profound writer on the Rosary wrote that the Rosary:

- gradually gives us a perfect knowledge of Jesus Christ.
- purifies our souls, washing away sin.
- facilitates our ability to practice virtue.
- sets us on fire with love for Our Blessed Lord.
- enriches us with graces and merits.
- gives us victory over our enemies (the spiritual enemies that lurk in the depths of our hearts.).

The Rosary can help us cultivate such a relationship with Our Lord – and the most awesome part of the deal is that Jesus is already in love with us. He knows us! He knows our hearts, minds, stories, fears, desires, and our worries. He'll never abandon us, leave us alone or lonely.

When we know we aren't alone, we grow in strength and courage

– and are those not qualities that might be used toward the good of the world? The Rosary, as with any form of prayer, is not that we're changing others, or even changing situations or circumstances; but rather, we're allowing the Lord to transform our hearts, and by transforming our hearts, He makes us a light to shine for others.

Source: <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/10-1.cfm>; <https://www.theholyrosetary.org/>; <https://ourcatholicradio.org/blog/importance-rosary-our-times>

PARISH UPDATES

STM Key Dates | Fechas Claves de STM

- ☑ **Tuesday, Oct. 29 | martes 29 de octubre**
Confession | Confesión 5p-545P - Mass | Misa 6P
- ☑ **Oct. 30, 31, Nov 1 (Wed, Thu, Fri) Mass | Misa 830A**
- ☑ **Fri., Nov 1 All Saints Day Bilingual Mass 530P**
After Mass: Trunk or Treat, Parish Potluck follows
- ☑ **Saturday, Nov. 2 | sábado 2 de noviembre**
Adoration | Adoration 10A & "The Holy Souls of Purgatory" -Reading the Names of the Faithful Departed
Holy Souls Mass—Paradise Cemetery at 1p
Confession | Confesión 330p to 5p



ADORATION SPECIAL NOTICE
Saturday | NOV. 2 | 10A
The theme of Adoration Saturday, Nov. 2, is:
"The Holy Souls of Purgatory"
We'll read the names of our faithful departed.
If you would like the name(s) of your faithful departed read on this date, please add their name(s) to the **RED BOOK** in the Narthex. Add names by no later than Noon, Thurs. Oct. 31!
Please plan to attend Adoration on Nov. 2 at 10A

Donations to St. Thomas More Parish For the 3rd Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 2024

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\$9,447.00

\$11,849.00

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World Priest Day



TODAY! Sunday, October 27!

Today, St. Thomas More Catholic Church celebrates and affirms the men who commit their lives to the Lord and the Church via the Sacrament of Holy Orders by celebrating our own Father Chuck!

World Priest Day Prayer 2024

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.

TODAY AFTER MASS!



Food sale

SUNDAY 10/27
AFTER MASS



Nachos \$5



Ice cream
Cone \$1



Gorditas
3 x \$5



Sundae
\$4



Buñuelos
3 x \$5



Aguas
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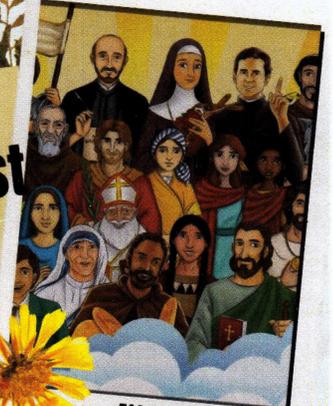
Installation of Father Chuck Kelly

NEXT Sunday; Nov. 3 at 1030A Mass

His Excellency Bishop Jaime Soto will concelebrate Mass with, and formally install Fr. Chuck as Priest of St. Thomas More. There will be one combined Spanish & English Mass. A Reception will follow. (Plz note: No Crown Rosary before Mass on Nov. 3)

Save the Date:
**All Saints Day
Celebration-Nov 1st**

5:30 pm- Bilingual Mass
AFTER MASS:
TRUNK or TREAT followed
by a PARISH POT LUCK**



**ALL CHILDREN ARE
ENCOURAGED TO DRESS UP AS
THEIR FAVORITE SAINT**

**Can you volunteer to help? Please call
Sandra Rodriguez 530.966.2855.**

PRIORITIES AT THE POLLS

By Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann

As Catholics approach the polls, we are asked to weigh many important issues. The U.S. bishops have reaffirmed that "the threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed."¹ While they did warn us not to "dismiss or ignore other serious threats to human life and dignity such as racism, the environmental crisis, poverty, and the death penalty," they did give priority to upholding and defending our brothers' and sisters' most basic right—to live.

Abortion tragically ends someone's life when he or she is most vulnerable and most in need of loving protection. Abortion is an intrinsic evil, meaning that it is never permitted or morally justified, regardless of individual circumstances or intentions. The personal and societal consequences of attacks against human life,

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whether at its earliest stages or at its final stages, are all the more serious because most often they are "carried out in the very heart of and with the complicity of the family—the family which by its nature is called to be the 'sanctuary of life.'"² This is the place where a person should be *most* loved, cherished, and protected.

Catholics are called to defend human life wherever it is threatened and stand up for human dignity wherever it is violated. The enormous number of human lives destroyed by abortion is one factor that elevates its importance. The most recent available data indicates over 2,000 children per



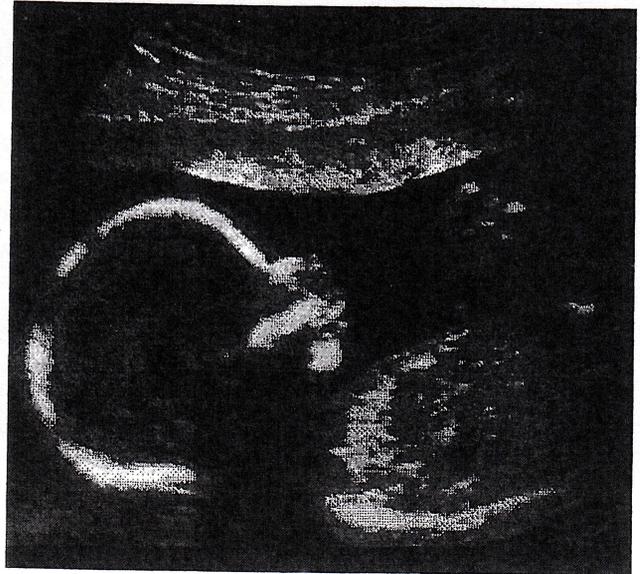
day die from abortion in the United States. Since abortion was legalized in 1973, over 61 million children have been killed—and untold numbers of women and men suffer in the aftermath.

The tragedy of abortion is also distinct in that it is currently legal to directly and intentionally take the life of an innocent human being. Current laws in our country fail to protect the lives of unborn children. Our highest Court does not recognize

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children in their mothers' wombs as persons and claims that abortion is a constitutional right. Further, many political leaders work actively to increase access to abortion. Some falsely describe it as health care and even as a basic human right.

People of good will must boldly stand up against this intrinsic evil, especially when it is occurring on a massive scale, implemented in law and funded, in some instances, by the government. As believers and citizens inspired by the Gospel and guided by the shepherds of our Church, we must do what we can to end violence in the womb, to



ensure that unborn children are fully recognized and protected by our laws, and to support mothers and fathers in embracing life.

At the time of original publication in October 2020, Archbishop Naumann was Archbishop of Kansas City, Kansas and Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

 **SIGN UP:** votervoice.net/usccb/register

Take action and contact your elected representatives about important pro-life issues.

..... Make your voice heard. 

¹ *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States*, Introductory Letter, p. 6. Washington, D.C.: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2020.

<https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/upload/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship.pdf>

² Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1995), 11.

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PRIORIDADES EN LAS URNAS

Reverendísimo Joseph F. Naumann

Se nos pide a los católicos considerar muchas cuestiones importantes al acercarnos a las urnas. Los obispos estadounidenses reafirmaron que "la amenaza del aborto sigue siendo nuestra máxima prioridad, porque ataca directamente a la vida misma, porque tiene lugar dentro del santuario de la familia y por la cantidad de vidas destruidas".¹ Aunque nos advirtieron no "descartar o ignorar otras graves amenazas para la vida y la dignidad humanas, como el racismo, la crisis ambiental, la pobreza y la pena de muerte", dieron prioridad a sostener y defender el derecho más fundamental de nuestros hermanos y hermanas: la vida.

El aborto, trágicamente, pone fin a la vida de una persona cuando está más desamparada y más necesita protección amorosa. El aborto es un mal intrínseco, y por lo tanto, nunca está permitido ni tiene justificación moral, independientemente de las circunstancias o intenciones individuales. Las consecuencias personales y sociales de los ataques

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contra la vida humana, ya sea en sus inicios o en su final, son las más graves porque con mayor frecuencia se producen "precisamente dentro y por obra de la familia, que constitutivamente está llamada a ser, sin embargo, 'santuario de la vida'".² Este es el lugar donde una persona debe ser *más* amada, atesorada y protegida.

Los católicos están llamados a defender la vida humana donde sea que esté amenazada y salir a la defensa de la dignidad humana siempre que sea atacada. La enorme cantidad de vidas humanas destruidas por el aborto es un factor que aumenta su



importancia. Los últimos datos disponibles indican que diariamente más de 2 mil niños mueren a causa del aborto en Estados Unidos. Desde la legalización del aborto en 1973, más de 61 millones de niños han sido asesinados, y un número incalculable de mujeres y hombres sufren sus consecuencias.

La tragedia del aborto también es evidente porque actualmente es legal quitar directa e intencionalmente la vida de un ser humano inocente.

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Las leyes vigentes en nuestro país no protegen la vida de los niños en el vientre materno. Nuestra Corte Suprema no reconoce como personas a los niños por nacer y afirma que el aborto es un derecho constitucional. Asimismo, muchos políticos trabajan activamente para aumentar el acceso al aborto. Algunos falsamente lo describen como atención de la salud e incluso como un derecho humano fundamental.

Las personas de buena voluntad deben alzarse decididamente contra este mal intrínseco, en especial cuando ocurre de forma masiva, implementado por la ley y financiado, en algunos casos, por el gobierno. Como creyentes y ciudadanos inspirados por el



Evangelio y guiados por los pastores de nuestra Iglesia, debemos hacer lo posible para ponerle fin a la violencia en el vientre materno, para asegurar que nuestras leyes plenamente reconozcan y protejan a los niños por nacer, y para apoyar a las madres y padres a abrazar la vida.

En el momento de la publicación original en octubre de 2020, el arzobispo Naumann era arzobispo de Kansas City, KS y presidente del Comité para las Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB.



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Actúe y contacte con sus representantes electos sobre importantes temas provida (solo en inglés).

Haga escuchar su voz.



¹ *Formando la conciencia para ser ciudadanos fieles: Llamado de los obispos católicos de los Estados Unidos a la responsabilidad política*, Nota introductoria, p.6. Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2020.

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