

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 Bilingual

Wednesday, Thurs., & Friday 830A

Sunday Readings

1st Reading Acts 2:1-11

Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Envía, Señor, tu Espíritu, a renovar la tierra. Aleluya.

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or
Romans 8:8-17

Gospel John 20:19-23 or 14:15-16, 23b-26

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 8TH

Sunday; June 8	Intentions of Theresa & Mary Anne Durant Angelo Scipi †	1030A
Domingo 8 de junio	Cumpleaños- Luz Rodriguez Intenciones de Virginia Venegas	1230P español
Tuesday; June 10	Deacon Ray's 40th Ordination Anniversary	6P
Wed.; June 11	Carol Zellmer † Deceased members of the Mangan family †	830A
Thurs.; June 12	Larry Campbell † Intentions of Maresa and Scott Kelly	830A
Friday; June 13	Ken Campbell † 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
Juanita Rivera León

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 THE POPE

The Monthly Intentions of the Pope will be published as soon as they are released by Pope Leo XIV. Let us continue to pray for both the repose of the soul of Pope Francis and for our new Pope.

INTENCIONES DE JUNIO DEL PAPA

Las Intenciones Mensuales del Papa se publicarán en cuanto las publique el Papa León XIV. Sigamos orando por el descanso del alma del Papa Francisco y por nuestro nuevo Papa.

This Week's Readings

THE TENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday; June 9th **MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH**

1st Reading: Genesis 3:9-15, 20 or Acts
1:12-14

Psalm 7:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7

Glorious things are said of you, O city of God!

Gospel: John 19:25-34

Tuesday; June 10th

1st Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:18-22

Psalm 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135

Lord, let your face shine on me.

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Wednesday; June 11th **MEMORIAL OF SAINT BARNABAS, APOSTLE**

1st Reading: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3

Psalm 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14

The glory of the Lord will dwell in our land.

Gospel: Matthew 5:20-26

Thursday; June 12th

1st Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:15 - 4:1, 3-6

Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Gospel: John 17:20-26

Friday; June 13th **MEMORIAL OF SAINT ANTHONY
OF PADUA, PRIEST AND DOCTOR
OF THE CHURCH**

1st Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15

Psalm 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18

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

Gospel: Matthew 5:27-32

Saturday; June 14th

1st Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

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

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel: Matthew 5:33-37



MEDITATION OF THE DAY

A Prayer for Pentecost

*Holy Spirit, inspire me. Love of God, consume me.
On the true path, lead me. Mary, my Mother, look
upon me. With Jesus, bless me. From all evil, from
all illusion, from all danger, preserve me.*

This morning, I was feeling low in spirits because I did not feel the presence of God. It seemed to me that my heart was like iron. I could not think of God; I invoked the Holy Spirit, saying:

"It is you who made us know Jesus. The apostles spent a long time with him without ever comprehending him; but the fire you sent down on them made them understand him. You will also make me understand him. Come, my consolation; come, my joy; come, my peace, my strength, and light. Come, give me the light to find the spring where I can quench my thirst. One ray of your light is enough to show me Jesus as he is. I ask you for no other learning, nor any other wisdom than the knowledge of how to find Jesus and the wisdom of remaining with him...."

The least thing troubles me, upsets me. I am too sensitive; I do not have enough generosity to make sacrifices for Jesus.... O Most Holy Spirit, when you sent forth the ray of light, the disciples were transformed; they were no longer what they had been before; their strength has been renewed, offering sacrifices became easy; they then got to know Jesus better than they had ever known him when he was among them.

Source of peace & light, come and enlighten me. I am hungry, come and feed me; I am thirsty, come and quench my thirst; I am blind, come and enlighten me; I am poor, come and enrich me; I am ignorant, come and instruct me. Holy Spirit, I abandon myself to you. —SAINT MARIAM BAOUARDY

Saint Mariam Baouardy († 1878), also known as Saint Mary of Jesus Crucified, was a Carmelite nun in Bethlehem. She was canonized in 2015. / From Thoughts: Saint Mary of Jesus Crucified. © 1997, Carmel of Bethlehem, Saint Mary of Jesus Crucified.

Excerpt from Magnificat Magazine, Meditation of the Day, June 8, 2025

HOMILY NOTES

This image shows a blank sheet of handwriting practice paper. It features four rows of horizontal lines designed to help children learn letter formation. Each row is defined by three lines: a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line. The rectangular area between each set of lines is filled with a light gray color. At the very bottom of the page, there are two decorative blue swirls, one on the left and one on the right corner.

¡Bienvenidos a junio! Este mes está consagrado a 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 abrió 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.



Welcome to June! This month is set apart 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.

EL CARDENAL LLAMA A LOS FIELES A HONRAR EL SAGRADO CORAZÓN DE JESÚS DURANTE TODO EL MES DE JUNIO.

El arzobispo de Toronto, cardenal Francis Leo, pidió a los fieles honrar al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús durante todo el mes de junio en lugar de "utilizar símbolos... contrarios a la revelación divina de Dios".

"Este año, la solemnidad del Sagrado Corazón se conmemora el 27 de junio, aunque todo el mes está dedicado a esta devoción tan antigua y apreciada en la Iglesia", declaró Leo en un comunicado.

Junio es un momento para reflexionar sobre el corazón amoroso, ardiente, sacrificado y vivificante de Jesús, al que Leo llamó "uno de los símbolos más profundos y perdurables de la vida devocional católica".

Para los católicos, los símbolos «nos ayudan a profundizar nuestra fe y a moldear nuestra vida de oración, sin mencionar la vida que llevamos y las decisiones que tomamos», dijo el cardenal. «Son como puentes que unen el mundo material y el espiritual y nos revelan las verdades del Evangelio».

Junio también se reconoce como el "Mes del Orgullo" en muchas ciudades de Norteamérica. Miles de personas se reúnen durante todo junio para celebrar desfiles y fiestas que celebran a la comunidad LGBTQ+. El cardenal Leo instó a los fieles de Toronto a usar símbolos este mes que "sean coherentes con nuestra fe católica y no tomados de foros ideológicos, promovidos por grupos de presión y respaldados por movimientos políticos".

[El Cardenal] dijo: «Debemos honrar y respetar nuestras tradiciones y no comprometer la integridad de la fe usando símbolos contrarios a la revelación divina de Dios».

Junio, Mes del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús. La historia continúa en la última página.

Fuente https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/06_1.cfm.

CARDINAL CALLS ON THE FAITHFUL TO HONOR THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JUNE.

Archbishop of Toronto Cardinal Francis Leo called on the faithful to honor the most Sacred Heart of Jesus throughout the month of June rather than "using symbols... contrary to God's divine revelation."

"This year the solemnity of the Sacred Heart is commemorated on June 27, though the entire month is dedicated to this long-standing and much appreciated devotion in the Church," Leo said in a statement. The month of June is a time to reflect on Jesus' "loving, burning, sacrificial, & life-giving heart," which Leo called "one of the most profound and enduring symbols in Catholic devotional life."

For Catholics, symbols "help us to deepen our faith and shape our prayer life, not to mention the lives we lead and the choices we make," the cardinal said. "They are like bridges joining together the material and spiritual worlds and reveal to us the Gospel truths."

The month of June is also recognized as "Pride Month" in many cities around North America. Thousands of people gather throughout June to hold parades and parties that celebrate the LGBTQ+ community. [Cardinal] Leo called on the faithful in Toronto to use symbols this month that "are consistent with our Catholic faith and not borrowed from ideological fora, promoted by lobby groups and endorsed by political movements."

[The Cardinal] said: "We ought to honor & respect our traditions and not compromise the integrity of the faith by using symbols that are contrary to God's divine revelation." "We do good to use our own symbols to tell our own story without resorting to trendy, misguided, and inadequate symbols that do not represent us as Catholics but rather contribute to confusion, distortions, and ambiguities about what the Catholic faith truly teaches regarding the human person, human nature, and natural moral law."

June the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus story continues on back page.

Got Your Baby Bottle?

Babies and parents need you! The CareNet baby bottle campaign is in full swing. Pick up a baby bottle under the table in the Narthex, fill it with loose your change, bills, and checks. Return it to St. Thomas More anytime between now & Father's Day, Sunday, June 15. Questions? See Kathy DeCristofaro after Mass.



Please welcome Fr. John Healy our visiting priest who will shepherd us thru Friday, July 4. Father Chuck is on vacation for the month of June.



2025 Jubilee of Hope Upcoming Events

June 19
thru
June 21

Celebrate this Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope participating in our Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession June 19 thru 21. The Procession will start June 19 in Vallejo and end on June 21 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, with many stops along the way for people across the diocese to join us on the water and land. There will be a flotilla of boats representing several yacht clubs. **Questions?** visit <https://scd.org/JubileeEuchaisticProcession>

June 26

Jubilee Sacred Heart Pilgrimage | Sacred Heart Parish, Susanville
Sacred Heart Parish in Susanville will host a pilgrimage walk to celebrate the Jubilee Year as one of the 12 pilgrimage sites. The walk begins Thursday, June 26 and ends Friday, June 27 on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The pilgrimage walk will take place on the Bizz Johnson Trail from Westwood to Susanville with an overnight camp at the midway point. The walk will conclude at Sacred Heart Parish followed by Mass with Auxiliary Bishop Rey Bersabal. Pilgrims under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Questions? For more info and registration visit sacredheartpilgrimage.net

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The Sacred Heart of Jesus, which depicts "Christ's physical heart, pierced and surrounded by thorns calling to mind his suffering and imbued with the inextinguishable flame of his love is ultimately the only symbol we really need," Leo said. "It is important for us to remember that the Sacred Heart does not merely refer to Jesus' physical heart but to his entire interior life – his will, emotions, thoughts, desires, and love. It signifies the love that motivated the Incarnation, Our Lord's earthly ministry, his passion, and ultimately the offering of himself on the cross for the redemption of the world."

"Finally, during this month of June, I would encourage you to take time to renew your consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus," Leo said. "If you haven't already consecrated yourself, your family, & household to the most Sacred Heart, please consider doing so."

Story by Tessa Gervasini



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THE WOMEN OF STM INVITE YOU TO COFFEE AND DONUTS TODAY AFTER MASS IN THE HALL. PLEASE JOIN US!



Congratulations to Our New Knights!

The Knights of Columbus, the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization, welcomed 3 new members in a ceremony following Mass last Tuesday. Congratulations to Martin Rivera, Mark Fallon and Sal Castellanos!



LEFT TO RIGHT: KNIGHT JIM COLLINS, NEWLY INSTALLED KNIGHTS: SAL CASTELLANOS, MARTIN RIVERA, MARK FALLON.

Junio, Mes del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús (continuación de la página 3)

«Hacemos bien en usar nuestros propios símbolos para contar nuestra propia historia sin recurrir a símbolos de moda, erróneos e inadecuados que no nos representan como católicos, sino que contribuyen a la confusión, las distorsiones y las ambigüedades sobre lo que la fe católica realmente enseña sobre la persona humana, la naturaleza humana y la ley moral natural».

El Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, que representa «el corazón físico de Cristo, traspasado y rodeado de espigas que evocan su sufrimiento e imbuido de la llama inextinguible de su amor, es en definitiva el único símbolo que realmente necesitamos», dijo Leo. «Es importante que recordemos que el Sagrado Corazón no se refiere únicamente al corazón físico de Jesús, sino a toda su vida interior: su voluntad, emociones, pensamientos, deseos y amor. Representa el amor que motivó la Encarnación, el ministerio terrenal de Nuestro Señor, su pasión y, en última instancia, su ofrenda en la cruz por la redención del mundo».

"Finalmente, durante este mes de junio, los animo a dedicar un tiempo a renovar su consagración al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús", dijo Leo. "Si aún no se han consagrado ustedes, su familia y su hogar al Sagrado Corazón, por favor, consideren hacerlo".



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