

# ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## About St. Thomas More

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*St. Thomas More Catholic Church*  
 767 Elliott Rd. Paradise, CA 95969  
 Office Hrs: Mon. - Thurs. 9a-2p  
 530.877.4501 (Office closed Friday)  
**Mass: Sunday 10 a.m.**

**CONFESSION 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 5P - 6P**  
 (Call to schedule an appointment)

## Important Dates

**08NOV:** Second Annual CampFire Remembrance  
**08NOV:** PARISH TOWN HALL AFTER MASS  
**08NOV:** BBQ Lunch After Parish Town Hall  
 14NOV: Women's 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Mtg  
 29NOV: First Sunday of Advent

## Sunday Readings

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 XXXII Domingo Ordinario

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Wisdom 6:12-16

**Psalms 63** *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1Thessalonians 4:13-18

Therefore, stay awake, for you know  
 neither the day nor the hour.

Matt. 25:13

## MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Awake and Watching

*As long as we are...pilgrimage together toward the Kingdom along all the highways and byways of life, a continual exchange of goods and mutual support were not only legitimate but absolutely essential. However, when we have reached the goal and suddenly find ourselves at the culminating instant of our lives ... at the very moment of*

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## NOVEMBER INTENTIONS of the HOLY FATHER

*Artificial Intelligence*

*We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may be oriented towards respecting the dignity of the person and of Creation.*

**La Inteligencia Artificial**

*Rezamos para que los avances de la robótica y la inteligencia artificial se orienten al respeto de la dignidad de la persona y de la Creación.*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR SUNDAY; NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

*The Holy Souls in Purgatory †*

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK - LET US PRAY FOR

**Suzie Aldrich**  
**Sharon Wilson**  
**Sam Weaver**  
**Deon Mangan**  
**Beverly Hegenbart**  
**Valerie Jennett**  
**Chip Dow**

**OUR 2ND ANNUAL CAMP FIRE OBSERVANCE**  
**ST. THOMAS MORE TOWN HALL**  
**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWS TODAY'S MASS**  
**A LIGHT LUNCH WILL FOLLOW THE TOWN HALL**

## This Week's Readings

### Monday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> **Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

1st Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

Psalm 46 *The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High!*

2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17

Gospel: John 2:13-22

### Tuesday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> **Saint Leo The Great**

1st Reading: Titus 2:1-8, 11-14

Psalm 37 *The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.*

Gospel: Luke 17:7-10

### Wed., Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> **Saint Martin of Tours**

1st Reading: Titus 3:1-7

Psalm 23 *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

### Thursday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> **Saint Josaphat**

1st Reading: Philemon 7-20

Psalm 146 *Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob.*

Gospel: Luke 17:20-25

### Friday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> **Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini**

1st Reading: 2John 4-9

Psalm 119 *Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!*

Gospel: Luke 17:26-37

### Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: 3John 5-8

Psalm 112 *Blessed the man who fears the Lord.*

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

**The next Sacrament of Reconciliation** is set for Thursday, Nov. 5 at STM. An appointment is required! To schedule yours please call the church office at 530.877.4501.

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## MEDITATION of the DAY: Awake and Watching

*encountering the Bridegroom face to face—each of us has to show himself to him for what we have become.... Initiation into the final stages of divine intimacy cannot be conceived in any but these most personal terms, which require the stripping down of my whole self to the essential core. All this for the simple reason that the Bridegroom yearns to behold the shape and gaze of my unique face. Because God does not love us generically, he does not look for the same quality of love in each one. At that final moment, Christ will be looking for only one thing in me: the inimitable light that he has always wanted to kindle in me and bring forth from me, the unique flame that can flare up only if I have allowed my very heart and soul to catch the fire of his love. This is the light that only I can give, the light that will result from the combustion of my whole being and all its long and intricate becoming, as it offers itself up to the invasion of God's all-consuming Fire of Mercy.*

*Sobering as the conclusion of the parable may be, we should find much comfort in the very final verse: Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. With this admonition, Jesus turns his focus away from the drama of the parable and toward his listeners in the immediate present. His concluding therefore encourages them to...begin right now to accumulate oil for the day of their own encounter with the divine Bridegroom. By penetrating words and keen, persuasive images, the patient Teacher is presently hard at work, forming virginal hearts in his hearers, showing them how to distill drop by drop the oil of fidelity and devotion into the lamps of their hearts, against the day when he, and no other, will come as ardent Lover, demanding a pure, flammable offering where his passion may eternally burn. —ERASMO LEIVA-MERIKAKIS*

*Erasmus Leiva-Merikakis, now known as Father Simeon, is a Cistercian monk living in Rome & author of a commentary on Matthew's Gospel, Fire of Mercy, Heart of the Word, with the 4th and final volume due early 2021. [From Fire of Mercy, Heart of the Word: Meditations on the Gospel According to Saint Matthew, Vol. Three (Chapters 19-25). © 2012, Ignatius Press, San Francisco, CA. www.ignatius.com.]*

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## THE SACRAMENTS

### 1st Communion, 1st Reconciliation, or Baptism?

Do you want information about the sacraments? Please call the parish office at 530-877-4501 or email us at [office@stmparadise.org](mailto:office@stmparadise.org)

### ¿Primera comunión, primera reconciliación o bautismo?

Para información acerca de los sacramentos favor de llamar a la oficina de STM.

### Sacramento de la Reconciliación

Esta programado para el jueves 5 de noviembre, en STM. Favor de llamar a la oficina para ponerlo (a) en la lista. 530.877.4501.

## Dedicación/Devoción de noviembre Las Santas Almas del Purgatorio

### NO SABEMOS NI EL DIA NI LA HORA

Dios nos ama. Es por eso que hoy, en la parábola de las jóvenes descuidadas y las previsoras, Jesús nos pone de nuevo en alerta para que estemos siempre listos para el encuentro definitivo con Él; no sea que en aquel momento nos halle con las manos vacías.

No Podemos detener el tiempo...  
Mejor es estar preparados para ese día.



**No se olviden de traer retratos de sus seres queridos que ya se han ido con el Señor. Los pondremos en el área derecha de la parte de al frente de la Iglesia.**

Misa de lunes a viernes, 8:30a, en ODS  
con Fr. Martín. No se requiere  
reservación !!



## November Devotion The Holy Souls in Purgatory



The Catholic Church dedicates the entire month of November to praying in a special way for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

The Holy Souls, also called the Faithful Departed, are members of the Church who await the purification of their souls before

joining the saints in heaven for all eternity. The poor souls in purgatory cannot pray for themselves or do anything to hasten their entrance into heaven, but we can and ought to pray for them as an act of charity. These Holy Souls have died in the state of grace but are not yet free from all punishment due to their unforgiven venial sins, and all other sins already forgiven for which satisfaction is still to be made. They are certain of entering Heaven, but first they must suffer in Purgatory. The Holy Souls cannot help themselves because for them the night has come, when no man can work (John 9:4). It is our great privilege of brotherhood that we can shorten their time of separation from God by our prayers, good works, and, especially, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

### Daily Prayer for the Week of November 8

INVOCATION: *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

### FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

O Lord, who art ever merciful and bounteous with Thy gifts, look down upon the suffering souls in purgatory. Remember not their offenses and negligences, but be mindful of Thy loving mercy, which is from all eternity. Cleanse them of their sins and fulfill their ardent desires that they may be made worthy to behold Thee face to face in Thy glory. May they soon be united with Thee and hear those blessed words which will call them to their heavenly home: "Come, blessed of My Father, take possession of the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

**Our Father, Hail Mary, Eternal rest, etc.**

Prayer Source: The Prayer Book, by Reverend John P. O'Connell, M.A., S.T.D. and Jex Martin, M.A., The Catholic Press, Inc., Chicago, IL. 1954



**You may still bring pictures of your loved ones who have passed away. All Nov., we will display them at the front of the Church on the right side.**



## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!



DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY  
of St. Vincent de Paul

### Is God Calling you to be a Sister? Come and See!

**Join us for** the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul  
ONLINE Religious Vocation Discernment Retreats.

- Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. PST and
- Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. PST.

Single Catholic Women ages 18-40 call Sr. Lisa Laguna, D.C.  
650.949.8890 or 213.210.9903 Email [srllaguna@doc1633.org](mailto:srllaguna@doc1633.org)

For Retreat info: [www.daughtersofcharity.com/retreats/](http://www.daughtersofcharity.com/retreats/).

## PARISH UPDATE

**As our weather improves and we give thanks for coming rains which will help mitigate fire danger**, its time for a yearend push of our Welcome Home to the Ridge Program. Here's what we need:

- **Bag prep:** We need your help to put together the gift bags. We've set up a special room with all the components and easy-to-follow instructions.
- **Community Outreach:** Looking for volunteers to present gift bags to homeowners.

Interested? Call the church office and ask to be put on the list for either 1) Bag Prep, 2) Community Outreach or 3) Both!!



**Attention St. Thomas Parishioners! If you have not received donation envelopes** and would like to receive them, call 530.877.4509 or e-mail us at [office@stmparadise.org](mailto:office@stmparadise.org) to request.

**The Women of St. Thomas More Will Meet Sat., Nov 14 10 a.m. for 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Gathering! We open with a Special Guest Speaker!** Covid & fire weather warnings forced a hiatus but we return with thankful hearts & praise to God as we gather for a special meeting Sat., Nov. 14, 10a in the school multipurpose room.

- Please bring a dish to share.
- Wear your mask & expect social distancing protocols
- Prepare to discuss special winter offsite.
- Hand sanitizer, extra masks, temp checks, juice, coffee and water will be provided.

We have lots to discuss & several updates to share. Questions? Need to add to the agenda? Call or text Rolawn: 678.429.3848.

Weekday Mass, 8:30a at ODS  
with Fr. Martin.  
No reservation required!



## LADIES! STM NEEDS YOUR HELP TODAY

**We need help from The Women of St. Thomas More today to serve lunch following** the Town Hall Meeting/CampFire Remembrance which immediately follows Mass.

**If you can you help** serve the food boxes and pass out utensils watch for Greg Decristofaro who, at some point near the end of the meeting, will direct helpers on where to meet.



### About The Pope's Nov. Intention on Artificial Intelligence & Robotics

Vatican News announced a video about the Pope's November Intention re: artificial intelligence (AI) and robotics. AI has made exponential advances, as evidenced by its many applications in different fields of knowledge. Today, 37% of organizations in the world have implemented AI in some way (which represents a 270% increase in the past four yrs.)

In "The Pope Video" this month, Pope Francis clarifies that this progress in robotics and AI "can make a better world possible if it is joined to the common good." In this sense, he hopes for technological progress that does not increase the inequalities in society. If it does, the Pope says, it will not be "true progress". Such progress does not take into account the dignity of the human person and care for Creation.

**BENEFITS:** AI is capable of addressing many problems facing humanity, such as evaluating the learning capacity of students... to detect opportunities for improvement. It can help people with visual or hearing impairments by developing better communication tools (such as converting text to speech or speech to text). AI can also speed up the collection, processing, and diffusion of health data to improve the diagnosis and treatment of patients, especially those living in remote areas. The same applies to the field of ecology. Through AI, it is possible to analyze data on climate change and create models that can help predict natural disasters. It can also be used to create intelligent and sustainable cities by reducing urban spending, improving the resilience of high ways and increasing energy efficiency.

**WATCH** "The Pope Video" on Technology to see his complete message. Go to the our website [STMparadise.net](http://STMparadise.net) and click the link to the Pope's Nov. Intention or find it online at [vaticannews.va](http://vaticannews.va)

**During The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, you can visit the Lord in the presence of His most Blessed Sacrament for as short as ten minutes or even less.**

What is important is that in our Eucharistic adoration or short visits to the Blessed Sacrament, we acknowledge Him deeply in our life as our God and Savior and give Him quality time and what is due Him by virtue of religion.

The Church is open during office hours.