

# ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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**CONFESSION 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 5P - 6P**

## Important Dates

**11SEP: Patriot Day -9/11- We will never forget**  
 13SEP: Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres STM 10  
 17SEP: Women of STM Meet at 10A in church narthex  
 18SEP: Women of STM host Hospitality after Mass  
 27SEP: Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres STM 10A

## Sunday Readings

*Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*XXIV Domingo Ordinario*  
**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14  
**Psalm** 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19  
 I will rise and go to my father.  
 Me levantaré y volveré a mi padre.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** 1 Timothy 1:12-17  
**Gospel** Luke 15:1-32



## MEDITATION OF THE DAY

### Lost and Found

***Finding something we have lost gives us a fresh joy, and we are happier at having found the lost object than we should have been had we***

*Meditation of the Day continues on next page*

## SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS of the HOLY FATHER

### ***Abolition of the Death Penalty***

*We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.*

### ***Abolición de la pena de muerte***

*Oramos para que la pena de muerte, que atenta contra la dignidad de la persona humana, sea legalmente abolida en todos los países.*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

*Earl J. Whatcott †*  
*Larry Campbell †*  
*William "Bill" Campbell †*

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK; LET US PRAY FOR

*Telly Gregorio*  
*Barbara Maldonado*  
*Sam Kempner*  
*Ken Keesling*  
*Jim Barnes*  
*Julie Benedetti*  
*Kimberly Helgeson Avoy*



*Arminda Rodriguez*  
*Agapito Rivera*  
*Terry Walters*  
*Miss Bella Cortez*

*Dave Valenzuela*  
*Father David Gallegos*  
*Linda Bradley*  
*Debbie Bradley*  
*Renee Kelly*  
*Samia Zumout*  
*Steve & Sharon Wilson*

## This Week's Readings

### TWENTY-FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Monday; September 12<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33

Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17

Proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes again.

Gospel: Luke 7:1-10

#### MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

#### Tuesday; Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a

Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5

We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Gospel: Luke 7:11-17

#### FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

#### Wednesday; Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: Numbers 21:4b-9

Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38

Do not forget the works of the Lord!

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: John 3:13-17

#### MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

#### Thursday; Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Psalm 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Gospel: John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35

#### MEMORIAL OF SAINTS CORNELIUS, POPE, & CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYRS

#### Friday; Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Psalm 17:1BCD, 6-7, 8B & 15

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Gospel: Luke 8:1-3

#### Saturday; September 17<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49

Psalm 56:10C-12, 13-14

I will walk in the presence of God, in the light of the living.

Gospel: Luke 8:4-15

*Meditation of the Day continued from front page.*

### MEDITATION OF THE DAY Lost and Found

never lost it. This parable, however, is concerned more with divine tenderness and compassion than with human behavior, and it expresses a great truth. Humans are too greedy to forsake things of value for love of anything inferior. That is something only God can do. For God not only brought what was not into being, but he also went after what was lost while still protecting what he left behind, and found what was lost without losing what he had in safe keeping.

This story, then, speaks of no earthly shepherd but of a heavenly one, and far from being a portrayal of human activity, this whole parable conceals divine mysteries, as becomes clear from the number mentioned when Christ says: Which of you, if you had a hundred sheep and lost one of them.... You see how the loss of a single sheep made the shepherd grieve as though the whole flock were no longer in safe keeping but had gone astray, & how this made him leave the ninety-nine to go after the lost one & search for it, so that its recovery might make the flock complete again. But let us now unfold the hidden meaning of this heavenly parable. The man who owns the hundred sheep is Christ. He is the Good Shepherd, the loving shepherd, who in a single sheep, that is in Adam, fashioned the whole flock of humankind. He set this sheep in a place of rich pasturage amidst the pleasures of paradise, but heedless of the shepherd's voice it trusted in the howling of wolves, lost the protection of the sheepfold, and was pierced through by deadly wounds.

Christ therefore came into the world to look for it, and he found it in the Virgin's womb. He came in the body assumed at his human birth, and raising that body on the cross, he placed the lost sheep on his own shoulders by his Passion. Then in the intense joy of the resurrection he brought it to his heavenly home. And he called his friends and neighbors, that is the angels, and said to them: Rejoice with me, for I have found the sheep that was lost.

The angels joined Christ in gladness and rejoicing at the return of the Lord's sheep. They did not take it amiss that he now reigned over them upon the throne of majesty, for the sin of envy had long since been banished from heaven together with the devil, and it could not gain entry there again through the Lamb who took away the sin of the world! Brothers and sisters, Christ sought us on earth; let us seek him in heaven. He has borne us up to the glory of his divinity; let us bear him in our bodies by holiness. —SAINT PETER CHRYSOLOGUS

*Saint Peter Chrysologus († 450), Doctor of the Church, was Archbishop of Ravenna, Italy. / From Celebrating Sundays: Reflections from the Early Church on the Sunday Gospels. © Stephen Mark Holmes, 2012. Published by Canterbury Press, Norwich.*

*Excerpt from Magnificat Magazine, Meditation of the Day, Sept. 11, 2022*

“He is The Bread sown in the virgin, leavened in the Flesh, molded in His Passion, baked in the furnace of the Sepulcher, placed in the Churches, and set upon the Altars, which daily supplies Heavenly Food to the faithful.” — St. Peter Chrysologus



**Septiembre está tradicionalmente dedicado a los Siete Dolores (o Dolores) de María, y el mes de la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de los Dolores.**

The Seven Sorrows

1. Profecía de Simeón: (Lucas 2:34-35)
2. La huida a Egipto: (Mateo 2:13-21)
3. La pérdida del Santo Niño en Jerusalén por tres días: (Lucas 2:41-50)
4. El encuentro con Jesús en su camino al Calvario: (Juan 19:17)
5. De pie en el pie de la Cruz: (Juan 19:18-30)
6. Jesús siendo bajado de la Cruz: (Juan 19:39-40)
7. Y la sepultura de Cristo: (Juan 19:39-42)

Simeón hizo una profecía a María: Entonces Simeón los bendijo y dijo a su madre María: "Este niño está puesto para caída y para levantamiento de muchos en Israel, y para ser una señal que será contrarrestada para que los pensamientos internos de muchos será revelado, y una espada traspasará tu propia alma también."

Lucas 2:34-35

Este mes, nos sentimos atraídos por el martirio espiritual que experimentó la Santísima Madre durante el martirio físico de Jesús. Los males del pecado son manifiestos pero vencidos a través del intenso sufrimiento. Las lágrimas de angustia de la Santísima Madre reflejan el lavado del pecado por parte de Dios.

La próxima semana publicaremos la coronilla de los Siete Dolores, que es una devoción que tal vez desee considerar explorar.

**ORACIÓN DE ESTA SEMANA A NUESTRA MADRE DE LOS DOLORES**

Madre nuestra de los dolores, con la fuerza de lo alto te paraste junto a la cruz, compartiendo los sufrimientos de Jesús, y con tierno cuidado lo llevaste en tus brazos, gimiendo y llorando.

Te alabamos por tu fe, que aceptó la vida que Dios planeó para ti. Te alabamos por tu esperanza, que confiaba en que Dios haría grandes cosas en ti. Te alabamos por tu amor al soportar con Jesús los dolores de su pasión.

Santa María, que podamos seguir tu ejemplo y apoyar a todos tus hijos que necesitan consuelo y amor.

Madre de Dios, apóyanos en nuestras pruebas y cuídanos en nuestras muchas necesidades. Ruega por nosotros ahora y en la hora de nuestra muerte. ¡Amén!

**Oración Fuente:** <https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=2456>  
**Fuentes:** [https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/08\\_1.cfm](https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/08_1.cfm); <http://www.themostholysorrows.com/appendix1.htm>



**September is traditionally dedicated to the Seven Sorrows (or Dolours) of Mary & the month for the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.**

The Seven Sorrows

- 1) The Prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:34-35)
- 2) The Flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-21)
- 3) The Loss of Jesus for Three Days (Luke 2:41-50)
- 4) The Carrying of the Cross (John 19:17)
- 5) The Crucifixion of Jesus (John 19:18-30)
- 6) Jesus Taken Down from the Cross (John 19:39-40)
- 7) Jesus Laid in the Tomb (John 19:39-42)

Simeon made a prophecy to Mary: Then Simeon blessed them & said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." Luke 2:34-35

This month, we are drawn into the spiritual martyrdom that the Blessed Mother experienced during the physical martyrdom of Jesus. The evils of sin are manifest but conquered through intense suffering. The Blessed Mother's tears of anguish reflect God's washing away of sin.

Next week we will publish the Seven Sorrows chaplet, which is a devotion that you may wish to explore.

**THIS WEEK'S PRAYER to Our Mother of Sorrows**

Our mother of sorrows, with strength from above you stood by the cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and with tender care you bore Him in your arms, mourning and weeping.

We praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you. We praise you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things in you. We praise you for your love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of His passion.

Holy Mary, may we follow your example, and stand by all your children who need comfort and love.

Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen!

**Prayer Source:** <https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=2456>  
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# PARISH UPDATES

## Ticket sales begin TODAY!

The Women of St. Thomas More  
Present

THE  
2ND ANNUAL  
TASTE OF HEAVEN ON EARTH  
WINE & CHOCOLATE EXTRAVAGANZA

SATURDAY  
OCT. 22ND



3P TO 6P

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
767 ELLIOTT RD. - PARADISE, CA.  
TICKETS \$10.00

Proceeds from this fundraiser help support the work of the STM Women's Group on the Ridge.

**See you Saturday, Oct. 22, 3p to 6p!**

**The Women of St. Thomas More are so excited** to bring you the 2nd Annual Wine & Chocolate Extravaganza! Thanks to you, last year's event was a great success. We hope you will support us again this year. We'll have great wine, yummy desserts & appetizers, and loads of fun! Please support us by purchasing your tickets. Proceeds from this event support the works of charity of The Women of STM on behalf of our parish.

## Children's Faith Formation Begins TODAY!



Children's Faith Formation begins September 11. Registration is open for all children in kindergarten through sixth grade. In addition, sacrament preparation is also available for children who are ready to receive their First Reconciliation & First Communion. Question? See Sandra Rodriguez for more information.

## ¡La formación de fe de los niños comienza HOY!

Nuestro programa de Formación de Fe comenzará Septiembre 11. Todos los niños/as de kínder a sexto grado se pueden registrar. También se ofrecerá preparación para Primera Reconciliación y Primera Comunión. Comunicarse con Sandra Rodriguez para mas información.

## KEY DATES THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD & SAVIOR



DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday; Sept. 12	9A to 2P	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Tuesday; Sept. 12	9A to 2P	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Wednesday; Sept. 13	9A to 2P	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Thursday; Sept. 8	9A to 2P	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

## Save These DATES WOMEN OF ST. THOMAS MORE!

As summer winds down, our activities gear up! Please keep these important dates in mind. Especially our next meeting Saturday, Sept. 17 at 10A in the church Narthex. Bring a snack!

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sat.; Sept. 17	10A	Women of STM Meet Church Narthex
Sun., Sept. 18	After Mass	The Women of STM host hospitality after Mass
Sat.; Oct. 15	10A	Women of STM Meet Church Narthex
Sun.; Oct. 16	After Mass	The Women of STM host hospitality after Mass

Sat.; Oct. 22 3P - 6P STM 2nd Annual Wine and Chocolate Extravaganza!



Great News! Parishioners no longer need to call the office to be put on a list for Confessions.

¡Una gran noticia! Los feligreses ya no necesitan llamar a la oficina para ser incluidos en una lista de Confesiones.



"I did not see the devil's face at Ground Zero. I saw the face of God in the people working, caring, sweating, crying, rescuing, recovering and being very spiritual in their very humanness." -Franciscan Father Joseph Bayne, chief chaplain of New York's Erie County Emergency Services