

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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CONFESSION 1st Wednesday 5P - 6P

Important Dates

30JUL: 2nd Collection for St. Vincent de Paul today
 02AUG: Sacrament of Reconciliation STM 5P
 02AUG: Celebration of Holy Mass STM 6P
 05AUG: Adoration/Holy Hour STM 10A
 06AUG: Secular Franciscan **Crown Rosary STM 10A**
 06AUG: Secular Franciscan Meeting STM After Mass
 22AUG: Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres STM 10

Sunday Readings

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
XVII Domingo Ordinario

1st Reading 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

Lord, I love your commands.

Yo amo, Señor, tus mandamientos.

2nd Reading Romans 8:28-30

Gospel Matthew 13:44-52



MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Recognizing the Great Treasure We Have in Christ
Those whom God has foreknown he has also predestined to become conformed to the image of his divine Son. And those whom he has

Meditation of the Day continues on next page

JULY INTENTIONS of the HOLY FATHER

For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Por una vida eucarística

Oramos para que los católicos puedan poner la celebración de la Eucaristía en el centro de sus vidas, transformando las relaciones humanas de manera muy profunda y abriéndose al encuentro con Dios y con todos sus hermanos y hermanas.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SUNDAY JULY 30TH

Major L. Brown †

The Intentions of Julieta Rivera on her birthday

The Intentions of Beatriz & Margarita Rivera



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Bill Kirby

Larry Penna

Carrie Sue Sonsteng

John Johnson

Maria del Refugio Garcia

Jose Raul Saavedra

David Jorgenson

Rod Montgomery

Bruce Hasek

Judi Moreno

Dan Hegenbart

Kathy & Greg DeCristofaro

Kimberly Helgeson Avoy

Eduardo Dominguez Espinosa

The Wise Family

Sam Kempner

Renee Kelly

Samia Zumout

Sharon Wilson

Ken Keesling

Angela Babcock

This Week's Readings

SEVENTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Monday; July 31st MEMORIAL OF SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST

1st Reading: Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34

Psalm 106:19-20, 21-22, 23

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Gospel: Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday; August 1st MEMORIAL OF SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

1st Reading: Exodus 33:7-11;

34:5b-9, 28

Psalm 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel: Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday; August 2nd

1st Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99:5, 6, 7, 9

Holy is the Lord our God.

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday; August 3rd

1st Reading: Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38

Psalm 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11

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

Gospel: Matthew 13:47-53

Friday; August 4th MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST

1st Reading: Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37

Psalm 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab

Sing with joy to God our help.

Gospel: Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday; August 5th

1st Reading: Genesis Leviticus 25:1, 8-17

Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 7-8

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Gospel: Matthew 14:1-12



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MEDITATION OF THE DAY Recognizing the Great Treasure We Have in Christ

predestined he has also called; and those whom he has called he has also justified; and those whom he has justified he has also glorified. What then shall we say after that? If God is for us, who can be against us? Who will separate me from the love of Christ? (Rom 8:29-31, 35).

This is how the mystery of divine election appeared to the enlightened gaze of the Apostle. Those whom he has foreknown: Are not we of that number? Cannot God say to our soul what he once said through the voice of his prophet: I passed by you and saw you. I saw that the time had come for you to be loved. I spread my garment over you. I swore to you to protect you, and I made a covenant with you, and you became mine (Ez 16:8). Yes, we have become his through baptism, that is what Paul means by these words: he called them; yes, called to receive the seal of the Holy Trinity; at the same time we have been made, in the words of Saint Peter, sharers in the divine nature (2 Pt 1:4), we have received a beginning of his existence (Heb 3:14). Then, he has justified us by his sacraments, by his direct “touches” in our contemplation in the depths of our soul; justified us also by faith and according to the measure of our faith in the redemption that Jesus Christ has acquired for us. And finally, he wants to glorify us, and for that reason, says Saint Paul, he has made us worthy to share in the inheritance of the saints in light (Col 1:12), but we will be glorified in the measure in which we will have been conformed to the image of his divine Son.

So let us contemplate this adored Image, let us remain unceasingly under its radiance so that it may imprint itself on us; let us go to everything with the same attitude of soul that our holy Master would have. Then we will realize the great plan by which God has resolved in himself to restore all things in Christ (Eph 1:9- 10). — SAINT ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY

Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity († 1906) was a French Carmelite nun whose writings focused on the indwelling of the Trinity. She died from Addison's disease at the age of twenty-six. / From I Have Found God: Complete Works, Volume I, General Introduction: Major Spiritual Writings, Sister Aletheia Kane, O.C.D., Tr. © 1984, ICS Publications, Washington Province of Discalced Carmelites, Inc., Washington, DC.

Excerpt from Magnificat Magazine, Meditation of the Day, July 30, 2023

DID YOU KNOW? ALL WOMEN OF ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH ARE AUTOMATIC MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN OF STM LADIES GROUP! WE MEET ONCE A MONTH! LOTS OF FUN & FELLOWSHIP. AND WE PUT ON A REALLY COOL EVENT IN OCTOBER - AN ANNUAL WINE & CHOCOLATE TASTING. SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!



¡Hoy finaliza el mes de julio dedicado a la Preciosísima Sangre de Jesús! Hay dos oraciones cortas pero poderosas a continuación para terminar este mes.



Today ends the month of July dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus! There are two short but powerful prayers below to end this month.

La fiesta de la Preciosa Sangre de Nuestro Señor fue instituida en 1849 por Pío IX, pero la devoción es tan antigua como el cristianismo. Los primeros Padres dicen que la Iglesia nació del costado traspasado de Cristo, y que los sacramentos fueron producidos a través de Su Sangre. "La Preciosa Sangre que adoramos es la Sangre que el Salvador derramó por nosotros en el Calvario y reasumió en Su gloriosa Resurrección; es la Sangre que corre por las venas de Su cuerpo resucitado, glorificado y vivo a la diestra de Dios Padre en el cielo; es la Sangre que se hace presente en nuestros altares con las palabras de la Consagración; es la Sangre que nos mereció la gracia santificante y por ella lava y embellece nuestra alma e inaugura en ella el comienzo de la vida eterna".

Dos oraciones cortas pero poderosas a la Preciosa Sangre

Padre Eterno, te ofrezco la Preciosísima Sangre de Jesucristo, en satisfacción por mis pecados, en súplica por las santas almas del Purgatorio y por las necesidades de la Santa Iglesia [especialmente por el alma de (Nombre)].

Esta oración se encuentra al final de la Letanía de la Preciosa Sangre:

Dios todopoderoso y eterno, Tú has designado a Tu Hijo unigénito como Redentor del mundo y quisiste ser aplacado con su sangre. Concédenos, te suplicamos, que podamos adorar dignamente este precio de nuestra salvación y por su poder seamos salvaguardados de los males de la vida presente para que podamos gozar de sus frutos para siempre en el cielo. Por el mismo Cristo nuestro Señor. Amén.

FUENTES: <https://ollakes.org/monthly-devotions-2#:~:text=The%20month%20of%20July%20is,brought%20forth%20through%20His%20Blood>

Oración: : <https://www.ccj3.org/3-powerful-precious-blood-prayers/>
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The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

"The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Savior shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it."

Two Short But Powerful Prayers to the Precious Blood

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, in satisfaction for my sins, in supplication for the holy souls in Purgatory and for the needs of Holy Church [especially for the soul of (Name)].

This prayer is found at the end of the Litany of the Precious Blood:

Almighty and eternal God, Thou hast appointed Thine only-begotten Son the Redeemer of the world and willed to be appeased by his blood. Grant, we beg of Thee, that we may worthily adore this price of our salvation and through its power be safeguarded from the evils of the present life so that we may rejoice in its fruits forever in heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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PARISH UPDATES

Baby Bottle Blessings

Kathy & Greg DiChristofaro made a presentation to Ashley Lundberg of CareNet, on behalf of the parishioners of STM, from our Baby Blessing

Bottles! Thanks to you we raised nearly \$3,000! Needless to say Ms. Lundberg and the CareNet team are very grateful for your support!

If you still have the baby bottles please return to the church empty or full. We need them for the next fundraiser! Thanks. Kathy DeCristofaro, STM Respect Life Ministry & Care Net liaison for STM.



1ST BAPTIST FOOD PANTRY RECEIVES SUPPORT FROM STM

Louise Cambray, Dee Cox, Greg & Kathy D., made a year-end donation to the 1st Baptist Church Food Pantry on behalf of parishioners at STM.




Mark Your Calendar: STM Celebrates World Day for Grandparents & Elderly on Sunday; September 10th!

St. Thomas More typically celebrates Grandparents & the Elderly with an Ice Cream Social in July but we have a new date! It's Sunday Sept. 10th. The U.S. bishops moved this celebration to the first weekend after Labor Day in September to coincide with National Grandparents (and the Elderly) Day in the U.S., as many local communities, schools, and parishes have celebrated for some time. So, St. Thomas More complies with this change by moving our Ice Cream Social to Sunday, Sept. 10th after Mass.

In 2021, Pope Francis established the celebration of the World Day for Grandparents & Elderly on the 4TH Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim & Anne, the grandparents of Jesus (July 26). The theme for 2023 selected by the pope is "His mercy is from age to age" (Lk 1:50).

Reminder for Wednesday Aug. 2
Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Thomas More - 5 p.m.
Summer Mass at St. Thomas More - 6 p.m.




SAVE YOUR PULL TABS FOR The Women of STM FUNDRAISER

The Women of STM are partnering with The Lions to help Ronald MacDonald houses. Please save the pull tabs from soda cans & drop them off at church into the little white house (shown at left) on the table in the narthex.

Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) is a nonprofit family & children's charity dedicated to supporting families with sick children in their time of need.

RMHC programs provide comfort, care and support for families with sick children when its needed most. Your pull tab donations will help these families feel at home. Even when they aren't.

All pull tabs collected will be given to Joe DiDucca & Barbara Braun, STM parishioners, who work with the Lions Club. We plan to collect pull tabs through the Christmas season.

SUMMER UPDATE!
Secular Franciscan Crown Rosary,
Christian Prayer & Meeting
Returns
Sunday, August 6
 Crown Rosary 10A | Christian Prayer 10:40A

JUBILEE PHOTO SLIDE SHOW
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!

To purchase a thumb drive of the photos please call the church office & leave your name & phone number. The cost is \$10.

75 Years on the Ridge!