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Mass: Sunday at Noon
CONFESSION 1st Wednesday 5P - 6P

Important Dates

19NOV: Women of STM meeting in church Narthex 10A
20NOV: Women of STM Host Hospitality after Mass
20NOV: St. Thomas More Parish Town Hall - 120p
22NOV: Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres STM 10A
24NOV: Thanksgiving Day
27NOV: Advent By Candlelight
07DEC: Sacrament of Reconciliation STM 5P

Sunday Readings

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
XXXIII Domingo Ordinario
1st Reading Malachi 3:19-20a
Psalm 98:5-6, 7-8, 9
The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.
Toda la tierra ha visto al Salvador.
2nd Reading 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
Gospel Luke 21:5-19

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

"It will lead to your giving testimony"

My dearest darling sister: Saturday, as I was going to pick up my pass to go to Tegernsee, I was arrested *and taken to Munich. Now*

Meditation of the Day continues on next page

NOVEMBER INTENTIONS of the HOLY FATHER

Children Who Suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Niños que sufren

Oramos por los niños que sufren, especialmente por los que no tienen hogar, los huérfanos y las víctimas de la guerra; que se les garantice el acceso a la educación y la oportunidad de experimentar el afecto familiar.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13TH

The Holy Souls †

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK; LET US PRAY FOR

Angela Coker
Peg McMahon
Sleeman Family
Kathy & Greg DeCristofaro
Vivian Carrillo
Tom Kelly
Barbara Maldonado
Ken Keesling

Jacob "Jack" Rehmann
Ken Keesling
Jim Barnes
Miss Bella Cortez
Agapito Rivera
Maximina Leon Mendez
Kimberly Helgeson Avoy
Eduardo Dominguez Espinoza
Renee Kelly
Samia Zumout
Sharon Wilson
Sam Kempner

This Week's Readings

THIRTY-THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday; November 14th
1st Reading: Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5
Psalm1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6
Those who are victorious I will feed from the tree of life.
Gospel: Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday; November 15th
1st Reading: Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22
Psalm15:2-3A, 3BC-4AB, 5
I will seat the victor beside me on my throne.
Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday; November 16th
1st Reading: Revelation 4:1-11
Psalm 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6
Holy, holy, holy Lord, mighty God!
Gospel: Luke 19:11-28

Thursday; Nov.17th MEMORIAL OF SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, RELIGIOUS
1st Reading: Revelation 5:1-10
Psalm149:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6A & 9B
The Lamb has made us a kingdom of priests to serve our God.
Gospel: Luke 19:41-44

Friday; November 18th
1st Reading: Revelation 10:8-11
Psalm 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131
How sweet to my taste is your promise!
Gospel: Luke 19:45-48

Saturday; November 19th
1st Reading: Revelation 11:4-12
Psalm 144:1, 2, 9-10
Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!
Gospel: Luke 20:27-40

Meditation of the Day continued from front page.

MEDITATION OF THE DAY "It will lead to your giving testimony"

for the first time in my life I'm sitting in a cell and do not know what tomorrow will bring. But being in prison isn't as bad as I thought, and I'm glad that I haven't lost my peace of mind; in fact, I'm often in very good spirits. Don't worry, my dear, and have no anxiety about me. These days are difficult, but those that preceded were no less so. You know how hard the separation from wife and children is for me. But my faith and hope are strong, and they help me. I feel as if I were especially close to you, to all who are dear to me, and I know that the bonds of love are indestructible. I know there is nothing for me to do now but to shoulder whatever may come and to bear it. And don't think I'm not capable of bearing it, or that fear is robbing me of sleep. My strength grows with the burden....

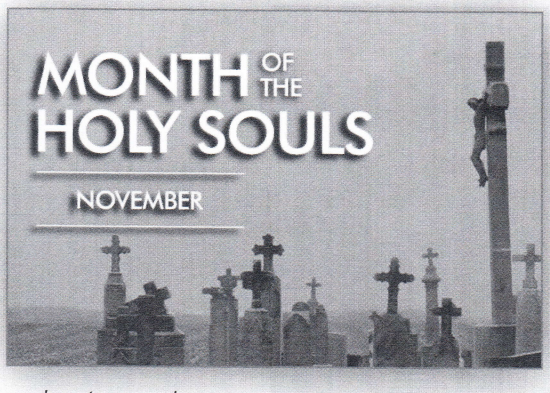
***My little sister, you dear half of my life & being**, don't be distressed—it isn't worthwhile. Don't be sad or despairing. One does not fashion one's own fate, and can do nothing but bear it. I see your warm brown eyes (which had better not be wet with tears), I see your lovely face, from which so much love always shines out to me. I hear your voice, saying so many dear things to me. And when I see your whole image before me, I feel much more than words can tell, and then my heart runs over.*

***[Dear Mother:] I thank you for having given me life**. When I really think it through, it has all been a single road to God. Do not grieve that I must now skip the last part of it. Soon I shall be closer to you than before. In the meantime I'll prepare a glorious reception for you all. I never knew that dying is so easy. I die without any feeling of hatred. Never forget that life is nothing but a growing in love and a preparation for eternity.* —CHRISTOPH PROBST

Christoph Probst († 1943) was a university student in Munich and a member of the White Rose movement, an underground resistance movement to the Nazi regime. He was beheaded by guillotine in Munich's Stadelheim Prison. Before being put to death he was received into the Catholic Church. / From Dying We Live: The Final Messages & Records of the Resistance, Helmut Gollwitzer, Kathe Kuhn, Reinhold Schneider, Eds., Reinhard C. Kuhn, Tr. Translation copyright © 1956 by Penguin Random House LLC.

Excerpt from Magnificat Magazine, Meditation of the Day, Nov. 13, 2022

"Now my death will be easy and joyful" -Christoph Probst
(Said after a Catholic priest conditionally [sub condition] baptized him and had heard his first Confession.)



La Iglesia ha dedicado el mes de noviembre a Las Benditas Almas del Purgatorio *para que los fieles puedan concentrarse en la importancia crítica de la oración por las santas almas que no pueden orar por sí mismas.*

Es nuestro deber, por tanto, rezar por *los fieles que sufren en el Purgatorio. Las Almas Benditas son aquellas que han muerto en estado de gracia pero que aún no están libres de todo castigo debido a sus pecados veniales no perdonados y todos los demás pecados ya perdonados por los cuales aún se debe hacer la satisfacción. Están seguros de entrar en el Cielo, pero primero deben sufrir en el Purgatorio. Las Almas Benditas no pueden ayudarse a sí mismas porque para ellas ha llegado la noche, cuando nadie puede trabajar (Juan 9:4). Es nuestro gran privilegio de hermandad poder acortar su tiempo de separación de Dios por medio de nuestras oraciones, buenas obras y, especialmente, el Santo Sacrificio de la Misa.*

Según la tradición, Nuestro Señor le dijo a Santa Gertrudis *la Grande que cada vez que recitara piadosamente la oración que se reproduce a continuación, aliviaría enormemente el sufrimiento de aquellas santas almas en el purgatorio.*

Santa Gertrudis la Grande fue una monja, escritora y mística alemana del siglo XIII que fue agraciada con muchas visiones celestiales, incluida una de las primeras místicas a las que Jesús alentó la devoción a su Sagrado Corazón. Se cuenta que Jesús le mostró un gran número de almas que entraban al cielo desde el purgatorio como resultado de su recitación fiel y frecuente de esta oración.

Sin embargo, *aunque esta oración ha sido durante mucho tiempo parte de nuestra tradición católica, no se concede indulgencia oficialmente. Esto significa que la Santa Sede ha declarado que debemos rechazar cualquier afirmación de que un número específico de almas son liberadas del purgatorio con la recitación de la oración. No obstante, la Iglesia siempre ha alentado la oración ferviente por los que sufren en el purgatorio porque nuestras oraciones ayudan a aliviar su sufrimiento.*

ORACIÓN DE SANTA GERTRUDIS LA GRANDE POR LAS ALMAS DEL PURGATORIO

Padre Eterno, te ofrezco la Preciosísima Sangre de Tu Divino Hijo, Jesús, en unión con las misas celebradas en todo el mundo hoy, por todas las almas santas del purgatorio, por los pecadores de todas partes, por los pecadores de la iglesia universal, los de mi propia casa y dentro de mi familia. Amén.

—St. Gertrude the Great

Fuente y Oración: https://www.goodcatholic.com/prayer-for-the-holy-souls-in-purgatory-by-st-gertrude-the-great/

The Church has dedicated the month of November to The Holy Souls in Purgatory so that the faithful can *focus on the critical importance of prayer for the holy souls who cannot pray for themselves.*

It is our duty, therefore, *to pray for the suffering faithful in Purgatory. The Holy Souls are those who have died in the state of grace but who 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.*

According to tradition, Our Lord told St. Gertrude the Great that *each time she piously recited the prayer reprinted below, it would greatly ease the suffering of those holy souls in purgatory.*

St. Gertrude the Great was a 13th-century German nun, writer, and mystic who was graced with many heavenly visions, including being one of the earliest mystics to whom Jesus encouraged a devotion to his Sacred Heart. It is recounted that Jesus showed her a vast number of souls entering heaven from purgatory as a result of her faithful and frequent recitation of this prayer.

However, while this prayer has long been a part of our Catholic tradition, it is not officially indulgenced. This means that the Holy See has declared that we should reject any claims that a specific number of souls are released from purgatory with the recitation of the prayer. Nonetheless, the Church has always encouraged fervent prayer for those suffering in purgatory because our prayers help to alleviate their suffering.

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT'S PRAYER For the Souls in Purgatory

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen. —St. Gertrude the Great

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PARISH UPDATES

Women of St. Thomas More Meeting

Saturday; Nov. 19 | 10A | STM Narthex

This will be our "giving thanks" meeting so please bring a dish to share. We will debrief on the Choc/ Wine Fest, review our activities calendar, Sunday hospitality handling, and budget updates.

Sunday; Nov. 27 | Advent by Candlelight

Women of STM Host Hospitality

Sunday; Nov. 20 | After Mass | Narthex

Please join the Women of STM for snacks and beverages after Mass. This will be a quick grab so we can begin the Town Hall by 1:20p.

STM Parish Town Hall Meeting!

Sunday ; Nov. 20 | 1:20P | Church

A new Family Life Center is in our future! There's lots to discuss at our annual meeting! We'll hear from Greg about the build & other news, and we look forward to hearing from you.

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, give Him quality time, and what is due Him by virtue of religion.

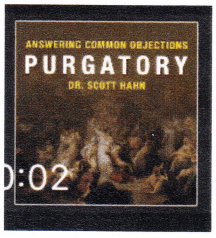
—The Church is open during office hours.—

KEY DATES THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD & SAVIOR

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday; Nov. 14	9A to 2P	EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Tuesday; Nov. 15	9A to 2P	EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Wed.; Nov. 16	9A to 2P	EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Thursday; Nov. 17	9A to 2P	EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Friday; Nov. 18	9A to 2P	EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

PURGATORY IS REAL!!

Be sure to check out the great videos on FORMED this month that will help us better understand Purgatory & the critical importance of prayers for the faithful departed. https://formed.org/



- ***PURGATORY by Dr. Scott Hahn*** *provides answers to common objections. This is more a radio broadcast so you can listen in the time it takes you to drive to Chico and back. Get FORMED on your smartphone and tune in on your next trip to COSTCO!* http://watch.formed.org/videos/purgatory-by-dr-scott-hahn

- ***WHAT IS PURGATORY?*** *This is an excellent video (only 8 minutes) of a conversation between a moderator and an expert on purgatory, purpose, and the role we play!* http://watch.formed.org/videos/what-is-purgatory