

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Mass: Sunday at Noon

CONFESSION 1st Wednesday 5P - 6P

Important Dates

26SEP: Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres STM 10A
 27SEP: Funeral Mass for William Collins STM 10:30A
27SEP: 40 Days 4 Life Prayer Campaign Begins!
 30SEP: Women of STM Choc & Wine Event Mtg STM10A
 30SEP: Funeral Mass for Michael Golick STM 11am
 01OCT: Crown Rosary 10A / Christian Prayer 1040A STM
 07OCT: Blessing of the Animals STM 10A

Sunday Readings

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
XXV Domingo Ordinario

1st Reading Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalms 145:2-3,8-9,17-18

The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso.

2nd Reading Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16a



MEDITATION OF THE DAY

The Bounty of the Landowner

The apparent arbitrariness of the landowner (“since I am the boss, can I not do whatever I want?”) is only a worldly decoy

Meditation of the Day continues on next page

SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS of the HOLY FATHER

For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Para las personas que viven en los márgenes

Oramos por aquellas personas que viven al margen de la sociedad, en condiciones de vida inhumanas; que las instituciones no los pasen por alto y nunca los consideren de menor importancia.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH

Earl Whatcott †

Al Penna †

Teresa Sanchez †

In thanksgiving for the birthdays of Esmeralda Rivera & Paul Penna



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Victoria Wilsey
 Parmenio Ospina
 Sofia Garcia
 Barbara Collins
 Dan Hegenbart
 David Jorgenson
 Sam Kempner
 Tommy Bechtold

Rod Montgomery
 Kathy & Greg DeCristofaro
 Samia Zumout
 Mary Helgeson Dentino
 and Chloé
 Carrie Sue Sonsteng
 Larry Penna

Kimberly Helgeson Avoy
 Karen Phillips
 David Moreno
 Bruce Hasek
 Barbara Maldonado
 Renee Kelly
 John Johnson

This Week's Readings

TWENTY-FIFTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Monday; September 25th

1st Reading: Ezra 1:1-6
 Psalm 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6
 The Lord has done marvels for us.
 Gospel: Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday; September 26th

1st Reading: Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20
 Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5
 Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.
 Gospel: Luke 8:19-21

Wed.; Sept. 27th **MEMORIAL OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST**

1st Reading: Ezra 9:5-9
 Psalm Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8
 Blessed be God, who lives for ever.
 Gospel: Luke 9:1-6

Thursday; September 28th

1st Reading: Haggai 1:1-8
 Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b
 The Lord takes delight in his people.
 Gospel: Luke 9:7-9

Friday; Sept. 29th **FEAST OF SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS**

1st Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
 or Revelation 12:7-12ab
 Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5
 In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.
 Gospel: John 1:47-51

Saturday; Sept. 30th **MEMORIAL OF SAINT JEROME, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

1st Reading: Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a
 Psalm Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13
 Come with joy into the presence of the Lord.
 Gospel: The Lord will guard us as a shepherd guards his flock.



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MEDITATION OF THE DAY The Bounty of the Landowner

containing the mystery of God's freedom, which is the very opposite of arbitrariness. God must give [the one and same wage] to all because the one thing he has to give is his Son—single, whole, undivided, all-sufficient.... He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him? (Rom 8:32).... [The point] is precisely that infinitely bountiful mercy of Christ, impossible for any of us to merit, that puts itself lovingly in the place of the sinner in order to justify him before the holiness of God and make him worthy of participating in God's own holy life. This is the fulfillment of all righteousness because God's justice, even while condemning sin, has always tended in the direction of justifying the sinner and raising him to fullness of life. But this unheard-of event could not happen before the Incarnation of the Word made possible God's humiliation in Christ, before the crucified Jesus himself became the first of those whose abundant love makes them thirst unto death for the fulfillment of righteousness. It is this purely divine and redemptive conception of righteousness that Jesus is teaching in this parable, which is therefore a revelation of the depths of his own superabundant love, sheer madness to the logic of the world. Jesus pays our wages in his own blood— enough to nourish us throughout eternity—before he has received anything from us.

The whole exhausting process of hiring at different times during the day, the accomplishment of the work itself, and then the climax at sunset at the moment of paying out the wages—all of this has been a drama set up by the landowner/Lord in order to provoke a conversion of heart in us all through an illumination of the true nature of the kingdom. The parable is a catechesis meant to transform the natural man and his pagan values and mentality into a Christian with the generous mind and redeeming heart of Christ, that is, into a being capable of bearing the full joy and glory of a kingdom where every breath is an act of love.

—ERASMO LEIVA-MERIKAKIS

Erasmus Leiva-Merikakis, now known as Father Simeon, is a Trappist monk. He is the author of Fire of Mercy, Heart of the Word, a four-volume commentary on Matthew's Gospel. / 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.

Excerpt from Magnificat Magazine, Meditation of the Day, September 24, 2023



The Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels, Friday, September 29th.

A medida que nuestra dedicación a los siete dolores de María, Nuestra Señora de los Dolores, llega a su fin a finales de septiembre, terminamos con una Letanía a Nuestra Señora de los Dolores, impresa a continuación.

Recordatorio: Esta devoción del siglo XII hizo su aparición en los círculos monásticos bajo la influencia de San Anselmo y San Bernardo. Los cistercienses y luego los servitas se comprometieron a propagarlo. Se generalizó en los siglos XIV y XV. Fue en este contexto que se compusieron los primeros formularios litúrgicos en su honor. Un concilio provincial de Mainz en 1423 los utilizó para establecer una "Fiesta de los Dolores de María" en reparación por las profanaciones husitas de sus imágenes. *Extraído de La Iglesia en oración, vol. IV A.G. Martimort.*



As our dedication to the seven sorrows of Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, comes to a close at the end of September, we end with a Litany to Our Lady of Sorrows, printed below.

Reminder: This devotion from the 12th century made its appearance in monastic circles under the influence of St. Anselm and St. Bernard. The Cistercians and then the Servites undertook to propagate it. It became widespread in the 14th & 15th centuries. It was in this context that the first

liturgical formularies in her honor were composed. A provincial council of Mainz in 1423 made use of these in establishing a "Feast of the Sorrows of Mary" in reparation for Hussite profanations of her images. (Excerpted from The Church at Prayer, Vol. IV A.G. Martimort.)

Letanías a Nuestra Señora de los Dolores

- † Retiro de los que gimen, ... ruega por nosotros.
- † Terror de los traidores, ... ruega por nosotros.
- † Abanderado de los Mártires, ... ruega por nosotros.
- † Tesoro de los Fieles, ... ruega por nosotros.
- † Luz de los Confesores, ... ruega por nosotros.
- † Perla de las Vírgenes, ... ruega por nosotros.
- † Consuelo de las viudas, ... ruega por nosotros.
- † Alegría de todos los Santos, ... ruega por nosotros.
- † Reina de tus Siervos, ... ruega por nosotros.
- † Santa María, única sin ejemplo, ... ruega por nosotros.
- † Ruega por nosotros, Virgen Dolorosa, ... para que seamos dignos de las promesas de Cristo.

Oh Dios, en cuya Pasión, según la profecía de Simeón, una espada de dolor traspasó el alma dulcísima de tu gloriosa Santísima Virgen Madre María: concédenos, que celebramos la memoria de sus Siete Dolores, obtener el feliz efecto. de Tu Pasión, que vive y reina por los siglos de los siglos. ¡Amén!

FUENTES: <https://ollakes.org/monthly-devotions-2#:~:text=The%20month%20of%20September%20is,Anselm%20and%20St.%20Bernard>; <https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/14151b.htm>; <https://www.goodcatholic.com/the-seven-sorrows-and-promises-of-our-lady-of-sorrows/>

Oración: <https://cathedral.aod.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Our-Lady-of-Sorrows-Litany.pdf>

Litany to Our Lady of Sorrows

- † Retreat of those who groan, ... pray for us.
- † Terror of the treacherous, ... pray for us.
- † Standard-bearer of the Martyrs, ... pray for us.
- † Treasure of the Faithful, ... pray for us.
- † Light of Confessors, ... pray for us.
- † Pearl of Virgins, ... pray for us.
- † Comfort of Widows, ... pray for us.
- † Joy of all Saints, ... pray for us.
- † Queen of thy Servants, ... pray for us.
- † Holy Mary, who alone art unexampled, ... pray for us.
- † Pray for us, most Sorrowful Virgin, ... that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

O God, in whose Passion, according to the prophecy of Simeon, a sword of grief pierced through the most sweet soul of Thy glorious Blessed Virgin Mother Mary: grant that we, who celebrate the memory of her Seven Sorrows, may obtain the happy effect of Thy Passion, Who lives and reigns world without end. Amen.

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La próxima clase de Preparación Bautismal sera el sábado, 30 de septiembre a las 10:30 am.

- En el salon de la escuela.
- Para mas información llame a la oficina 530/877-4501.
- Todas las personas de habla hispana están invitados.

PARISH UPDATES

SECULAR FRANCISCANS BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SATURDAY, OCT. 7 AT 10A

The Blessing of the Animals, sponsored by the SECULAR FRANCISCANS will be held SATURDAY, OCT. 7 at 10A at STM. All pet parents please mark your calendars and bring your dog, cat, hamster, turtle, fish, bird... whatever!.. for a blessing!



¡La campaña de oración de otoño de 2023 ya está disponible! (finaliza el 5 de noviembre)

El boletín de hoy incluye la Lista de Oración Diaria para cualquiera que esté dispuesto a orar durante la Campaña 40 Días por la Vida. Publique la lista de oración en cualquier lugar conveniente y úsela siempre que pueda.

¡La oración funciona! Las oraciones y peticiones nos han ayudado a lograr avances a nivel nacional con el fin de Roe v Wade. Sin embargo, California permite el aborto hasta el momento del parto natural y alienta a mujeres de todo el país a venir aquí para abortar a sus hijos. Esta es una gran tragedia y un profundo pecado para nuestro estado. ¿Preguntas? Véase Kathy DiChristofaro.



THE WOMEN OF STM MEET SATURDAY SEPT. 30 @ 10A

The Taste of Heaven on Earth Chocolate & Wine Extravaganza is just around the corner & the Women of STM will have a planning meeting Saturday, Sept. 30 at 10A in the STM church narthex.



There's so much to discuss that this 3rd annual Taste of Heaven event will be the only topic!

REMINDER: All ladies of the parish are automatic members of The Women of STM so all ladies of the parish are welcome to attend! Come check us out! Bring a snack. Coffee and water provided.

Reminder for Wednesday Sept. 27:
Summer Mass at St. Thomas More - 6 p.m.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE The Fall 2023 Prayer campaign is NOW! (ends Nov. 5)

Today's bulletin includes the Daily Prayer List for anyone willing to prayer during the 40 Days for Life Campaign. Post the prayer list in any convenient location & use it whenever you can.

Prayer works! Prayers & petitions have helped us make progress on the national level with the end of Roe v Wade. However, California allows abortion up to the moment of natural birth and encourages women from across the country to come here to abort their children. This is a great tragedy and a deep sin on our state. Questions? See Kathy DiChristofaro.



La fecha de la clase de preparacion bautismal ha sido cambiada para el sábado, 7 de octubre a las 10:30 a.m.

Sera en la escolita.

Esta clase es para adultos solamente. Es para los padres, padrinos y personas que quisieran ser padrinos en un futuro cercano.

Esta clase es valida por un periodo de 2 años y se ofrecerá cada 3 o 4 meses durante el año.

No hay cuidado de niños durante la clase. Por favor consiga quien le cuide sus niños para poder concentrarnos en el contenido de la clase.

LAS MUJERES DE STM SE REÚNEN EL SÁBADO SEPT. 30, 10A

El Festival de degustación de vino y chocolate Taste of Heaven on Earth está a la vuelta de la esquina, el 21 de octubre, y las Mujeres de STM celebrarán una reunión de planificación el sábado 30 de septiembre a las 10 a. m. en el nártex de la iglesia de STM. ¡Hay tanto que discutir que este tercer evento anual Taste of Heaven será el único tema!

RECORDATORIO: ¡Todas las damas de la parroquia son miembros automáticos de The Women of STM, por lo que todas las damas de la parroquia son bienvenidas a asistir! ¡Venga a visitarnos! Trae un refrigerio. Se proporciona café y agua.

Wine & Chocolate Extravaganza Saturday, Oct. 21st, 3P to 6P
Tickets \$10
Sale starts TODAY
Sunday, Sept 24



The Women of St. Thomas More
A TASTE OF HEAVEN ON EARTH
WINE & CHOCOLATE EXTRAVAGANZA