

# ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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**Mass: Sunday at Noon**

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

(Call to schedule an appointment)

## Important Dates

07AUG: Crown Rosary w/ Secular Franciscans STM 10A

09AUG: Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres STM 10A

**10AUG: Rosary for Peace STM 515P**

**10AUG: WEDNESDAY SUMMER MASS! STM 6P**

23AUG: Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres STM 10A

## Sunday Readings

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

XIX Domingo Ordinario

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Wisdom 18:6-9

**Psalm** 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Dichoso el pueblo escogido por Dios.

**2nd Reading** Hebrew 11:1-2, 8-19

**Gospel** Luke 12:32-48

## MEDITATION OF THE DAY

### Becoming Faithful and Prudent Stewards

*What we have is given to us only so that we might serve each other thereby. The Gospel confronts us with the question of whether we can be*

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## AUGUST INTENTIONS of the HOLY FATHER

### Small Businesses

*We pray for small & medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.*

### Pequeñas empresas

*Oramos por las pequeñas y medianas empresas; en medio de la crisis económica y social, que encuentren formas de seguir operando y sirviendo a sus comunidades.*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR SUNDAY AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>

Frank Reale †

Camilo & Arianna Ospina's Wedding Anniversary 

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK; LET US PRAY FOR

Miss Bella Cortez  
July Benedetti  
Arminda Rodriguez  
Agapito Rivera  
Barbara Brown  
Terri Walters  
Dave Valenzuela



Sheila Turner  
Yvonne Hawkins  
Rosemary Peterson  
Father David Gallegos

Kimberly Helgeson Avoy  
Linda Bradley  
Debbie Bradley  
Renee Kelly  
Samia Zumout  
Sharon Wilson  
Pamela Casey

## This Week's Readings

### NINETEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Monday; August 8<sup>th</sup> **MEMORIAL OF SAINT DOMINIC, PRIEST**

1st Reading: Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c

Psalm 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.

Gospel: Matthew 17:22-27

#### Tuesday; August 9<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: Ezekiel 2:8—3:4

Psalm 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131

How sweet to my taste is your promise!

Gospel: Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

#### Wednesday; August 10<sup>th</sup> **FEAST OF ST. LAWRENCE, DEACON & MARTYR**

1st Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10

Psalm 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9

Blessed the man who is gracious and lends to those in need.

Gospel: John 12:24-26

#### Thursday; August 11<sup>th</sup> **MEMORIAL OF SAINT CLARE, VIRGIN**

1st Reading: Ezekiel 12:1-12

Psalm 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62

Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Gospel: Matthew 18:21–19:1

#### Friday; August 12<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63

Psalm Isaiah 12:2-3, 4BCD, 5-6

You have turned from your anger.

Gospel: Matthew 19:3-12

#### Saturday; August 13<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32

Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Gospel: Matthew 19:13-15

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### MEDITATION OF THE DAY *Becoming Faithful & Prudent Stewards*

worthy of the great gifts—truth and the closeness of God—if we do not manage correctly the small gift, namely, the things of this world. The true divine law, which is supposed to rule and purify the world, is love. Being Christian does not mean being subject to a multiplicity of commandments that ultimately no one can keep track of anymore; rather, being Christian means entering into this one thing, into the center of the love that has come from God and is now expected of us, and to live our way into it in its many demands and forms in everyday life.

And so behind all this the figure of the true steward, God's true, faithful steward, becomes visible: namely, Jesus Christ, who devoted himself to us all. This is a central aspect of the mystery of Jesus Christ, the fact that the Lord of us all is a servant who goes around and serves us and thus reveals to us the mystery of God's love. That is why [we must] carry on the signs of the love of Jesus Christ: care for the sick and the suffering. Visiting them and giving them what no technology and no medicine is capable of giving them: the presence of compassion and common life; the power of understanding, which teaches them to believe in God's love even in suffering....

God desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Tim 2:4). God loves everyone. He does not have first- and second-class children; rather, he cares about them all, because they are all his creatures. That is why his salvation and his love are meant for all who bear a human countenance. But because this is so, the truth of the Gospel must go out and be proclaimed to the whole world. The salvation of mankind is the truth.... At the same time, though, we can say that salvation is love. For man's trouble is being unloved, being forgotten, the loneliness that destroys his life, that does not allow him to come to the wealth that opens up in being together, in the mystery of love. The truth is salvation; love is salvation. These two things do not contradict each other but belong together, because the one God is truth and love.

—POPE BENEDICT XVI

*Pope Benedict XVI reigned as pope from 2005 until 2013. / From Teaching and Learning the Love of God: Being a Priest Today: Selected Writings, Michael J. Miller, Tr. © 2017, Ignatius Press, San Francisco, CA. www.ignatius.com.*

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“We are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is the result of a thought of God.”

— Pope Benedict XVI

**Agosto es el mes del Inmaculado Corazón de María.**

Es importante notar que el corazón físico de María es venerado (y no adorado como el Sagrado Corazón de Jesús) porque está unido a su persona y es el asiento de su amor (especialmente por su divino Hijo), virtud y vida interior. Tal devoción es un incentivo para un amor y una virtud similares.

Esta devoción ha recibido un nuevo énfasis en este siglo a partir de las visiones dadas a Lucy Dos Santos, la más antigua de las videntes de Fátima, en su convento en Tuy, España, en 1925 y 1926. En las visiones, Nuestra Señora pidió la práctica de los Cinco Primeros sábados para ayudar a reparar las ofensas cometidas contra su corazón por las blasfemias e ingratitudes de los hombres. La práctica es paralela a la devoción de los Nueve Primeros Viernes en honor al Sagrado Corazón.

El 31 de octubre de 1942, el Papa Pío XII hizo un Acto solemne de Consagración de la Iglesia y del mundo entero al Inmaculado Corazón. Recordemos esta devoción durante todo el año, pero particularmente durante el mes de agosto.

**ORACIÓN DE ESTA SEMANA MEDITACIÓN SOBRE LAS 7 GRACIAS**

La Santísima Virgen María concede siete gracias a las almas que la honran diariamente rezando siete Avemarías y meditando en sus lágrimas y dolores. La devoción fue transmitida por Santa Brígida.

A continuación se enumeran las Siete Gracias:

1. Daré paz a sus familias.
2. Ellas serán iluminadas sobre los misterios divinos.
3. Los consolaré en sus dolores y los acompañaré en su trabajo.
4. Les daré cuanto pidan, siempre que no se opongan a la adorable voluntad de mi divino Hijo ni a la santificación de sus almas.
5. Los defenderé en sus batallas espirituales con el enemigo infernal y los protegeré en cada instante de sus vidas.
6. Los ayudaré visiblemente en el momento de su muerte, verán el rostro de su Madre.
7. He obtenido de mi divino Hijo, que aquellos que propaguen esta devoción a mis lágrimas y dolores, sean llevados directamente de esta vida terrena a la felicidad eterna ya que todos sus pecados serán perdonados y mi Hijo y Yo seremos su eterno consuelo y gozo.

**Oración Fuente:** [https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/08\\_1.cfm](https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/08_1.cfm); <http://www.themostholysary.com/appendix1.htm>

**Fuente:** Excerpted from *The Prayer Book* by Reverend John P. O'Connell, M.A., S.T.D. and Jex Martin, M.A.



**August is the month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.**

It is important to note that the physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life. Such devotion is an incentive to a similar love and virtue.

This devotion has received new emphasis in this century from the visions given to

Lucy Dos Santos, oldest of the visionaries of Fatima, in her convent in Tuy, Spain, in 1925 & 1926. In the visions Our Lady asked for the practice of the Five First Saturdays to help make amends for the offenses committed against her heart by the blasphemies and ingratitude of men. The practice parallels the devotion of the Nine First Fridays in honor of the Sacred Heart.

On October 31, 1942, Pope Pius XII made a solemn Act of Consecration of the Church and the whole world to the Immaculate Heart. Let's remember this devotion year-round, but particularly through the month of August.

**THIS WEEK'S PRAYER A MEDITATION ON THE 7 GRACES**

The Blessed Virgin Mary grants seven graces to the souls who honor her daily by saying seven Hail Mary's and meditating on her tears and dolours (sorrows). The devotion was passed on by St. Bridget.

Listed below are the Seven Graces:

1. I will grant peace to their families.
2. They will be enlightened about the divine mysteries.
3. I will console them in their pains and I will accompany them in their work.
4. I will give them as much as they ask for as long as it does not oppose the adorable will of my divine Son or the sanctification of their souls.
5. I will defend them in their spiritual battles with the infernal enemy and I will protect them at every instant of their lives.
6. I will visibly help them at the moment of their death, they will see the face of their Mother.
7. I have obtained from my divine Son, that those who propagate this devotion to my tears and dolours, will be taken directly from this earthly life to eternal happiness since all their sins will be forgiven and my Son and I will be their eternal consolation and joy.

**Prayer Source:** [https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/08\\_1.cfm](https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/08_1.cfm); <http://www.themostholysary.com/appendix1.htm>

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# PARISH UPDATES

## Congratulations to St. Thomas More's Newest Deacon Mike

The ordination of Mike Mangan to the diaconate took place last Saturday and was followed on Sunday by a reception at St. Thomas More after Mass. We are



grateful to God & the Diocese of Sacramento that Mike has been assigned to STM. We pray that the Lord Jesus Christ, Servant of all, keeps His Spirit upon Mike & Deon as they serve His Church.

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

**Women of STM!** As you enjoy your summer, please keep these important dates in mind as we will need your ideas & support.

| DATE           | TIME       | EVENT  |
|----------------|------------|--|
| Sun.; Aug. 21  | After Mass | The Women of STM host hospitality after Mass           |
| 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  | TBD        | <b>STM 2nd Annual Wine and Chocolate Extravaganza!</b> |

## STM PARISHIONERS MAKE PRESENTATION TO CARENET

Last week, St. Thomas More presented a check to CareNet for more than \$1,600.00. These proceeds were raised by the awesome St. Thomas More parishioners during the Baby Bottle Fundraiser. Pictured, left to right, STM parishioner Greg DeCristofaro, CareNet Director Ashley Lundberg, and STM parishioner & CareNet volunteer Kathy DeCristofaro.



## KEY DATES THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD & SAVIOR



| DATE          | TIME     | EVENT                  |
|---------------|----------|------------------------|
| MON., AUG. 8  | 9A to 2P | EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION |
| TUE., AUG. 9  | 9A to 2P | EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION |
| WED., AUG. 10 | 6P       | WEDNESDAY SUMMER MASS  |
| THU., AUG. 11 | 9A to 2P | EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION |

**GATHER AT STM TO PRAY THE ROSARY FOR PEACE ON THE 2ND WED AT 5:15P!**

Please join us at St. Thomas More to pray the Blessed Mother's prayer for peace as she requested at Fatima. We will pray the rosary every 2nd Wednesday at 5:15p before the Wednesday Summer Mass. **Join us Wed., August 10 @ 5:15p.**

**SO... WHY DO WE GATHER TO PRAY THE ROSARY FOR PEACE ?**

On July 13, 1917, Our Lady of Fatima told Lucia: "I want you to come here on the 13th of next month, pray the Rosary & continue to pray the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, in order to obtain peace for the world & the end of the war, for she alone can be of any avail".



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.