

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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CONFESSION 1st Wednesday 5P - 6P

Important Dates

16OCT: **Respect For Life Month** continues!
 16OCT: Last day for Chocolate Fest Tkt Sales after Mass
22OCT: Wine & Chocolate Extravaganza STM 3P
 25OCT: Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres STM 10A
 01NOV: All Saints Day (falls on a Monday this year)

Sunday Readings

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
XXIX Domingo Ordinario
1st Reading Exodus 17:8-13
Psalm 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
 Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven & earth.
 El auxilio me viene del Señor.
2nd Reading 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
Gospel Luke 18:1-8

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Persevering in Prayer

If we pray with confident faith, how should we respond when our prayers for healing, either for ourselves or for someone else, seem to have no

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OCTOBER INTENTIONS of the HOLY FATHER

A Church Open to Everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

Una Iglesia Abierta a Todas

Oramos por la Iglesia; Que la Iglesia sea siempre fiel y valiente en la predicación del Evangelio, una comunidad de solidaridad, fraternidad y acogida, viviendo siempre en un clima de sinodalidad.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SUNDAY OCTOBER 16TH

Darryl Becker †
 Dave Valenzuela †
 Julia Del Carmen de Palacios †

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK; LET US PRAY FOR

Sleeman Family
 Eduardo Dominguez
 Espinoza
 Vivian Carrillo
 Jim McManus
 Tom Kelly
 Barbara Maldonado
 Kathy & Greg DeCristofaro



Sam Kempner
 Ken Keesling
 Jim Barnes
 Julie Benedetti

Miss Bella Cortez
 Agapito Rivera
 Maximina Leon Mendez
 Terry Walters
 Kimberly Helgeson Avoy
 Renee Kelly
 Samia Zumout
 Steve & Sharon Wilson

This Week's Readings

TWENTY-NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday; Oct. 17th **MEMORIAL OF SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP AND MARTYR**
 1st Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10
 Psalm 100:1B-2, 3, 4AB, 4C-5
 The Lord made us, we belong to him.
 Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

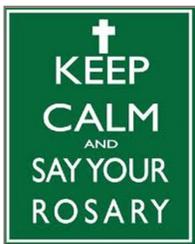
Tuesday; October 18th **FEAST OF SAINT LUKE, EVANGELIST**
 1st Reading: 2 Timothy 4:10-17b
 Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18
 Your friends make known, O Lord, the glorious splendor of your Kingdom.
 Gospel: Luke 10:1-9

Wed.; October 19th **MEMORIAL OF SAINTS JOHN DE BRÉBEUF AND ISAAC JOGUES, PRIESTS, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS**
 1st Reading: Ephesians 3:2-12
 Psalm Isaiah 12:2-3, 4BCD, 5-6
 You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.
 Gospel: Luke 12:39-48

Thursday; October 20th
 1st Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21
 Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
 The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.
 Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

Friday; October 21st
 1st Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6
 Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
 Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.
 Gospel: Luke 12:54-59

Saturday; Oct. 22nd
 1st Reading: Ephesians 4:7-16
 Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4AB, 4CD-5
 Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.
 Gospel: Luke 13:1-9



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MEDITATION OF THE DAY Persevering in Prayer

effect? Jesus told a parable that puts to rest any notion that if our prayers are not answered we should give up asking. Jesus could hardly have used a more striking example: God compared to an unjust judge! If even this corrupt official, who cares about neither justice nor human suffering, cannot resist continual pestering, how much more will the Lord God, who is Justice itself and is full of compassion, answer the pleas of those who continually cry out to him?

If the Gospel makes anything indisputably clear it is that God wants to be bothered. Jesus invites us to be persistent and unrelenting in our prayers. God is infinite; there is no limit to the love and grace he longs to lavish on his children, if only we ask. 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? It is also true, however, that as we persist in prayer the Lord will gradually begin to move in our hearts, changing our desires to become more closely aligned with his. Over time he may lead us to pray in a different way. As I've prayed for healing of my severe eyestrain and migraines, for example, the Lord has led me to see deeper layers of healing that are needed. I've been led to make changes in my lifestyle and ways of thinking: less stress, more relaxation, more trust. I've also begun to recognize how much I need an inner opening of my eyes, to see what the Father is doing (Jn 5:19)—to discern how God is moving and act in accord with it. All this is part of the answer to my prayer for physical healing, far beyond what I initially expected.

Even when it seems nothing is happening in response to our prayer, the Lord may be accomplishing immense though unseen changes. Often there are hidden spiritual or psychological mountains that need to be removed before a physical healing can take place. As we persevere in prayer, the Lord is removing these obstacles little by little. We should never yield to a spirit of hopelessness but rather, as Paul counseled, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances. —MARY HEALY

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"When Mark wrote his Gospel, to become a follower of Jesus was a radical decision. It could mean incurring disapproval or outright rejection from friends and family." —Mary Healy

Octubre es el mes del Rosario. Esto se debe a que dos eventos, 1) el aniversario de la victoria en la Batalla de Lepanto y 2) la fiesta de Nuestra Señora del Rosario ocurren en octubre. La Batalla de Lepanto y la institución de la fiesta sucedieron en el siglo XVII. Luego, a fines del siglo XIX, el Papa León XIII dedicó oficialmente todo el mes a la devoción al Santo Rosario.



October is the month of the Rosary.

This is because two events, 1) the anniversary of victory at the Battle at Lepanto & 2) the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary occur in October. The Battle of Lepanto & the institution of the feast day happened in the 17th century. Then, in the late 1800s, Pope Leo XIII officially dedicated the entire month to devotion to the Holy Rosary.

Intenciones de Oración del Rosario Pro-Vida

Por la intercesión de Nuestra Señora del Rosario, que Nuestro Señor nos conceda la gracia de vivir de verdad y con valentía su Evangelio de la Vida.

REZA

Padrenuestro, 3 Ave Marías, Gloria

REFLEXIONA

Hace más de veinticinco años, el Papa Juan Pablo II escribió que el Evangelio de la Vida está en el centro del mensaje de salvación de Jesús para el mundo (Evangelium vitae 1). Al asumir la carne humana, habitar entre nosotros, y sacrificar su vida por nuestra redención, Cristo revela la profunda dignidad de cada persona humana. Jesús nos llama a cada uno a “hacernos cargo del otro como persona confiada por Dios a nuestra responsabilidad” (EV 87). El Evangelio de la Vida es intrínseco a la vida cristiana y fundamental para las decisiones que tomamos a diario. Porque “El Evangelio del amor de Dios al hombre, el Evangelio de la dignidad de la persona y el Evangelio de la vida son un único e indivisible Evangelio” (EV 2).

Reflexionemos acerca de cómo vivimos personalmente el Evangelio: ¿Ayudo a las embarazadas y a las madres que crían hijos y están necesitadas? Si una amiga queda embarazada en circunstancias difíciles, ¿sabría que puede encontrarla en mi apoyo amoroso para ella y su bebé? ¿Sé de lugares en mi comunidad donde ella podría recibir ayuda material en caso de necesitarla?

ACTÚA (elige una)

1. Pide la intercesión de la Virgen María mediante el rezo del Rosario por la intención que sugerimos (bit.ly/como-rezar-el-rosario).
2. Deja el café, los dulces o bocadillos durante una semana.
3. Ofrece algún otro sacrificio u oración que quieras realizar por la intención que sugerimos.

LEER EL EVANGELIO DE LA VIDA

Lee un breve resumen de Evangelium vitae (El Evangelio de la Vida) en [es.respectlife.org/gospel-of-life-summary](https://respectlife.org/gospel-of-life-summary).

Las Intenciones de Oración del Rosario Pro-Vida continúan en la última página.

Pro-Life Rosary Prayer Intentions

Through the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, may Our Lord grant us the grace to truly and courageously live his Gospel of life.

Pray

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

Reflect

Over twenty-five years ago, Pope St. John Paul II wrote that the Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus’ saving message to the world (Evangelium vitae 1). In taking on human flesh, dwelling among us, and sacrificing his very life for our redemption, Christ reveals the profound dignity of every human person. Jesus calls each of us to “care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible” (EV 87). The Gospel of life is intrinsic to the whole Christian life and foundational to the decisions we make on a daily basis. For, “the Gospel of God’s love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel” (EV 2).

Let us reflect on how we personally live out the Gospel: Do I help pregnant and parenting mothers in need? If a friend became pregnant in challenging circumstances, would she know she could come to me for loving support for her and her baby? Do I know of the places in my community where she could receive material help if she needed it? Through the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, may Our Lord grant us the grace to truly and courageously live his Gospel of life.

Act (choose one below)

1. Seek Our Lady’s intercession by praying a Rosary for the featured intention.
2. Give up coffee, sweets, or snacks for a week.
3. Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for the featured intention.

Read The Gospel of Life

Read a brief summary of Evangelium vitae (The Gospel of Life) at respectlife.org/gospel-of-life-summary.

Source: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, respectlife.org/gospel-of-life-summary.

PARISH UPDATES

DATE	TIME	EVENT
TODAY!	After Mass	Chocolate Fest Tickets on Sale Today! Last day for ticket sales before next Saturday's event!
Saturday, Oct. 22	Noon	Women of STM Begin Event Set-up & food delivery
Saturday, Oct. 22	3P	The 2nd Annual Taste of Heaven on Earth Wine & Chocolate Extravaganza Begins!



GATHER AT STM TO PRAY THE ROSARY EVERY 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. **Join us next month on Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 5:15p.**

octubre de 2022

mes respetemos la vida

llamados a servir a las madres necesitadas

respectlife.org/celebrate

¿SABÍAS?

Cada mes de Octubre, la Iglesia en Estados Unidos celebra el Mes Respetemos la Vida y ofrece nuevos recursos y reflexiones para abrazar el Evangelio de la Vida. Aprende más en respectlife.org/celebrate (solo en inglés).

RESPECT LIFE
St. Joseph, defender of life, pray for us!
respectlife.org

Our October Campaign

KEY DATES THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD & SAVIOR

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday; Oct. 17	9A to 2P	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Tuesday; Oct. 18	9A to 2P	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Wed.; Oct. 19	9A to 2P	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Thursday; Oct. 20	9A to 2P	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Friday; Oct. 21	9A to 2P	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

DID YOU KNOW?

Each October, the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month and offers new resources and reflections on embracing the Gospel of life. Learn more at respectlife.org/celebrate.



Our deepest condolences to William Kimball's family. William passed away on June 28 this year. We will have a Funeral Mass at STM on Thursday, Oct. 20 at 11 a.m.

Deepeset condolences also go out to Beatrice Masuen's family. Bea passed away on last week on October 11 in San Diego. A Graveside Service will be held on Friday, Nov. 4, 10:30 a.m. at Paradise Cemetery with Deacon Mike.



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.