

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Mass: Sunday at Noon

CONFESSION 1st Wednesday 5P - 6P

Important Dates

20SEP: Summer Mass at STM 6P
 26SEP: Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres STM 10A
27SEP: 40 Days 4 Life Prayer Campaign Begins!
 30SEP: Women of STM Choc & Wine Tasting Mtg STM 10A
 01OCT: Crown Rosary 10A / Christian Prayer 1040A STM
 01OCT: 2nd Collection Building Fund!
 07OCT: Blessing of the Animals STM 10A

Sunday Readings

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
XXIV Domingo Ordinario

1st Reading Sir 27:30-28:7

Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

The Lord is kind & merciful, slow to anger & rich in compassion.
 El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso.

2nd Reading Romans 14:7-9

Gospel Matthew 18:21-35



MEDITATION OF THE DAY

The Importance—and Power—of Forgiveness
In St. Matthew we read: And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and in St. Luke: And forgive us our sins, for we

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 17TH

Raymundo Balladares †

Carol Zellmer †

Ken Keesling †

Sam Weaver †



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

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

Rod Montgomery
 Kathy & Greg DeCristofaro
 Samia Zumout
 Mary Helgeson Dentino
 and Chloë
 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-FOURTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Monday; September 18th

1st Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Psalm 28:2, 7, 8-9

Blessed be the Lord, for he has heard my prayer.

Gospel: Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday; September 19th

1st Reading: 1 Timothy 3:1-13

Psalm 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6

I will walk with blameless heart.

Gospel: Luke 7:11-17

**MEMORIAL OF SAINTS ANDREW
KIM TAE-GŌN, PRIEST, AND
PAUL CHŌNG HA-SANG, AND
COMPANIONS, MARTYRS**

Wed.; Sept. 20th

1st Reading: 1 Timothy 3:14-16

Psalm 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

How great are the works of the Lord!

Gospel: Luke 7:31-35

Thurs.; Sept. 21st

**FEAST OF SAINT MATTHEW,
APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST**

1st Reading: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5

Their message goes out through all the earth.

Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13

Friday; September 22nd

1st Reading: 1 Timothy 6:2c-12

Psalm 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20

Blessed the poor in spirit; the Kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Gospel: Luke 8:1-3

Saturday; Sept. 23rd

**MEMORIAL OF SAINT PIUS
OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST**

1st Reading: 1 Timothy 6:13-16

Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5

Come with joy into the presence of the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 8:4-15



Meditation of the Day continued from front page.

MEDITATION OF THE DAY The Importance—and Power—of Forgiveness

ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us. It is the good news of the remission of sins. What a marvel! A movement of our hearts (not easy, it is true, the most difficult perhaps for human nature) suffices for the Father in heaven to pardon the disappointments and wounds we have inflicted on his love. He has pledged it; in his name the Son has promised it to us. It is a fundamental law of the divine economy taught us by the Gospel. How God loves that we love one another! “It suffices that we pardon to have the assurance of divine pardon” (Servant of God Marie-Joseph Lagrange, O.P.). If I truly pardon there is no doubt that I shall be, that I am already, pardoned....

We are here at the heart of the Gospel.... There is no other commentary on the fifth petition [of the Our Father] than the Gospel itself. Immediately after transmitting to us the Lord’s Prayer, Saint Matthew’s Gospel continues: *If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions. The parallel passage is given in Mark in another place, on the occasion of the parable of the barren fig tree: When you stand to pray, forgive anyone against whom you have a grievance, so that your heavenly Father may in turn forgive you your transgressions.... It is said in Proverbs in a text taken up by Saint Paul: if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head (Prv 25:21-22; Rom 12:20). Mysterious coals—not of anger certainly, otherwise how could Proverbs add: and the Lord will reward you, and Saint Paul: Be not overcome by evil, but overcome evil by good? In doing good to our enemies we entrust them to God, we call down on their heads the fire of the divine initiatives and attentions.... If they let themselves be won by grace and mend their ways and repent of their sins before God, they will receive the effect of the flames of mercy, in accordance with our wish, and the sins they have committed against us will be forgiven.*

In forgiving those who have offended us we work in a certain (preparatory) manner that in them evil be overcome by good and that they receive God’s pardon; we contribute, to the extent that it is in us, to increase the sum of good on earth and to cause the work of the Prince of Peace to be accomplished there. —RAÏSSA MARITAIN

Raïssa Maritain († 1960) was born in Russia and spent her life in France. She was a convert to Catholicism and the wife of philosopher Jacques Maritain. / From Prayer and Intelligence & Selected Essays. © 2016, Chuny Media, P.O. Box 1664, Providence, RI.

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Septiembre está dedicado a los siete dolores de María, Nuestra Señora de los Dolores. Celebramos su homenaje el 15 de septiembre.

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.

Oración a Nuestra Señora de los Dolores

(De la Asociación de la Medalla Milagrosa; un apostolado de la Congregación de la Provincia Occidental de la Misión. Reconocida por el Papa Pío X en 1905, carta aprobada en 1909.)

Madre nuestra de los dolores, con fuerza de lo alto estuviste junto a la cruz, compartiendo los sufrimientos de Jesús, y con tierno cuidado lo llevaste en tus brazos, enlutado y llorando.

Te alabamos por tu fe, que aceptó la vida que Dios planeó para ti. Os alabamos por vuestra esperanza, que confió en que Dios haría grandes cosas en vosotros. Te alabamos por tu amor al soportar con Jesús los dolores de su pasión.

Santa María, que podamos seguir tu ejemplo y apoyar a todos tus hijos que necesitan consuelo y amor.

Madre de Dios, acompáñanos en nuestras pruebas y cuidanos en nuestras muchas necesidades. Ruega por nosotros ahora y en la hora de nuestra muerte. ¡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://www.amm.org/AboutAMM/Our%20Mission.aspx>



September is dedicated to the seven sorrows of Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows. We celebrated her memorial Sept. 15.

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.)

Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows

(From the Association of the Miraculous Medal; an apostolate of the Congregation of the Mission Western Province. Recognized by Pope Pius X in 1905, charter approved in 1909.)

Our mother of sorrows, with strength from above you stood by the cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and with tender care you bore him in your arms, mourning and weeping.

We praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you. We praise you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things in you. We praise you for your love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of his passion.

Holy Mary, may we follow your example, and stand by all your children who need comfort and love.

Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen!

SOURCES: <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/>

PRAYER: <https://www.amm.org/AboutAMM/Our%20Mission.aspx>



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

- En el salón de la escuela.
- Para más información llame a la oficina 530/877-4501.
- Todas las personas de habla hispana están invitadas.



Our condolences to Sarah Watson and her family on the passing of Sarah's dad, Gary Eischen, who recently passed away.

Our sincere condolences to Steve Wilson on the passing of our dear Sharon Wilson. Sharon passed away on September 9. Her Funeral Mass will be announced.



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 otoño 40 días por la vida necesita guerreros de oración

La campaña de 40 días por la vida Otoño 2023 comienza el 27 de septiembre (y finaliza el 5 de noviembre). Buscamos

personas dispuestas a pasar una hora en oración. Si está dispuesto, se le notificará del inicio de la vigilia de oración una o dos semanas antes de la fecha de inicio del 27 de septiembre. Kathy DiChristofaro está preparando un folleto informativo que estará disponible pronto como inserto en el boletín.

Sus oraciones y peticiones nos han ayudado a lograr avances a nivel nacional con el fin de Roe v Wade. Sin embargo, California es un estado que 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.

Si está dispuesto a ser un guerrero de oración durante la campaña de otoño de 40 días por la vida de 2023, mire el boletín para ver un inserto con más detalles próximamente. ¿Preguntas? Véase [Kathy DiChristofaro](#).



Reminder for Wednesday Sept. 20:
Summer Mass at St. Thomas More - 6 p.m.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™ **The Fall 2023 Prayer campaign begins Sept. 27 (ends Nov. 5)**

We are looking for people willing to spend an hour in prayer. If you are willing, you'll be notified of the start of the prayer vigil a week or two before the Sept. 27 start date. Kathy DiChristofaro is preparing an info pamphlet that will be available soon as a bulletin insert.

Your prayers and petitions have helped us make progress on the national level with the end of Roe v Wade. However, California is a state that 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.

If you are willing to be a prayer warrior during the 2023 40 Day for Life Fall Campaign watch the bulletin for more detail coming soon. Questions? See Kathy DiChristofaro.



The Fall 2023 40 Days For Life Prayer Campaign begins Wed., Sept. 27!

Kathy DiChristofaro is looking for people willing to spend an hour in prayer.

Willing?
Questions? See Kathy after Mass.

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.

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 next Sunday, Sept 24



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