

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Mass: Sunday at Noon

CONFESSION 1st Thursday 5P - 6P

(Call to schedule an appointment)

Important Dates

25July: World Day of Grandparents & the Elderly

27July: Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres 10A

01Aug: The Crown Rosary 10 a.m. St. Thos. More

01Aug: Franciscan Mtg & Formation after Mass

05Aug: Sacrament of Reconciliation 5P at STM

Sunday Readings

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

XVI Domingo Ordinario

1st Reading Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalms 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

El Señor es mi pastor, nada me faltará.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Invited to "Come Away" with Him

Christ is alive! We need to keep reminding ourselves of this, because we can risk seeing Jesus Christ simply as a fine model from the distant past, as a memory, as someone who saved us two thousand years ago. But

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JULY INTENTIONS of the HOLY FATHER

Social Friendship

We pray that in social, economic, and political situations of conflict we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue & friendship.

Intención universal – La amistad social

Recemos para que, en situaciones sociales, económicas y políticas conflictivas, seamos arquitectos de diálogo y de amistad valientes y apasionados.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR JULY 18

Gene Curry †

Caroline Keyes †

Al Waelbrock †

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK - LET US PRAY FOR

Lucy Fiore

Mary McKinnon

Luz Perkins

Jeanie Avery

Patrick More

Michael MacPhail

Victor Furrer

Frank Salas

Alexandra Valenzuela

Terri Battle

John Johnson

David Brown

Shirley Richards

Sharon Wilson

This Week's Readings

SIXTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday; July 19th

1st Reading: Exodus 14:5-18

Psalm (Ex 15) *Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.*

Gospel: Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday; July 20th SAINT APOLLINARIS

1st Reading: Exodus 14:21—15:1

Psalm (Ex 15) *Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.*

Gospel: Matthew 12:46-50

Wed.; July 21st ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI

1st Reading: Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15

Psalm 78 *The Lord gave them bread from heaven.*

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9

Thurs.; July 22nd FEAST OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE

1st Reading: Song of Songs 3:1-4b

2nd Reading: 2Corinthians 5:14-17

Psalm 63 *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

Gospel: John 20:1-2, 11-18

Friday; July 23rd SAINT BRIDGET

1st Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19 *Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.*

Gospel: Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday; July 24th SAINT SHARBEL MAKHLŪF

1st Reading: Exodus 24:3-8

Psalm 50 *Offer to God a sacrifice of praise.*

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30

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MEDITATION of the DAY: Invited to "Come Away" with Him

that would be of no use to us: it would leave us unchanged, it would not set us free. The one who fills us with his grace, the one who liberates us, transforms us, heals and consoles us is someone fully alive. He is the Christ, risen from the dead, filled with supernatural life and energy, and robed in boundless light. That is why Saint Paul could say: If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile.

Alive, he can be present in your life at every moment, to fill it with light and to take away all sorrow and solitude. Even if all others depart, he will remain, as he promised: I am with you always, to the end of the age. Because he lives, there can be no doubt that goodness will have the upper hand in your life and that all our struggles will prove worthwhile. If this is the case, we can stop complaining and look to the future, for with him this is always possible. That is the certainty we have. Jesus is eternally alive. If we hold fast to him, we will have life, and be protected from the threats of death and violence that may assail us in life. Every other solution will prove inadequate and temporary. It may be helpful for a time, but once again we will find ourselves exposed and abandoned before the storms of life. With Jesus, on the other hand, our hearts experience a security that is firmly rooted and enduring. Saint Paul says that he wishes to be one with Christ in order to know him and the power of his Resurrection. That power will constantly be revealed in your lives too, for he came to give you life, and life in abundance. If in your heart you can learn to appreciate the beauty of this message, if you are willing to encounter the Lord, if you are willing to let him love you & save you, if you can make friends with him & start to talk to him, the living Christ, about the realities of your life, then you will have a profound experience capable of sustaining your entire Christian life. — POPE FRANCIS

His Holiness Pope Francis was elected to the See of Saint Peter in 2013. / From Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation Christus Vivit. www.vatican.va. Excerpt from Magnificat, Meditation of the Day, July 18, 2021.



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.

The next Sacrament of Reconciliation is scheduled for Thurs., August 5 at 5p. Reminder: An appointment is required to be placed on the list! Please note that an exact time will not be provided. We need you to call so that we know who and how many to expect. Get placed on the list by calling the church office at 530.877.4501.

Sacramento de la Reconciliación
Esta programado para el jueves 5 de agosto, en STM. Favor de llamar a la oficina para ponerlo (a) en la lista. 530.877.4501.



Devoción de julio

La Preciosísima Sangre de Jesús

SOMOS OVEJAS CON PASTOR

Mucha gente seguía a Jesús porque, al escucharlo, su corazón se llenaba de paz y de esperanza. A pesar del esfuerzo que le implicaba atenderlos, a tal grado de que “no les dejaban tiempo ni para comer”, ni a él ni a sus discípulos, Jesús se compadeció de ellos, porque “andaban como ovejas sin pastor”.

* Nosotros tememos la fortuna de haber recibido el don de la fe, Los Sacramentos (de acuerdo con nuestra edad y estado de vida), Y de saber que Cristo está en medio de nosotros, aunque no lo Veamos por el momento.



No dejemos de buscar el tiempo y el sitio para encontrarnos con Jesús, nuestro único Pastor.



This month, dedicated to the feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord, instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, is a devotion as old as Christianity. Devotion to the Precious Blood is not a spiritual option, it is a spiritual obligation, not only for priests, but for every follower of Christ. Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J., author of *The Precious Blood of Christ*, believes that one of the symptoms of modern society (...to even include, sadly, modern Catholic society) and a growing, gnawing secularism, is the lessening & weakening of devotion to the Precious Blood. Devotion, as we know, is composed of three elements:

1. Veneration
2. Invocation
3. Imitation

Devotion to the Precious Blood of Christ, the Lamb of God who was slain, is first of all veneration on our part, which is a composite of knowledge, love, and adoration. We are to study to come to a deeper understanding of what those two casual words, Precious Blood, really mean..

Week of July 18: **Chaplet of the Precious Blood**

Excerpt from Aleteia.org by *Philip Kosloski

Make the sign of the cross.

On the 1st large bead recite the Apostle's Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, & in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer: May the Precious Blood that flows out from the Sacred Head of Our Lord Jesus Christ cover us now and forever. Amen.

Decade 1 – The Nailing of the Right Hand of Our Lord Jesus.

Prayer: By the Precious Wound in Thy Right Hand and through the pain of the nail which pierced Thy Right Hand, may the Precious Blood that pours out from there, convert many souls and save sinners of the whole world. Amen.

Pray: The Our Father, Hail Mary, “Glory Be.”

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PARISH UPDATES

El Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres se va a reunir el 2do y 4 to martes de cada mes de 10:00 am a 11:30 am. ¡Te esperamos!

The Crown Rosary Resumes Aug 1

Reminder that the Franciscan Rosary & meeting is dark in July but resumes August 1. Note first Sunday schedule:

- 10 a.m. Crown Rosary Sunday Aug 1
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Office
- 12 p.m. Mass
- Formation & meeting after Mass



NOTE: NO CROWN ROSARY OR MEETING IN JULY!

Let's Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet Aug 6 @10A

The entire STM Parish is invited to join in praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet Aug. 6 at 10 a.m. & on the first Friday each month at 10a.



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Bishop Soto Invites You to Journey with St. Joseph: River Cats Game Aug. 22

Join Bishop Jaime Soto as we honor St. Joseph, our fathers & grandfathers. Sutter Health Park 400 Ballpark Dr., West Sacramento, CA. Gates open at 11A. First pitch 1:05P

- Play catch with Bishop Soto on field at 11 a.m. (Bring your own glove and ball)
- Special on-field experience with family
- Special blessing for Dads & Granddads at 11:45A
- Picture opportunity with Bishop Soto
- Dads and Grandad get a commemorative baseball

Tickets are limited so don't wait: LAWN3 Section: \$12 / Section 103: \$19 If interested call now!

To purchase tickets Contact Cole Scieszinski
cscieszinski@rivercats.com 916.376-4856

You can also purchase online at <https://www.milb.com/sacramento/tickets/single-game-tickets>

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Week of July 18: Chaplet of the Precious Blood

Decade 2 – The Nailing of the Left Hand of Our Lord Jesus.

Prayer: By the Precious Wound in Thy Left Hand and through the pain of the nail which pierced Thy Left Hand, may the Precious Blood that pours out from there relieve Souls in Purgatory and protect the dying against the attacks of evil spirits. Amen.

Pray: The Our Father, Hail Mary, and "Glory Be."

Decade 3 – The Nailing of the Right Foot of Our Lord Jesus.

Prayer: By the Precious Wound in Thy Right Foot and through the pain of the nail which pierced Thy Right Foot, may the Precious Blood that pours out from there cover the foundation of the Catholic Church against the plans of the evil spirit and evil men. Amen.

Pray: The Our Father, Hail Mary, and "Glory Be."

Decade 4 – The Nailing of the Left Foot of Our Lord Jesus.

Prayer: By the Precious Wound in Thy Left Foot, and through the pain of the nail which pierced Thy Left Foot, may the Precious Blood that pours out from there protect us from the plans and the attacks of evil spirits and their minions. Amen.

Pray: The Our Father, Hail Mary, and "Glory Be."

Decade 5 – The Piercing of the Sacred Side of Our Lord Jesus.

Prayer: By the Precious Wound in Thy Sacred Side and through the pain of the lance which pierced Thy Sacred Side, may the Precious Blood and Water that pours out from there cure the sick, bring repentance to the dying, and bring us to eternal happiness with God. Amen.

Pray: The Our Father, Hail Mary, and "Glory Be."

Chaplet of the Precious Blood Closing Prayer.

Prayer: Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy; our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the Blessed Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Pray for us, Oh holy Mother of God; That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. O Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, we honor, worship and adore Thee Heal the wounds our souls and wash away the sins of the whole world. O Precious Blood, have mercy. Amen. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have mercy on us. Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pray for us. St. Joseph, Pray for us. Saints Peter and Paul, Pray for us. St. John at the foot of the Cross, Pray for us. St. Mary Magdalene, Pray for us. All ye Saints and Angels, Pray for us.

* Philip Kosloski graduated from the University of Saint Thomas in Minnesota with a bachelor's degree in philosophy and Catholic studies and a master's degree in theology from the Augustine Institute. He is currently a spirituality writer for Aleteia.org and has been featured on such places as *The Huffington Post*, *Crisis Magazine*, *The Catholic Herald*, *Catholic Exchange*, *National Catholic Register* and *EWTN Radio*.