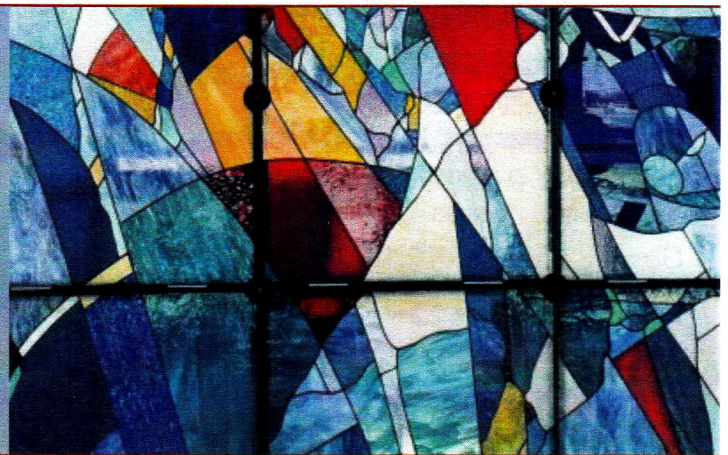
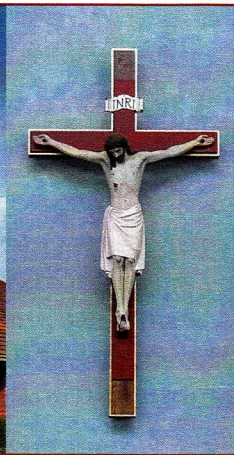
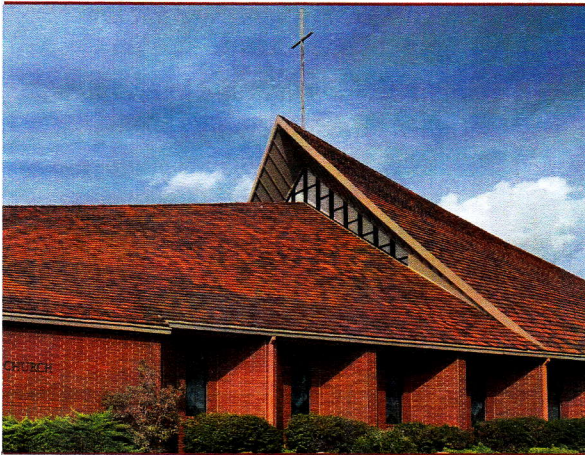


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Important Dates

22AUG: Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary ODS 830A
 22AUG: Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres STM 10A
 23AUG: Summer Mass at St. Thomas More 6P
 02SEP: Adoration/Holy Hour STM 10A
 03SEP: Crown Rosary 10A/Christian Prayer 1040A STM
 03SEP: Secular Franciscan Meeting STM After Mass
 03SEP: 2nd Collection: Building Fund STM

Sunday Readings

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 XX Domingo Ordinario

1st Reading Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

O God, let all the nations praise you!
 Que te alaben. Señor, todos los pueblos.

2nd Reading Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel Matthew 15:21-28



MEDITATION OF THE DAY

A Prayer of Great Faith

May God's will be done. May you be blessed for everything, O God, and give me your pardon and your grace. Bless my beloved ones, all of

Meditation of the Day continues on next page

AUGUST INTENTIONS of the HOLY FATHER

For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

Para la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud

Oramos para que la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud en Lisboa ayude a los jóvenes a vivir y dar testimonio del Evangelio en sus propias vidas.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SUNDAY AUGUST 20TH

Al Penna †

Carol Zellmer †

Intentions of Sam Kempner
 Barbara Collins

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

† Bill Kirby

Larry Penna

Carrie Sue Sonsteng

John Johnson

Maria del Refugio Garcia

Jose Raul Saavedra

David Jorgenson



Bruce Hasek

Judi Moreno

Dan Hegenbart

Kathy & Greg DeCristofaro

Kimberly Helgeson Avoy

Eduardo Dominguez Espinosa

The Wise Family

Sam Kempner

Renee Kelly

Samia Zumout

Sharon Wilson

Ken Keesling

Angela Babcock

Rod Montgomery

This Week's Readings

TWENTIETH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Monday; Aug. 21st MEMORIAL OF SAINT PIUS X,
POPE

1st Reading: Judges 2:11-19
Psalm 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab & 44
Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.

Gospel: Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday; August 22nd MEMORIAL OF THE QUEENSHIP OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

1st Reading: Judges 6:11-24a
Psalm 85:9, 11-12, 13-14
The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

Gospel: Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday; August 23rd

1st Reading: Judges 9:6-15
Psalm 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Lord, in your strength the king is glad.

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday; Aug. 24th FEAST OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW,
APOSTLE

1st Reading: Revelation 21:9b-14
Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18
Your friends make known, O Lord, the glorious splendor of your Kingdom.

Gospel: John 1:45-51

Friday; August 25th

1st Reading: Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22
Psalm 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday; August 26th

1st Reading: Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11;
4:13-17

Psalm 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5

See how the Lord blesses those who fear him.

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12



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MEDITATION OF THE DAY A Prayer of Great Faith

them; grant them conversion and holiness. May my nephews and my niece be Christians and apostles.

Give your grace to those I love, give light and spiritual life to everyone. Bless and guide your Church and make her priests holy, my spiritual father among them. And take me totally to yourself, in life, in death, and for eternity. Amen.

O God, I offer you this trial for my intentions, which you already know. May it bear fruit a hundredfold and let me place in your heart my sufferings, desires, and prayers, for you to do with them as I have asked. O Mary, pray for me, for us, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

—SERVANT OF GOD ELISABETH LESEUR

Elisabeth Leseur († 1914) was a French laywoman whose atheist husband, after reading her spiritual journal after her death, experienced a profound conversion and later became a Dominican priest. /

Excerpt from Magnificat Magazine, Meditation of the Day, August 20, 2023

MEDITACIÓN DEL DÍA

Una oración de gran fe

Que se haga la voluntad de Dios. Bendito seas por todo, oh Dios, y dame tu perdón y tu gracia.

Benedicid a mis amados, a todos ellos; concédeles la conversión y la santidad. Que mis sobrinos y mi sobrina sean cristianos y apóstoles. Da tu gracia a los que amo, da luz y vida espiritual a todos. Bendice y guía a tu Iglesia y haz santos a sus sacerdotes, mi padre espiritual entre ellos. Y llévame totalmente a ti, en la vida, en la muerte y por la eternidad. Amén.

Oh Dios, te ofrezco esta prueba por mis intenciones, que ya sabes. Que dé fruto al ciento por uno y déjame poner en tu corazón mis sufrimientos, deseos y oraciones, para que hagas con ellos como te he pedido. Oh María, ruega por mí, por nosotros, ahora y en la hora de nuestra muerte. Amén.

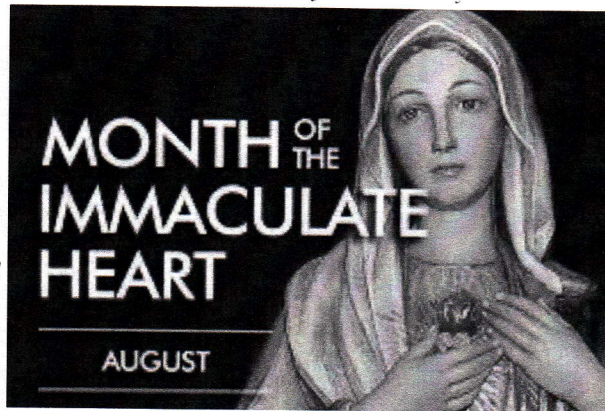
—SERVIDOR DE DIOS ELISABETH LESEUR

Elisabeth Leseur († 1914) fue una laica francesa cuyo esposo ateo, después de leer su diario espiritual después de su muerte, experimentó una profunda conversión y luego se convirtió en sacerdote dominico. /

Extracto de la revista Magnificat, Meditación del día, 20 de agosto de 2023

La devoción de agosto está tradicionalmente dedicada al

Inmaculado Corazón de María. El corazón físico de María es venerado (y no adorado como el Sagrado Corazón de Jesús) porque está unido a su persona y es sede de su amor (especialmente por su divino Hijo), virtud y vida interior. Tal devoción es un incentivo para un amor y una virtud similares. El martes 15 de agosto celebramos la Solemnidad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María. Luego, el martes 22 de agosto, celebraremos el Reinado de la Santísima Virgen María.



August devotion is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of

Mary. 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 & virtue.

On Tuesday, Aug. 15, we celebrated the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Then, on Tuesday, Aug. 22, we will celebrate the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Mientras se desvanece agosto: un tiempo para perseverar

Los días de verano han proporcionado un bienvenido cambio de ritmo. Sin embargo, mientras que las vacaciones nos brindan tiempo para relajarnos y refrescarnos, el cambio de hábitos y rutinas también puede tener un impacto negativo en nuestra vida espiritual. Como para volver a encendernos, durante agosto, la Iglesia nos ofrece fiestas, ejemplos vivos de la virtud de la perseverancia:

- Seis mártires: dos que se nombran en el Canon I de la Misa y dos que fueron martirizados durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial; el patrón de los diáconos, San Lorenzo, que bromeaba con sus verdugos mientras lo asaban vivo; y el apóstol, San Bartolomé, que fue desollado y decapitado por orden del rey armenio Astiages.
- 7 fundadores de congregaciones religiosas, así como
- 3 papas y dos reyes;
- San Agustín, el gran Doctor de la Iglesia, y Santa Mónica, su madre;
- San Juan Vianney, el humilde patrón de los párrocos

Nunca es demasiado tarde para comenzar – como nos enseña la vida del pecador reformado, San Agustín– ni demasiado difícil para comenzar de nuevo, como lo demuestra la conversión de la mártir Santa Teresa Benedicta (Edith Stein).

Los miembros actuales del Cuerpo Místico estamos seguros de la recompensa a la que estamos llamados, pues el Cuerpo Transfigurado de Cristo (que se celebra el 6 de agosto) es un anticipo de esa gloria. Además, en la Asunción de su Madre (que se celebra el 15 de agosto), Nuestro Señor ha demostrado su fidelidad a su promesa.

Su privilegio es "el fruto más alto de la Redención" y "nuestra seguridad consoladora de la venida de nuestra esperanza final: la glorificación que es de Cristo" (ver El Enchiridion sobre la Indulgencia).

Devoción de agosto continúa en la última página.

As August Wanes: A Time to Persevere

The days of summer have provided a welcome change of pace. However, while vacations afford us the time to relax and refresh, the change of habits and routines can also have a negative impact on our spiritual lives. As if to re-ignite us, during August, the Church offers us feasts, vivid examples of the virtue of perseverance:

- Six martyrs: two who are named in Canon I of the Mass & two who were martyred during World War II; the patron of deacons, St. Lawrence, who joked with his executioners while being roasted alive; and the apostle, St. Bartholomew who was flayed and beheaded at the command of the Armenian King Astiages.
- 7 founders of religious congregations, as well as
- 3 popes and two kings;
- St. Augustine, the great Doctor of the Church, and St. Monica, his mother;
- St. John Vianney, the humble patron saint of parish priests

It is never too late to begin – as the life of the reformed sinner, St. Augustine teaches us – nor too difficult to begin again, as demonstrated by the conversion of the martyr, St. Teresa Benedicta (Edith Stein).

We present-day members of the Mystical Body are certain of the reward to which we are called, for Christ's Transfigured body (celebrated August 6) is a preview of that glory. Moreover, in the Assumption of his Mother (celebrated August 15), Our Lord has demonstrated his fidelity to his promise.

Her privilege is "the highest fruit of the Redemption" and "our consoling assurance of the coming of our final hope – the glorification which is Christ's" (see The Enchiridion on Indulgence.)

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PARISH UPDATES

STM Welcome Home to the Ridge Has Trees!

The Welcome Home to the Ridge Program has trees available to present to new homeowners. It's fun, rewarding, and pleasing to God to give. And homeowners love it! If you are aware of new homeowners in the Paradise/Magalia area please consider grabbing a friend or 2, getting a tree & gifting it. Stop by the church office with the homeowner's address. We keep track of the addresses to prevent duplicate gifts.



Lori MacPhail, Chris Rehmann of STM

We also keep a list of eligible homeowners & addresses in the church office. It would be a great blessing if you stop by to get one of those addresses and deliver a tree. "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." Hebrews 13:16

Questions? See Chris Rehmann or Lori MacPhail.

DID YOU KNOW? ALL WOMEN OF ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH ARE AUTOMATIC MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN OF STM LADIES GROUP! WE MEET ONCE A MONTH! LOTS OF FUN & FELLOWSHIP. AND WE PUT ON A REALLY COOL EVENT IN OCTOBER - AN ANNUAL WINE & CHOCOLATE TASTING. WE EVEN SERVE CHOCOLATE CHILI! (yummy)

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

ICE CREAM COMING SOON! STM Will Celebrate World Day for Grandparents & Elderly Sunday; Sept. 10th!

St. Thomas More will celebrate Grandparents & the Elderly Ice Cream Social on Sunday Sept. 10th. The U.S. bishops moved this celebration to the first weekend after Labor Day in September to coincide with National Grandparents (and the Elderly) Day in the U.S., as many local communities, schools, and parishes have celebrated for some time. So, St. Thomas More complies with this change by moving our Ice Cream Social to Sunday, Sept. 10th after Mass.



In 2021, Pope Francis established the celebration of the World Day for Grandparents & Elderly on the 4th Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim & Anne, the grandparents of Jesus (July 26). The theme for 2023 selected by the pope is "His mercy is from age to age" (Lk 1:50).



Reminder for Wednesday Aug. 23
Summer Mass at St. Thomas More - 6 p.m.

SUMMER REMINDER!

**Secular Franciscan Crown Rosary,
Christian Prayer & Meeting**

See you Sunday, Sept. 3

**Crown Rosary 10A | Christian Prayer 10:40A
Meeting after Mass**

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August Devotion: Consecration to the Immaculate Heart

The Blessed Virgin Mary is the most perfect example of Christian perseverance, but she is also our advocate in heaven where she is crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth (Aug. 22). Mary is the "Mother of Perpetual Help", the patroness of the Congregation founded by St. Alphonsus Liguori (Aug. 1). "No one who has fled to her protection is left unaided" is the claim of the Memorare of St. Bernard (Aug. 20).

Heretics have returned to the faith by the prayers of her Rosary, first preached by St. Dominic (Aug. 8) in the twelfth Century, and hearts have been converted by the graces received while wearing her Miraculous Medal, promoted by St. Maximilian Kolbe (Aug. 14) and adopted as the "badge" for the Pious Union he founded.

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope!

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Devoción de agosto continúa de la página 3.

Devoción de Agosto: Consagración al Inmaculado Corazón

La Santísima Virgen María es el ejemplo más perfecto de la perseverancia cristiana, pero también es nuestra abogada en el cielo donde es coronada Reina del Cielo y de la Tierra (22 de agosto). María es la "Madre del Perpetuo Socorro", la patrona de la Congregación fundada por San Alfonso de Liguori (1 de agosto). "Nadie que haya huido a su protección queda sin ayuda", es la afirmación del Memorare de San Bernardo (20 de agosto).

Los herejes han vuelto a la fe por el rezo de su Rosario, predicado por primera vez por Santo Domingo (8 de agosto) en el siglo XII, y los corazones se han convertido por las gracias recibidas mientras portaban su Medalla Milagrosa, promovida por San Maximiliano Kolbe (14 de agosto) y adoptado como "insignia" de la Pía Unión que fundó.

¡Salve, Santa Reina, Madre de Misericordia, vida nuestra, dulzura nuestra y esperanza nuestra!

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