

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Mass: Sunday at Noon
CONFESSION 1st Wednesday 5P - 6P

Important Dates

25SEP: Chocolate Fest Tickets on Sale Today after Mass
 27SEP: Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres STM 10A
 01OCT: Adoration/Holy Hour STM 10A
01OCT: Blessing of the Animals! STM 11A
 02OCT: Crown Rosary STM 10A; Divine Office 12p

Sunday Readings

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
XXVI Domingo Ordinario
1st Reading Amos 6:1a, 4-7
Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10
 Praise the Lord, my soul!
 Alabemos al Señor, que viene a salvarnos.
2nd Reading 1 Timothy 6:11-16
Gospel Luke 16:19-31

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Cut to the Heart by the Holy Gospel

My brothers and sisters, how we were all cut to the heart when this passage was read, & when we heard this man's voice in the Gospel: Father

Meditation of the Day continues on next page

SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS of the HOLY FATHER

Abolition of the Death Penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

Abolición de la pena de muerte

Oramos para que la pena de muerte, que atenta contra la dignidad de la persona humana, sea legalmente abolida en todos los países.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH

Albert Penna †
 Norma Degmetich †
 Estela Velayo †
 Teresa Sanchez †

The Intentions of Esmeralda Rivera on her birthday

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK; LET US PRAY FOR

Telly Gregorio
 Barbara Maldonado
 Sam Kempner
 Ken Keesling
 Jim Barnes
 Julie Benedetti
 Miss Bella Cortez



Agapito Rivera
 Terry Walters

Kimberly Helgeson Avoy
 Renee Kelly
 Samia Zumout
 Steve & Sharon Wilson
 Kathy & Greg
 DeCristofaro
 Maximina Leon Mendez

This Week's Readings

TWENTY-SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday; September 26th

1st Reading: Job 1:6-22
 Psalm 17:1BCD, 2-3, 6-7
 Incline your ear to me and hear my word.
 Gospel: Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday; Sept. 27th **MEMORIAL OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST**

1st Reading: Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23
 Psalm 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8
 Let my prayer come before you, Lord.
 Gospel: Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday; September 28th

1st Reading: Job 9:1-12, 14-16
 Psalm 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15
 Let my prayer come before you, Lord.
 Gospel: Luke 9:57-62

Thursday; September 29th **FEAST OF SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS**

1st Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rev 12:7-12ab
 Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5
 In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.
 Gospel: John 1:47-51

Friday; Sept. 30th **MEMORIAL OF SAINT JEROME, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

1st Reading: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5
 Psalm 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab
 Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.
 Gospel: Luke 10:13-16

Saturday; October 1st **MEMORIAL OF SAINT THERÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

1st Reading: Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17
 Psalm 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130
 Lord, let your face shine on me.
 Gospel: Luke 10:17-24



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MEDITATION OF THE DAY Cut to the Heart by the Holy Gospel

Abraham, send Lazarus, let him dip his finger in water and drip it on my tongue, because I am in agony in this flame! How afraid we felt of something of the same sort happening to us after this life, and of our pleading in vain for relief! There is no room, you see, for putting things right when this life is over. When an athlete's beaten in the stadium, can he hope to compete outside the stadium in order to try again for the prize he has lost?

So what then? If we were afraid, if we were shocked and shaken to the core, let us change our ways while there is yet time; that is a fruitful fear. We beat our breasts when our consciences prick us with our consciousness of sin. What we are beating is something inside—some bad, evil intention or desire; let it only burst out in confession, and there will perhaps be nothing left to prick our consciences. Let all our sins burst out into confession.

I mean, that rich man too, swelling up in his fine linen, had something inside— and if only it had burst while he was still alive! Then, doubtless, perpetual flames would not have been applied to him. But because he was proud at that time, it produced only a swelling, not a bursting. Meanwhile the poor man Lazarus was lying at his gate, full of sores. So let none of us, brothers and sisters, be ashamed of confessing sins; to lie down signifies humility. Notice how they change places. When the painful difficulty of confessing sins has passed, there comes the rewarding refreshment of merits; the angels will come and carry up this sore-ridden man and lay him in Abraham's bosom, that is to say in eternal rest. The bosom signifies privacy, where the weary can find rest.

Take notice, brothers and sisters, of the destitution of the poor. Blessed is he who is understanding about the needy and the poor (Ps 41:2). Give to the poor, because the one who receives what you give is the One who wished to go in need on earth, and to enrich from heaven. The Lord did say, after all, When you did it to one of the least of mine, you did it to me. In the least of his followers laboring under severe affliction on earth, he wished somehow to be mercifully present in person, thus bringing support from heaven to all who so labor. So you are giving to Christ when you give to a needy person—or are you afraid that such a keeper may lose some of what you give, or that such a rich person may not be able to pay you back? God is almighty, Christ is almighty; you can't possibly lose any of it. —SAINTAUGUSTINE

Saint Augustine († 430, called the Doctor of Grace, is one of the most important theologians in the history of the Church. / From The Works of Saint Augustine: A Translation for the 21st century, Sermons III/4 (94A-147A) on the New Testament, Edmund Hill, O.P., Tr. Published by New City Press. © 1992, Augustinian Heritage Institute, Ardmore, PA.

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“Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you.”—St. Augustine

Septiembre está tradicionalmente dedicado a los Siete Dolores (o Dolores) de María, y el mes de la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de los Dolores.

Los Siete Dolores

1. Profecía de Simeón: (Lucas 2:34-35)
2. La huida a Egipto: (Mateo 2:13-21)
3. La pérdida del Santo Niño en Jerusalén por tres días: (Lucas 2:41-50)
4. El encuentro con Jesús en su camino al Calvario: (Juan 19:17)
5. De pie en el pie de la Cruz: (Juan 19:18-30)
6. Jesús siendo bajado de la Cruz: (Juan 19:39-40)
7. Y la sepultura de Cristo: (Juan 19:39-42)

Las Siete Promesas de la Devoción de los Siete Dolores

- 1) "Concederé paz a sus familias."
- 2) "Serán iluminados acerca de 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) "Yo 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 esta gracia de mi divino Hijo, que aquellos que propaguen esta devoción a mis lágrimas y dolores, serán llevados directamente de esta vida terrena a la felicidad eterna, ya que todos sus pecados serán perdonados y mi Hijo será su eterno consuelo y alegría."

¿Sabías de las promesas que hizo Nuestro Señor para honrar el Corazón Doloroso de Nuestra Señora? San Alfonso de Liguori dijo que Nuestro Señor hizo cuatro promesas a aquellos que honran el Corazón Doloroso de Nuestra Señora y las enumeró en su libro, *Las Glorias de María*. Las promesas de nuestro Señor se enumeran a continuación:

1. "Que los que invocan a la divina madre por sus dolores, antes de la muerte merecerán obtener el verdadero arrepentimiento de todos sus pecados."
2. "Que los protegerá en sus tribulaciones, especialmente en la hora de la muerte."
3. "Que les grabará el recuerdo de su pasión, y tendrán su recompensa en el cielo."
4. "Que encomiende a tales siervos piadosos en manos de María, para que ella disponga de ellos según su voluntad, y les obtenga todas las gracias que desee."

ORACIÓN DE ESTA SEMANA: Oración intercesora a nuestro señor
Que interceda por nosotros, te suplicamos, oh Señor Jesucristo, ahora y en la hora de nuestra muerte, ante el trono de tu misericordia, por la bienaventurada Virgen María, tu Madre, cuya santísima alma fue traspasada por una espada. de dolor en la hora de tu amarga Pasión. Amén



September is traditionally dedicated to the Seven Sorrows (or Dolours) of Mary & the month for the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.

The Seven Sorrows

- 1) The Prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:34-35)
- 2) The Flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-21)
- 3) The Loss of Jesus for Three Days (Luke 2:41-50)
- 4) The Carrying of the Cross (John 19:17)
- 5) The Crucifixion of Jesus (John 19:18-30)
- 6) Jesus Taken Down from the Cross (John 19:39-40)
- 7) Jesus Laid in the Tomb (John 19:39-42)

The Seven Promises of the Seven Sorrows Devotion

- 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 & 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 this grace from my divine Son, that those who propagate this devotion to my tears & dolours will be taken directly from this earthly life to eternal happiness, since all their sins will be forgiven and my Son will be their eternal consolation and joy."

Did you know about the promises Our Lord made for honoring Our Lady's Sorrowful Heart? St. Alphonsus Liguori said Our Lord made four promises to those who honor Our Lady's Sorrowful Heart and listed them in his book, *The Glories of Mary*. Our Lord's promises are listed below:

- 1) "That those who invoke the divine mother by her sorrows, before death will merit to obtain true repentance of all their sins."
- 2) "That he will protect such in their tribulations, especially at the hour of death."
- 3) "That he will impress upon them the memory of his passion, and that they shall have their reward for it in heaven."
- 4) "That he will commit such devout servants to the hands of Mary, that she may dispose of them according to her pleasure, and obtain for them all the graces she desires."

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER: Intercessory Prayer to Our Lord Jesus

Let intercession be made for us, we beseech You, O Lord Jesus Christ, now and at the hour of our death, before the throne of Your mercy, by the Blessed Virgin Mary, Your Mother, whose most holy soul was pierced by a sword of sorrow in the hour of Your bitter Passion. Amen.

Prayer Source/Oración Fuente: <https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=2456>
Sources/Fuentes: https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/08_1.cfm; <http://www.themostholysacrosanct.com/appendix1.htm>

PARISH UPDATES

Save These DATES

ATTN: WOMEN OF STM!

Ladies! Please note SPECIAL MEETING for Chocolate Fest!
Please attend if at all possible. It's our last meeting b4 event.



DATE	TIME	EVENT
TODAY!	After Mass	Chocolate Fest Tickets on Sale!
Friday; Oct. 14	Noon	Women of STM Meeting Church Narthex
Sat.; Oct. 22	3P - 6P	STM 2nd Annual Wine and Chocolate Extravaganza!

KEY DATES THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD & SAVIOR



DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday; Sept. 26	9A to 2P	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Tuesday; Sept. 27	9A to 2P	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Wednesday; Sept. 28	9A to 2P	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Thursday; Sept. 29	9A to 2P	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Saturday; Oct. 1	10A	ADORATION/HOLY HOUR
Sunday; Oct. 2	10A	CROWN ROSARY

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

Campaign begins in October

Blessing of the Animals

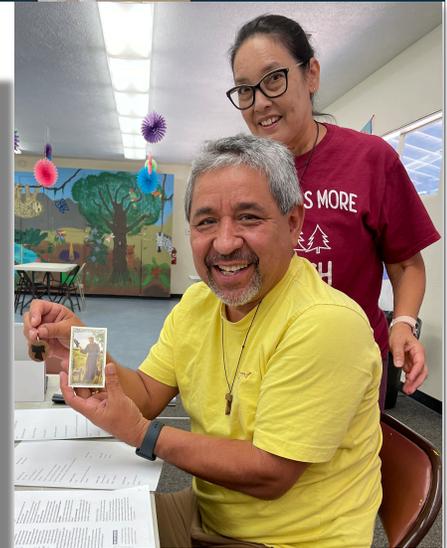
Saturday; October 1st at 11 a.m.



On Saturday; Oct. 1st at 11A please bring your service animals, your pets, horses, pigs, birds, dogs, reptiles, cats by for a blessing!

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EVERYONE WELCOME!



STM parishioners, Larry & Shirley Ahumada.

Larry Ahumada Creates Special Commemorative Medal Especially For Your Pets!

You'll want to be sure and bring your pets, service animals, pigs, birds, dogs, cats and reptiles for a blessing on Saturday, October 1st at 11A! This year your pet will not only receive a Certificate of Blessing but, in addition, a prayer card and special commemorative medal Larry Ahumada created for this event!