

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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CONFESSION 1st Wednesday 5P - 6P

Important Dates

02JULY: Secular Franciscan Mtg STM After Mass **XXLED**
02JULY: SECOND COLLECTION: Building Fund
 04JULY: Independence Day Holiday STM Office Closed
 05JULY: Sacrament of Reconciliation STM 5P
05JULY: Celebration of Holy Mass STM 6P
 11JULY: Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres STM 10A
 21JULY: Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Rosary STM 3P
 21JULY: Prayer for Peace STM 330P

Sunday Readings

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
XIII Domingo Ordinario

1st Reading 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

Psalms 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Proclamaré sin cesar la misericordia del Señor.

2nd Reading Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel Matthew 10:37-42



MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Giving and Receiving Christ

The only real oneness possible [is] Christ in us...In Holy Communion millions of small hosts are given to millions of people; this does not mean that
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JULY INTENTIONS of the HOLY FATHER

For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Por una vida eucarística

Oramos para que los católicos puedan poner la celebración de la Eucaristía en el centro de sus vidas, transformando las relaciones humanas de manera muy profunda y abriéndose al encuentro con Dios y con todos sus hermanos y hermanas.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SUNDAY JULY 2ND

Michael Morris †

For the Intentions of Phil & Helen Kelly



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Larry Penna

David Jorgenson

Rod Montgomery

The Wise Family

Karen Phillips

Carrie Sue Sonsteng

John Johnson

Maria del Refugio Garcia

Monica Dominguez Cornejo

Bruce Hasek

Judi Moreno

Dan Hegenbart

Kathy & Greg DeCristofaro

Kimberly Helgeson Avoy

Sam Kempner

Renee Kelly

Samia Zumout

Sharon Wilson

Barbara Maldonado

Ken Keesling

Angela Babcock

This Week's Readings

THIRTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Monday; July 3rd FEAST OF SAINT THOMAS, APOSTLE

1st Reading: Ephesians 2:19-22

Psalm 117:1bc, 2

Go out to all the world & tell the Good News.

Gospel: John 20:24-29

Tuesday; July 4th

1st Reading: Genesis 19:15-29

Psalm 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12

O Lord, your mercy is before my eyes.

Gospel: Matthew 8:23-27

Wednesday; July 5th

1st Reading: Genesis 21:5, 8-20a

Psalm 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Gospel: Matthew 8:28-34

Thursday; July 6th

1st Reading: Genesis 22:1b-19

Psalm 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8

Friday; July 7th

1st Reading: Genesis 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67

Psalm 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13

Saturday; July 8th

1st Reading: Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29

Psalm 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6

Praise the Lord for the Lord is good!

Gospel: Matthew 9:14-17



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MEDITATION OF THE DAY Giving and Receiving Christ

Christ is divided into millions, but that the millions are made one in Christ.

A flesh-and-blood example tells more than many words. I was at a Mass in a side chapel where I knew the priest would have no Communion hosts. But at the Lord, I am not worthy a woman came out of the shadows and whispered, "Come, he has one Host for me; he will divide it." I turned and saw poverty, suffering that shamed me, a woman in rags, her face burnt and hardly human, only the eyes that looked out of it shone with unbelievable serenity. The priest divided the Host reserved for her between us. She gave Christ to me, Christ's Passion to the world.

At first sight, suffering seems broken up, unfairly divided. In reality it is the human race that is divided, suffering is a communion that makes us one, as sacramental Communion does. We can give Christ's Passion to one another, as the poor woman gave Christ to me, and we can comfort Christ in one another in doing so. A child, mortifying his thirst on a hot day, can moisten the lips of Christ in an army camped in the desert. A martyr dying from exposure in frozen Siberia can give Christ's death to a student shivering in London because he has no money for his gas.

May the breaking of the bread of our sorrow make us one in the Passion of Christ.... He gave us his Passion in his body, gave us himself, his suffering and his sacrifice, his heart full of compassion and his hands so soon to be nailed for all time to the hard wood of our suffering. In his hands we can offer our fragment for the world, just as the priest offers the Host at Mass.... It is estimated that there are four elevations every second in every twenty-four hours.

We see the Host lifted in the priest's hands at our local altar. Who can estimate how many elevations God sees from the altars of man's heart, in factories, kitchens, schools, hospitals, workhouses, ships, and camps all over the world. —CARYLL HOUSELANDER

Caryll Houselander († 1954) was a British artist, poet, and spiritual author. / From Lift up Your Hearts. © 1978, H.J. Taylor, Arena Letters, New York, NY.

Excerpt from Magnificat Magazine, Meditation of the Day, July 2, 2023

!Reminder!

**The monthly Prayer for Peace has New Day & Time
The 3rd Friday of the month at 330P. See you Friday, July 21
(After the 3 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary)**

Divine Mercy Chaplet 3P | Rosary | Prayer for Peace 3:30P



¡El mes de julio está dedicado a la Preciosa Sangre de Jesús! La

fiesta de la Preciosa Sangre de Nuestro Señor fue instituida en 1849 por Pío IX, pero la devoción es tan antigua como el cristianismo. Los primeros Padres dicen que la Iglesia nació del costado traspasado de Cristo, y que los sacramentos fueron producidos a través de Su Sangre. "La Preciosa Sangre que adoramos es la Sangre que el Salvador derramó por nosotros en el Calvario y reasumió en Su gloriosa Resurrección; es la Sangre que corre por las venas de Su cuerpo resucitado, glorificado y vivo a la diestra de Dios Padre en el cielo; es la Sangre que se hace presente en nuestros altares con las palabras de la Consagración; es la Sangre que nos mereció la gracia santificante y por ella lava y embellece nuestra alma e inaugura en ella el comienzo de la vida eterna."

Oración para la Primera Semana de Julio: La Oración de la Preciosa Sangre

Dios todopoderoso y eterno, que designaste a tu Hijo unigénito para ser el Redentor del mundo, y quisiste reconciliarte con nosotros por su sangre, concédenos, te suplicamos, venerar así con solemne adoración el precio de nuestra salvación, para que su poder aquí en la tierra nos guarde de todas las cosas dañinas, y el fruto de lo mismo nos regocije para siempre en el cielo. Por el mismo Cristo nuestro Señor. Amén.

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La Eucaristía y el Sagrado Corazón de Jesús

¿Cuál es el mejor culto que podemos dar al Sagrado Corazón?

Participando en la Eucaristía.

Visitando al Santísimo Sacramento, vivo en cada Iglesia. Por eso está encendida la lamparita, símbolo de la presencia viva de ese Corazón que palpita de amor por todos.

Damos culto al Corazón de Jesús, haciendo la comunión espiritual.

Haciendo Hora Santa, Jesús recibe también reparación. Cada pecado nuestro le va destrozando e hiriendo su divino corazón. Con la Hora Santa vamos reparando nuestros pecados y los pecados de la humanidad.

Los primeros viernes de cada mes son ocasión maravillosa para reparar a ese corazón que tanto ha amado a los suyos.

Este culto eucarístico es la respuesta de correspondencia nuestra al amor del Corazón de Jesús, pues es en la Eucaristía donde ese corazón palpita de amor por nosotros.

Aprovecha la oportunidad de venir a compartir un ratito con Jesús en la Eucaristía.

Nuestra Iglesia está abierta de lunes a viernes, los primeros sábados de cada mes y por su puesto, los domingos. Jesús esta esperando por tí.



The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus! The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of

Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood. "The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Savior shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it."

Prayer for 1st Week of July: The Precious Blood Prayer

Almighty, and everlasting God, who hast appointed Thine only-begotten Son to be the Redeemer of the world, and hast been pleased to be reconciled unto us by His Blood, grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate with solemn worship the price of our salvation, that the power thereof may here on earth keep us from all things hurtful, and the fruit of the same may gladden us for ever hereafter in heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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PARISH UPDATES

World Day for Grandparents & Elderly Moves From July to September

St. Thomas More typically celebrates Grandparents & the Elderly with a July Ice Cream Social; however, the U.S. bishops have transferred this celebration to the first weekend after Labor Day in September. This was done 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, to comply with this change, St. Thomas More will move its Ice Cream Social to Sunday, Sept. 10th.

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).

Special Note for July: In July, in the U.S., the observance of Natural Family Planning Week takes place beginning on the Sunday before July 25 and ends on the following Saturday. (Which will be July 23 to July 29.)

REMINDER: SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR THE BUILDING FUND



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. GETTING READY 4 THE ANNUAL WINE & CHOCOLATE TASTING. SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

JUBILEE PHOTO SLIDE SHOW AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!

Some parish members have expressed interest in obtaining a copy of the Jubilee photo slide show. If you would like to purchase a thumb drive of the photos please call the church office & leave your name & phone number. The cost is \$10.

SUMMER UPDATE!

Secular Franciscan JULY Crown Rosary, Christian Prayer & Meeting is cancelled

**These activities will resume Sunday, August 6
Crown Rosary 10A | Christian Prayer 10:40A
Meeting after Mass**



The Women of St. Thomas More End the 2022-23 Fiscal Year With Annual Picnic & Scholarship Award!

The Women of STM annual picnic took place last Saturday at the home of Chris & Rolawn Rehmann. It was a great time with wonderful fellowship. We welcome the new leadership team for the ministry and the outgoing acting-president was presented with a beautiful antique Victorian outdoor garden settee. Rolawn says, thank you so much for this lovely gift! On Sunday, the Women of STM Scholarship Committee, led by Madeline Riley, was thrilled to make their first scholarship presentation! These scholarships are available to not just high school graduates, but includes returning students, adult learners, technical schools as well as 2- & 4-year colleges. We can't wait to award even more scholarships next year. Congratulations Edma Valencio!

