

# ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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**CONFESSION 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 5P - 6P**

## Important Dates

22OCT: It's Day 26 of 40 Days 4 Life Prayer Campaign!  
 24OCT: Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres STM 10  
 29OCT: 2nd Collection for St. Vincent de Paul  
 29OCT **SAINTS & TREATS** w/ Children's Faith Formation!  
 01NOV: ALL SAINTS DAY  
 02NOV: ALL SOULS DAY Commemoration of the Faithful Departed  
 04NOV: Set clocks back 1 hour Saturday night!

## Sunday Readings

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 XXIX Domingo Ordinario

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

**Psalm** 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10

Give the Lord glory and honor.

Cantemos la grandeza del Señor.

**2nd Reading** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

**Gospel** Matthew 22:15-21



## MEDITATION OF THE DAY

The Mission to Render to God What Belongs to God  
*Since they are members of the Church by virtue of their baptism, all Christians share responsibility for missionary activity. Missionary*

*Meditation of the Day continues on next page*

## OCTOBER INTENTIONS of the HOLY FATHER

### For the Synod

*We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.*

### Para el Sínodo

*Oramos por la Iglesia, para que adopte la escucha y el diálogo como estilo de vida a todos los niveles, y se deje guiar por el Espíritu Santo hacia las periferias del mundo*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR SUNDAY OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup>

*Al Kaster †*

*In thanksgiving for the birthdays of Helvia Saavedra and Melanie Torres*



## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Arminda Rodriguez

Pamela Casey

Cathy Larsen

David Moreno

Angela Babcock

Victoria Wilsey

Barbar Collins

Dan Hegenbart

David Jorgenson

Rod Montgomery

Kathy & Greg DeCristofaro

Carrie Sue Sonsteng

Mary Helgeson Dentino

and Chloë

Sam Kempner

Larry Penna

Karen Phillips

Kimberly Helgeson Avoy

Sofia Garcia

Bruce Hasek

Barbara Maldonado

Renee Kelly

John Johnson

Samia Zumout

## This Week's Readings

### TWENTY-NINTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

#### Monday; October 23<sup>rd</sup>

1st Reading: Romans 4:20-25  
 Psalm Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75  
 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people.  
 Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

#### Tuesday; October 24<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21  
 Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17  
 Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.  
 Gospel: Luke 12:35-38

#### Wednesday; October 25<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: Romans 6:12-18  
 Psalm 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8  
 Our help is in the name of the Lord.  
 Gospel: Luke 12:39-48

#### Thursday; October 26<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: Romans 6:19-23  
 Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6  
 Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.  
 Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

#### Friday; October 27<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: Romans 7:18-25a  
 Psalm 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94  
 Lord, teach me your statutes.  
 Gospel: Luke 12:54-59

### FEAST OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

#### Saturday; October 28<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: Ephesians 2:19-22  
 Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5  
 Their message goes out through all the earth.  
 Gospel: Luke 6:12-16



*Meditation of the Day continued from front page.*

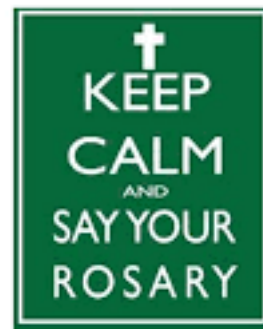
**MEDITATION OF THE DAY** The Mission to Render to God What Belongs to God cooperation is rooted and lived, above all, in personal union with Christ. **Only if we are united to him as the branches to the vine can we produce good fruit.** Through holiness of life every Christian can become a fruitful part of the Church's mission....

**Sharing in the universal mission therefore is not limited** to certain specific activities, but is the sign of maturity in faith and of a Christian life that bears fruit. In this way, individual believers extend the reach of their charity and show concern for those both far and near. They pray for the missions and missionary vocations. They help missionaries and follow their work with interest. And when missionaries return, they welcome them with the same joy with which the first Christian communities heard from the apostles the marvelous things God had wrought through their preaching (Acts 14:27).

**Among the forms of sharing, first place goes to spiritual cooperation** through prayer, sacrifice, and the witness of Christian life. Prayer should accompany the journey of missionaries so that the proclamation of the Word will be effective through God's grace. In his letters, Saint Paul often asks the faithful to pray for him so that he might proclaim the Gospel with confidence and conviction. Prayer needs to be accompanied by sacrifice. **The redemptive value of suffering**, accepted and offered to God with love, derives from the sacrifice of Christ himself, who calls the members of his Mystical Body to share in his sufferings, to complete them in their own flesh (Col 1:24). The sacrifice of missionaries should be shared and accompanied by the sacrifices of all the faithful. I therefore urge those engaged in the pastoral care of the sick to teach them about the efficacy of suffering, and to encourage them to offer their sufferings to God for missionaries. By making such an offering, the sick themselves become missionaries. — SAINT JOHN PAUL II

*Saint John Paul II († 2005) reigned as pope from 1978 until 2005. / From Redemptoris Missio # 77-78, on the permanent validity of the Church's missionary mandate. His feast day is October 22.*

*Excerpt from Magnificat Magazine, Meditation of the Day, October 22, 2023*



**TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY.** We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all!

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**Por tradición, la Iglesia Católica dedica cada mes del año a una devoción, siendo octubre el dedicado al Santo Rosario, una de las devociones católicas más conocidas; para incluir la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora del Rosario el 7 de octubre.**

A continuación se encuentran las 15 promesas reveladas por Nuestra Santísima Madre a Santo Domingo en una revelación privada durante la herejía albigense; Más tarde se los reveló al Beato Alan de la Roche (quien reavivó la devoción al rosario en el siglo XV).

**Las 15 Promesas a quienes rezan fielmente el Rosario**

1. A todos los que recen devotamente mi Rosario, les prometo mi especial protección y grandes gracias.
2. Aquellos que perseveren en el rezo de mi Rosario recibirán alguna gracia especial.
3. El Rosario será una armadura muy poderosa contra el infierno; destruirá el vicio, librará del pecado y disipará la herejía.
4. El rosario hará florecer la virtud y las buenas obras, y obtendrá para las almas las más abundantes misericordias divinas. Apartará los corazones de los hombres del amor al mundo y de sus vanidades, y los elevará al deseo de las cosas eternas. ¡Oh, que las almas se santificaran por este medio!
5. Los que se confían a mí a través del Rosario no perecerán.
6. Quien recita mi Rosario reflexionando devotamente sobre los misterios, nunca será abrumado por la desgracia. No experimentará la ira de Dios ni perecerá por una muerte no prevista. El pecador se convertirá; los justos perseverarán en la gracia y merecerán la vida eterna.
7. Los verdaderamente devotos de mi Rosario no morirán sin los sacramentos de la Iglesia.
8. Los que sean fieles a rezar mi Rosario tendrán durante su vida y en su muerte la luz de Dios y la plenitud de sus gracias y participarán de los méritos de los bienaventurados.
9. Libraré prontamente del purgatorio a las almas devotas de mi Rosario.
10. Los verdaderos hijos de mi Rosario gozarán de gran gloria en el cielo.
11. Lo que pedís a través de mi Rosario lo obtendréis.
12. A quienes propaguen mi Rosario les prometo ayuda en todas sus necesidades.
13. He obtenido de mi Hijo que todos los miembros de la Cofradía del Rosario tengan por intercesores, en la vida y en la muerte, a toda la corte celestial.
14. Quienes rezan fielmente mi Rosario son mis amados hijos, los hermanos y hermanas de Jesucristo.
15. La devoción a mi Rosario es un signo especial de predestinación.



**By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a devotion with October being dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions; to include the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on Oct. 7.**

Below are the 15 promises revealed by Our Blessed Mother to St. Dominic in a private revelation during the Albigensian heresy; later she revealed them to Blessed Alan de la Roche (who reignited devotion to the rosary in the 15th century)

**The 15 Promises to those who faithfully pray the Rosary**

1. To all those who shall pray my Rosary devoutly, I promise my special protection and great graces.
2. Those who shall persevere in the recitation of my Rosary will receive some special grace.
3. The Rosary will be a very powerful armor against hell; it will destroy vice, deliver from sin and dispel heresy.
4. The rosary will make virtue and good works flourish, and will obtain for souls the most abundant divine mercies. It will draw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
5. Those who trust themselves to me through the Rosary will not perish.
6. Whoever recites my Rosary devoutly reflecting on the mysteries, shall never be overwhelmed by misfortune. He will not experience the anger of God nor will he perish by an unprovided death. The sinner will be converted; the just will persevere in grace and merit eternal life.
7. Those truly devoted to my Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.
8. Those who are faithful to recite my Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of His graces and will share in the merits of the blessed.
9. I will deliver promptly from purgatory souls devoted to my Rosary.
10. True children of my Rosary will enjoy great glory in heaven.
11. What you shall ask through my Rosary you shall obtain.
12. To those who propagate my Rosary I promise aid in all their necessities.
13. I have obtained from my Son that all the members of the Rosary Confraternity shall have as their intercessors, in life and in death, the entire celestial court.
14. Those who recite my Rosary faithfully are my beloved children, the brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion to my Rosary is a special sign of predestination.

# PARISH UPDATES

## STM WHTR TEAM ATTENDS HABITAT RIBBON CUTTING

Lori MacPhail & Chris Rehmann of the STM Welcome Home to the Ridge Ministry, attended a ribbon cutting at a home built by Habitat for Humanity, to present the new homeowners with a tree. This is the 11th house Habitat has built on the Ridge since the fire with plans to build about 20 more homes in Paradise over the next two years!



Standing between Lori MacPhail & Chris Rehmann is the new homeowner and her son. The Habitat sponsors are standing behind Lori. At the very back left is a representative from Doug LaMalfa's office, who presented the homeowner with an American flag that had flown over Congress.



Welcome!

### GREETER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**We are in need of additional greeter volunteers.** If you enjoy welcoming friends new and old. You can have the opportunity to greet them once a month at the doors of St. Thomas More. It is the easiest activity you can do to support your church. Just 1 hour a month, if we have enough

helpers. Substitutes are also welcome to participate. Please contact Kathy DeCristofaro at 530-873-4132 [worshipworks@att.net](mailto:worshipworks@att.net)

### ¡SE NECESITAN VOLUNTARIOS PARA SALUDAR!

**Necesitamos voluntarios de bienvenida adicionales.** Si te gusta recibir amigos nuevos y viejos. Podrás tener la oportunidad de saludarlos una vez al mes a las puertas de Santo Tomás Moro. Es la actividad más fácil que puedes hacer para apoyar a tu iglesia. Sólo 1 hora al mes, si tenemos suficientes ayudantes. Los suplentes también son bienvenidos a participar. Comuníquese con Kathy DeCristofaro al 530-873-4132 [worshipworks@att.net](mailto:worshipworks@att.net)



¡Bienvenido!

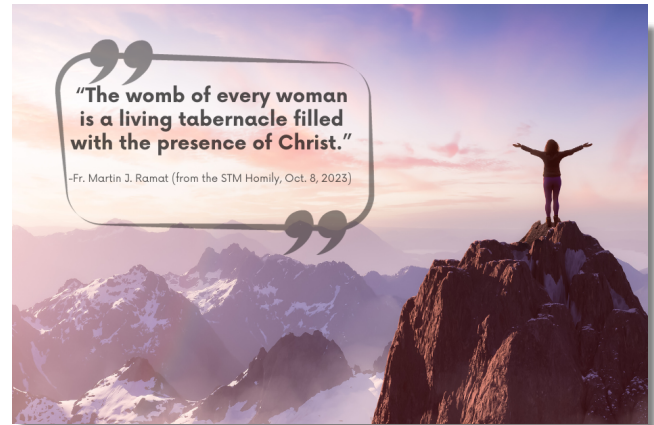
### Camp Fire Commemoration

**Mark your calendars for a special commemoration of the Camp Fire Five Year Anniversary.** This will be an interfaith commemorative gathering Wednesday, Nov. 8, 9 a.m., at the Billie Park Pavilion.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE. **Today is Day 26 of the Fall 2023 Prayer campaign!** (ends Nov. 5)

**Prayer Works! If you've not had a chance, please pick up a a Daily Prayer Intention in the narthex on the 40 Days for Life Bulletin Board!** Questions? See Kathy DeChristofaro.



**¡Hoy es el día 26 de la campaña de oración de otoño de 2023! (finaliza el 5 de noviembre)**

**¡La oración funciona!** Si no ha tenido la oportunidad, ¡elija una Intención de oración diaria en el pórtico del tablón de anuncios de 40 días por la vida! Publique la lista de oración en un lugar conveniente y úsela siempre que pueda. ¿Preguntas? Véase Kathy DeChristofaro.



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