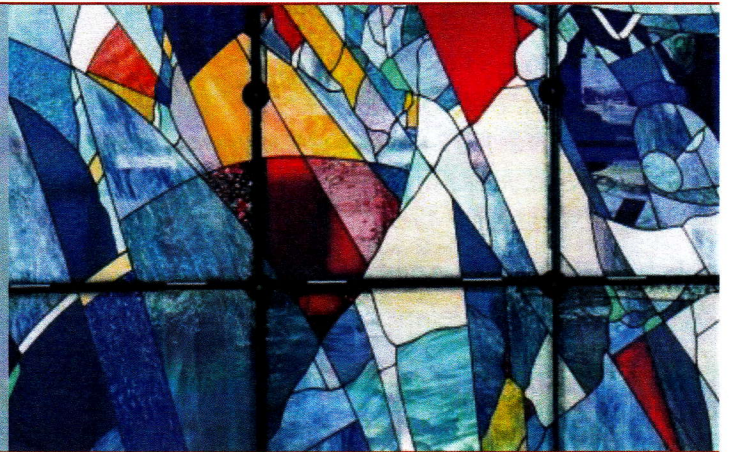
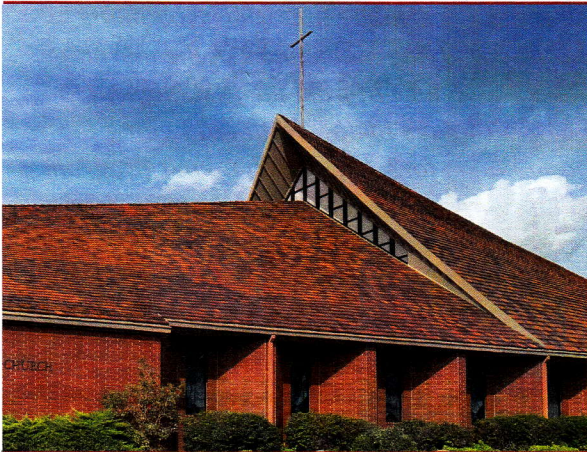


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## Important Dates

15AUG: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary ODS 830A  
15AUG: LAST SESSION: Eucharist-Real Presence STM 6P  
16AUG: LAST SESSION: Eucharist-Real Presence STM 10a  
16AUG: Summer Mass at St. Thomas More 6P  
18AUG: Divine Mercy Chaplet/Prayer for Peace 3P  
22AUG: Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary ODS 830A  
22AUG: Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres STM 10A

## Sunday Readings

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
XIX Domingo Ordinario

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

**Psalms** 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.  
Muéstranos, Señor, tu misericordia.

**2nd Reading** Romans 9:1-5

**Gospel** Matthew 14:22-33



## MEDITATION OF THE DAY

“Do not be afraid”

*Is it not true that it would be a very simple, efficacious, and gentle procedure to sanctify ourselves by accepting each day what*

*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 13<sup>th</sup>

Ana Gilmert †

Mary Caruana †

Holy Souls in Purgatory

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Bill Kirby †

Larry Penna

Carrie Sue Sonsteng

John Johnson

Maria del Refugio Garcia

Jose Raul Saavedra

David Jorgenson



## LET US PRAY FOR

Sam Kempner

Renee Kelly

Samia Zumout

Sharon Wilson

Ken Keesling

Angela Babcock

Rod Montgomery

Bruce Hasek

Judi Moreno

Dan Hegenbart

Kathy & Greg DeCristofaro

Kimberly Helgeson Avoy  
Eduardo Dominguez Espinosa

The Wise Family



## This Week's Readings

### NINETEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

#### Monday; Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> MEMORIAL OF SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, PRIEST AND MARTYR

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 10:12-22

Psalms 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Gospel: Matthew 17:22-27

#### Tuesday; August 15<sup>th</sup> SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

1st Reading: Revelation 11:19A;

12:1-6A, 10AB

Psalms 45:10, 11, 12, 16

The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-27

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

#### Wednesday; August 16<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalms 66:1-3a, 5 & 8, 16-17

Blessed be God who filled my soul with fire!

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

#### Thursday; Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17

Psalms 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-19:1

#### Friday; August 18<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: Joshua 24:1-13

Psalms 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 & 24

His mercy endures forever.

Gospel: Matthew 19:3-12

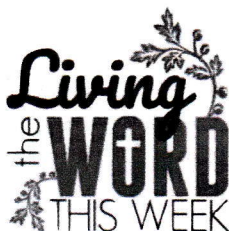
#### Saturday; August 19<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: Joshua 24:14-29

Psalms 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 19:13-15



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## MEDITATION OF THE DAY "Do not be afraid"

*our Lord asks of us? We have absolute certainty that what God plans for us each day is most suitable and sanctifying. Sometimes in the morning we are too far-seeing; we would like to take in from the first moment the whole course of the day: What shall I have to do? What am I going to suffer? What do I fear? What do I hope for? And we set up our program. The only program for me is God's program. Let this day come as it may. God sends it; he and no one else. Let it come as it may, we are sure that it comes wrapped in the love of our Lord and destined to sanctify us. We ought to say: "I will sanctify myself precisely by the events of this day because the loving providence of God has sent them to me. He is acquainted with my necessities; he knows what is most conducive to my sanctification." If we were to understand this, would not our soul be a veritable ocean of peace?*

**One final objection:** *I acknowledge that by following God's plan and subjecting myself to his will, I walk in security and live in peace. But anxieties arise on this account, for by the abuse of my liberty I may resist the divine will, go astray and follow a crooked path. Is not this a reasonable cause for worry? No. It is a reasonable cause for repentance, for tears and a firm resolution, but not for the loss of peace. God does not cease being good because I am bad, nor does he cease seeking me because I go astray. Did he not reveal to us his own heart in the parable of the Good Shepherd who left the ninety-nine sheep while he ran after the one that was lost? Yes, I have absolute certainty that if I go astray, Jesus will seek me. I shall place myself in his omnipotent hands. I shall rest upon his shoulders and return to the fold. Perhaps I must suffer to return to the right path, but blessed be the sufferings which atone for my fault and bring me back to my God.*

**Whatever our failings may be,** *whatever our wanderings, we have no right to lose either hope or peace. We are Christians and have received peace as a gift from heaven, as a seal of Christ, that peace which the world can neither give nor take away. I shall suffer, I shall repent, I shall do penance, I shall sacrifice myself— everything, but with peace in my heart; for I know that here is someone who loves me in spite of my infidelities; someone who, when I wander, puts me back on the right path; who, when I fall, raises me up. —SERVANT OF GOD LUIS MARÍA MARTÍNEZ*

Archbishop Martínez († 1956) was a spiritual author and the first official Primate of Mexico. He is the author of the recently translated work *Am I Not Your Mother?: Reflections on Our Lady of Guadalupe*, published by Magnificat. / From *Only Jesus, Sister Mary St. Daniel, B.V.M.*, Tr. © 2020 by Cluny Media, P.O. Box 1664, Providence, RI 02901.

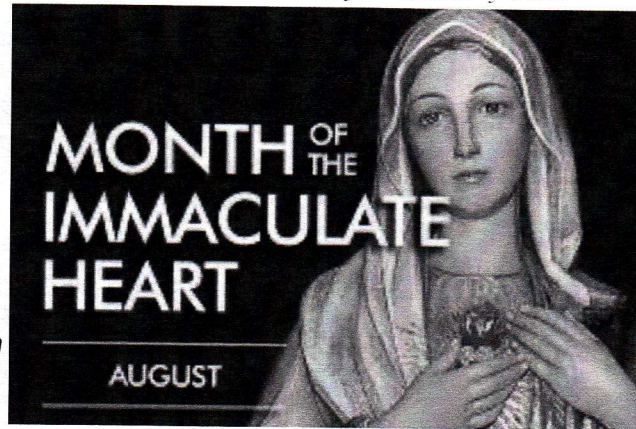
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**DID YOU KNOW? ALL WOMEN OF ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH ARE AUTOMATIC MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN OF STM LADIES GROUP! WE MEET ONCE A MONTH! LOTS OF FUN & FELLOWSHIP. AND WE PUT ON A REALLY COOL EVENT IN OCTOBER - AN ANNUAL WINE & CHOCOLATE TASTING. WE EVEN SERVE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

**SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!**



**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, celebramos 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 celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Then, on Tuesday, Aug. 22, we celebrate the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

### **Consagración al Inmaculado Corazón**

El Papa Pablo VI, en el piso del Concilio Vaticano al final de la tercera sesión, renovó públicamente la consagración de la Iglesia y el mundo al Inmaculado Corazón de María. Dijo que sus pensamientos se dirigieron al mundo entero "que nuestro venerado predecesor Pío XII... no sin inspiración de lo alto, consagró solemnemente al Inmaculado Corazón de María... Oh Virgen María, Madre del Concilio, a ti Recomendamos a toda la Iglesia". Cuando visitó Fátima el 13 de mayo de 1967, el mismo Papa recordó esta "consagración que nosotros mismos hemos renovado el 21 de noviembre de 1964: exhortamos a todos los hijos de la Iglesia a renovar personalmente su consagración al Corazón Inmaculado de la Madre de la Iglesia y a hacer vivir este noble acto de veneración a través de una vida cada vez más acorde con la voluntad divina y en un espíritu de servicio filial y de devota imitación de su Reina celestial".

Antes de hacer una consagración, es muy deseable hacer una preparación cuidadosa que se prolongue durante un período de tiempo. Una buena manera de hacer esa preparación se describe en la última parte del libro *La Verdadera Devoción de San Luis de Montfort*. Lo más esencial es no hacer un acto de consagración, con o sin alguna solemnidad, aunque eso es importante. Lo esencial es vivir esa consagración. Vivir una consagración podría describirse como las siguientes tres actitudes o espíritus:

**Unión** – Imitación de Jesús y María, para llegar a ser como ellos, y tratando de desarrollar lo más constante posible una realización de Su presencia y la de ella.

**Dependencia** – Dar a Jesús y María el derecho de disponer de todo lo que tenemos, temporal y espiritual.

**Obediencia** – Jesús y María tienen derecho a pedirnos que hagamos cualquier cosa, incluso sin recompensa. En la consagración reconocemos ese derecho, lo damos sobre la base del amor y nos proponemos llevarlo a cabo con la mayor generosidad.

### **Consecration to the Immaculate Heart**

Pope Paul VI, on the floor of the Vatican Council at the close of the third session, renewed publicly the consecration of the Church and the world to Mary's Immaculate Heart. He said that his thoughts turned to the whole world "which our venerated predecessor Pius XII... not without inspiration from on high, solemnly consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary... O Virgin Mary, Mother of the Council, to you we recommend the entire Church." When he visited Fatima on May 13, 1967, the same Pope recalled this "consecration which we ourselves have renewed on Nov. 21, 1964 – we exhort all the sons of the Church to renew personally their consecration to the Immaculate Heart of the Mother of the Church and to bring alive this most noble act of veneration through a life ever more in accord with the divine will and in a spirit of filial service & of devout imitation of their heavenly Queen." Before making a consecration it is most desirable to make a careful preparation extending over some period of time. One good way to make that preparation is described in the last part of St. Louis de Montfort's *True Devotion* book.

The most essential thing is not making an act of consecration, with or without some solemnity, though that is important. The essential thing is to live that consecration.

Living a consecration could be described as following three attitudes or spirits:

**Union** – Imitation of Jesus and Mary, so as to become like them, and trying to develop as constant as possible a realization of His and her presence.

**Dependence** – Give to Jesus and Mary the right to dispose of everything we have, temporal and spiritual.

**Obedience** – Jesus and Mary have the right to ask us to do anything at all, even without reward. In consecration, we recognize that right, give it on a basis of love, and plan to carry it out with fullest generosity.

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## PARISH UPDATES

### STM Welcome Home to the Ridge Has Trees!

The Welcome Home to the Ridge Program has trees available for new homeowners. It's fun, rewarding, and pleasing to God to give. And the 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.

### SUMMER REMINDER!

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

See you Sunday, Sept. 3

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

### 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. 16 Summer Mass at St. Thomas More - 6 p.m.

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### August Devotion: Consecration to the Immaculate Heart

St. Maximilian Kolbe liked to speak of the relation of consecration to our baptismal promises, in which we promised to renounce satan and all his works, and to follow Jesus, by whom we are "sealed" in baptism as His property. Consecration is the fullest kind of response to and carrying out of these promises. Mary, in view of her Immaculate Conception, was most fitted to respond most fully, and that she did, with a fullness and perfection beyond our ability to visualize – for we recall that Pius IX told us that even at the start of her existence, her holiness was so great that "none greater under God can be thought of, and no one but God can comprehend it."

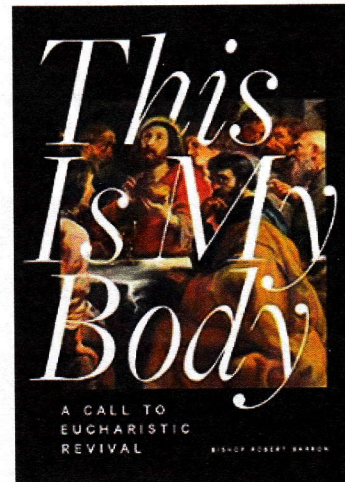
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### Devoción de Agosto: Consagración al Inmaculado Corazón

A San Maximiliano Kolbe le gustaba hablar de la relación de la consagración con nuestras promesas bautismales, en las que prometimos renunciar a satanás y todas sus obras, y seguir a Jesús, por quien somos "sellados" en el bautismo como Su propiedad. La consagración es el tipo más completo de respuesta y cumplimiento de estas promesas. María, en vista de su Inmaculada Concepción, fue la más adecuada para responder de la manera más completa, y lo hizo, con una plenitud y perfección más allá de nuestra capacidad de visualización, porque recordamos que Pío IX nos dijo que incluso al comienzo de su existencia, su santidad era tan grande que "no se puede pensar en nadie más grande bajo Dios, y nadie sino Dios puede comprenderlo".

Extraído del *Our Father's Plan*, Fr. William G. Most



The St. Thomas More Scripture & Book Study final session is this week: *The Eucharist-Real Presence.*

Tuesday | August 15 | 6P  
and  
Wednesday | Aug. 16 | 10A

This is the final session which explores the Eucharist based on Bishop Barron's book. Sessions are led by Mike Mangan & Jim Collins.