

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Mass: Sunday at Noon

CONFESSION 1st Wednesday 5P - 6P

Important Dates

10SEP: Ice Cream Social After Mass
 12SEP: Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres STM 10A
 13SEP: Summer Mass at STM 6P
 14SEP: Exaltation of the Holy Cross Mass ODS 8A
 15SEP: Our Lady of Sorrows Mass ODS 8A
 15SEP: Divine Mercy Chaplet/Prayer for Peace STM 3P
 16SEP: Secular Franciscans Games Day! STM 10A

Sunday Readings

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
XXIII Domingo Ordinario

1st Reading Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
 Señor, que no seamos sordos a tu voz.

2nd Reading Romans 13:8-10

Gospel Matthew 18:15-20



MEDITATION OF THE DAY

United in Love

The biblical readings of Mass this Sunday converge on the theme of brotherly love in the community of believers whose source lies in the

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SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS of the HOLY FATHER

For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Para las personas que viven en los márgenes

Oramos por aquellas personas que viven al margen de la sociedad, en condiciones de vida inhumanas; que las instituciones no los pasen por alto y nunca los consideren de menor importancia.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH

Earl J. Whatcott †

Josephine Dominguez †

Maria de la Luz Linn-Galan †

For the health and personal intentions of Samia Zumout



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Victoria Wilsey

Sofia Garcia

Jose R. Saavedra

Barbara Collins

Larry Penna

David Jorgenson

Rod Montgomery

The Wise Family

John Johnson

Renee Kelly

Kathy & Greg DeCristofaro

Carrie Sue Sonsteng

Mary Helgeson Dentino

and Chloë

Karen Phillips

David Moreno

Kimberly Helgeson Avoy

Sharon Wilson

Barbara Maldonado

Dan Hegenbart

Angela Babcock

Sam Kempner

Samia Zumout

Bruce Hasek

Judi Moreno

This Week's Readings

TWENTY-THIRD WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Monday; September 11th

1st Reading: Colossians 1:24–2:3

Psalm 62:6-7, 9

In God is my safety and my glory.

Gospel: Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday; September 12th

1st Reading: Colossians 2:6-15

Psalm 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11

The Lord is compassionate toward all his works.

Gospel: Luke 6:12-19

**MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN
CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP AND
DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

Wed.; Sept. 13th

1st Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

Psalm 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab

The Lord is compassionate toward all his works.

Gospel: Luke 6:20-26

Thurs.; Sept. 14th

**FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF
THE HOLY CROSS**

1st Reading: Numbers 21:4b-9

Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38

Do not forget the works of the Lord!

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: John 3:13-17

Friday; Sept. 15th

**MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF
SORROWS**

1st Reading: 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14

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

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Sequence: At the cross her station keeping...

Gospel: John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35

Saturday; Sept. 16th

**MEMORIAL OF SAINTS
CORNELIUS, POPE, AND
CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYRS**

1st Reading: 1 Timothy 1:15-17

Psalm 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7

Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever.

Gospel: Luke 6:43-49



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MEDITATION OF THE DAY United in Love

communion of the Trinity. The Apostle Paul says that the whole Law of God finds fullness in love, so that in our relationships with others the Ten Commandments and every other precept are summed up in these words: Love your neighbor as yourself.

The Gospel text on the life of the Christian community tells us that brotherly love also involves a sense of mutual responsibility. For this reason if my brother commits a sin against me I must treat him charitably and, first of all, speak to him privately, pointing out that what he has said or done is wrong. This approach is known as “fraternal correction”: it is not a reaction to the offense suffered but is motivated by love for one’s brethren. Saint Augustine comments: “Whoever has offended you, in offending you, has inflicted a serious injury upon himself; and would you not care for a brother’s injury? ... You must forget the offense you have received but not the injury of one of your brethren.” ... All this demonstrates that we are responsible for each other in the journey of Christian life; each person, aware of his own limitations and shortcomings, is called to accept fraternal correction and to help others with this specific service.

Another fruit of love in the community is unanimous prayer. Jesus said: If two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them. Personal prayer is of course important, indeed indispensable, but the Lord guarantees his presence to the community—even if it is very small— which is united and in agreement, because this reflects the very reality of the Triune God, perfect communion of love. Origen says, “we should practice this symphony,” in other words this harmony, within the Christian community. We should practice both fraternal correction—which demands deep humility and simplicity of heart—and prayer so that it may rise to God from a community truly united in Christ. Let us ask all this through the intercession of Mary Most Holy, Mother of the Church.

—POPE BENEDICT XVI

Pope Benedict XVI († 2022) reigned as pope from 2005 to 2013. / From Angelus Address, Sunday, 4 September 2011, Courtyard of the Papal Summer Residence, Castel Gandolfo.

Excerpt from Magnificat Magazine, Meditation of the Day, September 10, 2023



The St. Thomas More Parish Family extends condolences to Carlos Meza’s family & friends. Carlos passed away Aug. 14. **His Funeral Mass is this Friday, Sept. 15, 1030A at STM.**



The St. Thomas More Parish Family extends condolences to the Rundle family & friends on the passing of Edward “Ed” Rundle last week. The Rundle Family currently resides in Minnesota.



**Reminder for Wednesday Sept. 13:
Summer Mass at St. Thomas More - 6 p.m.**



Septiembre está dedicado a los siete dolores de María, Nuestra Señora de los Dolores. Celebramos su memoria ESTA SEMANA VIERNES 15 de septiembre (Misa en ODS 8A)

Esta devoción del siglo XII hizo su aparición en los círculos monásticos bajo la influencia de San Anselmo y San Bernardo. Los cistercienses y luego los servitas se comprometieron a propagarlo. Se generalizó en los siglos XIV y XV. Fue en este contexto que se compusieron los primeros formularios litúrgicos en su honor. Un concilio provincial de Mainz en 1423 los utilizó para establecer una "Fiesta de los Dolores de María" en reparación por las profanaciones husitas de sus imágenes. *Extraído de La Iglesia en oración, vol. IV A.G. Martimort.*



September is dedicated to the seven sorrows of Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows. We celebrate her memorial THIS WEEK on FRIDAY Sept. 15. (Mass at ODS 8A)

This devotion from the 12th century made its appearance in monastic circles under the influence of St. Anselm and St. Bernard. The Cistercians and then the Servites undertook to propagate it. It became widespread in the 14th & 15th centuries. It was in this context that the first liturgical formularies in her honor were composed. A provincial council of Mainz in 1423 made use of these in establishing a "Feast of the Sorrows of Mary" in reparation for Hussite profanations of her images. (Excerpted from The Church at Prayer, Vol. IV A.G. Martimort.)

El Rosario de los Siete Dolores

Señal de la Cruz | Oración inicial (ver la última página) | Acto de contrición

3 Avemarías* | Madre Misericordiosa te rogamos, querida Madre, que nos enseñes a hacer como lo hizo Jesús. Enséñanos a aceptar nuestra cruz con valentía. Confiamos en ti, Madre misericordiosa, enséñanos a sacrificarnos por todos los pecadores del mundo. Ayúdanos a seguir los pasos de tu Hijo, e incluso a estar dispuestos a dar la vida por los demás.

1er Dolor: la profecía de Simeón (Lucas 2:22-35); Padre Nuestro | 7 Avemarías | Madre Misericordiosa...

2do Dolor: en la huida a Egipto (Mateo 2:13-21); Padre Nuestro | 7 Avemarías | Madre Misericordiosa...

3er Dolor: perdió al Santo Niño en Jerusalén (Lucas 2:41-52); Padre Nuestro | 7 Avemarías | Madre Misericordiosa...

4to Dolor: encontrarse con Jesús en su camino al Calvario (Lucas 23:27-31); Padre Nuestro | 7 Avemarías | Madre Misericordiosa...

5to Dolor: parado al pie de la Cruz (Juan 19:18-30); Padre Nuestro | 7 Avemarías | Madre Misericordiosa...

6to Dolor: Jesús siendo bajado de la Cruz (Juan 19:38-40); Padre Nuestro | 7 Avemarías | Madre Misericordiosa...

7mo Dolor: la sepultura de Cristo (Juan 19:39-42); Padre Nuestro | 7 Avemarías | Madre Misericordiosa...

*Después de **cada serie de Avemarías**, diga lo siguiente: Madre Santa escucha mis oraciones, y renueva en mi corazón cada llaga de Jesús mi Salvador.

(Para la oración final, consulte la última página)

FUENTES: <https://ollakes.org/monthly-devotions-2#:~:text=The%20month%20of%20September%20is,Anselm%20and%20St.%20Bernard.https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/14151b.htm>; <https://www.goodcatholic.com/the-seven-sorrows-and-promises-of-our-lady-of-sorrows/>

The Seven Sorrows Rosary

Sign of the Cross | Opening Prayer (see back page) | Act of Contrition
3 Hail Mary's* | Most Merciful Mother we beg you, dear Mother, to teach us to do as Jesus did. Teach us to accept our cross courageously. We trust you, most Merciful Mother, so teach us to sacrifice for all the sinners in the world. Help us to follow in your Son's footsteps, and even to be willing to lay down our lives for others.

1st Sorrow: the prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:22-35); Our Father | 7 Hail Mary's* | Most Merciful Mother ...

2nd Sorrow: at the flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-21); Our Father | 7 Hail Mary's* | Most Merciful Mother ...

3rd Sorrow: lost the Holy Child at Jerusalem (Luke 2:41-52); Our Father | 7 Hail Mary's* | Most Merciful Mother ...

4th Sorrow: meeting Jesus on his way to Calvary (Luke 23:27-31); Our Father | 7 Hail Mary's* | Most Merciful Mother ...

5th Sorrow: standing at the foot of the Cross (John 19:18-30); Our Father | 7 Hail Mary's* | Most Merciful Mother ...

6th Sorrow: Jesus being taken from the Cross (John 19:38-40); Our Father | 7 Hail Mary's* | Most Merciful Mother ...

7th Sorrow: the burial of Christ (John 19:39-42). Our Father | 7 Hail Mary's* | Most Merciful Mother ...

*After **each set of Hail Mary's**, say the following: Holy Mother hear my prayers, and renew in my heart each wound of Jesus my Savior.

(Closing prayer see back page)

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PRAYER: <https://littlesistersofthepoor.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/How-to-7-sorrows->

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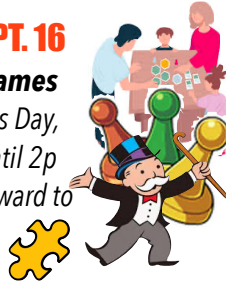
ICE CREAM SOCIAL TODAY! STM Celebrates World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly



Please join us after Mass to celebrate World Grandparents & the Elderly Day with an Ice Cream Social !

SECULAR FRANCISCANS GAMES DAY SEPT. 16

Join us next Saturday for fun, fellowship, games & prizes at the annual Secular Franciscans Games Day, Saturday, Sept. 16. The fun starts at 10A & lasts until 2p here at STM. A raffle will also be held. We look forward to seeing you!



La campaña de otoño 40 días por la vida necesita guerreros de oración

La campaña de 40 días por la vida Otoño 2023 comienza el 27 de septiembre (y finaliza el 5 de noviembre). Buscamos personas dispuestas a pasar una hora en oración. Si está dispuesto, se le notificará del inicio de la vigilia de oración una o dos semanas antes de la fecha de inicio del 27 de septiembre. Kathy DiChristofaro está preparando un folleto informativo que estará disponible pronto como inserto en el boletín.



Sus oraciones y peticiones nos han ayudado a lograr avances a nivel nacional con el fin de Roe v Wade. Sin embargo, California es un estado que permite el aborto hasta el momento del parto natural y alienta a mujeres de todo el país a venir aquí para abortar a sus hijos. Esta es una gran tragedia y un profundo pecado para nuestro estado.

Si está dispuesto a ser un guerrero de oración durante la campaña de otoño de 40 días por la vida de 2023, mire el boletín para ver un inserto con más detalles próximamente. ¿Preguntas? Véase Kathy DiChristofaro.



The Fall 2023 Prayer campaign begins Sept. 27 (ends on Nov. 5). We are looking for people willing to spend an hour in prayer. If you are willing, you'll be notified of the start of the prayer vigil a week or two before the Sept. 27 start date. Kathy DiChristofaro is preparing an info pamphlet that will be available soon as a bulletin insert.

Your prayers and petitions have helped us make progress on the national level with the end of Roe v Wade. However, California is a state that allows abortion up to the moment of natural birth and encourages women from across the country to come here to abort their children. This is a great tragedy and a deep sin on our state.

If you are willing to be a prayer warrior during the 2023 40 Day for Life Fall Campaign watch the bulletin for more detail coming soon. Questions? See Kathy DiChristofaro.

The Seven Sorrows Rosary continued from page 3

Opening prayer

My God, I offer you this rosary for your glory. I want to honor your Holy Mother, the Blessed Virgin, by meditating upon and sharing in her suffering.

O my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, trusting in your infinite love I turn to you for forgiveness and mercy. I am truly sorry for the pains you suffered in your most bitter Passion because of my sins. For love of you, and before your holy presence, I utterly renounce and forsake all the sins of my whole life. I ask pardon of you with all my heart. I firmly resolve to amend my life and would rather die than offend you again. O Blessed Virgin Mary, you are our tender Mother and the refuge of sinners. I run to you with confidence and love. Hide me under your mantle of love and protection. As I meditate upon the swords of sorrow that pierced your Immaculate Heart, obtain for me the forgiveness of my sins and the grace to live a life of heroic holiness. Blessed Mother, I unite my heart to yours and offer this rosary for young people: for their purity and growth in holiness, their vocational discernment, and their courage in following Christ.

Closing Prayer

O Mary, you truly became the Queen of all martyrs as these seven bitter swords of sorrow pierced your Immaculate Heart! By the merits of your tearful distress obtain for us and for all sinners the graces of perfect contrition and conversion. Help us always, dear Mother, to imitate you by taking up our crosses and following Jesus with limitless love and generosity. Amen.

El Rosario de los Siete Dolores viene de la página 3

Rezo inicial

Dios mío, te ofrezco este rosario para tu gloria. Quiero honrar a vuestra Santa Madre, la Santísima Virgen, meditando y compartiendo su sufrimiento.

Oh mi Señor y Salvador, Jesucristo, confiando en tu infinito amor acudo a ti en busca de perdón y misericordia. Realmente lamento los dolores que sufristeis en vuestra amargísima Pasión a causa de mis pecados. Por amor a ti, y ante tu santa presencia, renuncio y abandono por completo todos los pecados de toda mi vida. Te pido perdón de todo corazón. Resuelvo firmemente enmendar mi vida y prefiero morir antes que volver a ofenderte.

Oh Santísima Virgen María, eres nuestra tierna Madre y refugio de los pecadores. Corro hacia ti con confianza y amor. Escóndeme bajo tu manto de amor y protección. Mientras medito sobre las espadas de dolor que traspasaron tu Inmaculado Corazón, obtén para mí el perdón de mis pecados y la gracia de vivir una vida de heroica santidad. Madre Santísima, uno mi corazón al tuyo y ofrezco este rosario por los jóvenes: por su pureza y crecimiento en la santidad, su discernimiento vocacional y su valentía en el seguimiento de Cristo.

Oración final

¡Oh María, verdaderamente te convertiste en la Reina de todos los mártires cuando estas siete amargas espadas de dolor traspasaron tu Inmaculado Corazón! Por los méritos de tu angustia llorosa, obtén para nosotros y para todos los pecadores las gracias de la perfecta contrición y de la conversión. Ayúdanos siempre, querida Madre, a imitarte tomando nuestras cruces y siguiendo a Jesús con amor y generosidad sin límites. Amén.