

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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CONFESSION 1st Wednesday 5P - 6P

Important Dates

22OCT: It's Day 33 of 40 Days 4 Life Prayer Campaign!
 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 STM 6P
 08NOV: Camp Fire 5-Yr Ecumenical Svc Billie Park 9A
 08NOV: Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres STM 10a

Sunday Readings

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
XXX Domingo Ordinario

1st Reading Exodus 22:20-26

Psalms 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

I love you, Lord, my strength.
 Tu, Señor, eres mi refugio.

2nd Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Gospel Matthew 22:34-40



MEDITATION OF THE DAY

The Meaning of the Law

Christ did not come merely in order to do away with the law. He came to fulfill it as the giver of the new law.... Do not think that I have come

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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 29TH

Maria Balladares †

Carol Zellmer †

Delphine Grembowski †

Fred Stankoven †



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Arminda Rodriguez

Pamela Casey

Cathy Larsen

David Moreno

Angela Babcock

Victoria Wilsey

Barbara Collins

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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

THIRTIETH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Monday; October 30th

1st Reading: Romans 8:12-17
Psalm 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21
Our God is the God of salvation.
Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday; October 31st

1st Reading: Romans 8:18-25
Psalm 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6
The Lord has done marvels for us.
Gospel: Luke 13:18-21

Wednesday; November 1st SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

1st Reading: Revelations 7:2-4, 9-14
Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.
2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-3
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

Thursday; November 2nd COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)

1st Reading: Wisdom 3:1-9
Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
2nd Reading: Romans 6:3-9
Gospel: John 6:37-40

Friday; November 3rd

1st Reading: Romans 9:1-5
Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.
Gospel: Luke 14:1-6

Saturday; November 4th MEMORIAL OF SAINT CHARLES BORROMEEO, BISHOP

1st Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29
Psalm 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18
The Lord will not abandon his people.
Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-11



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MEDITATION OF THE DAY The Meaning of the Law

to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. He even goes on to say that not an iota, not a dot of the law will pass away and that his - followers must surpass the scribes and Pharisees in holiness.... Now, the new law of Christ is an interior law, the "law of grace." It is more demanding than the old law. It requires us to sacrifice ourselves so that Christ may animate everything that we do, so that he may quite truly be our life. Following the most ancient of insights by the Christian community, the Church's baptismal liturgies repeatedly connect our baptism to Christ's death and Resurrection.

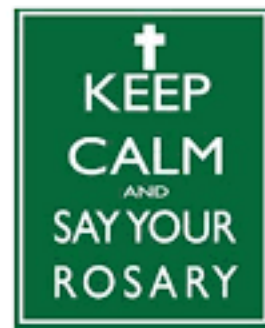
Through baptism we become changed, sealed with what theologians call the indelible character of baptism. We "put on Christ."

This idea was already present in Christ's own preaching. On several occasions, the Gospels present us with the story of a young adherent to the law asking what he must do to attain eternal life. [Christ] looks at the young man with a loving glance, sees his devotion, and tells him that there is merely one more thing to do. The young man must sell everything and follow him, leaving behind family and friends. In short, Christ demands everything of him, every fiber of his being, every relationship. But in compensation he gives all things. As Saint Paul would later proclaim, All things are yours and you are Christ's & Christ is God's....

The new law is indeed a law of freedom, above all a freedom to pursue the most profound "thing" we are called to love: God himself. In him, the God who is goodness and love, our hearts find their true fulfillment, their true perfection, and their true joy. In the beautiful words with which Dante closes the Divine Comedy, God is "the Love that moves the sun and the other stars." Thus we see the meaning of the well-known words of Christ spoken after he washed his disciples' feet: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. This is the sign of being Christ's disciple. It is a lofty bar, for we are called to love with that same love that impelled Christ to the cross for our sake. As Saint John writes elsewhere, We love because he first loved us (1 Jn 4:19). We might rephrase this and say, In your love, Christ, we see love (see Ps 36:10). —SAINT JOHN PAUL II

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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.

Al cerrar este mes dedicado al Santo Rosario, esperamos que las reflexiones y oraciones de este mes hayan inspirado su propia devoción al Rosario y hayan alentado su determinación de rezarlo más a menudo. Hoy cerramos el mes con antecedentes adicionales sobre la importancia del Rosario.

Razones Importantes para Rezar el Rosario

El Santo Papa Juan Pablo II, enfatizando el carácter contemplativo del rosario, afirmó que "el rosario pertenece a las más bellas y loables tradiciones de la contemplación cristiana".

Desde sus orígenes en el siglo XII, el rosario ha sido visto como una meditación sobre la vida de Cristo, y es como tal que muchos papas han aprobado y alentado su recitación. El Papa Juan Pablo II se basó en el tema cristocéntrico del Papa Pablo VI, afirmando: "El rosario, aunque claramente de carácter mariano, es en el fondo una oración cristocéntrica. En la sobriedad de sus elementos, tiene toda la profundidad del mensaje del Evangelio en su totalidad, de la cual se puede decir que es un compendio".

Los Caballeros de Colón nos ofrecen cinco razones importantes para rezar el rosario:

1. María puede ayudarnos a conocer mejor a su hijo Jesucristo.
2. A quienes rezan el rosario se les prometen gracias e indulgencias, tal como lo compartió Alanus de Rupe, un fraile dominico del siglo XV, que fue visitado por la Santísima Virgen María, quien hizo 15 promesas a los cristianos que rezaban el rosario. (Puede encontrar las 15 promesas enumeradas en el Boletín STM del 22 de octubre, accesible en línea en www.stmparadise.net).
3. Trae la victoria en la batalla como un arma poderosa, tanto en medio de la guerra espiritual como de las batallas mundanas.
4. Es una oportunidad para reflexionar sobre los misterios del Evangelio. Al rezar el rosario, se nos invita a reflexionar sobre los misterios gozosos, dolorosos, gloriosos y luminosos revelados en los Evangelios.
5. Es la manera perfecta de hacer tiempo para Dios. El Papa Juan Pablo II afirmó en Rosarium Virginis Marie que el rosario es una "dulce cadena que nos une a Dios" porque da a los fieles tiempo para "contemplar la belleza del rostro de Cristo y experimentar las profundidades de su amor".

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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.

As we close out this month dedicated to the Holy Rosary, it is hoped that the reflections and prayers this month have inspired your own devotion to the Rosary and to hearten your resolve to pray it more often. Today, we close the month with additional background on the Rosary's importance.

Important Reasons to Pray the Rosary

Saint Pope John Paul II, emphasizing the contemplative nature of the rosary, stated that "The rosary belongs among the finest and most praiseworthy traditions of Christian contemplation."

From its origins in the 12th century the rosary has been seen as a meditation on the life of Christ, and it is as such that many popes have approved of and encouraged its recitation. Pope John Paul II built on the Christocentric theme of Pope Paul VI, stating: "The rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer. In the sobriety of its elements, it has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety, of which it can be said to be a compendium."

The Knights of Columbus offer us five important reasons to pray the rosary:

1. Mary can help us to better know her son, Jesus Christ.
2. Those who pray the rosary are promised graces and indulgences as shared by Alanus de Rupe, a 15th-century Dominican friar, who was visited by the Blessed Virgin Mary, who gave 15 promises to Christians who prayed the rosary. (You can find the 15 promises listed in the Oct. 22 STM Bulletin accessible online at www.stmparadise.net).
3. It brings victory in battle as a powerful weapon – amid both spiritual warfare and worldly battles.
4. It's an opportunity to reflect on the Gospel mysteries. When praying the rosary, we are invited to reflect on the joyful, sorrowful, glorious and luminous mysteries revealed in the Gospels.
5. It's the perfect way to make time for God. Pope John Paul II stated in Rosarium Virginis Marie that the rosary is a "sweet chain linking us to God" because it gives the faithful time to "contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ & experience the depths of his love."

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PARISH UPDATES

ST. THOMAS MORE ALL SOULS DAY COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Special All Souls Day Commemoration led by Deacon Mike Mangan
Thursday; Nov. 2 | 6 p.m. | St. Thomas More

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- **BRING YOUR PHOTOS** FOR THE REMEMBRANCE DISPLAY ANYTIME DURING CHURCH HOURS, MON-FRI 9A TO 2P (OR WHENEVER GREG KIDDER IS ON SITE.).
- **TO LIST YOUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED IN THE COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM** EMAIL NAMES TO ROLAWN AT RBREHMANN@GMAIL.COM BY TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31ST.

CALLE. TOMÁS MÁS DÍA DE LOS DIFUNTOS CONMEMORACIÓN DE LOS FIELES DIFUNDIDOS

Conmemoración especial del Día de los Difuntos dirigida por el diácono Mike Mangan
JUEVES; 2 DE NOVIEMBRE | 6 p.m. | St. Thomas More

NOTAS IMPORTANTES:

- **TRAIGA SUS FOTOS** PARA LA EXHIBICIÓN DEL RECUERDO EN CUALQUIER MOMENTO DURANTE EL HORARIO DE LA IGLESIA, DE LUNES A VIE DE 9 A A 2 P (O CUANDO GREG KIDDER ESTÉ EN EL LUGAR).
- **SI DESEA QUE SUS FIELES FALLIDOS SE INCLUYAN EN EL PROGRAMA CONMEMORATIVO,** ENVÍE LOS NOMBRES POR CORREO ELECTRÓNICO A ROLAWN A RBREHMANN@GMAIL.COM ANTES DEL MARTES 31 DE OCTUBRE.



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

¡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



¡Bienvenido!

Camp Fire Interfaith Commemoration Gathering

Please plan to attend a special interfaith commemoration of the Camp Fire Five Year Anniversary.

Wednesday, Nov. 8 | 9 a.m. | Billie Park Pavilion

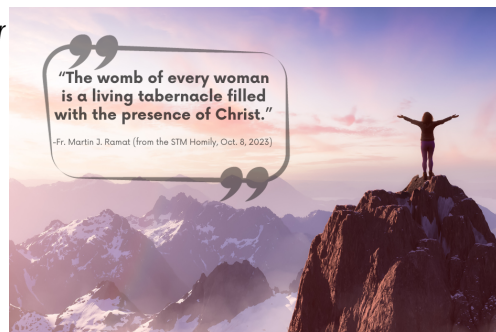


Join us as we reflect and pray together!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE Today is Day 33 of the Fall 2023

Prayer campaign! (ends Nov. 5)

Prayer Works! Our prayer vigil is almost over but *it's not too late to pray.* Please pick up a Daily Prayer Intention in the narthex on the 40 Days for Life Bulletin Board! Questions? See Kathy DeChristofaro.



"The womb of every woman is a living tabernacle filled with the presence of Christ."

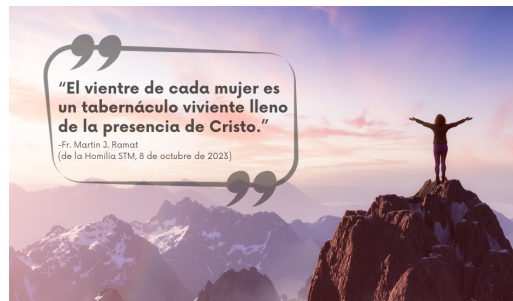
-Fr. Martin J. Ramat (from the STM Homily, Oct. 8, 2023)



Kathy DeChristofaro

¡Hoy es el día 33 de la campaña de oración de Otoño de 2023! (finaliza el 5 de noviembre)

¡La oración funciona! Nuestra vigilia de oración casi ha terminado, pero aún no es demasiado tarde para orar. ¡Recoja una intención de oración diaria en el pórtico del tablón de anuncios de 40 días por la vida! ¿Preguntas? Véase Kathy DeChristofaro.



"El vientre de cada mujer es un tabernáculo viviente lleno de la presencia de Cristo."

-Fr. Martin J. Ramat (de la Homilía STM, 8 de octubre de 2023)

2nd Collection Today for St. Vincent de Paul
The collection today for St. Vincent de Paul supports their work in Paradise and across the Ridge as witnesses to the love of Christ.
Thank you for your generosity.

