

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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CONFESSION 1st Wednesday 5P - 6P

Important Dates

15OCT: It's Day 19 of 40 Days 4 Life Prayer Campaign!
 21OCT: **Chocolate & Wine Extravaganza!** 3-6p, school
 24OCT: Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres STM 10
 29OCT: 2nd Collection for St. Vincent de Paul
 01NOV: ALL SAINTS DAY
 02NOV: ALL SOULS DAY Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
 04NOV: Set clocks back 1 hour Saturday night!

Sunday Readings

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 XXVIII Domingo Ordinario

1st Reading Isaiah 25:6-10a

Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.
 Habitaré en la casa del Señor toda la vida.

2nd Reading Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel Matthew 22:1-14



MEDITATION OF THE DAY

That the Hall May Be Filled

When it describes the king coming into his banquet hall, eager to take delight in his guests, our text is evoking one of the most central and moving of
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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 15TH

Carol Zellmer †

Parmenio Ospina †



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Cathy Larsen
 David Moreno
 Angela Babcock
 Victoria Wilsey
 Barbara Collins
 David Jorgenson
 Dan Hegenbart
 Pamela Casey

Rod Montgomery
 Kathy & Greg DeCristofaro
 Larry Penna
 Mary Helgeson Dentino
 and Chloe
 Karen Phillips
 Sam Kempner
 Samia Zumout

Kimberly Helgeson Avoy
 Sofia Garcia
 David Moreno
 Bruce Hasek
 Barbara Maldonado
 Renee Kelly
 John Johnson
 Carrie Sue Sonsteng

This Week's Readings

TWENTY-EIGHTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Monday; October 16th

1st Reading: Romans 1:1-7
 Psalm 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
 The Lord has made known his salvation.
 Gospel: Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday; Oct. 17th MEMORIAL OF SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP AND MARTYR

1st Reading: Romans 1:16-25
 Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5
 The heavens proclaim the glory of God.
 Gospel: Luke 11:37-41

Wed.; October 18th FEAST OF SAINT LUKE, EVANGELIST

1st Reading: 2 Timothy 4:10-17b
 Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18
 Your friends make known, O Lord, the glorious splendor of your Kingdom.
 Gospel: Luke 10:1-9

Thurs.; Oct. 19th MEMORIAL OF SAINTS JOHN DE BRÉBEUF AND ISAAC JOGUES, PRIESTS, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

1st Reading: Romans 3:21-30
 Psalm 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab
 With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.
 Gospel: Luke 11:47-54

Friday; October 20th

1st Reading: Romans 4:1-8
 Psalm 32:1b-2, 5, 11
 I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.
 Gospel: Luke 12:1-7

Saturday; October 21st

1st Reading: Romans 4:13, 16-18
 Psalm 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43
 The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.
 Gospel: Luke 12:8-12



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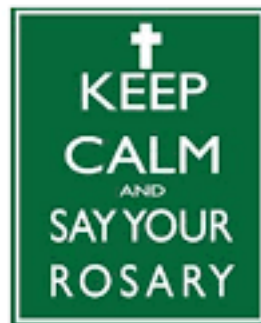
MEDITATION OF THE DAY That the Hall May Be Filled

biblical themes: God's search for man, in particular for the face of man. We are perhaps more accustomed to expressions of man's impassioned search for God. But we often forget that our instinct for God was put in us by God himself in the beginning, desirous as he was for our love.... We would not be looking for God, as Saint Augustine superbly exclaims, unless God had already found us! His desire for us incessantly generates ours for him. This is why our love will never be disappointed, since its very existence already contains a sure promise of fulfillment.

Truly, if our heart is ardently seeking the face of God, the watermark we will discern under the text of every page of Scripture is these words of the divine Bridegroom as he in turn searches for our countenance, which, unaccountably, seems to enthrall him: My dove, hiding in the clefts of the rock, in the coverts of the cliff, show me your face, let me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet and your face is lovely (Sg 2:14). In us, reclining at his wedding banquet, the Father comes looking for the face of his eternal Word that he etched into our souls at the creation, the Christ-likeness that we put on like a garment at our baptism—that is, when we accepted the king's invitation to share in the joy of his festal table. He comes looking for the image of his beloved Son on our faces in order to contemplate in a fresh location, so to speak, the beauty that so enchants his heart—in yet another incarnation, yet another variation, that will confirm him once again in his never-ending yet ever-new experience of his Son's inexhaustible loveliness, splendor, and humble grandeur.... In the most real and emphatic way, we Christians are called by the Father to impersonate Christ, that is, to allow the full reality of the Person of the Word, along with all his virtues, to permeate and vivify every cell of our being so that at length our hearts become the heart of Christ, perceiving, thinking, and loving with all the wisdom, strength, and magnificence of Christ. Only such "impersonation" of the divine Lover (because it is most intimate communion with the Source of our being) will, paradoxically, bring out our own deepest, most original, and genuine selves. —ERASMO LEIVA-MERIKAKIS

Erasmus Leiva-Merikakis, now known as Father Simeon, is a Trappist monk. He is the author of Fire of Mercy, Heart of the Word, a four-volume commentary on Matthew's Gospel. / From Fire of Mercy, Heart of the Word: Meditations on the Gospel according to Saint Matthew, Vol. Three (Chapters 19-25). © 2003, Ignatius Press, San Francisco, CA. www.ignatius.com.

Excerpt from Magnificat Magazine, Meditation of the Day, October 15, 2023



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.

El 7 de octubre de 1571, en Lepanto, cuando las fuerzas navales católicas de España, Venecia y Génova entraron en batalla contra una fuerza musulmana con entre 12.000 y 15.000 esclavos cristianos como remeros, el San Papa Pío V llamó a toda Europa a orar el Rosario por la victoria. Fuimos superados, pero la victoria en Lepanto se obtuvo mediante el fiel rezo del Rosario.

Predicando en la Iglesia del Santo Rosario, Marylebone, UK, el cardenal Vincent Nichols pidió a los fieles que oran por la paz tras un ataque sorpresa de combatientes del grupo militante palestino Hamás contra Israel desde Gaza el 7 de octubre de 2023.

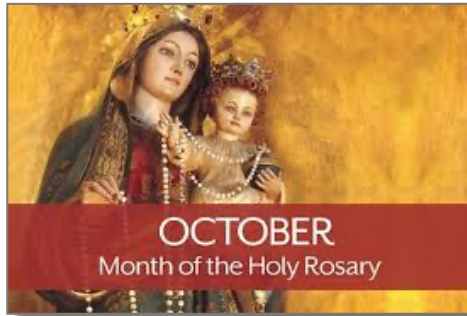
La incursión se ha saldado con más de 1.100 muertos y decenas de rehenes capturados, entre ellos estadounidenses. El Primer Ministro de Israel, Benjamín Netanyahu, ha dicho que su país está "en guerra". Los ataques de represalia han matado a más de 200 personas en Gaza.

El cardenal Vicente dijo: 'Hoy pido también vuestras oraciones para que, por intercesión de María, el Espíritu Santo pueda ser portador de paz en los conflictos que se extienden en estos momentos en Israel y Gaza. ... 'La violencia nunca es una solución. La retribución nunca es una contribución a la paz. Por favor oren hoy por esa paz. Oren por todos los que han perdido la vida y por la liberación inmediata de los tomados como rehenes. 'Oremos especialmente por la pequeña pero activa comunidad católica de la ciudad de Gaza, que en este momento se acercará valientemente a sus vecinos, tratando de ofrecerles refugio y apoyo.

"Hoy, por favor, recen la gran oración del Rosario para que este conflicto, en la patria misma de María, llegue rápidamente a su fin". (<https://rcdow.org.uk/cardinal/news/cardinal-asks-the-faithful-to-pray-the-rosary-for-peace/>)

A LA REINA DEL SANTO ROSARIO

Reina del Santísimo Rosario, en estos tiempos de impiedad tan descarada, manifiesta tu poder con los signos de tus antiguas victorias, y desde tu trono, desde donde dispensas perdón y gracias, mira misericordiosamente a la Iglesia de tu Hijo, su Vicario en tierra, y toda orden de clérigos y laicos, que están dolorosamente oprimidos en el poderoso conflicto. Tú, que eres el poderoso vencedor de todas las herejías, apresura la hora de la misericordia, aunque la hora de la justicia de Dios sea cada día provocada por los innumerables pecados de los hombres. Para mí, que soy el más pequeño de los hombres, arrodillado ante ti en súplica, óbrenme la gracia que necesito para vivir con rectitud en la tierra y reinar entre los justos en el cielo, mientras que en compañía de todos los cristianos fieles en todo el mundo, saludo y aclamarte como Reina del Santísimo Rosario: Reina del Santísimo Rosario, ruega por nosotros.



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.

On Oct. 7, 1571, at Lepanto, when Catholic naval forces of Spain, Venice, & Genoa went into battle against a Moslem force with about 12K to 15K Christian slaves as rowers, St. Pope Pius V called for all of Europe to pray the Rosary for the victory. We were outmatched yet victory at Lepanto was won by faithful praying of the Rosary.

Preaching at the Church of the Holy Rosary, Marylebone, UK, Cardinal Vincent Nichols asked the faithful to pray for peace in the aftermath of a surprise attack by fighters from Palestinian militant group Hamas on Israel from Gaza October 7, 2023.

The incursion has resulted in more than 1100 deaths and dozens of hostages captured, including Americans. Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said his country is 'at war'. Retaliatory strikes have killed over 200 people in Gaza.

Cardinal Vincent said: 'Today I also ask your prayers that, at the intercession of Mary, the Holy Spirit may be a bringer of peace in the conflicts spreading at this time in Israel and Gaza. ... 'Violence is never a solution. Retribution is never a contribution to peace. Please pray today for that peace. Pray for all who have lost their lives and for the immediate release of those taken hostage. 'Pray especially for the small but active Catholic community in Gaza City who at this moment will be reaching out courageously to their neighbors, trying to offer shelter and support.

'Today please pray the great prayer of the Rosary that this conflict, in the homeland of Mary herself, will quickly come to an end.' (<https://rcdow.org.uk/cardinal/news/cardinal-asks-the-faithful-to-pray-the-rosary-for-peace/>)

PRAYER TO THE QUEEN OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Queen of the most holy Rosary, in these times of such brazen impiety, manifest thy power with the signs of thine ancient victories, and from thy throne, whence thou dost dispense pardon and graces, mercifully regard the Church of thy Son, His Vicar on earth, and every order of clergy and laity, who are sore oppressed in the mighty conflict. Do thou, who art the powerful vanquisher of all heresies, hasten the hour of mercy, even though the hour of God's justice is every day provoked by the countless sins of men. For me who am the least of men, kneeling before thee in supplication, do thou obtain the grace I need to live righteously upon earth and to reign among the just in heaven, the while in company with all faithful Christians throughout the world, I salute thee and acclaim thee as Queen of the most holy Rosary: Queen of the most holy Rosary, pray for us.

PARISH UPDATES

SECULAR FRANCISCANS MAKE PRESENTATION TO OUR DIVINE SAVIOR

Father Martin was dismayed to learn that a statue at ODS apparently "grew legs and walked away." When he shared this with St. Thomas More, Greg Kidder & the Secular Franciscans jumped into action. Greg shared that we had two statues that made it through the fire, offering one to ODS to replace the one that "walked away." The Secular Franciscans, led by Larry Ahumada, worked around the Blessing of the Animals event at ODS, and in collaboration with the Care for God's Creation Ministry there, have placed the St. Francis statue in a prominent location in the garden at ODS.

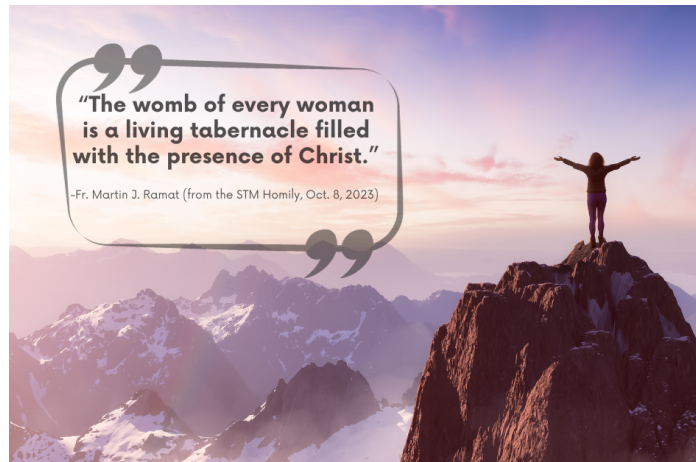


Left to rt.: Father Martin, the statue, Larry Ahumada, 3 ODS representatives (rear), Shirley Ahumada.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE. Today is Day 19 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! Post the prayer list in a convenient location & use it whenever you can. Questions? See



¡Hoy es el día 19 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.



Kathy DeChristofaro



LAST WEEKEND TO BUY YOUR WINE AND CHOCOLATE EXTRAVAGANZA TICKET! Tickets are \$10

The Taste of Heaven on Earth Chocolate & Wine Extravaganza is THIS Saturday, October 21st, 3p to 6p. Event location is the school.

¡ÚLTIMO FIN DE SEMANA PARA COMPRAR TU ENTRADA EXTRAVAGANZA DE VINO Y CHOCOLATE!

El espectáculo de chocolate y vino Taste of Heaven on Earth es ESTE sábado 21 de octubre de 3 p.m. a 6 p.m. El lugar del evento es la escuela.

The STM Blessing of the Animals Left Paw Prints On Our Hearts!



A big THANK YOU to the Secular Franciscans for the Blessing of the Animals event Oct. 7, and to Father Martin for blessing our furry friends! And thanks to the STM Choir for providing the music. Woof! Woof! It was an excellent turnout.

