

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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 530.877.4501 (Office closed Fri)
Mass: Sunday at Noon
CONFESSION 1st Thursday 5P - 6P
(Call to schedule an appointment)

Important Dates

01AUG: The Crown Rosary 10 a.m. St. Thos. More
01AUG: Franciscan Mtg & Formation after Mass
04AUG: Wednesday Holy Mass at STM 6 p.m.
05AUG: Sacrament of Reconciliation 5P at STM
06AUG: Divine Mercy Chaplet at STM 10 a.m.
07AUG: Hora Santa at STM 10 a.m.

Sunday Readings

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 XVIII Domingo Ordinario
1st Reading Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
Psalm 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54
The Lord gave them bread from heaven.
El Señor les dio pan del cielo.
2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
Gospel: John 6:24-35

NEW DAY & TIME FOR WEEKDAY MASS!
EVERY THURSDAY IN AUG @ 6P STARTING THIS WEEK

MEDITATION OF THE DAY
 “Believe in the one he sent”

*You did not see God.
 You did not perceive the Lord, Israel,
 you did not recognize the first-born of God,
 Meditation of the Day continues on the next page*

AUGUST INTENTIONS of the HOLY FATHER
The Church

*Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the
 grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.*

La Iglesia
*Recemos por la Iglesia, para que reciba del Espíritu Santo la gracia y la
 fuerza para reformarse a la luz del Evangelio.*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST 1ST

Al Waelbrock †
Filex Balladares †

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK - LET US PRAY FOR

Lily Tomkowitz
Gina Kuckler
Rosemary Peterson
Lucy Fiore
Mary McKinnon
Luz Perkins
Jeanie Avery

Michael MacPhail
Victor Furrer
Frank Salas
Alexandra Valenzuela
John Johnson
Shirley Richards
Sharon Wilson

This Week's Readings

EIGHTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday; August 2nd SAINT PETER JULIAN EYMARD

1st Reading: Numbers 11:4b-15
 Psalm 81 *Sing with joy to God our help.*
 Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Tuesday; August 3rd

1st Reading: Numbers 12:1-13
 Psalm 51 *Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.*
 Gospel: Matthew 14:22-36

Wednesday; August 4th SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

1st Reading: Numbers 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35
 Psalm 106 *Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.*
 Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Thurs.; Aug. 5th THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY MAJOR

1st Reading: Numbers 20:1-13
 Psalm 95 *If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*
 Gospel: Matthew 16:13-23

Friday; August 6th FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

1st Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
 Psalm 97 *The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.*
 2nd Reading: 2Peter 1:16-19
 Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Saturday; August 7th SAINT SIXTUS II AND COMPANIONS

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 6:4-13
 Psalm 18 *I love you, Lord, my strength.*
 Gospel: Matthew 17:14-20

The next Sacrament of Reconciliation is scheduled for Thurs., August 5 at 5p. Reminder: An appointment is required to be placed on the list! Please note that an exact time will not be provided. We need you to call so that we know who and how many to expect. Get placed on the list by calling the church office at 530.877.4501.

Meditation of the Day continued from front page.

MEDITATION of the DAY: "Believe in the one he sent"

*begotten before the morning star,
 who adorned the light,
 who lit up the day,
 who divided the darkness,
 who fixed the first boundary,
 who hung the earth,
 who tamed the abyss,
 who stretched out the firmament,
 who furnished the world,
 who arranged the stars in the heavens,
 who lit up the great lights,
 who made the angels in heaven,
 who there established thrones,
 who formed humanity on the earth.
 It was he who chose you and led you,
 from Adam to Noah,
 from Noah to Abraham,
 from Abraham to Isaac and Jacob and the twelve patriarchs. He it was
 who led you into Egypt,
 and guarded you there and sustained you.
 He it was who lit up your way with a pillar,
 and sheltered you with a cloud.
 He cut the Red Sea open, leading you through, and destroyed the enemy.
 He it is who gave you manna from heaven, who gave you drink from a
 rock,
 who gave you the law at Horeb,
 who gave you the inheritance in the land, who sent you the prophets,
 who raised up kings for you.
 He it is who, coming to you,
 healed your suffering and raised your dead.
 The Lord clothed himself with humanity, and rose from the dead and
 cried out aloud: I set free the condemned.
 I gave life to the dead.
 I raise up the entombed.*

— SAINT MELITO OF SARDIS

Saint Melito († c. 180) was a bishop and prominent writer in the early Church. / From On Pascha: With the Fragments of Melito and Other Material Related to the Quartodecimans, Alistair Stewart-Sykes, Tr. © 2001, St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, Yonkers, NY. www.svspress.com.

Excerpt from Magnificat, Meditation of the Day, August 1, 2021.

**Sacramento de la Reconciliación
 Esta programado para el jueves 5 de agosto, en STM. Favor de llamar a la oficina para ponerlo (a) en la lista. 530.877.4501.**

**Devoción
de agosto**
Devoción al
Inmaculado
Corazón de María

**TODOS COMIERON
Y SOBRÓ**

Estando Lucía en el Convento de las Doroteas en Pontevedra tuvo una aparición de la Virgen, en una nube de luz, con el Niño Jesús a su lado. La Santísima Virgen sostenía su corazón rodeado de espinas. El Niño le dijo: "Ten compasión del Corazón de tu Santísima Madre. Está cercado de las espinas que los hombres ingratos le clavan a cada momento, y no hay nadie que haga un acto de reparación para sacárselas."



Después dijo Nuestra Señora a Lucía: "Mira, hija mía, mi Corazón cercado de espinas que los hombres ingratos me clavan sin cesar con blasfemias e ingratitudes. Tú, al menos, procura consolarme y di que a todos los que, durante cinco meses, en el primer sábado, se confiesen, reciban la Sagrada Comunión, recen el Rosario y me hagan compañía durante 15 minutos meditando en los misterios del rosario con el fin de desagraviarme les prometo asistir en la hora de la muerte con las gracias necesarias para su salvación"

(En nuestro caso la Confesión está disponible el primer jueves del mes y vamos a tener la oportunidad de recibir la Sagrada Comunión durante la Misa los primeros miércoles del mes a las 6 pm durante los meses de agosto, septiembre y octubre).



The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which is often venerated together with the Sacred Heart of Jesus (the devotion we celebrate in June), and with good reason: Just as the Sacred Heart represents Christ's love for mankind, the Immaculate Heart represents the desire of the Blessed Virgin to bring all people to her Son. There is no

better example of the Christian life than that offered by Mary. The prayer below, and those which follow this month, help to deepen our devotion to her Immaculate Heart. We can join the Mother of God in drawing closer to Christ. These prayers illustrate perfectly the Marian doctrine of the Catholic Church: We do not worship Mary or place her above Christ, but we come to Christ through Mary, as Christ came to us through her.

Prayer Wk of Aug 1: In Honor of the Immaculate Heart

O heart of Mary, mother of God, and our mother; heart most worthy of love, in which the adorable Trinity is ever well-pleased, worthy of the veneration and love of all the angels & of all men; heart most like to the Heart of Jesus, of which thou art the perfect image; heart, full of goodness, ever compassionate toward our miseries; deign to melt our icy hearts and grant that they may be wholly changed into the likeness of the Heart of Jesus, our divine Savior. Pour into them the love of thy virtues, enkindle in them that divine fire with which thou thyself dost ever burn. In thee let Holy Church find a safe shelter; protect her and be her dearest refuge, her tower of strength, impregnable against every assault of her enemies. Be thou the way which leads to Jesus, and the channel, through which we receive all the graces needful for our salvation. Be our refuge in time of trouble, our solace in the midst of trial, our strength against temptation, our haven in persecution, our present help in every danger and especially at the hour of death, when all hell shall let loose against us its legions to snatch away our souls, at that dread moment, that hour so full of fear, whereon our eternity depends. Ah, then most tender virgin, make us to feel the sweetness of thy motherly heart, and the might of thine intercession with Jesus, and open to us a safe refuge in that very fountain of mercy, whence we may come to praise Him with thee in paradise, world without end. Amen.

PARISH UPDATES

El Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres se va a reunir el 2do y 4 to martes de cada mes de 10:00 am a 11:30 am. ¡Te esperamos!

Hora Santa Sábado 7 de agosto a las 10 a.m. en STM
STM y las Hermanas Ana Luisa, Antonia y Zuly invitan a nuestra comunidad a que se unan en oración durante Adoración/Hora Santa los primeros sábados del mes a las 10 a.m. en la Iglesia St. Thomas More, empezando el 7 de agosto.

The Crown Rosary Resumed Today Aug 1

The Franciscan Rosary & meeting have resumed effective today August 1. Note first Sunday schedule:

- 10 a.m. Crown Rosary Sunday Aug 1
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Office
- 12 p.m. Mass
- Formation & meeting after Mass



Let us Pray The Divine Mercy Chaplet This Week on Aug 6 at 10A Here at STM

The entire STM Parish is invited to praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet Aug. 6 at 10 a.m.

Take St. Thomas More With You Everyday!

If you have a smartphone you have St. Thomas More in your pocket or purse! It's easy. Using your smartphone:

1. Go to STMPARADISE.NET.
2. Select ADD TO HOME SCREEN
3. Enter!

Home or away its easy to stay current on bulletins, events, Mass times, the daily readings and more! Questions? Need more info? See Jim Collins or call the church office.



Tree Deliveries Continue Despite Recent Smoky Days

STM Parish grows community awareness through tree deliveries. The Town of Paradise reports that Paradise now has over 900 new homes with occupancy permits as of this week! Let's keep going STM! Help us do the good work of Welcome Home tree deliveries. Call the church office to sign up



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AUG 22 - Bishop Soto Invites You to Journey with St. Joseph: River Cats Game

Join Bishop Jaime Soto as we honor St. Joseph, our fathers & grandfathers. Sutter Health Park 400 Ballpark Dr., West Sacramento, CA. Gates open at 11A. First pitch 1:05P

- Play catch with Bishop Soto on field at 11 a.m. (Bring your own glove and ball)
- Special on-field experience with family
- Special blessing for Dads & Granddads at 11:45A
- Picture opportunity with Bishop Soto
- Dads and Grandad get a commemorative baseball

Tickets are limited so don't wait: LAWN3 Section: \$12 / Section 103: \$19 If interested call now!

To purchase tickets Contact Cole Scieszinski cscieszinski@rivercats.com 916.376-4856

You can also purchase online at <https://www.milb.com/sacramento/tickets/single-game-tickets>

SEPT. 18 - ON FiRE 2021 Tickets On Sale Now

ON FIRE 2021 will be live and in-person at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom Saturday, Sept. 18, 9a to 8:30p. Youth and young adults from the 9 Northern California and Nevada dioceses will gather for a day of fellowship, prayer, and fun! It starts with a Mass with bishops from the sponsoring diocese; an all-you-can-eat lunch, rides, and be inspired by speakers Fr. Radmar Jao, SJ and Sr. Josephine Garrett.

For more info & to buy tickets go to www.onfirenorcal.com
For more Information contact Jennifer Campbell at jcampbell@scd.org or 916-733-0135.

Oct. 16 - Becoming A Man with the Father's Heart - Retreat for Fathers, Father Figures and all Men
9a - 5p | \$25 per person (Lunch included) St. Philomene Church, 2428 Bell St., Sacramento. We invite all men 18 yrs & older to a day of conversation, prayer and community, where we will discover what our Lord is calling us to become. Includes keynotes by Bishop Soto (virtually), Rev. Loreto "Bong" Rojas (Holy Spirit), Sean Bryan (the Papal Ninja), and more. Register by Oct. 11: <https://tinyurl.com/josephretreat> Questions? Contact Alejandro Barraza at 916-733-0134 or abarraza@scd.org.