

# ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## About St. Thomas More

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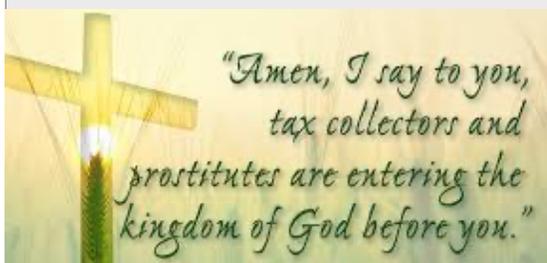
St. Thomas More Catholic Church  
 767 Elliott Rd. Paradise, CA 95969  
 Office Hrs: Mon. - Thurs. 9a-2p  
 530.877.4501 (Office closed Friday)  
**Mass: Sunday 10 a.m. thru TBD**  
**CONFESSION 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 5P - 6P**  
*(Call to schedule an appointment)*

## Important Dates

27Sep: 40Days4Life Prayer Vigil Week 2  
**29Sep: NOVENA for AMERICA** Begins 6a & 630p  
 01Oct: Sacrament of Reconciliation call for appt.

## Sunday Readings

Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
 XXVI Domingo Ordinario  
**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Ezekiel 18:25-28  
**Psalm 25** Remember your mercies, O Lord.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Philippians 2:1-11  
**Gospel:** Matthew 21:28-32



## MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Ready and Willing

*Jesus tells us that, when we pray, we are to say "Our Father." His Father is our Father. Through the Son we are drawn into an intimate relationship with the Father. The love the Father has for the Son, Jesus, extends to us. Through baptism God makes us his children, so our relationship with God is one of a child to the Father.... The child*

*Meditation of the Day continues on the next page*

## SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS of the HOLY FATHER

**Respect for the Planet's Resources**

*We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.*

**Respeto por los recursos del planeta**

*Recemos para que los recursos del planeta no sean saqueados, Sino que se compartan de manera justa y respetuosa.*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR SUNDAY; SEPT. 27<sup>TH</sup>

**Telesforo Rivera Leon †**  
**Fidel Rivera Leon †**

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK - LET US PRAY FOR

**Joanne Locke**  
**Michael Turk**  
**Leo Bourgeois**  
**Sharon Wilson**  
**Victoria Wilsey**

## 40 DAYS 4 LIFE PRAYER VIGIL WEEK TWO !

## NOVENA TO THE MOTHER OF GOD FOR THE NATION

BEGINS TUESDAY ON EWTN AT 6A, 630P & 1130P OR ONLINE AT [WWW.EWTN.ORG](http://WWW.EWTN.ORG)

## The Week's Readings

### Monday; Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> **St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions**

1st Reading: Job 1:6-22

Psalm 17 *Incline your ear to me and hear my word.*

Gospel: Luke 9:46-50

### Tuesday; Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> **Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael**

1st Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

2nd Reading: Revelation 12:7-12ab

Psalm 138 *In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.*

Gospel: John 1:47-51

### Wed.; September 30<sup>th</sup> **Saint Jerome**

1st Reading: Job 9:1-12, 14-16

Psalm 88 *Let my prayer come before you, Lord.*

Gospel: Luke 9:57-62

### Thursday; October 1<sup>st</sup> **Saint Therese of the Child Jesus**

1st Reading: Job 19: 21-27

Psalm 27 *I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.*

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12

### Friday; October 2<sup>nd</sup> **The Holy Guardian Angels**

1st Reading: Exodus 23:20-23

Psalm 91 *The Lord has put angels in charge of you, to guard you in all your ways.*

2nd Reading: Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5

Psalm 139 *Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.*

Gospel: Matthew 18:1-5, 10

### Saturday; October 3<sup>rd</sup>

1st Reading: Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17

Psalm 119 *Lord, let your face shine on me.*

Gospel: Luke 10:17-24

**The next Sacrament of Reconciliation** is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 1, at STM. An appointment is required! To schedule your appointment please call the St. Thomas More office at 530.877.4501.

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### MEDITATION of the DAY: Ready and Willing

*looks up to the father with love, respect, admiration and, yes, a certain amount of fear. Likewise we look to our heavenly Father with the kind of awe, worship, and adoration that are due the Lord. Our obedience flows from our respect and love....*

*How are we to fear the Lord? Psalm 112 gives us the answer: Praise the Lord!! Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in his commandments! Like the Psalmist, we worship in reverence and joy: the fear of the Lord links joy to obedience.*

*Our children's obedience gives us a paradigm for our response to our heavenly Father. At first they obey from fear of consequences. That is an acceptable motivator for a young child, especially with safety issues involved. However, we look for the mature love of a child who obeys from the heart—to please us, to honor us. This obedience flows from a proper respect for us.*

*So it is with God's parenting of us. In the Act of Contrition, we acknowledge that we have offended God, and we repent of our sins because we "dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they offend thee, who are all good and worthy of all our love." Fearing the eternal consequences of our actions is an acceptable motivation for our obedience to the Lord—hell does exist—but the mature response God seeks from his children is that they obey because of their love for him.... The more the fear of the Lord leads us to wisdom, the more we grow in humility. We see who the Lord really is—worthy of our worship—and we see both how small we are and how special we are in his eyes. – Kimberly Hahn*

*Kimberly Hahn is a convert to Catholicism and a prominent speaker, author & the wife of Dr. Scott Hahn. From Chosen & Cherished: Biblical Wisdom for Your Marriage. © 2007, Kimberly Hahn. Excerpt from Magnificat Sept. Issue; Sept. 27, 2020.*

## THE SACRAMENTS

### 1st Communion, 1st Reconciliation, or Baptism?

Do you know a child, youth, or adult who wants to receive the Sacraments of First Communion/Reconciliation or Baptism? If you are interested or just have questions, contact our parish office at 530-877-4501 or email us at [office@stmparadise.org](mailto:office@stmparadise.org)

### ¿Primera comunión, primera reconciliación o bautismo?

¿Conoces a un niño, joven o adulto que quiere recibir los sacramentos de la primera comunión, reconciliación o bautismo? Si está interesado o tiene preguntas, comuníquese con nuestra oficina parroquial al 530-877-4501 o envíe un correo electrónico a: [office@stmparadise.org](mailto:office@stmparadise.org)

### Sacramento de la Reconciliación

programado para el jueves 1 de octubre, en STM, ¡se requerirá una cita! Para programar por favor llame al p. Oficina de STM, 530.877.4501.

## Devoción de Septiembre Nuestra Señora de los Dolores

### TENGAMOS LOS MISMOS SENTIMIENTOS DE CRISTO JESÚS

San Pablo nos exhorta a tener los mismos sentimientos de Cristo Jesús, lo cual implica que tememos que conocerlo, estudiar su vida, y tendríamos que preguntarnos continuamente: ¿Que haría Jesús en este caso?

- El Señor hoy nos envía a trabajar en su viña; esto quiere decir que sea que continuemos con su obra, de acuerdo con nuestras capacidades y nuestro estado de vida. Nos se trata de decirle que sí y no ir.
- Pero lo primero que nos pide es que, de veras, seamos sus discípulos. Aun temenos mucho que aprender de él.



Que el Señor nos guíe con la verdad de su doctrina.



### NOVENA POR NUESTRO PAIS ~ EWTN

Empieza el martes, 29 a las 6:30 am de septiembre y termina en la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora del Rosario/Nuestra Señora de la Victoria Ve a [ewtn.com/novenaesp](http://ewtn.com/novenaesp)

Misa de lunes a viernes, 8:30a, en ODS con Fr. Martín. No se requiere reserva!!

## September Devotion Our Lady of Sorrows

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. This month, we celebrate Our Lady of Sorrows. Excerpted from [www.catholicculture.org](http://www.catholicculture.org)  
This week's prayer source: The Prayer Book, by Reverend John P. O'Connell, M.A., S.T.D. and Jex Martin, M.A., The Catholic Press, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, 1954



As Our Mother's feast day is September 15, September has traditionally been set aside to honor Our Lady of Sorrows. All the sorrows of Mary (the prophecy of Simeon, the three days' loss, etc.) are merged in the supreme suffering at the Passion.

In the Passion, Mary suffered a martyrdom of the heart because of Our Lord's torments and the greatness of her love for Him. "She it was," says Pope Pius XII, "who immune from all sin, personal or inherited, and ever more closely united with her Son, offered Him on Golgotha to the Eternal Father together with the holocaust of her maternal rights and motherly love. As a new Eve, she made this offering for all the children of Adam contaminated through his unhappy fall. Thus she, who was the mother of our Head according to the flesh, became by a new title of sorrow and glory the spiritual mother of all His members."

### A Daily Prayer for the Week of September 27

INVOCATION: *Mary most sorrowful, Mother of Christians, pray for us. Virgin most sorrowful, pray for us.*

### TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS

*O most holy Virgin, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ: by the overwhelming grief you experienced when you witnessed the martyrdom, the crucifixion, and the death of your divine Son, look upon me with eyes of compassion, and awaken in my heart a tender commiseration for those sufferings, as well as a sincere detestation of my sins, in order that, being disengaged from all undue affection for the passing joys of this earth, I may sigh after the eternal Jerusalem, and that henceforward all my thoughts and all my actions may be directed towards this one most desirable object. Honor, glory, and love to our divine Lord Jesus, and to the holy and immaculate Mother of God. Amen. --Saint Bonaventure*

Weekday Mass, 8:30a at ODS with Fr. Martín. No reservation required!



**The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, usually scheduled during the Sacrament of Reconciliation, has been cancelled until further notice.**

**REMINDERS!**



**Not receiving e-mail advisories from the STM Office about Mass cancellations or other updates?**

Let us know. Call the church office 530.877-4501 or send an e-mail to [office@stmparadise.org](mailto:office@stmparadise.org)

**For Mass Intentions** please call the St. Thomas More Parish Office during office hours, Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m to 2 p.m. at 530.877.4501. You also may email Mass intentions to the office at [office@stmparadise.org](mailto:office@stmparadise.org).

**Moving? New Address? New Phone Number?** Please call the church office to give us your new contact information.

**NOVENA FOR AMERICA:**

NOVENA TO THE MOTHER OF GOD FOR THE NATION



Our nation needs the power of prayer more than ever. In times of crisis, Catholics turn instinctively to the Mother of God to heal our wounds. Now, we can all do our part in this national effort by praying the Novena to the Mother of God for the Nation. In this powerful supplication, our voices speak as one asking Mary's intercession to unite us as one nation under God. It reminds us of the central truths of our faith, Mary's unique role in our salvation, and our complete confidence in her ability to help her children on Earth overcome adversity. Pray daily with EWTN on tv or online at <https://www.ewtn.com/tv/shows/novena-to-the-mother-of-god-for-the-nation>

**NINE DAY NOVENA EWTN TV SCHEDULE**

Tue. Sep. 29 EWTN 6A, 630P & 1130P  
 Wed. Sep. 30 EWTN 6A, 630P & 1130P  
 Thu. Oct. 01 EWTN 6A, 630P & 1130P  
 Fri. Oct. 02 EWTN 6A, 630P & 1130P  
 Sat. Oct. 03 EWTN 6A, 700P & 1130P

Sun. Oct. 04 EWTN 630A & 630P  
 Mon. Oct. 05 EWTN 6A, 630P & 1130P  
 Tue. Oct. 06 EWTN 6A, 630P & 1130P  
 Wed. Oct. 07 EWTN 6A, 630P & 1130P

**PARISH UPDATE:**

**Life-Saving Prayer Project Begins Week 2.**

From Sept 23 through Nov. 1, a life-saving prayer project will unite us with other cities for a peaceful, prayerful, simultaneous pro-life outreach -- 40 Days For Life! We pray this effort will result in the end of abortion.

40 Days For Life is a cross-denominational, faith-based effort comprised of three key components:

1. Prayer & Fasting by people of faith during these 40 days.
2. Peaceful Vigil as we stand, social distanced, for life, for a 40-day peaceful, prayerful, public witness outside the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic, 3100 Cohasset Rd., Chico.
3. Community Outreach thru alternative pro-life alternatives.

Prayer Changes Things!

These prayer-based 40 Days For Life Campaigns have generated critical, measurable, life-saving results:

- 7,440 local campaigns in 63 countries.
- 17,226+ children reported saved from abortion!
- 28% drop in the number of local abortions here in Butte County
- 206 abortion workers have left the industry
- 107 abortion facilities have closed

Get Involved! Here's Why:

Life is a gift from God. We are very valuable to Him; so much so that He sent his son, Jesus, to show us His love and offer us forgiveness, new life, and eternal life. God calls us to protect the life of the weak and those who have no voice – the elderly, the sick, and the unborn. If we do nothing, we cannot expect our society to change for the better.

Vigil Location & Hours

Location: Planned Parenthood Facility, 3100 Cohasset, Chico, Ca. 95973. Please park on Frontier Drive. The Vigil will take place from 4 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, beginning Sept. 23 through Nov. 1.

Questions? Need More Information?

Call Kathy DeCristofaro at 530.873-4132 or Susan Martin at 408.515-1493.

**Get an E-Book copy of the 9-Day Novena online at [EWTN.com](http://EWTN.com) or get a copy from the STM church office.**