

# 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 Every Sunday at 1 p.m.**  
**CONFESSION 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 5P - 6P**

## Important Dates

12JUL: Special Guests Join Us - see page 2  
 06AUG: Sacrament of Reconciliation 5p  
 NOTE: Call STM Office to Schedule Confession  
 06AUG: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5p

## Sunday Readings

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 XIV Domingo Ordinario

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Zechariah 9:9-10  
**Psalm** 145 *I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.*  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans:8:9, 11-13  
**Gospel:** Matthew 11:25-30

## MEDITATION of the DAY

I Thank You Father

*This passage has been called the “pearl” of the Gospel of Matthew. It jumps up out of the surrounding text with great power of appeal. It disrupts the usual sequence of Matthew’s narrative of Jesus’ life and deeds as a great aside; and yet this “aside” is like the lifting up of a veil that for a moment allows us to behold the Face of God. The text Meditation of the Day continues on the next page.*

## JULY INTENTIONS of the HOLY FATHER

**Our Families**

*We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.*

**Nuestros familias**

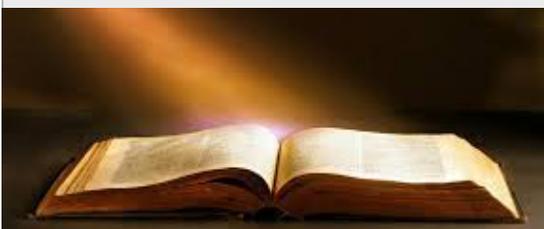
*Oramos para que las familias de hoy estén acompañadas de amor, respeto y orientación.*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR SUNDAY; JULY 5<sup>TH</sup>

**David Brown**  
**Jim Collins**

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK - LET US PRAY FOR

**Jim Collins**  
**David Brown** (surgery on 7/7/2020)  
**Nancy Barnes** (surgery on 7/14/20)  
**Pastor Ray Wisner**  
*(from Marysville Nazarene Church, receiving hospice care)*



Congratulations John & Susan Courtney  
 on Your 43rd Wedding Anniversary!



## The Week's Readings

### Monday; July 6<sup>th</sup> Saint Maria Goretti

1st Reading: Hosea 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22  
 Psalm 145 *The Lord is gracious & merciful*  
 Gospel: Matthew 9:18-26

### Tuesday; July 7<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13  
 Psalm 115 *The house of Israel trusts in the Lord.*  
 Gospel: Matthew 9:32-38

### Wednesday; July 8<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12  
 Psalm 105 *Seek always the face of the Lord.*  
 Gospel: Matthew 10:1-7

### Thursday; July 9<sup>th</sup> Saint Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions

1st Reading: Hosea 11:1-4, 8c-9  
 Psalm 80 *Let us see your face, Lord, and we shall be saved.*  
 Gospel: Matthew 10:7-15

### Friday; July 10<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: Hosea 14:2-10  
 Psalm 51 *My mouth will declare your praise*  
 Gospel: Matthew 10:16-23

### Saturday; July 11<sup>th</sup> Saint Benedict

1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8  
 Psalm 93 *The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.*  
 Gospel: Matthew 10:24-33

**The next Sacrament of Reconciliation** is scheduled for Thursday, August 6, at STM. An appointment is required! To schedule your appointment please call the St. Thomas More office at 530.877.4501.

*Meditation of the Day continued from front page.*

### MEDITATION of the DAY: I Thank You Father

*literally begins, "At that time, Jesus answered," rather than "declared," as if this prayer and dialogue were always ongoing in his life, regardless of what else is occurring at a more surface level. We see here that the relationship between Father and Son is what underlies every scene of the Gospel, and the solemn formula "at that time" stresses the way in which, in Jesus, eternity has burst into time. Regardless of what Jesus may be saying and doing externally, we here see where his Heart is always simultaneously occupied: with thanksgiving and joy in his Father, expressed in unceasing communion. When inviting us to come to him, it is more precisely to his joy in his Father that he is inviting us.*

*The passage begins with a prayer of Jesus to the Father that we are allowed to overhear; only then is an invitation extended to us. The marvelous thing about this man, Jesus of Nazareth, is that, when we go to him, we encounter not just a great (or even the greatest) human being, but always God his Father, "the Lord of heaven and earth." Jesus is a window to the freedom and vastness of eternity, the entryway into the abyss of God's trinitarian Being.*

—ERASMO LEIVA-MERIKAKIS

*Erasmus Leiva-Merikakis, now known as Father Simeon, is a Cistercian monk serving in Rome. He is the author of Fire of Mercy, Heart of the Word, a three-volume commentary on Matthew's Gospel. [From The Way of the Disciple. © 2003, Ignatius Press, San Francisco, CA. www.ignatius.com.]*

*Excerpt from **Magnificat**, July 2020, Sun., July 5th, Meditation of the Day*

### WELCOME SPECIAL GUESTS!

#### THE SISTERS of

### THE ORDER OF THE EUCHARISTIC MISSIONARIES OF THE INFANT JESUS AND OUR LADY OF FATIMA



The Sisters, from left to right: Sr. Ana Luisa Vazquez Lopez, Sr. Antonia Sanchez Nunez, Sr. Zuly Cardenas.

*Next Sunday, July 12, the Sisters from the Order of the Eucharistic Missionaries of the Infant Jesus and Our Lady of Fatima will visit us! It will be a great honor to welcome Sr. Ana Luisa, Sr. Antonia and Sr. Zuly. You may recall their last visit back on Dec. 22, 2019.*

*The Sisters, from Mexico City and exclusively Spanish-speaking, have been assigned a five-year mission here in Butte County. They are eager to learn English through in-country immersion, which enables learning a new language in the most natural way possible. Please join us with "socially-distanced" welcomes to the Sisters next Sunday.*

## Julio

Mes de la  
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Julio está dedicado a la Preciosa Sangre de Nuestro Señor; y la fiesta específica es el primer domingo del mes. La Sangre de Jesús es el "precio de nuestra salvación". La piedad cristiana siempre manifestó, a través de los siglos, especial devoción a la Sangre de Cristo derramado para la remisión de los pecados de todo el género humano, y atravesando la historia hasta el día de hoy con su presencia real en el sacramento de la Eucaristía.

El Papa Juan Pablo II, en su carta apostólica "Angelus Dominé", subrayó la invitación de Juan XXIII sobre el valor infinito de esa Sangre, de la cual "un sola gota puede salvar al mundo entero de cualquier culpa".

### **El Sacramento de la Reconciliación**

programado para el Jueves 6 de Agosto, en STM, ¡se requerirá una cita! Para programar por favor llame al p. Oficina de STM, 530.877.4501.

## EL SEÑOR HA REVELADO SUS MISTERIOS A LA GENTE SENCILLA

Él Señor Jesús no elogia a los "sabios y entendidos" según el mundo, sino a aquellas personas que se abren a sus enseñanzas con un corazón sencillo.

• Esto no quiere decir que Jesús desee que quienes creemos en él nos quedemos en la ignorancia, él quiere que guiados por el Espíritu Santo y siguiendo las enseñanzas de la Iglesia conozcamos nuestra fe cada vez mejor.

- La Iglesia nos pide que acojamos lo que el Señor nos revela en la Sagrada Escritura, en la Tradición viva y en el Magisterio, sin pretender añadir ni quitar nada.
- Será sencillo de Corazón quién acoja el mensaje de salvación que Jesús confió a su Iglesia desde sus inicios, con la Certeza de que Dios nunca abandona a su Iglesia cuando esta es fiel.

Los grandes pensadores de la Iglesia fueron dóciles a las enseñanzas de Jesús confiadas a su Iglesia. Imitemos su buen ejemplo porque ellos han hecho mucho bien a la humanidad.

**Acojamos el mensaje de la salvación con un Corazón sencillo.**

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

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

## REMINDERS!

**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).

**The Women of St. Thomas More attended Vigil Mass in Redding** last Saturday, June 27, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. It was a wonderful, spirit-filled, joy-filled outing. Prior to Mass we enjoyed a late lunch at a nearby restaurant. Thank you to everyone who attended and to our drivers. We are now on summer break. Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 26 at 10 a.m., in the school multipurpose room. This room is spacious with plenty of area to maintain social distancing protocols. Bring a mask. Bring your own snacks. Hand sanitizer, bottled water and juice will be provided. Blessings for a safe summer. By God's grace we'll reconvene this fall!

## RIDGE NEWS!

### Great News for Paradise Residents and The Ridge

You may recall that the Governor's May Revised Budget clawed back \$7.3 million that had been promised to the Paradise Irrigation District (PID). Since then, Assemblyman Gallagher, and many Ridge locals, through an aggressive letter/email campaign, advocated strenuously to restore this critical funding. Success! Thanks be to God! PID funding has been restored!

Assemblyman Gallagher reports that the funding has been restored to the final budget. Thank you to everyone who joined Assemblyman Gallagher and Senator Nielsen in this battle for water; so essential for the rebuilding of our town.

## An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil, and lead us to everlasting life. And may the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.



The next Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is scheduled for August 6, the first Thursday of August, during the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Come spend some quiet time with the Lord starting at 5 p.m. (Socially distance. Bring your mask.)



ROMAN CATHOLIC  
**DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO**  
DIÓCESIS CATÓLICA ROMANA DE SACRAMENTO

Bishop Jaime Soto lifts the suspension on the public celebration of the Sacrifice of the Mass in the Diocese of Sacramento effective Monday, June 8. Social Distancing Protocols will be in place. To download guidelines, Coming Back to the Table, go to:

<https://www.scd.org/comingback>

You can also download a copy from the STM website homepage:

[www.stmparadise.net](http://www.stmparadise.net)