

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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About St. Thomas More

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Office Hrs: Mon. - Thurs. 9a-2p
530.877.4501 (Office closed Friday)
MASS Every Sunday at 1 p.m.
CONFESSION 1st Thursday 5P - 6P

Important Dates

02July: Sacrament of Reconciliation 5p
NOTE: Call STM Office to Schedule Confession
02July: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5p

Sunday Readings

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
XIII Domingo Ordinario
1st Reading: 2Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a
Psalm 89 Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.
2nd Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11
Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

MEDITATION of the DAY

Taking Up the Cross

Don't fear the cross. God is our Father and he always matches it to our strength; from it oozes the divine Blood which regenerates us and is the fount of all the joys reserved for us above. Ah, do you see that it's true that misfortunes and crosses bring us ever closer to God? Pain draws us to him in such a way that compared to divine Meditation of the Day continues on the next page.

JUNE INTENTIONS of the HOLY FATHER

The Way of the Heart

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

El Camino del Corazón

Por la evangelización: Recemos para que aquellos que sufren encuentren caminos de vida, dejandose tocar por el Corazón de Jesus.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SUNDAY; JUNE 28

Bill Smith †
Kim Ellsworth †

June is the Month
of
The Sacred Heart of Jesus

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK - LET US PRAY FOR

Jim Collins
Nancy Barnes (having surgery on 7/14/20)
David Brown (having surgery on 7/7/2020)
Susan Hoffman



The Week's Readings

Monday; June 29th **Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul**

1st Reading: Acts 12:1-11

Psalm 34 *The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.*

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

Tuesday; June 30th **The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church**

1st Reading: Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12

Psalm 5 *Let me in your justice, Lord.*

Gospel: Matthew 8: 23-27

Wednesday; July 1st **Saint Junipero Serra**

1st Reading: Amos 5:14-15, 21-24

Psalm 50 *To the upright I will show the saving power of God.*

Gospel: Matthew 8:28-34

Thursday; July 2nd

1st Reading: Amos 7:10-17

Psalm 19 *The judgements of the Lord are true, and all of them are just.*

Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8

Friday; July 3rd **Feast of Saint Thomas**

1st Reading: Ephesians 2:19-22

Psalm 117 *Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.*

Gospel: John 20:24-29

Saturday; July 4th

1st Reading: Amos 9:11-15

Psalm 85 *The Lord speaks of peace to his people.*

Gospel: Matthew 9:14-17

El Sacramento de la Reconciliación

programado para el Jueves 2 de Julio en STM, ¡se requerirá una cita! Para programar por favor llame al p. Oficina de STM, 530.877.4501.

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MEDITATION of the DAY: Taking Up the Cross

consolation, the comfort and help of creatures is eclipsed and all their words, as good, charitable, and kind as they are, are almost useless and cold to us and leave an emptiness in our soul. We need God alone, he alone knows the secret for comforting our battered heart, and in him alone will we always find the true comfort for our ills.

Sometimes prayer will seem difficult to you; but now that your heart is wounded, you feel the need for this gentle balm which alone can stop the blood that flows from it; isn't it really like this? Then abandon yourself trustingly to Jesus; suffering, bathed with tears, has great power over that tender and most loving Heart.... The Heart of Jesus will be with you, no doubt, and someday he will repay a hundredfold what you have suffered for him. Be cheerful then and know that every new opportunity to suffer is money with which you can buy a little peace and comfort and special graces for your own soul, in the trials and struggles which will accompany you until death. —BLESSED CLELIA MERLONI

Blessed Clelia Merloni († 1930) founded the Congregation of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart. [From Spiritual Anthology: Elements in the Spirituality of Mother Clelia Merloni, Sr. M. Clare Millea, Tr. © 1992, Edusc Sacred Heart University Press, Bauru, São Paulo, Brazil. Used with permission.]

*Excerpt from **Magnificat**, June 2020, Sun., June 28th, Meditation of the Day*

WELCOME HOME TO THE RIDGE IN FULL SWING

St. Thomas More's Welcome Home to the Ridge Program has begun. (Its launch was covered last week on local tv station KHSL.) The program has local members of the church, in teams of two, take a crepe myrtle tree and gift bag to the homes of new homeowners who have recently rebuilt on the Ridge. The list of new homeowners is compiled as certificates of occupancy are issued.

The gift bag contains items donated by local merchants including Nic's, Save Mart, Holiday Market, Treasures of Paradise, Ace Hardware, and others. We couldn't do this without the support of these merchants. Please support them with your patronage.

If you would like to be part of this worthwhile program there's a quick "How-to" tutorial given on Zoom or in person. For more details and to schedule a tutorial, please call the church office.

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



Junio: Mes del Sagrado

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

The heart has always been seen as the "center" or essence a person ("the heart of the matter," "you are my heart," "take it to heart," etc.) and the wellspring of our emotional lives and love ("you break my heart," "my heart sings," etc.) Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is devotion to Jesus Christ Himself, but in the particular ways of meditating on his interior life and on His threefold love -- His divine love, His burning love that fed His human will, and His sensible love that affects His interior life.

Pope Pius XII of blessed memory writes on this topic in his 1956 encyclical, *Haurietis Aquas* (On Devotion To The Sacred Heart).

The Friday that follows the Second Sunday in Time After Pentecost is the Feast of the Sacred Heart which brings to mind all the attributes of His Divine Heart mentioned above. Many Catholics prepare for this Feast by beginning a Novena to the Sacred Heart on the Feast of Corpus Christi, which is the Thursday of the week before. On the Feast of the Sacred Heart itself, we can gain a plenary indulgence by making an Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart.

From the earliest days of the Church, "Christ's open side and the mystery of blood and water were meditated upon, and the Church was beheld issuing from the side of Jesus, as Eve came forth from the side of Adam. It is in the eleventh and twelfth centuries that we find the

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The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus continued

first unmistakable indications of devotion to the Sacred Heart. Through the wound in the side, the wound in the Heart was gradually reached, and the wound in the Heart symbolized the wound of love." (Catholic Encyclopedia)

This general devotion arose first in Benedictine and Cistercian monasteries of that time, especially in response to the devotion of St. Gertrude the Great, but specific devotions became popularized when St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690), a Visitation nun, had a personal revelation involving a series of visions of Christ as she prayed before the Blessed Sacrament. She wrote, "He disclosed to me the marvels of his Love and the inexplicable secrets of his Sacred Heart." Christ emphasized to her His love -- and His woundedness caused by Man's indifference to this love.

He promised, in response to those who consecrate themselves and make reparations to His Sacred Heart, that:

- He will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
- He will establish peace in their homes.
- He will comfort them in all their afflictions.
- He will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
- He will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
- Sinners will find in His Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
- Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
- Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
- He will bless every place in which an image of His Heart is exposed and honored.
- He will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
- Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in His Heart.

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

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

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In the excessive mercy of His Heart that His all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in His disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. His divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

Excerpt from The Catholic News Agency, June 21 issue

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.

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 Sacrament of Reconciliation

scheduled for Thursday, July 2, at STM, will require an appointment! To schedule please call the St. Thomas More office at 530.877.4501.

"QUIEN ME RECIBE A MI, RECIBE A QUIEN ME HA ENVIADO"

El Señor hoy nos dice que nadie esta por encima de Dios, y parece recordarnos el primer mandamiento de su ley: "Amaras a Dios sobre todas las cosas".

*Si somos cristianos tenemos que seguir el camino de Jesus.

El tomo la cruz mas pesada de todas, y nos pide que llevemos nuestra propia cruz, para ser dignos de él. Solo así podremos llegar a la resurrección.

*Sí recibimos a Jesus, estamos recibiendo al Padre, que esta en el cielo. Y quien recibe a alguien que es servidor de Dios es al mismo Señor a quien recibe.

*Dice Jesus que quien diere a uno de sus discípulos "aunque no sea mas que un vaso de agua fría" no se quedara sin recompensa.

La sabiduría de Dios supera nuestros criterios



The shelter-in-place mandate has ended. The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament resumes on the first Thursday of each month during the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Come spend some quiet time with the Lord starting July 2.



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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