

# ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## About St. Thomas More

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**Priest Supvr. Fr Martin J. Ramat**

*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**

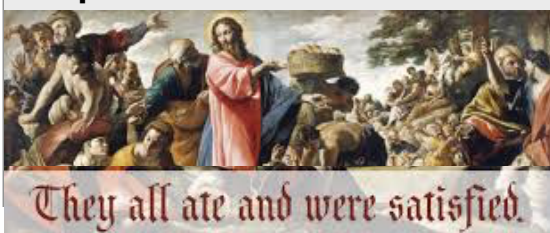
## Important Dates

06AUG: Sacrament of Reconciliation 5p  
 06AUG: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5p  
 NOTE: (Call STM Office to Schedule Confession)  
**09AUG:** Most Rev. Bishop Soto Visits along with  
**09AUG:** The Sisters of the \*OEMIJOLF

## Sunday Readings

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 XVIII Domingo Ordinario

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 55:1-3  
**Psalms 145** *The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.*  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans:8:35, 37-39  
**Gospel:** Matthew 14:13-21



## MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Enough for the "Vast Crowd"

*It is estimated that in every second of the day and night four elevations of the Host take place. I never cease to wonder at this, or to rejoice in the knowledge that there is never a second of one's life in which one cannot lift up one's heart to God in the heart of Christ lifted up in the Host. I think, too, of all the places in the world where the Mass is being celebrated; of how Christ, who began his earthly life in*  
*Meditation of the Day continues on the next page*

## AUGUST INTENTIONS of the HOLY FATHER

*The Maritime World*

*We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.*

**El mundo del Mar**

*Recemos por todas las personas que trabajan y viven del mar, entre ellos los marineros, los Pescadores y sus familias.*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR SUNDAY; AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>

**Marie Dierssen †**

**Elsie Peck †**

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK - LET US PRAY FOR

**Mike Degmetich**

**Michele Myers**

**Lani McManus**

**David Brown**

**Jim Collins**

**Nancy Barnes**

**Pastor Ray Wisner (Hospice Care)**

## SPECIAL VISITORS NEXT SUNDAY; AUG. 9<sup>TH</sup>!

**THE MOST REVEREND BISHOP SOTO and THE SISTERS from**

\*THE ORDER of the EUCHARISTIC MISSIONARIES of the INFANT JESUS and OUR LADY of FATIMA

## The Week's Readings

### Monday; August 3<sup>rd</sup>

1st Reading: Jeremiah 28:1-7

Psalm 119 *Lord, teach me your statutes.*

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-36

### Tuesday; August 4<sup>th</sup> Saint John Vianney

1st Reading: Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22

Psalm 102 *The Lord will build up Zion again, and appear in all his glory.*

Gospel: Matthew 15:1-2, 10-14

### Wed.; Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:1-7

Psalm (Jer 31): *The Lord will guard us as a shepherd guards his flock.*

Gospel: Matthew 15: 21-28

### Thurs.; Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> 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: 2 Peter 1:16-19

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

### Friday; August 7<sup>th</sup> Saint Cajetan

1st Reading: Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7

Psalm (Dt 32) *It is I who deal death and give life.*

Gospel: Matthew 16:24-28

### Saturday; August 8<sup>th</sup> Saint Dominic

1st Reading: Habakkuk 1:12-2:4

Psalm 9 *You forsake not those who seek you, O Lord.*

Gospel: Matthew 17:14-20

**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: Enough for the "Vast Crowd"

*a stable and ended it on a scaffold, has penetrated into every place and circumstance of human life, and has gathered every fragment of man's love to be offered in sacrifice.*

*Think of all the places where Mass is being celebrated at this present moment, the very moment in which you are reading this page; all the cathedrals and all the churches of the world, all the tin huts and mud huts and make-shifts that are the best man can do in many mission fields.... In ships out on the deep seas, on battlefields and camps, in prisons and hospital wards, in the desert and the jungle, in the great cities of the world, in the cottages of faithful peasants in persecuted countries, and under the tall trees of lonely forests of exile.*

*Think too how everywhere where Christ is lifted up men are bowed down in adoration, soldiers, sailors, airmen, fishermen, men of every country, of every color, rich men and poor men, free men and prisoners, old men and young men, men of every craft and trade and profession, all adoring God, all in communion with one another, all in communion with the Holy Father, all in communion with you and me. And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men to me.*

— CARYLL HOUSELANDER

*Caryll Houselander († 1954) was a British author, poet, and spiritual teacher. [From Lift Up Your Hearts. © 1978, H.J. Tayler, Arena Lettres, New York, NY. All rights reserved. ]*

*Excerpt from Magnificat, August 2020; Sunday, Aug. 2nd, Meditation of the Day*

## THE SACRAMENTS

### First Communion, First 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 for questions, please contact our parish office at 530-877-4501 or email:

[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)

## BISHOP SOTO VISITS NEXT SUNDAY; AUG. 9<sup>TH</sup>!

**Please join us next Sunday to welcome THE MOST REVEREND BISHOP SOTO and the SISTERS from \*THE ORDER of the EUCHARISTIC MISSIONARIES of the INFANT JESUS and OUR LADY of FATIMA**

### 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.

## Agosto

### Devoción del Mes: El Inmaculado Corazon de María

Oh, Virgen mía, Oh, Madre mía, yo me ofrezco enteramente a tu Inmaculado Corazón y te consagro mi cuerpo y mi alma, mis pensamientos y mis acciones.

Quiero ser como tú quieres que sea, hacer lo que tú quieres que haga. No temo, pues siempre estás conmigo. Ayúdame a amar a tu hijo Jesús, con todo mi corazón y sobre todas las cosas. Amén

#### **CRISTO ES EL PAN DEL CIELO QUE ALCANZA PARA TODOS**

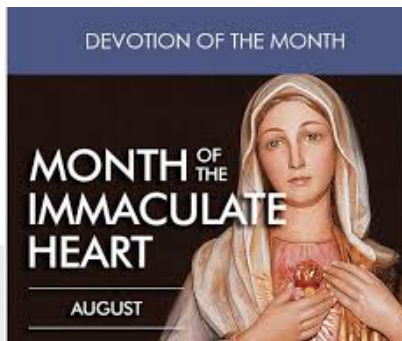
Jesús se compadece de la gente, por eso decide evitar que se vayan de aquel lugar despoblado sin haber comido algo.

- Ese milagro de la multiplicación de los panes, que hizo Jesús, nos recuerda el mana con el que el Señor alimentaba a su pueblo en el desierto, antes de llegar a la tierra prometida.
- La multiplicación de los panes fue un anuncio de la Eucaristía, y presenta gestos semejantes a los realizados por Jesús en la Última Cena: "Tomo los cinco panes y los dos pescados, y mirando al cielo, pronuncio una bendición, partió los panes y se los dio a los discípulos para que los distribuyeran a la gente".



**En la Eucaristia nos alimentamos de Cristo,  
el Pan vivo bajado del cielo.  
Acerquémonos a recibirlo con un corazón  
purificado.**

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



## August

### The Immaculate Heart of Mary

Each month, since the Middle Ages, many Catholics have observed special devotions around a particular theme. This month, we celebrate the

Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**This Devotion** is to recall the emotions of joy and sadness that Mary experienced in her own life. When you look at an image of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, you see a burning heart surrounded with a crown of thorns and pierced with a sword.

**The Immaculate Heart of Mary** shows us that despite the sufferings of Jesus (crown of thorns), he loves all of us, regardless of our sins, and spilled his blood (the sword) in hope that we would join him in heaven. It is for this reason that despite the trials and sufferings of Jesus, Mary's heart still burns with love and devotion.

**As the mother of Jesus**, Mary experienced all of the same feelings that your own mother has for you. Whether you are happy or sad, your mother shares in your feelings (even if she doesn't tell you). The Bible tells us that "and his mother kept all these things in her heart" (Lk 2:51). We can share in Mary's emotions and constant love for Jesus by recalling the mysteries of the rosary and by praying the seven sorrows.

Excerpted from [www.catholicculture.org](http://www.catholicculture.org)

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, and tender Mother of all people, I consecrate myself to your Immaculate Heart, and recommend to you my family, my country, and the whole human race.

Please accept my consecration, dearest Mother, and use me as you wish, to accomplish your designs upon the world.

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Queen of Heaven and earth, rule over me, and teach me how to allow the Heart of Jesus to rule and triumph in me and around me, as it has ruled and triumphed in you.

Amen

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



"You must not abandon the ship in a storm because you cannot control the winds . . . What you cannot turn to good, you must at least make as little bad as you can."  
— St. Thomas More

## REMINDERS!



**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PARISHIONERS OF STM! WARNING! DO NOT OPEN OR RESPOND TO ANY E-MAIL**



**CLAIMING TO BE "FROM FATHER MARTIN" ASKING FOR HELP! INSTEAD DELETE THE EMAIL WITHOUT OPENING.**

Please note that Father Martin will never contact a parishioner via e-mail.

**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).

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

**The Women of St. Thomas More** 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 safe and healthy this fall!

## PARISHIONER UPDATE:



St. Thomas More Catholic Church celebrated First Communion Sunday, June 21, 2020.

## FOR VIRTUAL MASS:

### 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.

### Comunion Espiritual

Jesús mío, creo que Tú estás en el Santísimo Sacramento; te amo sobre todas las cosas y deseo recibirte ahora dentro de mi alma; ya que no te puedo recibir sacramentalmente, ven a lo menos espiritualmente a mi corazón.



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 lifted the suspension on the public celebration of the Sacrifice of the Mass in the Diocese of Sacramento Mon., June 8. Social Distancing Protocols are in place. As of July 14 there are new updates at <https://www.scd.org/coronavirus/bishop>

For 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)