

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 Sept 13
CONFESSION 1st Thursday 5P - 6P
(Call to schedule an appointment)

Important Dates

22Aug: Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 23Aug: Confirmation Kick-off Mtg (after Mass)
 03Sep: Sacrament of Reconciliation 5p by appt.
 03Sep: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5p

Sunday Readings

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 XX Domingo Ordinario
1st Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
Psalms 67 *O God, let all the nations praise you!*
2nd Reading: Romans: 11:13-15, 29-32
Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28



MEDITATION OF THE DAY

The Faith of the Canaanite Woman

Ah, dear children, happy is the one and holy, who can strike so deep down into his heart to find the will of God there. This is not a matter of words or any pious use of the senses, but of truest earnestness, for it [produces] a self-renunciation deeper than anything else in us, human or divine. Anguish, suffering, shame are at their worst in that one's soul, and yet he trusts God with unshaken constancy, and his
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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 16TH

Neil McKown †

Miroslaw "Mike" Lewandowski †

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK - LET US PRAY FOR

Dennis Nizzi

Bacilia Macias

Mike Degmetich

Lani McManus

Nancy Barnes

Pastor Ray Wisner (Hospice Care)

ST. THOMAS MORE CONFIRMATION KICK-OFF

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM KICK-OFF MEETING SUNDAY, AUG. 23, AFTER MASS

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION

The Week's Readings

Monday; August 17th

1st Reading: Ezekiel 24:15-24
 Psalm (Dt 32) *You have forgotten God who gave you birth.*
 Gospel: Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday; August 18th

1st Reading: Ezekiel 28:1-10
 Psalm (Dt 32) *It is I who deal death and give life.*
 Gospel: Matthew 19:23-30

Wed.; August 19th Saint John Eudes

1st Reading: Ezekiel 34:1-11
 Psalm 23 *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*
 Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Thurs.; August 20th Saint Bernard

1st Reading: Ezekiel 36:23-28
 Psalm 51 (Ez 36:25) *I will pour clean water on you and wash away all your sins.*
 Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Friday; August 21st Saint Pius X

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14
 Psalm 107 *Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting.*
 Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Sat.; August 22nd The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1st Reading: Ezekiel 43:1-7ab
 Psalm 85 *The glory of the Lord will dwell in our land.*
 Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

The next Sacrament of Reconciliation is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 3, 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: The Faith of the Canaanite Woman

*confidence in the divine loving-kindness grows stronger & stronger, as God's abandonment of him seems to grow more certain—just as was the case with the Canaanite woman when rejected by our Lord. The harder he treated her the more confidently she begged his mercy; and it was for this reason alone that she got all she asked from him. Dear children, this is the right & the divine road to true spirituality. The person that can thus stand his ground meekly under all God's visitations of inner and outer affliction, looking to nothing but God's will for guidance, awaiting God's time of relief most patiently—the person who will thus stand his ground until death without the least repining— ah, children, he has found the straight road to union with God.... That road is total self-renunciation, in mind and in heart, in the face of God & of all creatures; the soul...maintaining that self-renunciation with all confidence in God, even to the end. To such a true and faithful soul the Lord will, at last, speak words similar to the ones he addressed to the Canaanite: **O, woman, great is your faith! Be it done to you as you will.** (Matthew 15:28) – FATHER JOHN TAULER, O.P.*

Father Tauler († 1361) was a German Dominican priest, a popular preacher, and a mystical theologian. [From The Sermons and Conferences of John Tauler, Very Rev. Walter Elliott, Tr. 1910, Apostolic Mission House, Washington, DC. All rights reserved.]

Excerpt from Magnificat, August 2020; Sunday, Aug. 16th, Meditation of the Day

THE SACRAMENTS

1st Communion, 1st Reconciliation, or Baptism? Aug. 23rd Meeting

The next STM kick-off meeting for candidates, parents and families of the Confirmation Program will be held after Mass on Sunday, Aug. 23rd at 11:30 a.m. There's still time to register! Do you know a child, youth, or adult who wants to receive the Sacraments of First Communion/Reconciliation or Baptism? If you are interested, would like to attend the Aug. 23 kick-off, or just have questions, contact our parish office at 530-877-4501 or by email: 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

Nuestra reunión inicial del programa de Confirmación para los candidatos y sus padres está planificada para ser en persona en St. Thomas More, después de la misa del domingo 23 de agosto de 11: 30 a 1: 00 PM.

Sacramento de la Reconciliación

programado para el jueves 3 de septiembre, 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 Corazón 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

EL SEÑOR ES BUENO Y NOS ESCUCHA

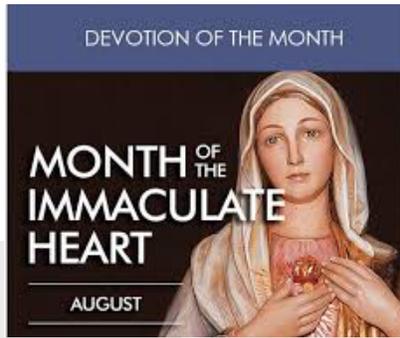
La mujer cananea pide a gritos a Jesús que tenga compasión de ella, Y que libere a su hija, "atormentada por un demonio", porque la fama de que Jesús puede expulsar a los demonios ha llegado hasta sus oídos. Los discípulos le piden a Jesús que la atienda, simplemente para que deje de molestar.

- En un primer momento parece que Jesús la rechaza: "Yo no he sido enviado sino a las ovejas descarriadas de la casa de Israel".
- Pero la mujer no le importa nada de lo que digan, e insiste en su petición, porque está segura de que Jesús puede concederle lo que desea.
- Jesús reconoce la gran fe de esta mujer y le concede Aquello que le pide.

El Señor atiende a quien persevera con fe en la oración.



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.

Excerpted from www.catholicculture.org

Three Ways to Celebrate the Immaculate Heart of Mary

1. Create a home altar honoring the Immaculate Heart. Choose a painting, holy card, or statue depiction & center it on your dining table or mantle. Pick flowers to adorn your humble altar. Get your kids or grandkids to help. Look for blooms in red or pink.

2. Pray a morning offering as soon as you awake:

"In the holy name of Jesus, I begin this day."

Next, while dressing, thank God for protecting and preserving you during your rest; add this prayer:

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

3. Go to Mass Aug. 15, The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mark your calendar now! Also note another special Mass on Thurs., Aug. 22, the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. After Mass, you might consider lighting a candle for your intentions at the Marian altar in our parish.

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



The next Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is scheduled for the first Thursday, Sept. 3, during the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Come spend some quiet time with the Lord starting at 5 p.m. (We will socially distance. Bring your mask.)

REMINDERS!



AN 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.

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

The Women of St. Thomas More's next meeting is set for Sat., 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. By God's grace we'll reconvene safe and healthy this fall!

Remember: Wear your mask & wash your hands often!

PARISHIONER UPDATE:

STM thanks Bishop Soto for a beautiful Mass Aug. 9; The Sisters for celebrating with us; and of course Zooba for her music and beautiful voice.



PARISH UPDATE:

My Dear Friends at St Thomas More Catholic Church,

I want to share the news of my retirement as Music Director for St Thomas More Catholic Church in Paradise, Ca., effective August 30, 2020. It has been my privilege to work at Saint Thomas More Church for 14 years, since 2006, serving six different pastors. With your support I have learned so much about liturgical music and I am proud of the way our music program has developed to become a vital part of the way we worship and praise God.

I have been considering retirement for a while now, but following the Camp Fire it seemed important for our parishioners and choir members to continue with the familiar and comforting music we have come to embrace as a part of our liturgy. Indeed, we have built a renewed solid foundation on which to regrow our parish. I feel now is the right time for me to retire and allow St Thomas More Church to regroup, entering the next phase of renewal. I will do everything I can to help make this a smooth transition. I wish to continue serving my beloved parish and so I remain available as an outside vendor and I would love to continue to provide music for funerals, weddings, and other services.

Thank you so much for allowing me this amazing opportunity to serve and grow in a career which I have loved as your Music Director. I treasure the friendships which have developed over the years with staff members, choir members, and parishioners alike; and I look forward to continuing these friendships and continuing to worship and praise God at St Thomas More Catholic Church in Paradise.

In His service,

Zooba Zwicker

"If we could comprehend all the good things contained in Holy Communion, nothing more would be wanting to content the heart of man."
-St. John Vianney



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There are updates to worship guidelines at <https://www.scd.org/coronavirus/bishop> that have been published since June 8, when Bishop Jaime Soto lifted the suspension on the public celebration of the Sacrifice of the Mass in the Diocese of Sacramento. For info and guidelines, titled Coming Back to the Table, you can go to:

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

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

www.stmparadise.net