

# 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

- 21 June: **Welcome Home Parishioners!**
- 21 June: SOCIAL DISTANCE MASS W/ MASKS
- 21 June: **Bring your 40 Cans of food to Mass**
- 27 June: STM Women's Away Mtg to Red Bluff
- 02 July: Sacrament of Reconciliation 5p
- 02 July: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5p

## Sunday Readings

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
XII Domingo Ordinario

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Jeremiah 20:10-13  
**Psalm 69** Lord, in your great love, answer me.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 5:12-15  
**Gospel:** Matthew 10:26-33



"DO NOT BE AFRAID!"  
—MT 10:31  
12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

Welcome Home St. Thomas More Parishioners!  
Bienvenidos a Casa Feligreses de St. Thomas More!

## MEDITATION of the DAY

The Faith That Conquers Fear

*I'll finish my letter by saying this: let yourself be invaded by God. Live in him through faith. Hand yourself over to him. He won't fail to take possession of your whole being. He is love; and we exist only because of his infinite goodness. Let's breathe in, to put it that way, the divine milieu in which we live. God is in us.... Let's adore him with faith.*

*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.*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR SUNDAY; JUNE 21

*Al Pena*<sup>†</sup>  
*Larry Campbell*<sup>†</sup>

June is the Month  
of  
The Sacred Heart of Jesus

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK - LET US PRAY FOR

**Nancy Barnes (having surgery on 6/23/20)**  
**David Brown (having surgery on 7/7/2020)**  
**Susan Hoffman**  
**Sam Weaver**

## The Week's Readings

### Monday; June 22<sup>nd</sup> St. Paulinus of NOLA

1st Reading: 2Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18  
Psalm 60 *Help us with your right hand, O Lord, and answer us.*

Gospel: Matthew 7:1-5

### Tuesday; June 23<sup>rd</sup>

1st Reading: 2Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36  
Psalm 48 *God upholds his city for ever.*

Gospel: Matthew 7:6, 12-14

### Wed.; June 24<sup>th</sup> Solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist

1st Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6  
Psalm 139 *I praise you, for I am wonderfully made.*

Gospel: Acts 13:22-26

### Thursday; June 25<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: 2Kings 24:8-17  
Psalm 79 *For the glory of your name, O Lord, deliver us.*

Gospel: Matthew 7:21-29

### Friday; June 26<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: 2Kings 25:1-12  
Psalm 137 *Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!*

Gospel: Matthew 8:1-4

### Saturday; June 27<sup>th</sup> St. Cyril of Alexandria

1st Reading: Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19  
Psalm 74 *Lord, forget not the souls of your poor ones.*

Gospel: Matthew 8:5-17

*Meditation of the Day continued from front page.*

### MEDITATION of the DAY: The Faith That Conquers Fear

*Everything changes when we look at this divine sun. May faith be the lens that reveals to you your Creator. A soul that has faith has everything, because it has God. Sufferings are transformed by faith. The important thing is not to concentrate on the external. We should examine the source from which things are born, and faith will make it known: it's God's love which tries, refines, and purifies our soul. When you're suffering, look at Jesus. He is loving you with tenderness, because you are participating in his cross, in the cross he carried in his most divine Heart from Bethlehem to Calvary. Place yourself and everything around you in that Heart of Jesus. Live abandoned to his holy will. From that abandonment, oneness with God will be born.* —SAINT TERESA OF JESUS OF THE ANDES

Saint Teresa of Jesus († 1920) was a Chilean Carmelite nun. She died at the age of 19. [From Letters of Saint Teresa of the Andes, Michael D. Griffin, O.C.D., tr.; Published by Teresian Charism Press. © 1994, Discalced Carmelite Friars of the Washington Providence. All rights reserved.]

Excerpt from **Magnificat**, June 2020, Sun., June 21st, Meditation of the Day

### RECONOZCAMOS AL SEÑOR ANTE LOS DEMAS

*Si en verdad conocemos y amamos a nuestro Señor Jesucristo, temenos que sentir un sano orgullo de todo lo que él ha hecho por amor a nosotros. Seria un contrasentido que, por quedar bien con otras personas, no fuéramos capaces de manifestar la fe que temenos en nuestro Salvador.*

*Los mártires son quienes han llevado hasta sus ultimas consecuencias la fe y el amor que profesaron por Cristo. Ellos tuvieron la gracia de vencer con él.*

*Que Cristo nos conceda su gracia para declarar que creemos en él.*



**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 Fr. Martin, 530.343.4248.

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



**Junio: Mes del Sagrado**

**Five Facts About the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus recalls Christ's love for us. Here are five facts that you may not know about this important feast of Our Lord.

**1. The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus took centuries to become a universal celebration.**

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus goes back to the 11th century. St. Margaret Mary Alacoque had multiple visions of the Sacred Heart between 1673 and 1675. However, it wasn't until 90 years later in 1765, that the feast was officially celebrated in France. In 1856, Pope Pius IX made the feast of the Sacred Heart into a universal celebration.

**2. The first feast of the Sacred Heart was celebrated Aug. 31, 1670 in Rennes, France.**

Even before St. Margaret Mary Alacoque had her visions of the Sacred Heart there was a recorded celebration of this feast. St. Jean Eudes composed the first Office and Mass of the Sacred Heart.

**3. The feast takes place on the 19th day after Pentecost.**

The feast of the Sacred Heart is scheduled to be celebrated on the Friday after the octave (eighth day) of the feast of Corpus Christi. Corpus Christi is traditionally the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. However, in the United States, Corpus Christi is instead celebrated on the following Sunday. Despite this, the feast of the Sacred Heart still takes place 19 days after Pentecost.

**4. Jesus made 12 promises to those who honor the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque:**

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state in life.
2. I will establish peace in their families.
3. I will comfort them in their trials.
4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and, above all, in death.
5. I will shed abundant blessings on all their undertakings.
6. Sinners will find in My Heart an infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Lukewarm souls will become fervent.
8. Fervent souls will rapidly grow in holiness and perfection.
9. I will bless every place where an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. The names of those who promote this devotion will be written in My Heart, never to be blotted out.
12. I promise thee, in the excessive mercy of My Heart, that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months, the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My disgrace nor without receiving their Sacraments; My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

**5. Congregations, states, and groups are consecrated to the Sacred Heart.**

In 1873, President Gabriel Garcia Moreno issued a petition that led to Ecuador becoming the first country consecrated to the Sacred Heart.

—Derek Pettinelli

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Excerpt from Catholic Digest Magazine, June 12, 2020, digital edition  
<http://www.catholicdigest.com/faith/spirituality/five-facts-about-the-sacred-heart-of-jesus/>

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



**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.**

## Diocese Pastoral Council Needs At-Large Member

**Dear Parishioners of St. Thomas More,**

The Diocese Pastoral Council is looking for a person who is interested in being part of the input and information team to the Bishop as an "At-Large Member." This is a three-year commitment. Meetings take place six times a year. If you feel called to serve in this capacity please contact Deacon James for more information by calling 530.893.2348 or you can send an email to [jburkett7.jb@gmail.com](mailto:jburkett7.jb@gmail.com).

### 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 set next meeting for Sat., June 27.** It was decided this will be an **AWAY** meeting and will involve travel to Red Bluff for a late lunch & 5:15p Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Vigil Mass requires reservations and we have made a request for 15. Rolawn or Lori will advise once confirmed.

### Itinerary

- We will meet at 1:30 p.m. in the STM parking lot.
- At 1:45p we will caravan to the Raley's parking lot on Skyway in Chico to meet the rest of our group.
- At 2:30p we will leave Raley's to caravan to our lunch venue in Red Bluff, Los Mariachis, 604 Main St.
- At 4:45p we will depart the restaurant for Sacred Heart Mass.
- After Mass we will depart for home.

## 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.

## You Are Invited to Join the Charismatic Praise & Worship Prayer Group the 4th Monday of Each Month

**The quarantine is lifted! STM is invited** to join with ODS and others from a variety of backgrounds each month in an atmosphere of love and mutual support. When it resumes, this Charismatic Praise & Worship Prayer group will help us grow in the love and knowledge of God, and offers a way to show this love in ourselves and to our neighbors.

**Each Prayer Meeting includes** a time of praise and worship in song along with a teaching. There also is time for prayer ministry and intercession. Everyone is welcomed to share what God has done or is doing in their lives as this is key to building up the faithful through the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

**Songs of praise and worship connect** with God through song and prayer for his majesty, his love, and his faithfulness; and thanks Him for his grace in our lives. This time of praise and thanksgiving may be in words, songs or through that way of praying without words.

**The group meets monthly on the 4th Monday** at ODS (566 Lassen Ave., Chico) in the Parish Office Prayer Rm; 6:30p to 8p. Questions? Call Deacon James: 893-2348.

**Call Deacon James for date & time of next meeting.**



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

### **The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

scheduled for Thursday, July 2, at STM, will require an appointment! To schedule please call Fr. Martin's ODS office at 530.343.4248.