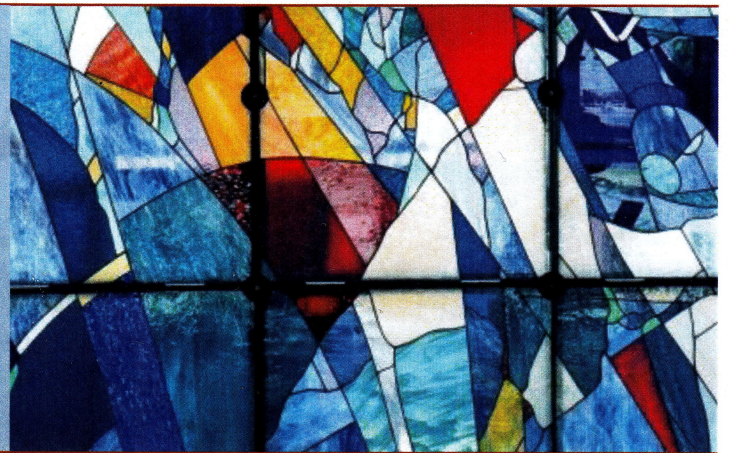
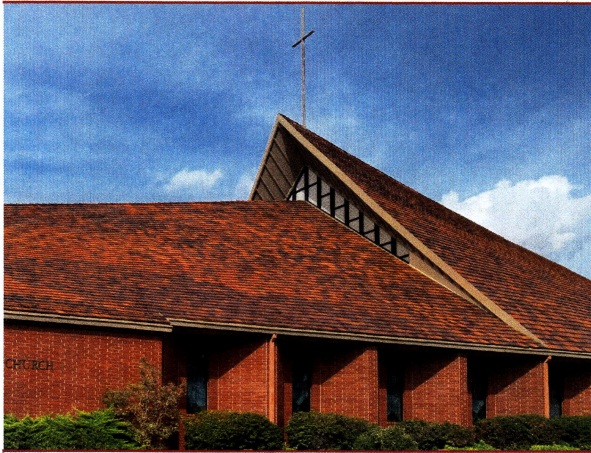


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Important Dates

16JUL: **Confession/Confesión** STM 5p to 545p
 16JUL: **Mass/Misa** STM 6P Bilingue
 17JUL: **Mass/Misa** STM 830A Misa en inglés*
 18JUL: **Mass/Misa** STM 830A Misa en inglés*
 19JUL: **Mass/Misa** STM 830A* Divine Mercy Chap. +Rosary 3p
 20JUL: **Confession/Confesión** STM 330P to 5P

Sunday Readings

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
XV Domingo ordinario

1st Reading Amos 7:12-15
Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.
 Muéstranos, Señor, tu misericordia.

2nd Reading Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10
Gospel Mark 6:7-13

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Sustained by the Presence of God Alone
For the soul that has entered into the fortress of holy recollection, the eye of its soul, opened in the light of faith, discovers its God present, living
Meditation of the Day continues on next page

JULY INTENTIONS of the HOLY FATHER

For the pastoral care of the sick:
We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

Para la pastoral de los enfermos
Oramos para que el Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos confiera a quienes lo reciben y a sus seres queridos el poder del Señor y se convierta cada vez más en un signo visible de compasión y esperanza para todos.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SUNDAY JULY 14TH

For the intentions of Dave & Jeanie on their anniversary

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Deacon Cavalli
Cathy Larsen
Linda Stultz
Angela Babcock
Sbaron Calhoun
Jeff Clark
Pat Mortensen
Brian Redgrave
Ben Richards

Martha Martinez
Rod Mongomery
Carrie Sue Sonsteng
Sam Kempner
Tylor Koski
Denise Hughes
Kimberly Helgeson Avoy
Denis Helgeson
Jim McManus

Andrea Inzunza
Victor Furrer
Bruce Hasek
Barbara Maldonado
Adriana Sepulveda
Senona Gonzalez
Samia Zumout
Karen Reynolds
David Jorgensen

This Week's Readings

THE FIFTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Mon.; July 15th Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1st Reading: Isaiah 1:10-17

Psalms 50:8-9, 16BC-17, 21 & 23

To the upright I will show the saving power of God.

Gospel: Matthew 10:34-11:1

Tuesday; July 16th

1st Reading: Isaiah 7:1-9

Psalms 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8

God upholds his city for ever.

Gospel: Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday; July 17th

1st Reading: Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16

Psalms 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15

The Lord will not abandon his people.

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday; July 18th

1st Reading: Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19

Psalms 102:13-14ab & 15, 16-18, 19-21

From heaven the Lord looks down on the earth.

Gospel: Matthew 11:28-30

Friday; July 19th

1st Reading: Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8

Psalms Isaiah 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16

You saved my life, O Lord; I shall not die.

Gospel: Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday; July 20th

1st Reading: Micah 2:1-5

Psalms 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14

Do not forget the poor, O Lord!

Gospel: Matthew 12:14-21



Meditation of the Day continued from front page.

MEDITATION OF THE DAY Sustained by the Presence of God Alone within it. In turn it remains so present to him, in beautiful simplicity, that he guards it with a jealous care. Then disturbances from without and tempests from within may arise. Its self-esteem may be wounded. God may hide himself, withdraw his sensible grace.... [But] then the Master is free, free to flow into the soul, to give himself according to his measure.... **In him we were also chosen**, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory (Eph 1:11-12). It is Saint Paul who announces to us this divine election, Saint Paul who penetrated so deeply the mystery hidden from ages past in God (Eph 3:9). Then he gives us light on this vocation to which we are called. God, he says, chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him (Eph 1:4).... In order to fulfill worthily my work of [praising God], I must remain in the presence of God through everything. It is contact with the divine Being that will make me holy and without blemish in his eyes.

I relate all this to the beautiful virtue of simplicity, [which gives us] rest in God... prelude and echo of the eternal sabbath of which Saint Paul spoke when he said, we then who have believed shall enter into this rest (Heb 4:3). The glorified have this repose because they contemplate God.... They know him, says Saint Paul again, as they are known by him (1 Cor 13:12), that is, by intuitive vision, a simple gaze. And that is why, the great saint continues, they are transformed from brightness to brightness into his very image by the power of his Spirit (2 Cor 3:18). Then they are an unceasing praise of glory of the divine Being.—Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity.

Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity († 1906) was a French Carmelite nun whose writings focused on the indwelling of the Trinity. She died from Addison's disease at the age of twenty-six. / From I Have Found God: Complete Works, Volume I, General Introduction: Major Spiritual Writings, Sister Aletheia Kane, o.c.d., Tr. © 1984. ICS Publications, Washington Province of Discalced Carmelites, Inc., Washington, DC.

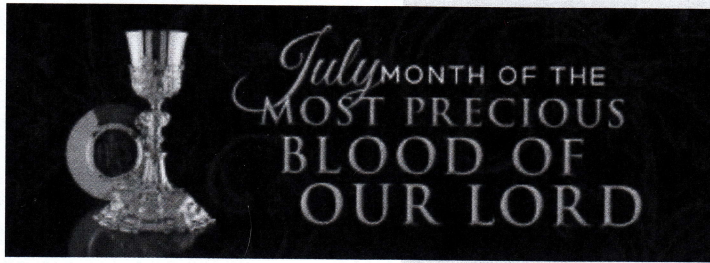
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New Mass & Confession Schedule!
¡Nuevo Horario de Misas y Confesiones!

DAYS DÍAS	MASS BILINGUAL MISA BILINGUE	CONFESSION CONFESIÓN
SUNDAY DOMINGO	1030A	—
MONDAY LUNES	—	—
TUESDAY MARTES	6P	5P to 545P 5P a 545P
DAYS	MASS in ENGLISH Misa en inglés	
WEDNESDAY MIÉRCOLES	830A	—
THURSDAY JUEVES	830A	—
FRIDAY VIERNES	830A	—
SATURDAY SÁBADO	—	330P to 5P 330P a 5P

¡Bienvenido a Julio! Este mes nos dedicamos a la Preciosísima Sangre de Nuestro Señor.

Al igual que las Sagradas Llagas de Jesús, Su Preciosa Sangre merece especial honor por su estrecha relación con la Sagrada Pasión. Ese honor le fue



dado desde el principio por los Apóstoles que alabaron su poder redentor. (Romanos 5:9 "somos justificados en su sangre"; Hebreos 13:12 "y así también Jesús, para santificar al pueblo en su sangre, padeció fuera de la puerta"; 1 Juan 1:7 "y la sangre de Jesucristo, su Hijo, nos limpia de todo pecado.")

El Papa Benedicto XVI, en su audiencia del Ángelus del 5 de julio de 2009, recordó a los fieles que el primer domingo de julio ha sido tradicionalmente un momento de devoción a la Preciosísima Sangre de Cristo. Esa tradición fue firmemente respaldada por el Papa Juan XXIII, recordó. El Papa prosiguió hablando de la "sangre de la alianza", señalando que se trata de un tema "de primordial importancia en la Sagrada Escritura".

La Sangre de Cristo es fuente de salvación, dice el Papa a las comunidades de la Preciosa Sangre. A la luz de la devoción de julio a la Preciosa Sangre, el 30 de junio de 2018, el Papa Francisco se dirigió a los miembros de los Misioneros de la Preciosa Sangre y otras comunidades fundadas o inspiradas por San Gaspar del Búfalo (1786-1837). "Dios ha elegido el signo de la sangre, porque ningún otro signo es tan elocuente para expresar el supremo amor a la vida entregada a los demás", afirmó el Papa, antes de reflexionar sobre "la valentía de la verdad, la atención a todos, especialmente a los más lejanos"., y la capacidad de fascinar y comunicar". Para leer su dirección completa vaya a <https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2018/06/30/180630d.html>

"Sed, pues, valientes y depositad vuestra confianza en los méritos de la Preciosísima Sangre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo". — San Gaspar del Búfalo (1786-1837), Fundador de la Congregación de la Preciosa Sangre de Jesucristo.

ORACIÓN A LA PRECIOSA SANGRE

Oh Preciosísima Sangre de Jesucristo, te honramos, adoramos y adoramos por Tu obra de la alianza eterna que trae paz a la humanidad. Sanad las heridas del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús. Consuela al Padre Todopoderoso en Su trono y lava los pecados del mundo entero. Que todos Te reverencian, oh Preciosa Sangre, ten piedad. Amén.

FUENTE: <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/prayers/view.cfm?id=760&repos=3&subrepos=3&searchid=2409436>

La Oración: https://www.preciousbloodinternational.com/prayers_05.html#:~:text=0%20most%20Precious%20Blood%20of%20Jesus%20Christ%20C%20honor%20C%20worship,sins%20of%20the%20whole%20world

Welcome to July! This month we devote ourselves to the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord. Like the Sacred Wounds of Jesus, His Precious Blood deserves special honor because of its close relation to the Sacred Passion. That honor was given to it from the beginning by the Apostles who

praised its redeeming power. (Romans 5:9 "we are justified by His blood"; Heb. 13:12 "and so Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people by His blood, suffered outside the gate"; 1 John 1:7 "and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin.")

Pope Benedict XVI, at his Angelus audience on July 5, 2009, reminded the faithful that the first Sunday in July has traditionally been a time for devotions to the Most Precious Blood of Christ. That tradition was strongly endorsed by Pope John XXIII, he recalled. The Pope went on to speak about the "blood of the covenant," noting that this is a theme "of primary importance in Sacred Scripture."

Christ's Blood is the source of salvation, Pope tells Precious Blood communities. In light of July's devotion to the Precious Blood, on June 30, 2018, Pope Francis addressed members of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood and other communities founded or inspired by St. Gaspar del Bufalo (1786-1837). "God chose the sign of blood, because no other sign is so eloquent to express the supreme love of life given for others," the Pope said, before reflecting on "the courage of the truth, attention to all, especially to the most distant, and the ability to fascinate and to communicate." To read his complete address go to <https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2018/06/30/180630d.html>

"So be courageous and place your trust in the merits of the most Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ." — St. Gaspar del Bufalo (1786-1837), Founder of Congregation of the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

O most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, we honor, worship and adore You because of Your work of the everlasting covenant that brings peace to mankind. Heal the wounds in the most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Console the Almighty Father on His throne and wash away the sins of the whole world. May all revere You, O Precious Blood, have mercy. Amen.

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PARISH UPDATES

The STM DateBook

- ☑ **Tuesday, July 16 | Martes 16 de Julio**
Confession STM 5p to 545P
Confesión STM 5p a 545p
Mass Bilingual/Misa Bilingue STM 6P
- ☑ **Wed., July 17 | Miércoles 17 de Julio**
MASS STM 830A | MISA STM 830A
- ☑ **Thurs., July 18 | Jueves 18 de Julio**
MASS STM 830A | MISA STM 830A
- ☑ **Friday, July 19 | Viernes 19 de Julio**
MASS STM 830A | MISA STM 830A
 *Divine Mercy Chaplet + Rosary STM 3p*
Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia y Rosario STM 3p
- ☑ **Saturday, July 20 | Sábado 20 de Julio**
Confession STM 330p-5p | Confesión STM 330p a 5p
- ☑ **Tuesday, July 23 | Martes 23 de Julio**
Grupo Guadalupano STM 10A
Confession STM 5p to 545P
Confesión STM 5p a 545p
Mass Bilingual/Misa Bilingue STM 6P

WE EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES

The St. Thomas More parish family extends our deepest condolences to Bill Sharrett and his family on the passing of his wife Debbie. Funeral Mass details will be announced soon. Please add Bill, his family, and his late wife Debbie to your prayers this week.

The St. Thomas More parish family also extends our deepest condolences to Mimi Brown and her family on the passing of her brother Frederich Joseph Manteufel. Freddie passed away on June 2. Please add Mimi, her family, and her late brother Freddie to your prayers this week.



The St. Thomas More parish family also extends our deepest condolences to Joseph Wise and his family on the passing of his wife Diana. Diana passed away on June 29. Please add Joseph, his family, and his late wife Diana to your prayers this week.

You're Invited to the Diocese of Sacramento Dinner at the National Eucharistic Congress

Are you going to the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis? If yes, you are invited to join Bishop Rey and the pilgrims from the Diocese of Sacramento at Skyline Club Indy for dinner on Thursday, July 18. There is no cost to you for the dinner, but you must register by July 12 to attend. Go to the link below.

Register at <https://forms.gle/SUDVcrHJCQWskug4A>

Questions? Please contact Martha Haig at 916-733-0132 or mhaig@scd.org.

¡Notas rápidas de Santo Tomás Moro!

- **¡Es tiempo de vacaciones!** El verano está aquí. Es hora de dejar de lado tus preocupaciones y salir a la carretera. Nuestra parroquia seguirá necesitando atención y apoyo mientras usted no esté. Contribuya en línea mientras esté de vacaciones. Simplemente vaya a stmparadise.net, en la parte superior central de la página, haga clic en DONACIONES. Siga las indicaciones; o vaya a <https://www.wesharegiving.org/app/giving/WeShare-20000315?tab=home>

- **¡SE VIENE LA FIESTA EN EL PARQUE!** Necesitaremos ayuda en Kids Corner con la instalación, los juegos, las manualidades y el desmontaje **el miércoles 31 de julio**. Consulte a Chris Rehmann después de la misa para obtener más información y consulte la contraportada del boletín. **Únase a nosotros el miércoles 31 de julio a las 5 p. m. para ayudar con la configuración y los juegos para niños.**



STM QUICK NOTES

- **IT'S VACATION TIME!** Summer is here. Time to throw your cares away and hit the road. Our parish will still need care & support while you're away. Please contribute online while you're on vacation. Just go to stmparadise.net, at top center of page click DONATIONS. Follow the prompts; or go to <https://www.wesharegiving.org/app/giving/WeShare-20000315?tab=home>
- **PARTY IN THE PARK!** We'll need help at Kids Corner with set up, games, crafts, and teardown on Wed., July 31. See Chris Rehmann after Mass for more info and watch the bulletin back page. **Join us on Wed., July 31 at 5P to set up & help with the games.**

