

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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MASS: Sun. 1030a | Tue. 6p | Wed, Thurs., Fri 830a
CONFESSION: Wed. 5P - 6P | Sat. 330p - 5p

Important Dates

07JUL: [Crown Rosary w Secular Franciscans STM 1130A](#)
 07JUL: [HOY! Rosario de la Corona STM 1130A](#)
07JUL: FR. Kelly Welcome Reception After Mass!
 09JUL: Grupo Guadalupano STM 10A
10JUL: Party in the Park STM KIDZ CORNER 5P!
 13JUL: [Eucharistic Camino Abby of New Clairvaux 8A](#)

Sunday Readings

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
XIV Domingo ordinario

1st Reading Ezekiel 2:2-5
Psalm 123:1-2, 2, 3-4

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.
Ten piedad de nosotros, ten piedad.

2nd Reading 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Gospel Mark 6:1-6

Welcome!
FATHER KELLY
 We are so blessed and excited to have you shepherd us.

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 7TH

Diana Wise †

Frederich Joseph Manteufel †

For the intentions of Maximina Leon on her birthday

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Deacon Cavalli
Cathy Larsen
Linda Stultz
Angela Babcock
Sharon Calboun
Jeff & Diane Clark
Pat Mortensen
Brian Redgrave
Ben Richards

Martha Martinez
Rod Montgomery
Carrie Sue Sonsteng
Sam Kempner
Tylor Koski
Denise Hughes
Kimberly Helgeson Avoy
Denis Helgeson
Sofia Garcia
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 FOURTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Monday; July 8th

1st Reading: Hosea 2:16, 17C-18, 21-22
 Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
The Lord is gracious and merciful.
 Gospel: Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday; July 9th

1st Reading: Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13
 Psalm 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10
The house of Israel trusts in the Lord.
 Gospel: Matthew 9:32-38

Wednesday; July 10th

1st Reading: Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12
 Psalm 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Seek always the face of the Lord.
 Gospel: Matthew 10:1-7

Thursday; July 11th

Memorial of Saint Benedict,
 abbot

1st Reading: Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9
 Psalm 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16
Let us see your face, Lord, and we shall be saved.
 Gospel: Matthew 10:7-15

Friday; July 12th

1st Reading: Hosea 14:2-10
 Psalm 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 & 17
My mouth will declare your praise.
 Gospel: Matthew 10:16-23

Saturday; July 13th

1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8
 Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5
The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.
 Gospel: Matthew 10:24-33



MEDITATION OF THE DAY

The Faith to Recognize God among Us

We have the bad habit of thinking that faith is nothing else but believing that God exists. But such faith in no way distinguishes the nonbeliever from the Christian. How many men fully admit a force that surpasses them, without being for that reason Christians? Faith is not the simple intellectual certitude about the existence of God nor even the assurance of the existence of Christ. Faith is that force which comes from on high in an always contemporary Pentecost and opens our mind to God's way of looking at things.

"I try to see things and beings with the eyes of Christ." A better definition of faith cannot be given. It is enough to add: "to see God with the eyes of Christ." But this new point of view is obtained after much sacrifice and humility. It is also the occasion of a great source of renewal: to be able at last to recognize the true meaning of life, including the element of sin, to be able to discover the truth of things.... The Christian has the assurance that God has a place for him each day in a plan. And this certitude transforms everything... even our attitude toward sin.

The Christian God is a God who has taken the initiative, who is the first one to offer himself today as on the day when his Son became man.... The God who is completely other is at the same time the God who is completely close at hand. YHWH, He whose name cannot be known, is at the same time the God who comes to aid of his people, the God who is with you.... He is the one whom nothing escapes, the one in whose presence we walk. My eyes on you, I will be your counsel (Ps 32:8)... If one truly searches for him, he searches for him as the key to all existence, as the One without whom nothing makes sense. —FATHER BERNARD BRO, O.P.

Father Bro († 2018) was a French Dominican priest, a distinguished theologian, and the author of many books.

Excerpt from Magnificat Magazine, Meditation of the Day, July 7, 2024

New Mass & Confession Times!		
¡Nuevos Horarios de Misas y Confesiones!		
DAYS DÍAS	MASS MISA	CONFESSION CONFESIÓN
SUNDAY DOMINGO	1030A	X
MONDAY LUNES	X	X
TUESDAY MARTES	6P	5P to 6P
WEDNESDAY MIÉRCOLES	830A	X
THURSDAY JUEVES	830A	X
FRIDAY VIERNES	830A	X
SATURDAY SÁBADO	X	330P to 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.") En los últimos tiempos la devoción ha sido fomentada por el Beato Gaspar Buffalo, fundador de la Congregación de la Preciosa Sangre de Jesucristo.

Cuando el Papa Pío IX estaba exiliado de Roma en 1849, tenía como compañero a Don Giovanni Merlini, el tercer general de esa Congregación. Este santo sacerdote sugirió al Papa que hiciera el voto de dar la fiesta de la Preciosa Sangre a toda la iglesia, si recuperaba el territorio papal. Sin comprometerse por el voto, el Papa extendió inmediatamente la fiesta a toda la Iglesia. En el calendario antiguo se celebraba el 1 de julio, pero los católicos aún pueden continuar esta tradición aumentando su devoción a la Preciosísima Sangre durante todo el mes de julio.

ORACIÓN A LA PRECIOSA SANGRE

Preciosísima Sangre de la Vida Eterna, precio de la redención del hombre pecador, por cuyas corrientes salvadoras se sacia la sed de las almas y se lavan sus manchas, Tú que defiendes la causa del hombre ante el trono de la infinita misericordia, desde lo más profundo de la Mi corazón os adoro y deseo, en la medida de mis posibilidades, hacer expiación por las injurias e insultos que os son constantemente ofrecidos por los hombres, y especialmente por aquellos que temerariamente se atreven a blasfemarte. ¿Quién no bendicirá y alabará esta Sangre de infinito valor? ¿A quién no le inspiraría el amor por Jesús, que lo derramó todo por nosotros? ¿Cuál sería mi destino si no hubiera sido redimido por esta Sangre Divina? ¿Y qué te sacó de las venas de mi Salvador hasta la última gota? ¡Fue amor! ¡Oh amor sin límites, que nos has dado este bálsamo salvador! ¡Oh bálsamo inestimable, que brotas de la fuente del amor inconmensurable! Concede que todos los corazones y lenguas te alaben, te magnifiquen y te den gracias, ahora y en todos los siglos. Amén.

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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.") In recent times the devotion has been encouraged by Blessed Gaspar Buffalo, founder of the Congregation of the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ.

When Pope Pius IX was in exile from Rome in 1849, he had as his companion Don Giovanni Merlini, the third general of that Congregation. This saintly priest suggested to the pope that he make a vow to give the feast of the Precious Blood to the entire church, if he should regain the papal territory. Without binding himself by the vow, the pope immediately extended the feast to the whole Church. On the old calendar it was celebrated on July 1, but Catholics may still continue this tradition by increasing their devotion to the most precious Blood throughout the entire month of July.

PRAYER TO THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

Most Precious Blood of Life Eternal, price of sinful man's redemption, by whose saving streams the thirst of souls is quenched, and their stains are washed away, Thou Who dost plead the cause of man before the throne of infinite mercy, from the depths of my heart I adore Thee and desire, as much as lies in my power, to make atonement for the injuries and insults that are constantly offered Thee by mankind, and especially by those who rashly dare to blaspheme Thee. Who will not bless and praise this Blood of infinite value? Whose soul would not be inspired with love for Jesus Who shed It all for us? What would be my fate, had I not been redeemed by this Divine Blood? And what drew Thee from the veins of my Savior even to the last drop? It was love! O boundless love, which has given us this saving balm! O priceless balm, welling from the fount of immeasurable love! Grant that all hearts and tongues may praise Thee, magnify Thee, and give Thee thanks, now and throughout all ages. Amen.

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PARISH UPDATES

The STM DateBook

TODAY! | ¡HOY!

☑ **Sunday, July 7 | Domingo 7 de Julio**



Crown Rosary with the Secular Franciscans STM 1130A

Rosario de la corona con los franciscanos seculares STM 1130A

☑ **Tuesday, July 9 | Martes 9 de Julio**

Grupo Guadalupano STM 10A

Confession STM 5p | *Confesión* STM 6P

MASS STM 6P | **MISA** STM 6P

☑ **Wed., Thu., & Fri. | Miércoles, Jueves, Viernes**

MASS STM 6P | **MISA** STM 6P

☑ **Saturday, July 13 | Sábado 13 de Julio**

Confession STM 330p-5p | *Confesión* STM 330p-5p

Welcome Reception After Mass Today for Fr. Kelly!

Please join us for a light repast to welcome Fr. Charles P. "Chuck" Kelly today after Mass.

¡Recepción de bienvenida después de la misa de hoy para el padre Kelly!

Únase a nosotros para una comida ligera para darle la bienvenida al Padre Charles P. "Chuck" Kelly hoy después de la Misa.

Deacon Gary Zellmer wants our parish family to know that he will be away from Paradise for the summer effective immediately and plans to return mid October. Have a great summer Deacon Gary!

El diácono Gary Zellmer desea informar a nuestra familia parroquial que estará lejos de Paradise durante el verano con efecto inmediato y que planea regresar a mediados de octubre.



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 THIS WED!** We'll need help at Kids Corner with set up, games, crafts, and teardown on Wed., July 10 & 31. See Chris Rehmann after Mass for more info and watch the bulletin back page. **Join us on Wed., July 10 at 5P to set up & help with the games.**

WE EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES

The St. Thomas More parish family extends our deepest condolences to Mimi Brown and her family on the passing of her brother Frederick 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.



THANKS FOR SUPPORTING CARE NET BABY BLESSING BOTTLES

Thank you again to the many St. Thomas More people who donated to Care Net through the Baby Blessing Bottles! Together we raised over \$2,343 dollars! Give yourselves a pat-on-the-back. A check to Care Net was presented by our STM-Care Net liaison, Donna Helgeson on June 23. If you have not returned your bottle, we need them back, since Care Net will have to buy replacements, if you don't. Please return your bottles to the church office empty or full. Thank you. Kathy DeCristofaro, Pro-Life chair.

¡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 10 y 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 10 de julio a las 5 p. m. para ayudar con la configuración y los juegos para niños.**

