

Sharing
the Spirit
of Love

Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

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September 28th 2025



This Week's Readings

Amos 6:1a,4-7

Psalm 146:7-10

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Luke 16:19-31

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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This Week's Masses

Saturday, September 27th

5:00pm James J. Murphy Sr
Rose Francini

Sunday, September 28th

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Mary Puorro

9:30am Linda Dowling
Terrance Sullivan

11:30am Donald Ricupero
Thomas Warmuth

Monday, September 29th

9:00am Frank Franceschini

Tuesday, September 30th

9:00am Samuel Infantino

Wednesday, October 1st

9:00am Edward & Eleanor Thompson

Thursday, October 2nd

9:00am Richard Bounaparte

Friday, October 3rd

9:00am Connie Giunta

Saturday, October 4th

5:00pm Cheri Graf Johnston
The Leopold Family (living)

Sunday, October 5th

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Connie Giunta
Janette Shatarah

9:30am Vincent Cavaliere
JoAnn Semma

11:30am Roderick J Cawley
Isabella Pillco (living)



Parish Mission

St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church is a parish community striving to share the Spirit of Love through Prayer, Worship, the Sacraments, the Teachings of the Church, and our concern for others, through Christian Stewardship.

Saints of the Week

Sts. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael (9/29)
St. Jerome (9/30)
St. Therese of Lisieux (10/1)
Holy Guardian Angels (10/2)
St. Francis of Assisi (10/3)
Our Lady of the Rosary (10/7)

Saints in heaven, *pray for us*

Prepare for Next Weekend

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 5th 2025

Readings

Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4
Psalm 95:1-2,6-9
2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14
Luke 17:5-10

Focus Questions

1: How does the mustard seed help you to understand how faith grows?
2: Describe a time when you were surprised by an anonymous act of kindness. How did that make you feel?
3: What is the most difficult part of being Christian?
Families: Talk about what you can do to help people in your neighborhood.

Gospel of Luke (16:5-10)

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."

The Lord replied,

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed,

you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here immediately and take your place at table'?

Would he not rather say to him,

'Prepare something for me to eat.

Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink.

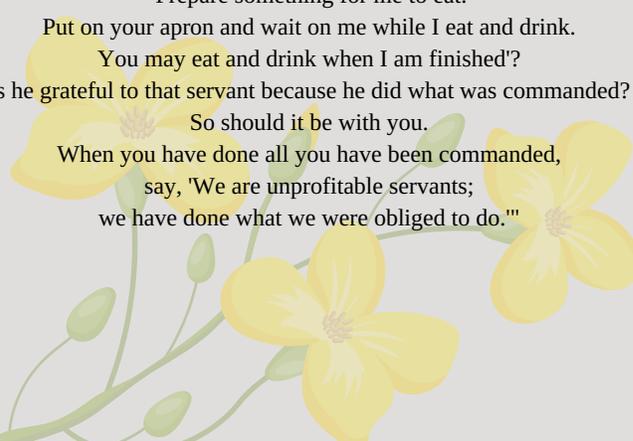
You may eat and drink when I am finished'?

Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded?

So should it be with you.

When you have done all you have been commanded,

say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'"



our
daily bread

Mon-Fri

9am

Sat

5pm

Sun

8am

9:30am

11:30am



From the Pastor

Man: **Just look at that young person with the short hair and blue jeans.** Are they a boy or a girl?

Bystander: She's a girl; she is my daughter.

Man: Oh, please forgive me, sir. I had no idea you were her father.

Bystander: I'm not. I'm her mother.

How do we look at people or things around us?

In today's **Gospel Jesus narrates a story to open our eyes.** The story is about a rich man who did not notice poor Lazarus at his doorstep, but began to see him across the unsurpassable chasm. Why was the rich man not able to see poor Lazarus who was so near to him, at his doorstep? Because he was engrossed by the comfort and conveniences offered to him by his wealth. It is worth reminding us here of a proverb: "The wealth is a very good servant but a very cruel master." Instead of treating his wealth as a servant to help others, the rich man stored it to master him. His absolute reliance on wealth blinded him to everything and every person around him.

The **Gospel's narration that after death** "the rich man was buried, and from the netherworld, where he was in torment", explains that death deprived him of wealth and its comfort. He could not rely on wealth anymore. So, his eyes are now capable of seeing people around him, even poor Lazarus beyond the unsurpassable chasm. The wealth blinded him. Through the character of the rich man, the Gospel warns us of our own blindness and inspires us with what we should do so that we may gain our gift of 'seeing'.

Most often we see things or people conveniently and not clearly. **When we are engrossed in ourselves, we will be blind** even to the most obvious. If we choose to be locked within our own comfort zone like the rich man, we will not be able to see beyond the circle/prison we comfortably built around ourselves. Our eyes will lose the capacity to see even the best of the best that may lie just in front of our eyes. As it happened to the rich man of today's Gospel story it will happen to us. Nothing will matter to us except our own individual selfish world and the self-justification to live in it.

Today's Gospel **challenges us to come out of our comfort zone, our own convenient philosophy,** and our habitual way of perceiving others and life as such. Our comfort zones that we used to live in have their own limitations. Here on earth as long as we have our good health, we can claim to live the way we want. Once our health starts to fail, we will be forced to give up many of our comforts and conveniences in proportion to what and how our body can handle them. Worse would still happen when we have to face death. As the book of Job describes, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart." We can take nothing with us. The story of "the poor Lazarus and the rich man" invites us to see the truth and the reality of life to be bigger than our own convenient convictions or our personal perception of them. Let us pray that we may see the abundance of life around us to be richer than all the riches we possess.

With love and prayers,
Father Antony



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Prayers & Petitions

Pray for the Deceased

Ronald Singlemann

Warren Tackenberg

Theresa Fischetti

We continuously pray for our deceased loved ones and all souls in purgatory.

St Gertrude, pray for us.

Pray for the Sick

Ana Beltrani
Andrew Valentine
Angela Mingione
Angelina Tolentino
Ann Russo
Barbara Foberg
Carmen Z Fontes
Christopher Conley
Christy Torkelsen
Codie Codispoti
Diane McCann
Ellen Murphy
Fortunata Feliciano

Grace Harold
Jo Garvey
John Ianno
John Zuzzolo
Joseph Barrett
Joseph Tuffarelli
Kayla & Nora
Larry Wilson
Linda Heller
Lori Rooney
Lorraine White
Louise Soldo
Marge McGowan

Maria U Aldaba
Maria Andria
Mary Leister
MaryAnn Landi
Maryann Maccone
Michael Leocadi
Michael Minutillo
Noah Simonetti
Nunzio Puleo
Peter Cappisillo
Raymond Larsen
Richard Landi
Rosalie Malerba

*This listing will reset on September 30th, 2025

To add a name to the sick list, please fill out a card from the literature rack place it in the collection basket, or contact the Rectory by phone or email.

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial

September 29th - October 5th

In memory of

Thomas & Mary Regan

by Tom & Lisa Lovelock

Contact the Rectory to arrange a memorial for the Altar Bread & Wine. Requested donation for the week is \$50

Pray for our Clergy

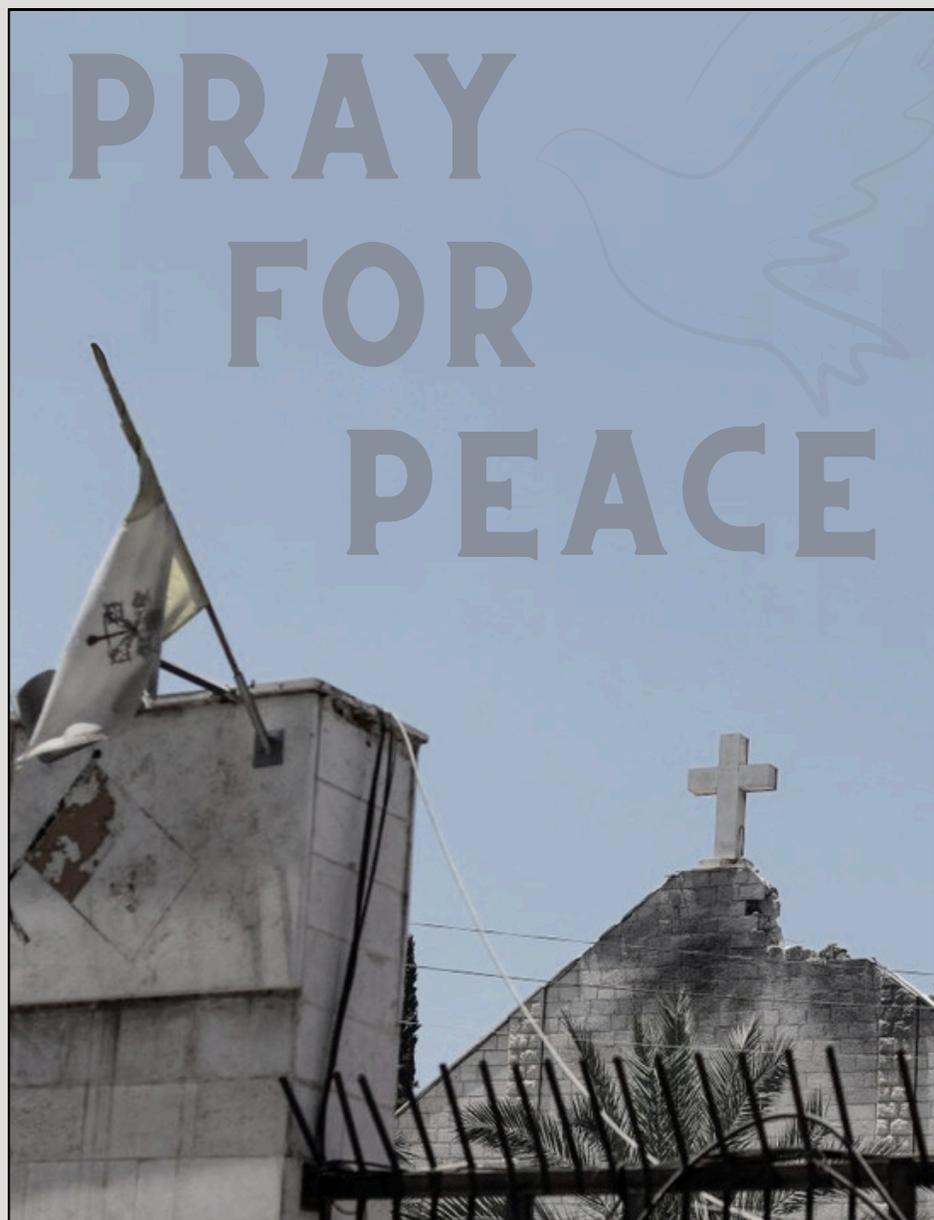
Father Antony Asir
Deacon Robert Weisz
Deacon Edward Vigneaux
Deacon Matthew Surico
The Capuchin Friars
Bishop John Barres
Pope Leo XIV

Pray for our Military

Please continue to pray for the brave members of our Parish Family who serve our country:

Troy A Maida
Connor Hendrickson
Evan Hendrickson
Ryan Smith
Will Maley
Chris Capasso
Joseph Kirsch
Allen Kirsch
Nicholas Gajda
Alexandria Feys Gajda
Andrew Lynch

We also pray for our deceased service members, and for our veterans, in gratitude for their service, and in hope that they will find the support they need here at home.



Support our Parish

Financial Support

Collection from:
September 20th & 21st

\$5878

Please consider supporting St. Thomas More. We encourage all parishioners to try electronic giving through Faith Direct. It is both convenient and secure. For more information on Faith Direct, check the literature rack in the Narthex, or visit us online at stmli.org

Physical Support

There are many different ways to support the St. Thomas More Parish Community! Whether you are 4 or 40, 8 or 80, there are ways for everyone to be involved.

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Young at Heart

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Whether giving money, time, or labor, all your support is appreciated. St. Thomas More would not exist as it does without the generosity of our Parish Family.

A Gentle Reminder:

Please do not place clothing or household items in the food bins or leave them at Outreach. We do not have a lot of extra storage space. Please call the Outreach office and one of our volunteers can determine if we have a family that could use your donation, or direct you to another place where you can donate.

Parish Social Ministry

"If anyone says, 'I love God,' but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen."

1 JOHN 4:20

Gift Card Donations

Please place any gift card donations in the collection basket, or drop them off at Outreach or the Rectory. Please do not put them in the bins in the Narthex. The church is open for visitors who sometimes "look through" the bags of food.

Contact Parish Outreach

631-234-3149

outreach@stmli.org

Mon-Thur 10AM to 2PM

Please reach out to Parish Outreach if you are, or know of someone, in need of support. Keep our elderly neighbors in mind and let us know if there is anyone you would like us to reach out to.



OUR NEEDS THIS WEEK...

Boxed Milk	Cookies
Drinks	Jelly
Pancake Mix	Tea
Syrup	Small Laundry Detergent
Rice	Paper Towels
Soup	Toilet Paper

WE APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR DONATIONS!

Please remember that it is difficult for us to use large cans, bottles, bags of rice, etc. as many of our neighbors do not have the ability to store extra food. Packages for 2-4 people are ideal.

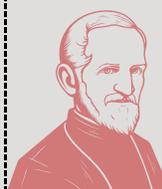


Society of St. Vincent de Paul

On September 27th, the Church celebrated the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that "God had sent him to bring good news to the poor."

Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish.

We can do nothing without your generous gifts. Please support our upcoming fundraiser, Military Bridge, that we might continue to serve. Contact us: call 631-648-2760 or email svdp.stm@aol.com





NEXT MEETING:

OCTOBER 10TH
AT 12:30PM

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS CALL ANNA
WELCOME! 631-234-0714



E-Giving News

Our current e-giving platform is changing its name!
Faith Direct is becoming unified under the *Ministry Brands* umbrella and will be known as ParishSoft Giving



Some minor (but helpful!) changes:

Weekly Donations...will now be paid weekly, not per month
Donations can be scheduled for any day, not just the 4th or 15th
Donations can be made with Google Pay, Apple Pay, Venmo, or PayPal

We encourage all parishioners to consider signing up for e-giving. Donating online is safe and secure, and allows you on demand access to your tax information and giving history.

Special Collection

October 4th & 5th



Next week's Special Collection will support...

Respect Life Sunday

Sunday, October 5th is Respect Life Sunday, a day dedicated to reflecting on the sanctity and dignity of all human life. On this day, we are reminded that threats to life and human dignity take many forms in our world. The Diocese works tirelessly to strengthen our commitment to promoting a culture of life through advocacy, education, and parish outreach. Your generosity in the Respect Life envelope collection will support this essential mission. We deeply appreciate your prayers and support.

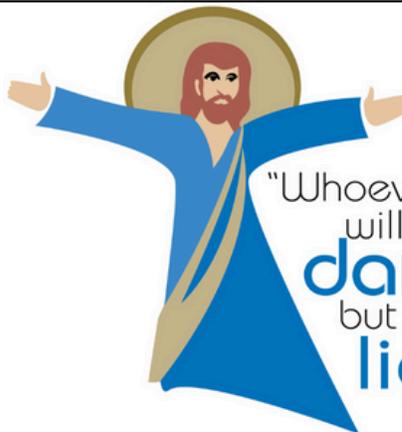
BANNS OF *Marriage*

FIRST & SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

KRISTINA SCHEIM
St. Thomas More
Hauppauge



JESSE MARRO
St. Patrick
Smithtown



"Whoever follows me
will **never** walk in
darkness,
but will have the
light of life."

JOHN 8:12

Come and follow Jesus and his teachings! If you are missing any or all of your Sacraments, or are converting from another religion, come on an incredible journey of faith, love, and community, that is the Catholic Church.
Contact OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation in Adults) by calling the rectory at 631-234-5551.

OUR LADY
QUEEN OF PEACE

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Liturgical Minister Training- Fall 2025

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. No walk-ins permitted, all participants must be registered in advance with a letter from their pastor.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Part A - This training is required for all those who are beginning as Ministers. This "BASIC" training is required for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. One must attend Part A training prior to Part B training.

A **Lector Workshop** is available for both new and experienced lectors. You may not take EMHC Part A and the Lector Workshop on the same day.

Dates and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

Tuesday, Oct. 21 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm
• Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A
• Lector Workshop

Tuesday, Nov. 18 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 9 pm
• Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part B

Tuesday, Oct. 28 - St. Agnes Cathedral/RVC - Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm - 10 pm
• Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A
• Lector Workshop

Wednesday, Nov. 5 - St. Agnes Cathedral/RVC - Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm - 9 pm
• Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part B

Saturday, Nov. 15 - Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall
• Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A - 1 pm - 4 pm
(there will be NO Lector Workshop or EMHC Part B offered on this date)

A letter from your pastor will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend. Walk-ins, on the day of training, without prior registration are NOT permitted. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Please do not call the host parishes with questions. For questions, please call Suzanne at 516-744-6850. Thank you for your interest.



Deacon Ministry

Are You Being Called ? LISTEN!-PRAY!-REFLECT!-DISCERN!

Attend ONE of the following dates:

7:00PM, Tuesday September 30th

St. Elizabeth Melville, 175 Wolf Hill Rd (Hospitality Rm)

7:00PM, Thursday, October 2nd

St. Brigid Westbury, 85 Post Ave (St. Anthony Center)

1:00PM, Saturday, October 18th

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington

RSVP by Friday, September 26th,

TO 631-423-0483 Ext. 178

OR by email to

diaconateformation@drcv.org

Children's Liturgy Returns!

The Children's Liturgy is back for the 2025/26 school year! Last Sunday, our children learned about milkweed (an important plant for our Long Island ecosystem) and how seeds grow like faith! The children all got packets of milkweed seeds to take home and plant, and then we prayed that God's Word will be planted like seeds in them and grow. Children ages 4-8 are invited to join the Children's Liturgy each Sunday at the 9:30 Mass!



BACK by Popular Demand...

Military Bridge!

Sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul - St. Thomas More Conference,

October 18, 2025

Doors Open: 6:00pm

Instructions: 6:45pm

Game Begins: 7:00pm



ATTENTION!

This is a simple card game that everyone can learn.
A great way to mix & mingle with parish friends

Your admission includes:

- Game Prizes
- Raffles and 50/50
- Finger Foods
- Coffee, Tea, & Desserts

\$25 per person
*Adults Only



At St. Thomas More Church
(Following the 5pm Mass)

Get your tickets NOW!

Tickets available in the Narthex the weekends of 9/28, 10/5, and 10/12

For more information please call:

Jo Garvey 631-579-1128 or Ann Russo 631-543-2740

Saints of September



Feast Day: September 9th
Priest, SJ

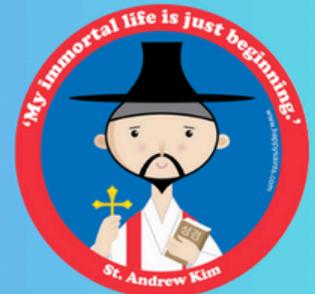
Patron: Slaves, Race Relations,
Seafarers, Colombia

Spanish Jesuit who served in (present day) Colombia. Estimated that he baptized over 300k, and heard the confessions of 5k slaves each year.



Feast Day: September 13th
Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Archbishop of Constantinople
Patron: Preachers

Early Church Father and prolific author in the early Church. Known for his preaching and denunciation of abuse of authority.



Feast Day: September 20th
Priest & Martyr
First Korean Catholic Priest
Patron: Korean Clergy

Born in Korea 1821 to secret Christians, his father was martyred. Studied in China, then returned to Korea to preach. Martyred at 25.



Feast Day: September 21st
Apostle & Martyr

"Matthew the Evangelist"

Patron: Accountants, Tax Collectors

Tax collector from Capernaum who followed Jesus. Brought the Gospel to the Jews of Judea, before going to Ethiopia where he was martyred.



Feast Day: September 23rd
Priest

"Padre Pio"

Patron: Adolescents, Stress Relief

Capuchin friar marked by stigmata in 1918. Strong proponent of weekly confession and daily communion. Encouraged daily meditation.



Feast Day: September 27th
Priest

Founder: Vincentians (Lazarists)
Patron: Charities

French Priest with a devotion to the poor. His order took vows of poverty and devoted themselves entirely to the people of small villages.



Feast Day: September 29th
Archangels

Michael: "Who is like God?"

Leader of angels, invoked for protection

Gabriel: "God's strength"

Biblical messenger (Jesus's Incarnation)

Raphael: "God has healed"

Healed Tobias' blindness



Feast Day: September 30th
Doctor of the Church

Priest & Confessor

Patron: Archaeologists, Bible Scholars

Translated Bible into Latin (Vulgate) from Hebrew instead of Greek. Known for teachings on Christian moral life, and moving to Jerusalem to learn Hebrew.



JOIN THE BATTLE. BEAT THE BUG.

STOP THE SPREAD OF THE SPOTTED LANTERNFLY.

CHECK YOUR VEHICLE

Search for all spotted lanternfly life stages



Egg mass
Sept.-June



Early nymph
April-July



Late nymph
July-Sept.



Adult
July-Dec.

SCRAPE. SQUASH. REPORT.



Scrape
egg masses into a
container of rubbing
alcohol or hand sanitizer



Squash
any bugs
you see



**Contact your
State Department of
Agriculture**

**Report
any sightings**



**LAUDATO SI'
MOVEMENT**

Catholics for Our Common Home





The Rosary

AND WHY WE SHOULD PRAY IT DAILY

THE FOLLOWING COME DIRECTLY FROM MARY, AS GIVEN TO ST DOMINIC AND BLESSED ALAN DE LA ROCHE

1: Those who faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary shall receive signal graces.

2: I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.

3: The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell. It will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.

4: The recitation of the Rosary will cause virtue and good works to flourish. It will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God.

5: The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary shall not perish.

6: Those who recite my Rosary devoutly, applying themselves to the consideration of its sacred mysteries, shall never be conquered by misfortune.

7: Those who have a true devotion to the Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.

8: Those who faithfully recite the Rosary shall have, during their life and at their death, the light of God and the plenitude of His graces.

9: I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.

10: The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in heaven.

11: By the recitation of the Rosary you shall obtain all that you ask of me.

12: Those who propagate the holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.

13: I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of their death.

14: All who recite the Rosary are my beloved children and the brothers and sisters of my only Son, Jesus Christ.

15: Devotion for my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.



ST. THOMAS MORE
† R.C. CHURCH †

"United in the Love of Christ"

