

St. Thomas More Church

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The Epiphany of the Lord Sunday, January 7th 2018

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS WEEKLY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil
5:00PM

Reconciliation
Saturday: 4:00-4:45PM

Sunday
7:30AM, 9:00AM, 12:30PM
10:45AM *Spanish*

English
Daily: Mon-Sat
8:30AM

Holy Day Masses
8:30AM, 7:00PM

Please contact the Parish Office for arrangements regarding
Baptisms, Funerals, and Quinceañeras



For Sacraments of Matrimony, please contact the
Parish Office six months prior to the date of the wedding

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday	9:00AM - 7:30PM	<i>Closed 1:00 - 2:00PM</i>
Friday	9:00AM - 7:00PM	<i>Closed 1:00 - 2:00PM</i>
Saturday	9:00AM - 1:00PM	

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — The magi were overjoyed at seeing the star (Matthew 2:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — ¡Levántate y brilla, Jerusalén! La gloria del Señor amaneció sobre ti (Isaías 60:1-6).

Salmo — Se postrarán ante ti, Señor, todos los pueblos de la tierra (Salmo 72 [71]).

Segunda lectura — El misterio de que los gentiles son coherederos, socios en la promesa en Jesucristo, se ha dado a conocer a los hombres (Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Evangelio — Magos del oriente llegaron, diciendo: “¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que ha nacido?” (Mateo 2:1-12).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 o Is 55:1-11; Sal 29 (28):1-4, 3, 9-10; o Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Hch 10:34-38 o 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mc 1:7-11
Martes:	1 Sm 1:9-20 o 1 Sm 1:1-8 y 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mc 1:21-28 o Mc 1:14-20 y Mc 1:21-28
Miércoles:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Sal 40 (39):2, 5, 7-10; Mc 1:29-39
Jueves:	1 Sm 4:1-11; Sal 44 (43):10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mc 1:40-45
Viernes:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Sal 89 (88):16-19; Mc 2:1-12
Sábado:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Sal 21 (20):2-7; Mc 2:13-17
Domingo:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Sal 40 (39):2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Collections for 12/31/17

5:00 PM	\$901.00
7:30 AM	\$753.00
9:00 AM	\$2,027.00
10:45 AM	\$1,001.00
12:30 PM	\$1,282.00
By mail/online	\$1,123.00
Bldg Fund	\$775.00
Christmas envelopes	\$318.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$198.00
Total	\$8,378.00

Thank You!
Gracias!

JANUARY 2018							FEBRUARY 2018							MARCH 2018							APRIL 2018							MAY 2018							JUNE 2018													
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr								
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Blanket & Jacket Drive
-and-
“What Were They Thinking?” Box

When: Sunday January 7, 2018 after all masses

Where: Hall

Mission Circle will be collecting new/used blankets, jackets, neck scarves, socks, etc. in useable condition for the needy. So if you got a new one for Christmas please bring your old for our **“I GOT A NEW ONE”** box. There will be a **“WHAT WERE THEY THINKING?”** box to collect unwanted Christmas gifts or extras that would be of use to people in shelters or that they might enjoy.

Thank you for your Support!

STM Youth Ministry and Confirmation

needs your help! We are seeking donors to help with the cost of our Steubenville conference. During the weekend conference, teens will enjoy workshops, mass, praise and worship and adoration. It is a great way for teens to develop in their relationships with God while connecting with the teens their own age. The cost is \$250 per teen, which includes transportation, board, meals and the conference fee. No donation is too big or too small.

There will be a second collection **January 6 & 7** to help raise funds for teens to attend this conference.

For more information call the Youth Office at **(626)284-8333 ext. 135**

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Resume on Wednesday, January 31st, at 7:00 pm



We hope to see You there.

Sunday Breakfast

Please join us
8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the hall for

**Pork Ribs in Green Sauce,
 Eggs & Chorizo, Huevos Rancheros,
 Menudo, Coffee & Donuts**



Sponsored by

The Youth Ministry

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Virtus Training Schedules

Upcoming Virtus sessions:

- 1/24/18 Certification 6-9PM at the Parish Hall
- 1/31/18 Recertification 6:30-8PM at the Parish Hall

For more information visit
<http://www.virtusonline.org> or contact
 Mae Ho (626) 284-8333 ext. 139

CURRENT EVENTS

Saturday, January 06, 2018		
6:00PM Confirmation Class	Church	
Sunday, January 07, 2018		
8:30AM -2PM Breakfast	Hall	
10:00AM Religious Education Class	School	
Monday, January 08, 2018		
9:30AM Legion of Mary	Ministry Center	
7:00PM RCIA	Ministry Center	
7:00PM Youth Band Practice	Church	
Tuesday, January 09, 2018		
9AM - 9:30AM Our Lady of Wisdom Prayer Group	Church	
7:00PM Grief Support	Ministry Center	
7:45PM English Choir Practice	Church	
Wednesday, January 10, 2018		
9AM - 9:30AM Mother of Perpetual Help Novena	Church	
— No Bible Study —		
Thursday, January 11, 2018		
1:00PM Mission Circle	Ministry Center	
6:30PM Youth Nights	Ministry Center	
8:00PM Spanish Choir Practice	Church	
Friday, January 12, 2018		
9AM - 1PM Eucharistic Adoration	Church	
Saturday, January 13, 2018		
— No Confirmation Class—		
Sunday, January 14, 2018		
8:30AM -2PM Breakfast	Hall	

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 06, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
4:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Dan	Patrick Yiu† Dean Smith†
Sunday, January 07, 2018		
7:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Peter Sing Nguyen† Loretta Lombardo†
9:00 AM	Fr. Andrew	Mary Keffer† Joseph Campanella†
10:45 AM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
12:30 PM	Fr. Andrew	Olivia Organista† Frank Nagatani†
Monday, January 08, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Angelica T. Marquez†
Tuesday, January 09, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Larry Lemire†
Wednesday, January 10, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Martin Hernandez†
Thursday, January 11, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Jacob Alcantar (Birthday)
Friday, January 12, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Maria Concepcion Javinez†
Saturday, January 13, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Parishioners of STM
4:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Patrick Yiu†
Sunday, January 14, 2018		
7:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Peter Sing Nguyen† Loretta Lombardo†
9:00 AM	Fr. Thai	Dr. Julio Cagungun Jr.†
10:45 AM	TBA	Trinidad Guerrero† Nicolasa Gonzalez†
12:30 PM	Fr. Thai	Connie Laguna†

Please Pray for the Sick

Fr. Jeremiah O'Neill

A Mariano Aoanan	G Alyce Gold	N Huy Nguyen
George Astacio	Edelle Gonzales	P Laura Pagano
Rosa Astacio	Gavin Gutierrez	Tony Pagliotti
Brianna Ayestas	Ricardo Gutierrez	Sharon Palmiter
B Roy Barrientos	Carolina Guzman	Fernando Parra
Douglas Barquero	H Memo Herrera	Arpie Pezeshkian
Patricia Bernal	Sally Herrera	R Dolores Ramirez
Andy Bouffard	I Selvia Inado	Rosalia Rodriguez
Louie Bouffard	J Darwin Jenkins	Ramon Ramos
Steven Brown	Dennis James Johnson	Julieta Reta
Tod & Rose Marie Brown	Gary Jones	Jean Reyes Williams
Ida Bustos	K David Kametani	Maria T. Riley
C Jessica Cabrera	Kimbra Fossen	Domenic Rizzi
Rita Campanella	Theresa Kryszek	Michael Angelo Rodriguez
Gloria Cancio	L Bill Lamb	Mike Romano
S. Cano	Bertha La Barreda	Ana Romo
Burt Carranza	Anfrea Leija	Virginia Rosales
Evelin Carranza	William Lievens	Alissa Roybal
Celia Carmona	James Lindgren	S Mason Saldaña
Erik M. Casillas	Yee See Lipsun	Francisco Sanchez
Blanca & Procoro Castañeda	Eleanor Lopez	Virginia Sanchez
Jessica Cerda	Brother Martin Lorenzini	Dylan Silva
Joan Cervantes	Bonnie Luna	Sisi Shum
Mary Louise Cruz	Elvira Luna	Uldarica Sison
D Roger Davila	Rafael & Gerardo Luna	Eddie Souza
Julio Diaz	M Gilbert Madrid	Dorian Suarez
Luz Santos Dicioco	Cely Magpantay	U Leticia Ureno
Jesus M. Dulay	Anna Maraldo	V Richard Valdes
E Malia Estrada	Salvador Maldonado	Michael Velasco
F Ruth Fabela	Edgardo Marin	Norma Villar
Pat Fernandez	Francis Meyer	Ricardo & Felicidad Villegas
Tony Filosa	Jean Miceli	Therese Huyen-Duong Thi Vu
Louis Finochio	Tony Micelli	Theresa Mai Vu
G Mariano G.	James Montague	W Martha Willox
Juan Garcia	N Gloria Natividad	Janny Wong
Ramona Garcia	Mario Nieto	Jennifer Wong
Daniela Garcia de la Rosa	Victor Ng	Z Christine Zampese

Pray for the Dead

Anita Alderate	Francisco Luevano
Joseph Campanella	Christine Magdaleno
Alfonso Garcia	Mary Anne Odegard
Mary A. Keffer	Edward Slanina



Hello!

In everyday life, we sometimes meet people who are optimistic and joyful. I used to know a middle-aged man who had hemiplegia and was lying in bed most of the time. Every day he needed his wife to wash his body and keep his wounds dressed and clean. Surprisingly, he never complained or be annoyed with himself or his situation. I asked him about his life, and he always responded, “you have to make it work even you just have a tiny piece!” I could see his joy and peace even when he was not as complete as most everyone else.

Even a tiny light can lead others who are willing to be led; perhaps to encounter the most important person ever. In the Epiphany of the Lord, the three Magi were led by a star to Bethlehem. There are millions of stars in the sky. Seeing and seeking just one *star* is challenging. However, the magi made their commitments and allowed the star to lead them on their journey to find Jesus. Their encounter with Jesus forever changed them.

The first thing the Magi did was to leave behind their belongings, homelands, families, and routines to follow the star. They jeopardized their own lives of being in a new land among strangers. Along the way, they faced king Herod and his men who wanted to destroy baby Jesus. Despite these difficulties, they did not give up. These challenges were a way to grow in love with Jesus, and they learned that nothing could stop them. Their encounter with Jesus transformed them.

What objects, or ‘stars,’ distract us from following Jesus? What path do we need to take so we can encounter our Lord? Jesus’ path is sometimes difficult to travel with obstacles, trials, and tribulations. The path requires personal discipline and sacrifice for the goodness of the Lord and others. The path requires us to place God’s truth on top everything we say and do in life. The path requires our willingness to let go of bad habits so that we can experience His wisdom and love. Living in true Wisdom and prioritizing God above possessions and duties will lead us to experience His goodness, compassion, and peace.

Just like the magi, we encountered Jesus through our baptism and the Sacraments of the Church. Jesus is with us in the Word of God, in other people, and in the form of bread and wine. We must renew ourselves each time we participate in the Eucharist. We need to course-correct our directions in life to lead us to deeper relationships with Jesus and others.

We are often occupied by many things, such as family duties, responsibilities at work, temptations and more. Those things are necessary for life, but we can never allow them to distract us from seeking Jesus! When Jesus first came to Earth, He came as a *tiny light*, and many people ignored his presence. If we believe this tiny light changed the course of our nature from death to life, then we need to choose to follow this light. If we believe this tiny light rose from death, then we should change our habits and routines to follow Him.

The man in the story found hope, joy, and courage because he believed it came from the light of baby Jesus, who casts down the darkness of sins and suffering. No matter what life stages and conditions we are in now, we can’t change our past. However, we can change our future by focusing on the one true star that leads us to experience Jesus’ love and peace. Then we will understand that God sent His Son Jesus Christ to show us His path. His path leads us to a fulfilled life and courage as Jesus’ true disciples.

God bless!

Fr. Thai

¡Hola!

En la vida cotidiana, a veces conocemos personas optimistas y alegres. Solía conocer a un hombre de mediana edad que tenía hemiplejía y estaba acostado en la cama la mayor parte del tiempo. Todos los días necesitaba a su esposa para lavar su cuerpo y mantener sus heridas limpias y vestidas. Sorprendentemente, nunca se quejó ni molestó consigo mismo o con su situación. "No sabía qué hacer", dijo. "No sé qué hacer".

Incluso una pequeña luz puede conducir a otros que están dispuestos a ser guiados; quizás para encontrar a la persona más importante que haya existido. En la Epifanía del Señor, los tres Reyes Magos fueron guiados por una estrella a Belén. Hay millones de estrellas en el cielo. Ver y buscar solo una estrella es un desafío. Sin embargo, los magos hicieron sus compromisos y permitieron que la estrella los guiara en su viaje para encontrar a Jesús. Su encuentro con Jesús los cambió para siempre.

Lo primero que hicieron los Reyes Magos fue dejar atrás sus pertenencias, patrias, familias y rutinas para seguir a la estrella. Están en peligro por su lucha en extraños. En el camino, se enfrentaron al rey Herodes y sus hombres que querían destruir al bebé Jesús. A pesar de estas dificultades, no se dieron por vencidos. Estos desafíos fueron una forma de crecer en amor con Jesús, y aprendieron que nada podría detenerlos. Su encuentro con Jesús los transformó.

¿Qué objetos, o "estrellas", nos distraen de seguir a Jesús? ¿Qué camino debemos seguir para encontrar a nuestro Señor? El camino de Jesús a veces es difícil de viajar con obstáculos, pruebas y tribulaciones. El camino requiere disciplina personal y sacrificio por la bondad del Señor y de los demás. La verdad de Dios está en la cima de todo lo que decimos y hacemos en la vida. Su sabiduría y amor es mucho mejor que eso. Vivir en la verdadera Sabiduría y priorizar a Dios por encima de las posesiones y los deberes nos llevará a experimentar su bondad, compasión y paz.

Al igual que los magos, nos encontramos con Jesús a través de nuestro bautismo y los sacramentos de la Iglesia. Jesús está con nosotros en la Palabra de Dios, y en forma de pan y vino. Debemos renovarnos cada vez que participamos en la Eucaristía. Necesitamos dar algunos pasos para mejorar nuestra relación con Jesús y otros.

A menudo nos ocupamos de muchas cosas, como deberes familiares, responsabilidades en el trabajo, tentaciones y más. Esas cosas son necesarias para la vida, ¡pero nunca podemos permitir que nos distraigan de buscar a Jesús! Cuando Jesús vino por primera vez a la Tierra, vino como una luz diminuta, y muchas personas ignoraron su presencia. Si creemos que esta pequeña luz ha cambiado el curso de nuestra vida de la muerte a la vida, entonces debemos seguir esta luz. Si creemos que esta pequeña luz se levantó de la muerte, entonces deberíamos cambiar nuestros hábitos y rutinas para seguirlo.

El hombre de la historia encontró esperanza, alegría y coraje porque creía que provenía de la luz del bebé Jesús, quien arroja la oscuridad de los pecados y el sufrimiento. No importa en qué etapas y condiciones de vida nos encontremos ahora, no podemos cambiar nuestro pasado. Sin embargo, podemos cambiar nuestro futuro centrándonos en la única estrella verdadera que nos lleva a experimentar el amor y la paz de Jesús. Entonces comprenderemos que Dios envió a su Hijo Jesucristo para mostrarnos su camino. Su camino nos lleva a una vida plena y valiente como los verdaderos discípulos de Jesús.

Dios los bendiga!

P. Thai