

St. Thomas More Church

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The Epiphany of the Lord Sunday, January 8th 2017



EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS WEEKLY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil
5:00PM

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

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

Reconciliation
Saturday: 4:00-4:45PM

English
Daily: Mon-Sat
8:30AM

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 — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

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

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

Gospel — Magi from the east arrive looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

LECTURAS DE HOY

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

Salmo — Que te adoren, Señor, todos los pueblos (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; Sal 29 (28):1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17

Martes: Heb 2:5-12; Sal 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mc 1:21-28

Miércoles: Heb 2:14-18; Sal 105 (104):1-4, 6-9; Mc 1:29-39

Jueves: Heb 3:7-14; Sal 95 (94):6-11; Mc 1:40-45

Viernes: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Sal 78 (77):3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mc 2:1-12

Sábado: Heb 4:12-16; Sal 19 (18):8-10, 15; Mc 2:13-17

Domingo: Is 49:3, 5-6; Sal 40 (39):2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Collections for 1/1/17

5:00 PM	\$922.00
7:30 AM	\$786.00
9:00 AM	\$1,416.00
10:45 AM	\$522.00
12:30 PM	\$951.00
By mail/online	\$432.00
Bldg Fund	\$1,330.00
Spec Projects	\$135.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$160.00
Total	\$6,654.00

Sunday Breakfast
 Please join us in the hall for



Coffee and Donuts

8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Proud Parents of STM 4th Grade Students

Married?

Great! You're just who we're looking for to help Catholic Engaged Encounter prepare engaged couples for marriage. Whether you've been married 2 months or 40+ years, we need your help. What better way to start 2017 than with a resolution to share your sacrament of matrimony! Catholic Engaged Encounter provides free training based upon your busy life-style.

Call Sam & Paula Hopper @ (661)272-1124 OR visit our website at www.CEEofLA.org OR email us at spjahop@aol.com

Ministry & Church Group Meeting

Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 10:00 AM
 STM Church Hall

This meeting is to discuss the goal of increasing participation and volunteering by our parish community. We will also discuss scheduling a Ministry Fair. If you (the chair or president) of your group cannot attend this meeting, please designate someone from your group to attend in your place.

For more information, please contact:
 Diane Smith 626-570-1038 / tpsmith@earthlink.net or Lucia at the rectory 626-284-833, Ext 141

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH
END OF THE MONTH FINANCIAL REPORT

December 1 to December 31, 2016

Sundays' Collections & Donations	\$43,958.15
Paid Bills	\$41,763.13
Net Income	\$2,195.02

Blanket & Jacket Drive

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"What Were They Thinking?" Box

When: Sunday January 15, 2017 after all masses

Where: Hall

Mission Circle will be collecting new/used blankets, jackets, neck scarves, socks, etc. in useable condition to take 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!



St. Stephen Martyrs Church's Food Bank

Please Help Stock the Food Bank

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| Tuna | Chicken |
| Roast Beef | Beef Stew |
| Ham | Rice, Beans |
| Mayonnaise, Mustard | Spaghetti |
| Mashed Potatoes | Pasta Sauce |
| Cheese | Macaroni & Cheese |
| Canned Soups | Salt, Pepper |
| Instant Coffee | Tea, Sugar, Flour |
| Canned Tomatoes | Top Ramen |
| Canned Vegetables | Bread, Crackers |
| Canned Fruit | Peanut Butter |
| Cereal | Jam or Jelly |
| Oatmeal | Ham & Cracker Packs |
| Cooking Oil | Shampoo / Conditioner |
| Toothbrushes / Toothpaste | Dish Soap / Hand Soap |

OneLife LA

When: January 23, 2017 at 12-Noon

Did you miss last year's OneLife LA? You won't want to miss this year! Join Archbishop Gomez and tens of thousands in downtown Los Angeles for the second annual OneLife LA, an event celebrating the beauty and dignity of every human life from conception to natural death. Beginning at 12-Noon at La Placita/Olvera St., we will walk to Grand Park for a family-friendly day of inspiring speakers, live music, entertainment, food trucks, and exhibits from community organizations serving those in need. The Requiem Mass for the Unborn at the Cathedral will follow at 5pm.

Sign up Saturday, January 7th and Sunday, January 8th With the Knights of Columbus outside the church.



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CURRENT EVENTS

Saturday, January 7, 2017		
Sunday, January 8, 2017		
8:30 AM - 2:00 PM	Sunday Breakfast	Hall
Monday, January 9, 2017		
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Legion of Mary	Ministry Center
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Youth Band Practice	Church
Tuesday, January 10, 2017		
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Our Lady of Wisdom Prayer Group	Church
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Grief Support	Ministry Center
7:45 PM - 9:00 PM	English Choir Practice	Church
Wednesday, January 11, 2017		
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Church
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	STM School Rosary	Church
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Bible Study	Ministry Center
Thursday, January 12, 2017		
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Mission Circle	Ministry Center
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Youth Nights	Ministry Center
8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Spanish Choir Practice	Church
Friday, January 13, 2017		
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
Saturday, January 14, 2017		
Sunday, January 15, 2017		
8:30 AM - 2:00 PM	Sunday Breakfast	Hall

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 7, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Christy & Eric Landon & Landon Family: Special Intentions
4:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Dory Aoanan †
Sunday, January 8, 2017		
7:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Julio Cagungun Jr.: Healing
9:00 AM	Fr. Thai	Exequiel Mariano †
10:45 AM	Fr. Donovan	Agustin Mondragon & Dolores Silva †
12:30 PM	Fr. Thai	Madison Bastien † & Alfonso Bastien †
Monday, January 9, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Nicolasa Gonzalez † Gloria Guerrero: Healing
Tuesday, January 10, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Dominador Tuazon †
Wednesday, January 11, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Lakhi Sakhrani: Special Intentions
Thursday, January 12, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Gilbert Valdez †
Friday, January 13, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Anthony Camodag: Birthday
Saturday, January 14, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
4:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
Sunday, January 15, 2017		
7:30 AM	Fr. Henry	Salvatore Lombardo †
9:00 AM	Fr. Andrew	Parishioners of STM
10:45 AM	Fr. Thai	Trinidad & Rita Guerrero †
12:30 PM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM

Please Pray for the Sick

Fr. Jeremiah O'Neill

A Dolores Alatorre	M Gilbert Madrid
Anita Alderete	Cely Magpantay
Mary Helen Andrade	Alina Magrina
Mariano Aoanan	Salvador Maldonado
Rosa Astacio	Edgardo Marin
B Patricia Balue	Francis Meyer
Douglas Barquero	Jean Miceli
Bertha La Barreda	John Miller
Roy Barrientos	James Montague
Patricia Bernal	Artemio Moralda
Fr. Jim Boyd	David Murillo
Steven Brown	Caridad Muro
Tod and Rose Marie Brown	N Carey Nakayama
Ida Bustos	Huy Nguyen
C Agnes Caballero	Michael Nolasco
Jessica Cabrera	P Tony Pagliotti
Rita Campanella	Sharon Palmiter
Tony Camperi	Arpie Pezeshkian
Mary Campitiello	R Dolores Ramirez
Gloria Cancio	Ramon Ramos
S. Cano	Julieta Reta
Blanca and Procoro Castañeda	Maria T. Riley
Jessica Cerda	Armando & Maria Rivera
E Maria Endara	Luz Rodriguez
F Pat Fernandez	Ana Romo
Tony Filosa	Daniela Garcia de la Rosa
G Mariano G.	Virginia Rosales
Jose Gonzalez	Alissa Roybal
Gavin Gutierrez	Ruben Ruvacava
H Memo Herrera	S Virginia Sanchez
Sally Herrera	Uldarica Sison
J Darwin Jenkins	Dean Smith
Gary Jones	Dorian Suarez
Julio Cagungun, Jr.	U Leticia Ureno
L William Lievense	V Jayden Velasco
James Lindgren	Michael Velasco
Yee See Lipsun	Raymond Villalobos
Eleanor Lopez	Ricardo & Felicidad Villegas
Brother Martin Lorenzini	Theresa Mai Vu
Bonnie Luna	Therese Huyen-Duong Thi Vu
L Elvira Luna	W Jean Reyes Williams
Rafael and Gerardo Luna	Martha Willox

Pray for the Dead

Rebecca Martinez	Fernando Hernandez
Jovita Tagle	Jennifer Alva
John A. Harte	Armando Perez
Michael Oira Toridio	



Hello!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year celebration with your families and friends. The new year brings new challenges and perspectives. However, we always have a chance to get better, observe something new, and encounter new people. We can gain the wisdom to solve life's issues in productive ways. Nothing is certain in the world. Therefore, living and appreciating the presence of God's wisdom brings hope and courage for all the faithful.

Christmas arrived two weeks ago, yet that was not long enough to leave Christmas behind. The spirit of Christmas continues living in our midst. Today we are celebrating the story of three men who came from the East to search for a child that had been born to be King of the Jews. Who were these men and why did the Church name them "wise men?" The Church's traditions tell us that they were wealthy kings from a distant land. Or maybe they were astrologers and travelers. We do not know much about these men, but that is not what is important. Our faith teaches us that we can't complete our Christmas celebration without the celebration of the Epiphany: God revealed Himself through these three men who walked thousands of miles to bring gifts to the newborn King.

Making such a journey at that time was not an easy trip, an expedition in which the destination was not clear. Along the way, they might encounter robbers, extreme weather, and other hazards. Perhaps they might not return to their families and homelands. Most people never dared even to think about such a crossing. So, why would they make such a journey? What motivates them to go to Jerusalem to find this little baby? We learn that they were led by a *star* from the sky; they focused on just this one star until they found the infant, their savior. They never get lost because they were committed to following that star. The more they followed the star, the more wisdom they experienced. So, we call them "wise men."

There are many stars we see each day! The stars of material possessions, power, physical pleasure, devices, substance abuse, emotional and sexual addiction, and other obsessions that shine our paths. I heard there was a recent study that discovered more than sixty percent of Americans say they can't live without their mobile phones. Additionally, over eighty percent say they never leave home without their phones in hand. We are faced with such stars from dawn to dark. They distract and occupy our minds, and we surrender to them. We can't function without them.

Which star do we need to pursue? We must not allow ourselves to get trapped in a routine. Each day comes with something new: Our relationship with our true Jesus. This must be our number one priority, and everything else comes after. To refresh ourselves, start a habit of praying first thing in the morning, and admit that God must be in our day and life. Always open to learning and to discovering new things around us. God continues His work of creation through people and life's circumstances. We should not allow life to wear us down, and little by little make us dull and bogged down!

The wise men could follow the *only* star in the sky because they always stayed alive to the mystery of God. They kept their eyes open for the star so that no darkness could lead them astray. This approach enabled them to come to Jesus, regardless of the challenging journey. No star can lead us to baby Jesus unless we open our eyes and follow its direction. There are many turning points along our journey of life. However, the true star will lead us to a place of peace and confidence because Our Savior came to protect and share God's love for us. Thus, wise people never allow earthly temptations to change their lives. We too need to refresh our minds and hearts through prayers and sacraments that help us to follow the star of our Lord and Savior.

God bless!

Fr. Thai

¡Hola!

Espero que todos hayan tenido una maravillosa celebración de Navidad y Año Nuevo con sus familias y amigos. El nuevo año trae nuevos desafíos y perspectivas. Sin embargo, siempre tenemos la oportunidad de mejorar, observar algo nuevo y encontrar gente nueva. Podemos ganar la sabiduría para resolver los problemas de la vida de maneras productivas. Nada es seguro en el mundo. Por lo tanto, vivir y apreciar la presencia de la sabiduría de Dios trae esperanza y valor a todos los fieles.

La Navidad llegó hace dos semanas, pero eso no fue suficiente para dejar atrás la Navidad. El espíritu de la Navidad sigue viviendo en medio de nosotros. Hoy estamos celebrando la historia de tres hombres que vinieron de Oriente para buscar a un niño que había nacido para ser rey de los judíos. ¿Quiénes eran estos hombres y por qué la Iglesia los llamó "reyes magos?" Las tradiciones de la Iglesia nos dicen que eran reyes ricos de una tierra lejana. O tal vez eran astrólogos y viajeros. No sabemos mucho acerca de estos hombres, pero eso no es lo que es importante. Nuestra fe nos enseña que no podemos completar nuestra celebración de Navidad sin la celebración de la Epifanía: Dios se reveló a través de estos tres hombres que caminaron miles de kilómetros para traer regalos al Rey recién nacido.

Hacer ese viaje en ese momento no fue un viaje fácil, una expedición en la que el destino no estaba claro. A lo largo del camino, podrían encontrar ladrones, condiciones climáticas extremas y otros peligros. Tal vez no regresen a sus familias y patrias. La mayoría de la gente nunca se atrevió a pensar en semejante cruce. Entonces, ¿por qué harían tal viaje? ¿Qué los motiva a ir a Jerusalén a encontrar a este pequeño bebé? Aprendemos que fueron conducidos por una estrella del cielo; Se centraron en sólo una estrella hasta que encontraron al bebé, su salvador. Nunca se pierden porque se comprometieron a seguir a esa estrella. Cuanto más seguían a la estrella, más sabiduría experimentaban. Entonces, los llamamos "reyes magos".

¡Hay muchas estrellas que vemos cada día! Las estrellas de las posesiones materiales, el poder, el placer físico, los dispositivos, el abuso de sustancias, la adicción emocional y sexual, y otras obsesiones que brillan en nuestros caminos. Escuché que hubo un estudio reciente que descubrió que más del sesenta por ciento de los estadounidenses dicen que no pueden vivir sin sus teléfonos móviles. Además, más del ochenta por ciento dicen que nunca salen de casa sin sus teléfonos en la mano. Nos enfrentamos a estas estrellas desde el amanecer hasta la oscuridad. Ellos distraen y ocupan nuestras mentes, y nos rendimos a ellos. No podemos funcionar sin ellos.

¿Qué estrella necesitamos perseguir? No debemos dejarnos atrapar en una rutina. Cada día viene con algo nuevo: Nuestra relación con nuestro verdadero Jesús. Esta debe ser nuestra prioridad número uno, y todo lo demás viene después. Para refrescarnos, comienza el hábito de orar a primera hora de la mañana, y admite que Dios debe estar en nuestros días y en nuestra vida. Siempre abierto al aprendizaje ya descubrir nuevas cosas a nuestro alrededor. Dios continúa Su obra de creación a través de las personas y las circunstancias de la vida. No debemos permitir que la vida nos desgaste, y poco a poco nos hacen aburridos y atascados!

Los reyes magos podrían seguir a la única estrella en el cielo porque siempre se mantuvieron vivos ante el misterio de Dios. Mantuvieron los ojos abiertos para la estrella, de modo que ninguna oscuridad pudiera desviarlos. Este acercamiento les permitió venir a Jesús, sin importar el viaje desafiador. Ninguna estrella puede conducirnos al niño Jesús a menos que abramos nuestros ojos y sigamos su dirección. Hay muchos puntos de inflexión a lo largo de nuestro viaje de la vida. Sin embargo, la verdadera estrella nos llevará a un lugar de paz y confianza porque Nuestro Salvador vino a proteger y compartir el amor de Dios por nosotros. Así, los sabios nunca permiten que las tentaciones terrenales cambien sus vidas. También nosotros necesitamos refrescar nuestras mentes y corazones a través de oraciones y sacramentos que nos ayudan a seguir la estrella de nuestro Señor y Salvador.

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai