

St. Thomas More Church

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, January 14th 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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Secretary: Mary Helen Lazo, (ext. 129)

School Website: stthomasmorealhambra.org

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Speak, for your servant is listening
(1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

Psalm — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — Do you not know that your body is a temple of the
Holy Spirit within you? (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).

Gospel — Andrew found his brother Simon and brought him to Jesus
(John 1:35-42).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday:	Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Samuel responde al llamado del Señor: “Habla,
Señor, tu siervo te escucha” (1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19).

Salmo — Aquí estoy, Señor, para hacer tu voluntad (Salmo 40 [39]).

Segunda lectura — Tu cuerpo es un templo del Espíritu Santo; por
tanto glorifica a Dios en tu cuerpo (1 Corintios 6:13-15, 17-20).

Evangelió — Los primeros discípulos empiezan a seguir a Jesús y
declaran que es el Mesías (Juan 1:35-42).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	1 Sm 15:16-23; Sal 50 (49):8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mc 2:18-22
Martes:	1 Sm 16:1-13; Sal 89 (88):20-22, 27-28; Mc 2:23-28
Miércoles:	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Sal 144 (143):1b, 2, 9-10; Mc 3:1-6
Jueves:	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Sal 56 (55):2-3, 9-13; Mc 3:7-12
Viernes:	1 Sm 24:3-21; Sal 57 (56):2-4, 6, 11; Mc 3:13-19
Sábado:	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Sal 80 (79):2-3, 5-7; Mc 3:20-21
Domingo:	Jon 3:1-5, 10; Sal 25 (24):4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mc 1:14-20

Collections for 1/7/18

5:00 PM	\$1,511.00
7:30 AM	\$1,105.00
9:00 AM	\$2,470.00
10:45 AM	\$554.00
12:30 PM	\$748.00
By mail/online	\$2,531.00
Bldg Fund	\$338.00
Special Projects	\$140.00
Altar Society	\$193.00
Total	\$9,590.00
2nd Collection:	\$826.00
Steubenville	

Thank You!
Gracias!

JANUARY 2018							FEBRUARY 2018							MARCH 2018							APRIL 2018							MAY 2018							JUNE 2018						
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The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE
 Sunday, January 28, 2018
 10:00am - 12:30pm
 Preschool through Eighth Grade
 Visit the Classrooms, meet the Teachers,
 Parents, and Administrators
 For more information, visit
<http://www.stthomasmorealhambra.org>
Email: stthomasmore@earthlink.net or
Call: (626) 284-5778

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

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

We hope to see You there.

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WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

If you are a newcomer to the parish and would like to register, please complete the information below. Please clip this form and bring to the parish office or deposit in the Sunday collection. **Current Parishioners, help us update our files by submitting address and phone number changes with this form.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Sunday Breakfast
No Breakfast this Sunday

Please Join Us Next Week

CURRENT EVENTS

Saturday, January 13, 2018
No Confirmation Class

Sunday, January 14, 2018
No Breakfast or Religious Education Class

Monday, January 15, 2018 -- MLK Holiday -- Rectory Closed
7:00PM RCIA Ministry Center
No Youth Band Practice

Tuesday, January 16, 2018
9AM - 9:30AM Our Lady of Wisdom Prayer Group Church
7:00PM Grupo de Oración Ministry Center
7:45PM English Choir Practice Church

Wednesday, January 17, 2018
9AM - 9:30 AM Mother of Perpetual Help Novena Church
No Bible Study

Thursday, January 18, 2018
6:30PM Youth Nights Ministry Center
8:00PM Spanish Choir Practice Church

Friday, January 19, 2018
9AM - 1PM Eucharistic Adoration Church

Saturday, January 20, 2018
6:00PM Confirmation Class Church

Sunday, January 21, 2018
8AM - 2PM Breakfast Hall
10:00AM Religious Education Class School

MASS SCHEDULE

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†
9:00 AM Fr. Thai Dr. Julio Cagungun Jr.†
Joseph Campanella†
10:45 AM Fr. Lorenzo Trinidad Guerrero†
Nicolasa Gonzalez†
12:30 PM Fr. Thai Connie Laguna† Gilbert Gallegos†

Monday, January 15, 2018
8:30 AM Fr. Donovan Salvatore Lombardo†

Tuesday, January 16, 2018
8:30 AM Fr. Thai Andrew & Lillian Johnson Family

Wednesday, January 17, 2018
8:30 AM Fr. Thai Dr. Julio Cagungun Jr.†

Thursday, January 18, 2018
8:30 AM Fr. Donovan Donato Camodag†

Friday, January 19, 2018
8:30 AM Fr. Thai Aaron Ashley & Logan Burns:
Special Intentions

Saturday, January 20, 2018
8:30 AM Fr. Thai Parishioners of STM
4:00 PM Fr. Thai Confessions
5:00 PM Fr. Thai Patrick Yiu†
Manuel & Bertha Sifuentes†

Sunday, January 21, 2018
7:30 AM Fr. Donovan Peter Sing Nguyen†
Joseph Campanella†
9:00 AM Fr. Thai Vicente Miranda†
10:45 AM Fr. Thai Jane Camodag†
12:30 PM Fr. Dan Yee See Lipsun & Selvia Inado: Heal-
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Please Pray for the Sick

Fr. Jeremiah O'Neill

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

Pray for the Dead

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



Hello!

The Catholic Church teaches and holds that human life does not happen by coincidence, but it begins with God. As Christians, we believe God is Our Creator and is with us during our earthly journey to guide His children. Following God's direction requires a relentless dialogue between God, our Creator, and ourselves. Remember that His calling is not a "one-shot" approach but ongoing throughout our lives. In this way, God helps us fulfill our vocation to be truly human.

In today's First Reading, in the temple, God called to Samuel in the middle of the night while Samuel was sleeping. On the contrary, today's Gospel portrays a scene in which Jesus calls the disciples while they are standing in the streets midday. God calls to His people different times, places, and events. These callings are a *process* that requires active listening to discern His voice.

God speaks to us not *only* inside the four walls of the church or at holy sites, but also at other times and places we may not anticipate. God's call could come during a busy work schedule, at secular places, under stressful situations or ordinary routines, or from the people around us. God's call to Samuel and Jesus' call the disciples prove that God does exist and cares about us. Today's Readings provide us two great attitudes, *openness to* and *discerning* God's voice.

God calls are often soft, calm, or quiet. His call can be hard to discern or hear. It is because we are overwhelmed by the voices of worry, anxiety, busyness, sadness, and activities that life brings. I have heard many people said, "I never heard God speak to me!" There is a reason to believe such statement because we are distracted by other voices and activities. God can't call us unless we collaborate with Him.

The skill of *listening* does not simply mean to use our ears but listen with our whole *heart* and *will*. We know that life comes from God and we belong to Him. To illustrate this, most infants distinguish their mother's voice over to those of strangers. It is because they begin to learn the sound of their mother when they are still in the womb. Such instinct enables children to identify their mother's voices after birth. Thus, as children of God, we should have no problem to hear God's voice for us; we were born with it!

Some obstacles may prevent us from discerning God's call. Sometimes we feel cold, scared, or depressed without the sounds of people around us. We also listen to television, music, or radio to hear the voices of other people. We depend on others and can feel insecure or afraid if we don't hear other people! As a result, we seek to cover up these fears of emptiness by listening to any voices! Try to listen the next time you have a moment of silence. God can use the silent moments, even if we feel fear or uncertainty, to speak to us as He did with Samuel and the disciples. God's voice brings great possibilities and blessings all the time. Another obstacle is that we are afraid that we must give up what we possess, such as our freedom or the habits we have been entertaining for years. God will never take away our *true* freedom and possessions when it oriented to God's direction.

It is hard to be open and listen to His voice, but God will never give up on us. He is our Father who knows what is best for us! Pray that we always reflect upon our identities because we belong to God. Prayer gives us a great sense of hope and peace when we listen to Our Father voices who loves us tenderly. When we journey through the darkest moments or stages of life, we need to remember that God is with us: Listen to Him.

On Sunday, January 28, Catholic Schools across the country celebrate the *National Catholic Schools Week*. You will see students, teachers, and parents of St. Thomas More Catholic School around the Church after the masses on that Sunday. Also, the school's classrooms will be open and welcome all parishioners and parents who are interested to know about our Catholic School, opportunities, and programs. I invite you to spend some time to visit and talk with teachers and parents and support the work of *evangelization* for the future of the Roman Catholic Church and the next generation—a simple call that we all can participate!

God bless!

Fr. Thai

¡Hola!

La Iglesia Católica enseña y sostiene que la vida humana no ocurre por coincidencia, sino que comienza con Dios. Como cristianos, creemos que Dios es nuestro Creador. Seguir la dirección de Dios requiere un diálogo implacable entre Dios, nuestro Creador y nosotros mismos. Recuerde que su llamado no es un acercamiento de "una sola vez" a nuestras vidas. De esta manera, Dios nos ayuda a cumplir nuestra vocación de ser verdaderamente humanos.

En la Primera lectura de hoy, en el templo, Dios llamó a Samuel en medio de la noche mientras Samuel estaba durmiendo. Por el contrario, el Evangelio de hoy describe una escena en la que Jesús llama a los discípulos mientras están parados en las calles al mediodía. Dios llama a su pueblo diferentes tiempos, lugares y eventos. Estas llamadas son un proceso que requiere una escucha activa para discernir Su voz.

Dios nos habla no solo dentro de las cuatro paredes de la iglesia o en los lugares sagrados, sino también en otros momentos y lugares que no podemos anticipar. El llamado de Dios podría venir durante un horario de trabajo ocupado, en lugares seculares, en situaciones estresantes o rutinas ordinarias, o de las personas que nos rodean. El llamado de Dios a Samuel y el llamado de Jesús a los discípulos demuestran que Dios existe y se preocupa por nosotros. Las Lecturas de hoy nos proporcionan dos grandes actitudes, apertura y discernimiento de la voz de Dios.

Las llamadas de Dios a menudo son suaves, tranquilas o silenciosas. Su llamada es difícil de discernir u oír. Es porque estamos abrumados por las voces de preocupación, ansiedad, actividad, tristeza y actividades que trae la vida. He escuchado a muchas personas decir: "¡Nunca escuché a Dios hablarme!". Hay una razón para creer tal afirmación porque nos distraen otras voces y actividades. Dios no puede llamarnos a menos que colaboremos con él.

La habilidad de escuchar no solo significa usar nuestros oídos, sino escuchar con todo nuestro corazón y voluntad. Sabemos que la vida viene de Dios y le pertenecemos a él. Para ilustrar esto, la mayoría de los bebés se distinguen por la voz de su madre sobre los extraños. Es porque comienzan a aprender el sonido de su madre cuando aún están en el útero. Tal instinto les permite a los niños identificar las voces de su madre después del nacimiento. Por lo tanto, como hijos de Dios, no deberíamos tener problemas para escuchar la voz de Dios por nosotros; ¡Nacimos con eso!

Algunos obstáculos pueden impedirnos discernir el llamado de Dios. A veces nos sentimos fríos, asustados o deprimidos sin los sonidos de las personas que nos rodean. También escuchamos televisión, música o radio para escuchar las voces de otras personas. ¡Dependemos de los demás y podemos sentirnos inseguros o temerosos si no escuchamos a otras personas! ¡Como resultado, buscamos cubrir estos temores de vacío escuchando cualquier voz! Intenta escuchar la próxima vez que tengas un minuto de silencio. Dios puede usar los momentos de silencio, incluso si sentimos miedo o incertidumbre, para hablarnos como lo hizo con Samuel y los discípulos. La voz de Dios trae grandes posibilidades y bendiciones todo el tiempo. Otro obstáculo es que tenemos miedo de que debemos renunciar a lo que poseemos, como nuestra libertad o los hábitos que hemos estado entreteniéndolos durante años. Dios nunca quitará nuestra verdadera libertad y posesiones cuando esté orientada a la dirección de Dios.

Es difícil ser abierto y escuchar su voz, pero Dios nunca se dará por vencido con nosotros. ¡Él es nuestro Padre que sabe lo que es mejor para nosotros! Ora para que siempre reflexionemos sobre nuestras identidades porque pertenecemos a Dios. La oración nos da una gran sensación de esperanza y paz cuando escuchamos las voces de Nuestro Padre que nos ama tiernamente. Cuando atravesamos los momentos más oscuros o las etapas de la vida, debemos recordar que Dios está con nosotros: escúchenlo.

El domingo 28 de enero, las Escuelas Católicas celebrarán la Semana Nacional de Escuelas Católicas. Verá estudiantes, maestros y padres de Santa María. Thomas More Catholic School alrededor de la iglesia. Además, las aulas de la escuela estarán abiertas y serán bienvenidas a todos los feligreses y padres que estén interesados en nuestra escuela católica, oportunidades y programas. Los invito a pasar un tiempo para visitar y hablar con maestros y padres y apoyar la evangelización para el futuro de la Iglesia Católica Romana.

Dios los bendiga!

P. Thai