

St. Thomas More Church

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, January 15th 2017



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 — The glory of the Lord shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

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

Second Reading — All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

Gospel — John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Tú eres mi servidor, Israel. Te voy a poner como una luz para el mundo (Isaías 49:3, 5-6).

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

Segunda lectura — A los que Dios santificó en Cristo Jesús . . . tengán bendición y paz, de parte de Dios Padre y de Cristo Jesús, el Señor (1 Corintios 1:1-3).

Evangelio — Ahí viene el Cordero de Dios, el que quita el pecado del mundo. Él es el Hijo de Dios (Juan 1:29-34).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Heb 5:1-10; Sal 110 (109):1-4; Mc 2:18-22

Martes: Heb 6:10-20; Sal 111 (110):1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mc 2:23-28

Miércoles: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Sal 110 (109):1-4; Mc 3:1-6

Jueves: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Sal 40 (39):7-10, 17; Mc 3:7-12

Viernes: Heb 8:6-13; Sal 85 (84):8, 10-14; Mc 3:13-19

Sábado: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Sal 47 (46):2-3, 6-9; Mc 3:20-21

Domingo: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

Collections for 1/8/17

5:00 PM	\$1,599.00
7:30 AM	\$996.00
9:00 AM	\$1,568.00
10:45 AM	\$677.00
12:30 PM	\$749.00
By mail/online	\$505.00
Bldg Fund	\$1,918.00
Altar Society	\$28.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$21.00
Total	\$8,061.00

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Sunday Breakfast
 Please join us in the hall for



Coffee and Donuts

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

Sponsored by Mission Circle

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

OneLife LA

When: Saturday, January 21, 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.

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!

STM CHILD CARE CENTER

Family **BINGO** Night

Come and enjoy our first Bingo Night of 2017!
 Food, prizes, 50/50 and tons of fun!

Friday, January 20, 2017 from 6-9pm

In the STM Parish Hall

Doors open at 6:00pm. First BINGO game begins at 6:30pm sharp!

\$1 per game. Bingo daubers will be sold for \$1.

Food and Drinks will also be available for purchase.

Sponsored By:



Do you know someone who is facing surgery, or an elderly person or child who is sick?

You are encouraged to bring them to the **Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels** to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on **Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 12:30 p.m.**

Through anointing, the grace of the Holy Spirit comforts and strengthens the soul of the sick person. The Mass and Anointing of the Sick are co-hosted by the Cathedral and the Western Association of the Order of Malta in observance of the **2017 World Day of the Sick.**

Bishop Edward Wm. Clark will preside at the Mass and anointing.

The Mass is also being held in observance of the **Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes.**

CURRENT EVENTS

Saturday, January 14, 2017		
Sunday, January 15, 2017		
8:30 AM - 2:00 PM	Sunday Breakfast	Hall
Monday, January 16, 2017 - MLK Jr. Day - Rectory Closed		
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Legion of Mary	Ministry Center
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Youth Band Practice	Church
Tuesday, January 17, 2017		
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Our Lady of Wisdom Prayer Group	Church
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Grupo de Oración	Ministry Center
7:45 PM - 9:00 PM	English Choir Practice	Church
Wednesday, January 18, 2017		
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Church
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Bible Study	Ministry Center
Thursday, January 19, 2017		
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Youth Nights	Ministry Center
8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Spanish Choir Practice	Church
Friday, January 20, 2017		
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
Saturday, January 21, 2017		
Sunday, January 22, 2017		
8:30 AM - 2:00 PM	Sunday Breakfast	Hall

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 14, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Sister Catherine Courtney †
4:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Sister Damien Rooney †
Sunday, January 15, 2017		
7:30 AM	Fr. Henry	Salvatore Lomardo †
9:00 AM	Fr. Andrew	Frank Nagatani †
10:45 AM	Fr. Thai	Trinidad & Rita Guerrero †
12:30 PM	Fr. Thai	Josefina Ramos †
Monday, January 16, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Hector Ortega Jr. †
Tuesday, January 17, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Loretta Lombardo †
		Jovita Tagle †
Wednesday, January 18, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Consuelo Nuñez †
Thursday, January 19, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Conception Ortega †
Friday, January 20, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	John Baptist Hoang †
Saturday, January 21, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Parishioners of STM
4:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Rose Ren †
Sunday, January 22, 2017		
7:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Max Ren †
9:00 AM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
10:45 AM	Fr. Ruiz	Ruben & Fernando Mondragon †
12:30 PM	Fr. Andrew	Josefina Ramos †

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 Aonan	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	Caridad Muro
Steven Brown	N Carey Nakayama
Tod and Rose Marie Brown	Huy Nguyen
Ida Bustos	Mario Nieto
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	Julietta 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 Lievens	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
Elvira Luna	W Jean Reyes Williams
Rafael and Gerardo Luna	Martha Willox

Pray for the Dead

Jennifer Alva	Rebecca Martinez
John A. Harte	David Murilo
Gilbert Gallegos	Jovita Tagle
Fernando Hernandez	Michael Oira Toridio
Martin Hernandez	



Hello!

In Catholic Church teachings and traditions, we only celebrate the birthday of three persons—Jesus, Mary, and St. John the Baptist. Why does John have such a privilege? Because he was the only one that could recognize our Savior in the womb of Jesus' mother. His life's purpose was to introduce Jesus to the Gentiles and the Jews. John was a humble person who placed Jesus above himself.

In today's Gospel, we are reminded of the moment that St. John the Baptist encounters Jesus. We are reminded that, at this time, John was a famous person, and many people thought John himself was the Christ. They came to John in the desert when he announced, "prepare the way." Many of people were listening to his teachings and were being baptized by him. Despite his fame, John pointed out that Jesus was the true Messiah and "The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world."

Today as we learn from St. John the Baptist's advice that we should allow Jesus to take away our sins and be our Lamb of God. We need to admit our weakness and mistakes. This can be a difficult thing to do because sometimes we can't recognize our sins or the mercy of God. Admitting our mistakes and responsibility is an essential step that will benefit our souls. Failing to recognize or accept our own sins will prevent us from receiving God's mercy. How can we be in a position to receive God's forgiveness if we are not willing to accept our failures? Thus, there can be no "Lamb of God" for us unless we open our hearts and minds so we can receive His mercy.

As we embrace Jesus as our "Lamb of God," we also introduce Jesus to others. In the world today, many people live in denial: They deny Jesus as their Savior. Like St. John the Baptist, our mission is to proclaim that Jesus is their Savior through both our deeds and words. As they experience His peace and love, they too will accept that they are children of God. People will experience new directions and purpose for their lives. God will transform and bless them with eternal life. To witness Christ's love for others is a tremendous privilege and honor for us. Every one of us has the capacity to help inspire others because we, like St. John the Baptist, are empowered by God's Spirit at the moment of our baptism. Embrace both the privilege and faith to be like St. John the Baptist.

From St. John the Baptist we also learn about humility. It is common for many of us to seek acceptance. We want to be recognized and honored when we do something for others. In such moments we feel happy and proud. But when nobody recognizes our contributions, we may feel sad! In such moments it is essential to remember John the Baptist's humility. Through humility, we gain God's strength and love. After all, whatever we do, we do to glorify God; not ourselves or others. God will recognize our sacrifices and dedication for Him.

Through John the Baptist, the Church presents Jesus in every Mass; "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." Jesus will take away our sins when we open ourselves to admit our weaknesses. Such actions will result in renewed emotional and physical vitality. Then we will be able to share His love and forgiveness with people around us.

God bless!

Fr. Thai

¡Hola!

En las enseñanzas y tradiciones de la Iglesia Católica, sólo celebramos el cumpleaños de tres personas: Jesús, María y San Juan Bautista. ¿Por qué Juan tiene tal privilegio? Porque él era el único que podía reconocer a nuestro Salvador en el vientre de la madre de Jesús. El propósito de su vida era presentar a Jesús a los gentiles ya los judíos. Juan era una persona humilde que colocó a Jesús por encima de sí mismo.

En el Evangelio de hoy, nos recuerda el momento en que San Juan Bautista encuentra a Jesús. Se nos recuerda que, en este tiempo, Juan era una persona famosa, y mucha gente pensaba que Juan era el Cristo. Ellos vinieron a Juan en el desierto cuando anunció, "preparar el camino". Muchas personas estaban escuchando sus enseñanzas y estaban siendo bautizadas por él. A pesar de su fama, Juan señaló que Jesús era el verdadero Mesías y "El Cordero de Dios que quita los pecados del mundo".

Hoy en día, aprendemos del consejo de San Juan Bautista que debemos permitir que Jesús nos quite nuestros pecados y sea nuestro Cordero de Dios. Tenemos que admitir nuestras debilidades y errores. Esto puede ser una cosa difícil de hacer porque a veces no podemos reconocer nuestros pecados o la misericordia de Dios. Admitir nuestros errores y responsabilidad es un paso esencial que beneficiará a nuestras almas. No reconocer ni aceptar nuestros propios pecados nos impedirá recibir la misericordia de Dios. ¿Cómo podemos estar en posición de recibir el perdón de Dios si no estamos dispuestos a aceptar nuestros fracasos? Por lo tanto, no puede haber "Cordero de Dios" para nosotros a menos que abramos nuestros corazones y mentes para que podamos recibir Su misericordia.

Al abrazar a Jesús como nuestro "Cordero de Dios", también presentamos a Jesús a los demás. En el mundo de hoy, muchas personas viven en la negación: Negar a Jesús como su Salvador. Al igual que San Juan Bautista, nuestra misión es proclamar que Jesús es su Salvador a través de nuestras acciones y palabras. Al experimentar Su paz y amor, ellos también aceptarán que son hijos de Dios. La gente experimentará nuevas direcciones y propósito para sus vidas. Dios los transformará y los bendecirá con vida eterna. Ver el amor de Cristo por los demás es un gran privilegio y honor para nosotros. Cada uno de nosotros tiene la capacidad de ayudar a inspirar a otros porque nosotros, como San Juan Bautista, somos fortalecidos por el Espíritu de Dios en el momento de nuestro bautismo. Abraza el privilegio y la fe para ser como San Juan Bautista.

De San Juan Bautista también aprendemos acerca de la humildad. Es común que muchos de nosotros busquemos la aceptación. Queremos ser reconocidos y honrados cuando hacemos algo por los demás. En tales momentos nos sentimos felices y orgullosos. Pero cuando nadie reconoce nuestras contribuciones, ¡podemos sentirnos tristes! En tales momentos es esencial recordar la humildad de Juan el Bautista. A través de la humildad, ganamos la fuerza y el amor de Dios. Después de todo, todo lo que hacemos, lo hacemos para glorificar a Dios; No nosotros mismos o los demás. Dios reconocerá nuestros sacrificios y dedicación para Él.

A través de Juan el Bautista, la Iglesia presenta a Jesús en cada Misa; "He aquí el Cordero de Dios que quita el pecado del mundo." Jesús nos quitará nuestros pecados cuando nos abrimos para admitir nuestras debilidades. Tales acciones darán lugar a una renovada vitalidad emocional y física. Entonces podremos compartir Su amor y perdón con las personas que nos rodean.

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai