

St. Thomas More Church

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, January 21st, 2018



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 — The people of Nineveh believed God and turned from their evil ways (Jonah 3:1-5, 10).

Psalm — Teach me your ways, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The world in its present form is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31).

Gospel — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:14-20).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Friday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Con los avisos de Jonás los ninivitas se arrepienten de su maldad (Jonás 3:1-5, 10).

Salmo — Señor, instrúyeme en tus sendas (Salmo 25 [24]).

Segunda lectura — El mundo que conocemos está pasando (1 Corintios 7:29-31).

Evangelio — Jesús empezó a proclamar: "El reino de Dios ha llegado. Tomen otro camino y crean en la Buena Nueva" (Marcos 1:14-20).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Sal 89 (88):20-22, 25-26; Mc 3:22-30
Martes:	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Sal 24 (23):7-10; Mc 3:31-35
Miércoles:	2 Sm 7:4-17; Sal 89 (88):4-5, 27-30; Mc 4:1-20
Jueves:	Hch 22:3-16 o Hch 9:1-22; Sal 117 (116):1bc, 2; Mc 16:15-18
Viernes:	2 Tm 1:1-8 o Tit 1:1-5; Sal 51 (50):3-7, 10-11; Mc 4:26-34
Sábado:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Sal 51 (50):12-17; Mc 4:35-41
Domingo:	Dt 18:15-20; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mc 1:21-28

Collections for 1/14/18

5:00 PM	\$1,185.00
7:30 AM	\$843.00
9:00 AM	\$1,157.00
10:45 AM	\$622.00
12:30 PM	\$617.00
By mail/online	\$614.00
Bldg Fund	\$928.00
Altar Society	\$11.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$40.00
Total	\$6,017.00

Thank You!
Gracias!



Dinner/Dance/Silent Auction

Please join us for Saint Thomas More School's Annual Dinner Dance and Silent Auction to be held

Cal State Los Angeles' Golden Eagle Ballroom

Saturday, February 3rd 6pm-11pm

*Dinner will be served until 8pm

Please Note: Drink tickets will be sold for \$5-7 (Cash or Checks will be accepted)

There is a short walk to the Venue

Gala ticket price - \$60

Make check payable to St. Thomas More School

Tickets can be purchased after mass.

We look forward to seeing you there! Thank you!

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

**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

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

JESUS WOULD ENJOY THIS.
HE LIKES BEING WITH
FISHERMEN.



BURROWS

Jesus said to them,
"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."
Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. Mk 1:17-18

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

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



We hope to see You there.

Sunday Breakfast

Join us for Breakfast in the Hall



Coffee & Donuts

Sponsored by
**The proud parents of
STM 4th Grade Students**

CURRENT EVENTS

Saturday, January 20, 2018		
6:00PM	Confirmation Class	Church
Sunday, January 21, 2018		
8AM - 2PM	Breakfast	Hall
10:00AM	Religious Education Class	School
Monday, January 22, 2018		
7:00PM	MRCIA	Ministry Center
	No Youth Band Practice	
Tuesday, January 23, 2018		
9AM - 9:30AM	Our Lady of Wisdom Prayer Group	Church
11:30AM	Bingo	Hall
7:45PM	English Choir Practice	Church
Wednesday, January 24, 2018		
9AM - 9:30AM	Mother of Perpetual Help Novena	Church
6:00PM	Virtus Certification	Hall
	No Bible Study	
Thursday, January 25, 2018		
6:30PM	Youth Nights	Ministry Center
8:00PM	Spanish Choir Practice	Church
Friday, January 26, 2018		
9AM - 1PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
6:00PM	Preschool Bingo	Hall
Saturday, January 27, 2018		
	No Confirmation Class	
Sunday, January 28, 2018		
8AM - 2PM	Breakfast	Hall
	No Religious Education Class	

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 20, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Juan Garcia: Healing
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† Emma D. Perez†
9:00 AM	Fr. Thai	Joseph Campanella† Vicente Miranda†
10:45 AM	Fr. Thai	Jane Camodag† John Baptist Bao Hoang†
12:30 PM	Fr. Dan	Yee See Lipsun & Selvia Inado: Healing
Monday, January 22, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Cellong Campos†
Tuesday, January 23, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Parishioners of STM
Wednesday, January 24, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Aaron Ashley & Logan Burns: Special Intentions
Thursday, January 25, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Conception Duran† Jennifer Santana Pedraza: Healing
Friday, January 26, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Isaiah Gutierrez†
Saturday, January 27, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Parishioners of STM
4:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Patrick Yiu† Yee See Lipsun: Healing
Sunday, January 28, 2018		
7:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Peter Sing Nguyen†
9:00 AM	Fr. Thai	Cesar Osorio: Special Intentions Joseph Campanella†
10:45 AM	Fr. Ruiz	Sophia Martinez: Birthday Rafael Garcia, Sr† Rafael Garcia, Jr†
12:30 PM	Fr. Andrew	Francisco & Silvestra Ramos†, Dolores Aguirre†, Yolie Nanko†

Please Pray for the Sick

Fr. Jeremiah O'Neill

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



Hello!

People ask each other when they first meet, “*What is your name?*” Or when you call your doctor’s office to make an appointment – you need to tell them your name. This is also true with most businesses that people will first ask you to identify yourself so that they can introduce you for referrals. Some people get upset when their names are mispronounced or misspelled.

In today’s Gospel, we learn that Jesus calls his first disciples with a simple phrase, “Come after me.” He doesn’t call the disciples because of their talents and strengths. Nor does Jesus call them for a special gathering or as contestants. Instead, He calls them because they are ordinary people living ordinary lives. They responded to his call without hesitation as the gospel describes, “they immediately left everything and followed him.”

Jesus is still calling us each day for every walk of life. He could call us during our daily schedules of work or school. He may call us while we are sad, discouraged, or when we feel life no longer has meaning or purpose.

Jesus is calling us to have *faith* in Him. Faith is the “*door*” that opens us up to a life of intimate union with God and the faith community. His calling is salvation for us. When we become members of the faithful Catholic community, we are not joining a social organization or club; we are committing to an eternal bond with God. We only experience God’s calling when we seek Him, praise Him, and, from deep within our hearts, we must listen to Him! To be called by God is a great honor and we are proud to embrace His calling.

Other ways that God is calling us is to fulfill our vocation. If you commit to the Sacrament of Matrimony, God is calling you to fulfill this vocation: You are called to collaborate with your spouse to raise, teach, educate, and protect your children. By following His call, you will grow into a deeper sense of love and commitment for each member of your family. As children, God is calling you to honor, respect, love, and collaborate with your parents and siblings. If you choose to remain single, God is calling you to be a chaste individual living a healthy lifestyle. Whatever vocation you are choosing now, God will guide you to fulfill your vocation. Faithful individuals have no problem to commit and follow God’s calling for they listen to His guidance each day.

Humanly speaking, it is challenging to have faith and live up to our identity as sons and daughters of God. We live in this world in which many people deny God, deny the Eucharist, and promote an ideology of material wealth and power are measurements of success. To some extent, these ideas affect Catholics’ willingness to respond to God’s calling. Some Catholics get caught up in this success mentality, lose their faith, and wander away from the Church. God will never call us to embrace any vocation that we are not equipped to undertake. He knows us well! If we are open to His call and guidance, He will lead on the right path.

Through the virtue of our baptism, God calls us by name! Sometimes we are too busy to listen, and we think about other things that lead us far away from God. Today, we remember that God values us because of the dignity God has placed in our souls from birth and our baptism.

God bless!

Fr. Thai

¡Hola!

Las personas se preguntan entre sí cuando se encuentran por primera vez, "¿Cuál es su nombre?" O cuando llama al consultorio de su médico para programar una cita, debe decirles su nombre. Esto también es cierto para la mayoría de las empresas que las personas primero le pedirán que se identifique para que puedan referirlo. Algunas personas se molestan cuando sus nombres son mal pronunciados o mal escritos.

En el Evangelio de hoy, aprendemos que Jesús llama a sus primeros discípulos con una frase simple, "Ven después de mí". Él no llama a los discípulos debido a sus talentos y fortalezas. Tampoco Jesús los llama para una reunión especial o como concursantes. En cambio, Él los llama porque son personas comunes que viven vidas ordinarias. Respondieron a su llamado sin vacilación, como lo describe el evangelio, "inmediatamente dejaron todo y lo siguieron".

Jesús todavía nos está llamando todos los días para todos los ámbitos de la vida. Podría llamarnos durante nuestros horarios diarios de trabajo o escuela. Él puede llamarnos mientras estamos tristes, desanimados o cuando sentimos que la vida ya no tiene significado ni propósito.

Jesús nos está llamando a la fe en él. La fe es la "puerta" que abre una vida de unión íntima con Dios y la comunidad de fe. Su llamado es la salvación para nosotros. Cuando nos convertimos en miembros de la comunidad católica fiel, no nos unimos a una organización social o club; Nos comprometemos a un vínculo eterno con Dios. Solo lo experimentamos, lo alabamos, y desde lo profundo de nuestros corazones, ¡debemos escucharlo! Ser llamado por Dios es un gran honor y estamos orgullosos de abrazar su llamado.

Otras formas en que Dios nos llama a cumplir nuestra vocación. Si te comprometes con el sacramento del matrimonio, Dios te llama a cumplir esta vocación: crías a tu cónyuge para criar, enseñar, educar y proteger a tus hijos. Siguiendo su llamado, crecerá hacia un sentido más profundo de amor y compromiso para cada miembro de su familia. Como niños, Dios los llama a honrar, respetar, amar y colaborar con sus padres y hermanos. Si eliges permanecer soltero, Dios te está llamando una persona casta que vive un estilo de vida saludable. Cualquiera sea la vocación que elijas ahora, Dios te guiará a cumplir tu vocación. Las personas fieles no tienen problemas para comprometerse y seguir el llamado de Dios todos los días.

Hablando humanamente, es desafiante tener fe y estar a la altura de nuestra identidad como hijos e hijas de Dios. Vivimos en este mundo, que es negar a Dios, negar la Eucaristía, y promover una ideología de riqueza material y poder son medidas de éxito. Hasta cierto punto, estas ideas afectan la disposición de los católicos a responder al llamado de Dios. Algunos católicos quedan atrapados en esta mentalidad de éxito, pierden su fe y se alejan de la Iglesia. Dios nunca nos llamará a abrazar ninguna vocación que no estemos preparados para emprender. ¡Él nos conoce bien! Si estamos abiertos a su llamado y guía, Él nos guiará en el camino correcto.

¡A través de la virtud de nuestro bautismo, Dios nos llama por su nombre! A veces estamos demasiado ocupados para escuchar, y pensamos en otras cosas que nos alejan de Dios. Hoy, recordamos que Dios nos valora por la dignidad que Dios ha puesto en nuestras almas desde el nacimiento y nuestro bautismo.

¡Dios los bendiga!

P. Thai