

# St. Thomas More Church

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*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017*



## EUCHARISTIC 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

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

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The burdens that were once laid upon the people have been vanquished (Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3).

**Psalm** — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

**Second Reading** — Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you. (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

**Gospel** — After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee teaching, proclaiming the gospel, and curing the people (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30,
Tuesday:	Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Thursday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-35
Friday:	Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday:	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

## LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — El Señor glorificó el distrito de los gentiles (Isaías 8:23 — 9:3).

**Salmo** — El Señor es mi luz y mi salvación (Salmo 27).

**Segunda lectura** — Les ruego que se pongan de acuerdo, que no haya divisiones entre ustedes (1 Corintios 1:10-13, 17).

**Evangelio** — Cambien su vida y su corazón porque está cerca el reino de los Cielos (Mateo 4:12-23 [12-17]).

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Heb 9:15, 24-28; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Mc 3:22-30,
Martes:	Heb 10:1-10; Sal 40 (39):2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mc 3:31-35
Miércoles:	Hch 22:3-16 o Hch 9:1-22; Sal 117 (116):1bc, 2; Mc 16:15-18
Jueves:	2 Tm 1:1-8 o Tit 1:1-5; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mc 4:21-35
Viernes:	Heb 10:32-39; Sal 37 (36):3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mc 4:26-34
Sábado:	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lc 1:69-75; Mc 4:35-41
Domingo:	Sof 2:3; 3:12-13; Sal 146 (145):6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

## Collections for 1/15/17

5:00 PM	\$657.00
7:30 AM	\$1,063.00
9:00 AM	\$2,676.00
10:45 AM	\$598.00
12:30 PM	\$1,008.00
By mail/online	\$938.00
Bldg Fund	\$475.00
Altar Society	\$40.00
Special Projects	\$371.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,826.00</b>

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**THANK YOU**  
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شكراً OBRIGADO

Sunday Breakfast  
Please join us in the hall for



Coffee and Donuts

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

Sponsored by  
The Knights of Columbus

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](http://www.CEEofLA.org) OR  
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St. Thomas More Church  
Faith Formation Program

Our Faith Formation Program encourages the growth of faith in from children to adults. Our **Religious Education Program** is directed to children from Grades 1-8 and assists them not only in preparing for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, but also helps them to grow in their understanding of God as they continue in the program each year.

Our **Confirmation** program seeks to strengthen the young person's understanding of God's role in his or her life culminating in a commitment to live as upright people striving to be true to God.

Our **Rite of Christian Initiation (R.C.I.A.)** program journeys with adults who would like to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, and/or Confirmation.

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.**

St. Thomas More School  
Presents

The GREAT GATSBY GALA

February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
6pm- 12am

The Golden Eagle Ballroom  
Cal State Los Angeles

Step back in time to the roaring 20s with dinner, drinks, music, dancing, raffles, silent auction, and tons of fun!

1920s Attire suggested.  
Prizes awarded for the best costume!

Parishioner and Guest tickets: \$40 each  
Parents of Students fundraiser price: \$100 for 2 tickets

Fundraiser proceeds benefit the continuous excellence in education at STM

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**CURRENT EVENTS**

<b>Sunday, January 22, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM - 2:00 PM	Sunday Breakfast	Hall
<b>Monday, January 23, 2017</b>		
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Legion of Mary	Ministry Center
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Youth Band Practice	Church
<b>Tuesday, January 24, 2017</b>		
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Our Lady of Wisdom Prayer Group	Church
11:30 AM - 3:00 PM	Bingo	Hall
7:45 PM - 9:00 PM	English Choir Practice	Church
<b>Wednesday, January 25, 2017</b>		
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Church
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Bible Study	Ministry Center
<b>Thursday, January 26, 2017</b>		
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Youth Nights	Ministry Center
8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Spanish Choir Practice	Church
<b>Friday, January 27, 2017</b>		
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
<b>Saturday, January 28, 2017</b>		
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Ultreya Group	Ministry Center
<b>Sunday, January 29, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM - 2:00 PM	Sunday Breakfast	Hall

**MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Saturday, January 21, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	John Baptist Hoang †
4:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Rose Ren †
<b>Sunday, January 22, 2017</b>		
7:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Max Ren †
9:00 AM	Fr. Thai	Francis Higareda & Marie Lara: Healing
10:45 AM	Fr. Ruiz	Ruben & Fernando Mondragon †
12:30 PM	Fr. Andrew	Josefina Ramos †
<b>Monday, January 23, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Celia, Ester & Rodolfo Alatorre: Special Intentions
<b>Tuesday, January 24, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Parishioners of STM
<b>Wednesday, January 25, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Lilia Bajamundi †
<b>Thursday, January 26, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Wendy Reeves: Healing
<b>Friday, January 27, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
<b>Saturday, January 28, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
4:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
<b>Sunday, January 29, 2017</b>		
7:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Frank Luchetta †
9:00 AM	Fr. Thai	Julio Cagungun †
10:45 AM	Fr. Ruiz	Señor de la Misericordia
12:30 PM	Fr. Henry	Parishioners of STM

*Please Pray for the Sick*

**Fr. Jeremiah O'Neill**

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

*Pray for the Dead*

Paul Chapman	Martin Hernandez
Julio Cagungun, Jr.	Rebecca Martinez
Sam Duardo	David Murilo
Gilbert Gallegos	Jovita Tagle
John A. Harte	



Hello!

The 45th President has sworn into the country's Capitol two days ago, beginning his role of Chief Executive of the United States of America. When the new President takes office, he brings in new officers and staff with him. Those staff will work for him four to eight years. When a President has finished his term, all his officers and staff also need to leave the white house as well, whether they like it or not.

Jesus's disciples and apostles, however, never leave their mission! Today's Gospel describes a scene where Jesus invites Simon, Peter and three other men to leave their belongings and follow him. Jesus calls them not to be his fans, but to be followers as long as they live. Per The Church's teaching and tradition, these fishermen were not famous people. They did not hold any position in their villages or have any special qualifications or credentials to attract Jesus. They probably never crossed beyond the border of the Sea of Galilee. They were mere fishermen and comfortable with such lifestyles.

Similarly, their personality was not extraordinary. For example, Peter: Nowadays we might call him an "immature person" — speaking or acting without thinking! But when Jesus calls the disciples, without hesitation, they left everything behind and followed Him. They had grown in maturity, commitment, love, and relationship with Jesus as they journeyed with Him. Such things only happened when they responded to Jesus' invitation and allowed His Spirit to transform their entire lives. That same Spirit has the power and love to transform anyone of us as long as we are open to His Spirit.

Jesus is calling us in every aspect of life. He could call us when we feel miserable, downcast, dispirited; or when we feel there is no internal or external motivation to continue with our mission of this life. Or when we are so happy with life, family, our surroundings, or when we achieve something that we have dreamed of for years. He could call us even when we think we don't have any talent, skill, effort, energy, experience, or time to offer. We need to keep in mind that Jesus never calls us simply because we are too good, too smart, or too happy! He calls us in every walk of life regardless of what we have. It is an honorable invitation that we should not have any problem of carrying on the mission of Jesus to the next generation.

In the same way, volunteers are needed to teach Sunday School or act as; ushers, lectors, altar servers, youth ministry, sing in the choir, leadership positions, and many other ministries in our parish. Volunteers do not need to have special talents, be particularly skilled, have exceptional energy, or necessarily be in an ideal time of life. Like the disciples, we need to go beyond caring for our own to caring for God's house and others. We can let go of our shyness and comfortable spaces to share our humble talents and experience to build the kingdom of God. To continue the mission of Christ, especially in our parish, we should share whatever we have through our presence, participation, and action to build our community.

The fishermen could move beyond their own comfortable life and boundaries for their missions because they trusted in God's Spirit. Their missions continue to unfold and need our participation. As we are baptized, we are invited to offer to God whatever we have. He will transform our little and humble actions into extraordinary things as He did with His first fishermen. Let us allow Him to transform us along our journey. The president's staff come and go every four or eight years. As Jesus' disciples, we are not going anywhere. We continue His mission our entire lives!

God bless!

Fr. Thai

¡Hola!

El 45 Presidente fue jurado hace dos días en el Capitolio del país, comenzando su papel de Jefe Ejecutivo de los Estados Unidos de América. Cuando el nuevo Presidente asume el cargo, él trae nuevos oficiales y personal con él. Ese personal trabajará para él de cuatro a ocho años. Cuando un Presidente ha terminado su mandato, todos sus oficiales y el personal también tienen que salir de la casa blanca, así, les guste o no.

Sin embargo, los discípulos y apóstoles de Jesús nunca abandonan su misión. El Evangelio de hoy describe una escena en la que Jesús invita a Simón, Pedro y otros tres hombres a dejar sus pertenencias y seguirlo. Jesús los llama a no ser sus admiradores, sino a ser seguidores mientras vivan. Por la enseñanza de la Iglesia y la tradición, estos pescadores no eran personas famosas. No tenían ninguna posición en sus aldeas o tenían cualidades especiales o credenciales para atraer a Jesús. Probablemente nunca cruzaron más allá de la frontera del Mar de Galilea. Eran simple pescadores y cómodos con tales estilos de vida.

Del mismo modo, su personalidad no era extraordinaria. Por ejemplo, Pedro: ¡Hoy en día podemos llamarlo una “persona inmadura” - hablando o actuando sin pensar! Pero cuando Jesús llama a los discípulos, sin dudarlo, dejaron todo y lo siguieron. Habían crecido en madurez, compromiso, amor y relación con Jesús mientras viajaban con Él. Tales cosas sólo sucedieron cuando respondieron a la invitación de Jesús y permitieron que Su Espíritu transformara sus vidas enteras. Ese mismo Espíritu tiene el poder y el amor de transformar a cualquiera de nosotros mientras estemos abiertos a Su Espíritu.

Jesús nos está llamando en todos los aspectos de la vida. Podría llamarnos cuando nos sintiéramos tristes, abatidos, desanimados; O cuando sentimos que no hay motivación interna o externa para continuar con nuestra misión de esta vida. O cuando estamos tan felices con la vida, la familia, nuestro entorno, o cuando conseguimos algo que hemos soñado durante años. Él podría llamarnos incluso cuando pensamos que no tenemos talento, habilidad, esfuerzo, energía, experiencia o tiempo para ofrecer. ¡Tenemos que tener en cuenta que Jesús nunca nos llama simplemente porque somos demasiado buenos, demasiado inteligentes, o demasiado felices! Él nos llama a cada paso de la vida independientemente de lo que tenemos. Es una invitación honorable que no debemos tener ningún problema de llevar la misión de Jesús a la próxima generación.

De la misma manera, se necesitan voluntarios para enseñar en la Escuela Dominical o actuar como; Ujieres, lectores, servidores de altar, ministerio juvenil, cantan en el coro, posiciones de liderazgo, y muchos otros ministerios en nuestra parroquia. Los voluntarios no necesitan tener talentos especiales, ser particularmente hábil, tener una energía excepcional, o necesariamente estar en un momento ideal de la vida. Al igual que los discípulos, necesitamos ir más allá de nuestro propio cuidado al cuidado de la casa de Dios y de otros. Podemos dejar ir nuestra timidez y espacios cómodos para compartir nuestros humildes talentos y experiencia para construir el reino de Dios. Para continuar la misión de Cristo, especialmente en nuestra parroquia, debemos compartir lo que tengamos a través de nuestra presencia, participación y acción para construir nuestra comunidad.

Los pescadores podían ir más allá de su propia vida cómoda y los límites de sus misiones porque confiaban en el Espíritu de Dios. Sus misiones continúan desarrollándose y necesitan nuestra participación. Cuando somos bautizados, estamos invitados a ofrecer a Dios todo lo que tenemos. Él transformará nuestras pequeñas y humildes acciones en cosas extraordinarias como hizo con sus primeros pescadores. Dejemos que Él nos transforme en nuestro camino. El personal del presidente va y viene cada cuatro o ocho años. Como discípulos de Jesús, no vamos a ninguna parte. ¡Continuamos Su misión durante toda nuestra vida!

¡Dios Bendiga!

Fr. Thai