

St. Thomas More Church

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, January 29th 2017



EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS WEEKLY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil 5:00PM	Reconciliation Saturday: 4:00-4:45PM
Sunday 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 12:30PM 10:45AM <i>Spanish</i>	<i>English</i> Daily: Mon-Sat 8:30AM
Holy Day Masses 8:30AM, 7:00PM	

Please contact the Parish Office for arrangements regarding
Baptisms, Funerals, and Quinceañeras

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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 — You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the Lord will be your protection (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13).
Psalm — Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Psalm 146).
Second Reading — God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts should boast in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).
Gospel — Jesus taught from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit (Matthew 5:1-12a).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Ustedes los humildes de la tierra, busquen la justicia, busquen la humildad y el Señor será tu protección (Sofonías 2:3; 3:12-13).
Salmo — ¡Dichosos los pobres de espíritu, porque de ellos es el Reino de los cielos! (Salmo 146)
Segunda lectura — Dios ha elegido a los débiles del mundo, a los que no valen nada, para que el que se gloria, que se gloríe en el Señor (1 Corintios 1:26-31)
Evangelio — Jesús enseñó desde el monte: Dichosos los pobres de espíritu (Mateo 5: 1-12a)

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Heb 11:32-40; Sal 31 (30):20-24; Mc 5:1-20
Martes: Heb 12:1-4; Sal 22 (21):26b-28, 30-32; Mc 5:21-43
Miércoles: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Sal 103 (102):1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mc 6:1-6
Jueves: Mal 3:1-4; Sal 24 (23):7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lc 2:22-40 [22-32]
Viernes: Heb 13:1-8; Sal 27 (26):1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mc 6:14-29
Sábado: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Mc 6:30-34
Domingo: Is 58:7-10; Sal 112 (111):4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

Collections for 9/18/16

5:00 PM	\$1,246.00
7:30 AM	\$646.00
9:00 AM	\$1,072.00
10:45 AM	\$428.00
12:30 PM	\$794.00
By mail/online	\$413.00
Bldg Fund	\$515.00
Spec Projects	\$710.00
Total	\$5,824.00
2nd Collection:	
Faith Formation	\$603.00

Thank You
Gracias
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Thank You

**SCHOOL STUDENT
NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY**

The school, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color or national and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, medical condition, sex or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation and some archdiocesan schools operate as single sex schools.

While the school does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the school are based upon the student's emotional, academic and physical abilities and the resources available to the school in meeting the student's needs.

**FAREWELL MASS FOR BISHOP SOLIS
FEBRUARY 1, 2017, AT 7 P.M.,
ON THE EVE OF THE
PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

All are invited to attend a farewell Mass for Bishop Oscar Solis at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 7 p.m. on the Eve of the Presentation of the Lord. Those planning to attend are also invited to bring a candle to be blessed in commemoration of the feast day.

Bishop Solis was recently appointed as Bishop of the Diocese of Salt Lake City, Utah, by Pope Francis. He will be installed on Tuesday, March 7. Bishop Solis was appointed as Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles on December 11, 2003 by Pope John Paul II and ordained on February 10, 2004, becoming the first Filipino-American elevated to the episcopacy in the history of the United States.

**ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE**

Sunday, January 29, 2017
10:00am - 12:00pm
Preschool through Eighth Grade

Visit the Classrooms, meet the Teachers, Parents and Administrators

For more information, visit: <http://www.stthomasmorealhambra.org/>
E-mail: stthomasmore@earthlink.net or call (626)284-5778

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 4th, 2017
6pm- 12am

The Golden Eagle Ballroom
Cal State Los Angeles
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

Sunday Breakfast

Please join us in the hall for



**Pozole, Breakfast Burritos,
Hot Dogs, Nachos,
Donuts, and Coffee**

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

**Sponsored by
Girls Scouts Troop 3431**

CURRENT EVENTS

Saturday, January 28, 2017		
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Confirmation Class	Church
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Ultreya Group	Ministry Center
Sunday, January 29, 2017		
8:30 AM - 2:00 PM	Sunday Breakfast	Hall
Monday, January 30, 2017		
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Legion of Mary	Ministry Center
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	RCIA Class	Ministry Center
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Youth Band Practice	Church
Tuesday, January 31, 2017		
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Our Lady of Wisdom Prayer Group	Church
7:45 PM - 9:00 PM	English Choir Practice	Church
Wednesday, February 1, 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, February 2, 2017		
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Youth Nights	Ministry Center
8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Spanish Choir Practice	Church
Friday, February 3, 2017		
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Divine Mercy	Ministry Center
Saturday, February 4, 2017		
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Confirmation Class	Church
Sunday, February 5, 2017		
8:30 AM - 2:00 PM	Sunday Breakfast	Hall

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 28, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
4:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Dr. Julio Cagungun Jr. †
Sunday, January 29, 2017		
7:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Frank Luchetta †
9:00 AM	Fr. Thai	Dr. Julio Cagungun Jr. †
10:45 AM	Fr. Ruiz	Señor de la Misericordia
12:30 PM	Fr. Henry	Parishioners of STM
Monday, January 30, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Felicidad Santamaria †
Tuesday, January 31, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
Wednesday, February 01, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Jasmine Jereza: Special Intentions
Thursday, February 02, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Anna Jung Suk Moon †
Friday, February 03, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Fr. Thai Le & The Le Family
Saturday, February 04, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Christy & Eric Landon & The Landon Family
4:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
Sunday, February 05, 2017		
7:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Anna Tran †
9:00 AM	Fr. O'Neill	Dr. Julio Cagungun Jr. †
10:45 AM	Fr. Thai	Richard Cortez † Guadalupe Cortez: Special Intentions
12:30 PM	Fr. Andrew	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	Anna Maraldo
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	N Carey Nakayama
Ida Bustos	Huy Nguyen
C Agnes Caballero	Mario Nieto
Jessica Cabrera	Michael Nolasco
Rita Campanella	P Tony Pagliotti
Tony Camperi	Sharon Palmiter
Mary Campitiello	Arpie Pezeshkian
Gloria Cancio	R Dolores Ramirez
S. Cano	Ramon Ramos
Blanca and Procoro Castañeda	Julietta Reta
Jessica Cerda	Maria T. Riley
Joan Cervantes	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
I Selvia Inado	Dean Smith
J Darwin Jenkins	Dorian Suarez
Gary Jones	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	V 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

Larry Aguirre	Gilbert Gallegos
Dr. Julio Cagungun Jr.	Martin Hernandez
Paul Chapman	Rebecca Martinez
Sam Duardo	David Murifo



Hello!

Every journey must have a starting point and an ending point. All travelers must know their destination before even starting the journey. For a destination we have never been before, we must prepare carefully through a guided system such as a navigator or map. What about our guide to eternal life? Where can we find it?

The Reading today gives us a glimpse of guideline that inspires our journey to follow Jesus. In the Gospel, Jesus gives the first lesson to the disciples how to achieve the happiness, known as the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes are not rules but a guide to finding true happiness; the core of Jesus's teaching and living. True happiness, according to Jesus' teaching, is a state of freedom—one must be free from material possession and pleasure. Thus, when we escape from all earthly constraints, we will be perfectly happy.

Of course, we must work to earn money to live, to take care of ourselves and family. In society, no one can live without money. Even so, desire for power, pleasure, or money must never exceed our need for God in our lives. In other words, all earthly power and possessions can't compare with God.

In everyday life, we see people who are always optimistic and happy. Such people remain happy even when experiencing life's devastations, such as; illness, suffering, poverty, slander, misunderstanding, or the loss of a loved one. A few years ago, every Christmas, I would visit an elderly man who was hit by a car while volunteering as a school crossing guard. This severe accident caused him to be paralyzed for the rest of his life. Every time I walked into his room, I could see a smile on his face! He was so joyful to share the stories of his childhood and adult life. I never heard a word uttered from his mouth blaming the man who turned his life upside down. Where did he get such virtue and character so he could stay calm, thoughtful and content even when half of his body was dead? I could see from the depth of his heart, he found both courage and peace.

Temporary happiness is only a reflection of the things and people we have in life. True happiness is what we have within our hearts and souls. We know the Spirit of God is truly present in our souls and with us on our journeys, no matter what life's circumstance we are enduring. There is no absence of God's peace within our hearts. Whenever we may feel His absence, it is because we do not allow ourselves to experience His presence. Earthly materials such as money, power, pleasure, or possessions only comfort us temporarily; in a certain place or in a given moment. Such comforts are only reflections and are not forever and everywhere. Instead, we should search for eternal happiness and peace: Jesus's teaching through the Beatitudes will help us to pursue lasting happiness.

Here at St. Thomas More parish and school, we teach our students to build up character and virtues that equip them to pursue true happiness. In fact, more than anyone else, the parents of these students knew how to search for righteousness and happiness when they sent their students to this Catholic institution. Every day these children learn about Jesus, faith, academics, social interactions, human development, our world, and religion. Parents know their children's future depend on how well they are formed and taught by this Catholic institution. Here, their faith, intellect, and human formation grow each day. They will share with others and the world; how to respond to challenges they may face and how to interact with people and personalities they will meet.

Wise parents prepare their youths well in advance of becoming young adults. As we begin to celebrate Catholic School Week, we open our doors with our St. Thomas More School Open House. All parents and parishioners interested in sending their children or grandchildren to Catholic School here at St. Thomas More are invited to attend. Our Lord prepared His first disciples well before He sent them out into the world – and they did well. There is no reason we can't follow His teaching. We pray for our students at St. Thomas More that they will always follow Jesus' direction wherever they go.

God bless!

Fr. Thai

¡Hola!

Cada viaje debe tener un punto de partida y un punto final. Todos los viajeros deben saber su destino antes incluso de comenzar el viaje. Para un destino que nunca hemos estado antes, debemos prepararnos cuidadosamente a través de un sistema de guía como un navegador o mapa. ¿Qué hay de nuestra guía para la vida eterna? ¿Dónde podemos encontrarlo?

La Lectura de hoy nos da una visión de la guía que inspira nuestro viaje para seguir a Jesús. En el Evangelio, Jesús da la primera lección a los discípulos cómo alcanzar la felicidad, conocida como las Bienaventuranzas. Las Bienaventuranzas no son reglas sino un guía para encontrar la verdadera felicidad; el centro de la enseñanza y la vida de Jesús. La verdadera felicidad, según la enseñanza de Jesús, es un estado de libertad-uno debe estar libre de posesión material y placer. Así, cuando escapemos de todas las limitaciones terrenales, seremos perfectamente felices.

Por supuesto, debemos trabajar para ganar dinero para vivir, para cuidar de nosotros mismos y de nuestra familia. En la sociedad, nadie puede vivir sin dinero. Aún así, el deseo de poder, placer o dinero nunca debe exceder nuestra necesidad de Dios en nuestras vidas. En otras palabras, todo poder terrenal y posesiones no pueden compararse con Dios.

En la vida de cada día, vemos gente que siempre es optimista y feliz. Tales personas siguen siendo felices incluso cuando pasan por devastaciones de la vida, tales como; Enfermedad, sufrimiento, pobreza, difamación, malentendido o la pérdida de un ser querido. Hace unos años, cada Navidad, visitaba a un anciano que fue atropellado por un coche mientras se ofrecía como guardia de escolta. Este grave accidente le causó estar paralizado por el resto de su vida. Cada vez que entraba en su habitación, yo podría ver una sonrisa en su cara! Estaba tan feliz de compartir las historias de su infancia y su vida adulta. Nunca oí una palabra pronunciada de su boca culpando al hombre que volvió su vida al revés. ¿Dónde consiguió tal virtud y carácter para poder mantenerse tranquilo, pensativo y contento incluso cuando la mitad de su cuerpo estaba muerto? Pude ver desde el fondo de su corazón, encontró tanto valor como paz.

La felicidad temporal es sólo un reflejo de las cosas y personas que tenemos en la vida. La verdadera felicidad es lo que tenemos dentro de nuestros corazones y almas. Sabemos que el Espíritu de Dios está verdaderamente presente en nuestras almas y con nosotros en nuestros viajes, sin importar las circunstancias de la vida que estamos soportando. No hay ausencia de la paz de Dios dentro de nuestros corazones. Cada vez que sentimos Su ausencia, es porque no nos permitimos experimentar Su presencia. Las cosas materiales terrenales como el dinero, el poder, el placer o las posesiones sólo nos reconfortan temporalmente; En un cierto lugar o en un momento dado. Tales comodidades son sólo reflexiones y no son para siempre y en todas partes. En cambio, debemos buscar la felicidad eterna y la paz: la enseñanza de Jesús a través de las Bienaventuranzas nos ayudará a perseguir la felicidad duradera.

Aquí en St. Thomas More la parroquia y la escuela, enseñamos a nuestros estudiantes a construir el carácter y las virtudes que los equipan para perseguir la verdadera felicidad. De hecho, más que nadie, los padres de estos estudiantes sabían buscar la rectitud y la felicidad cuando enviaron a sus estudiantes a esta institución católica. Todos los días estos niños aprenden acerca de Jesús, la fe, la académica, las interacciones sociales, el desarrollo humano, nuestro mundo y la religión. Los padres saben que el futuro de sus hijos depende de lo bien que son formados y enseñados por esta institución católica. Aquí, cada día crecen su fe, su intelecto y su formación humana. Ellos compartirán con otros y con el mundo; Cómo responder a los desafíos que pueden enfrentar y cómo interactuar con las personas y personalidades que van a conocer.

Los padres sabios preparan a sus jóvenes bien antes de convertirse en adultos jóvenes. Al comenzar a celebrar la Semana Escolar Católica, abrimos nuestras puertas con nuestra Casa Abierta de la Escuela St. Thomas More. Todos los padres y feligreses interesados en enviar a sus hijos o nietos a la Escuela Católica aquí en St. Thomas More están invitados a asistir. Nuestro Señor preparó a sus primeros discípulos antes de que los enviara al mundo, y ellos hicieron bien. No hay razón para que no podamos seguir Sus enseñanzas. Oramos para que nuestros estudiantes en St. Thomas More sigan siempre la dirección de Jesús donde quiera que vayan.

¡Dios Bendiga!

P. Thai