

St. Thomas More Church

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Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday, February 4, 2018



EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS WEEKLY LITURGIES

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| 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

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| 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 — Job experienced months of misery and troubled nights (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147).

Second Reading — I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).

Gospel — Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday: | 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56 |
| Tuesday: | 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13 |
| Wednesday: | 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23 |
| Thursday: | 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30 |
| Friday: | 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37 |
| Saturday: | 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10 |
| Sunday: | Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45 |

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Job declara que la vida en la tierra es monótona, miserable y triste (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

Salmo — Alaben al Señor, que sana los corazones quebrantados (Salmo 147 [146]).

Segunda lectura — Pablo dice que no tienen otra alternativa sino la de predicar el Evangelio (1 Corintios 9:16-19, 22-23).

Evangelio — Después de sanar a muchos enfermos, Jesús predica la Buena Nueva (Marcos 1:29-39).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

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| Lunes: | 1 Re 8:1-7, 9-13; Sal 132 (131):6-7, 8-10; Mc 6:53-56 |
| Martes: | 1 Re 8:22-23, 27-30; Sal 84 (83):3-5, 10-11; Mc 7:1-13 |
| Miércoles: | 1 Re 10:1-10; Sal 37 (36):5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mc 7:14-23 |
| Jueves: | 1 Re 11:4-13; Sal 106 (105):3-4, 35-37, 40; Mc 7:24-30 |
| Viernes: | 1 Re 11:29-32; 12:19; Sal 81 (80):10-11ab, 12-15; Mc 7:31-37 |
| Sábado: | 1 Re 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Sal 106 (105):6-7ab, 19-22; Mc 8:1-10 |
| Domingo: | Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Sal 32 (31):1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 11:1; Mc 1:40-45 |

| Collections for 1/28/18 | |
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| 5:00 PM | \$975.00 |
| 7:30 AM | \$860.00 |
| 9:00 AM | \$1,636.00 |
| 10:45 AM | \$594.00 |
| 12:30 PM | \$753.00 |
| By mail/online | \$525.00 |
| Bldg Fund | \$231.00 |
| Special Projects | \$51.00 |
| Total | \$5,625.00 |

Thank You!
Gracias!

Next weekend is Together in Mission's Commitment Sunday

Archbishop Gomez invites us to make our annual commitment to help those parishes and schools that need our support to continue serving the spiritual needs of our neediest communities.



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The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Rising very early before dawn, Jesus left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." Mk 1:35-37



Safeguard the Children



Ask kids open-ended questions

Communication is key for making sure you are up to date with your kids' lives, especially as they grow older and you can't be with them every step of the way. One way to keep communication strong is to ask your kids open-ended questions. Kids may not spontaneously tell you things that would be important for you to know, so you have to consider how to phrase questions that draw them in and allow them to share their thoughts and experiences. When you do ask open-ended questions, make sure you are patient in waiting for the answers. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>.



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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

Join us for Breakfast in the Hall



Pork Ribs in Green Sauce, Eggs and Chorizo, Huevos Rancheros, Menudo, Coffee and Donuts

Sponsored by

The Youth Ministry

CURRENT EVENTS

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| Saturday, February 03, 2018 | | |
| 5:00PM | Mass/Confirmation Class | Church |
| Sunday, February 04, 2018 | | |
| 8AM - 2PM | Breakfast | Hall |
| 10:00AM | Religious Education Class | School |
| Monday, February 05, 2018 | | |
| 9:30AM | Legion of Mary | |
| 7:00PM | RCIA | Ministry Center |
| 7:00PM | Youth Band Practice | Church |
| Tuesday, February 06, 2018 | | |
| 9AM - 9:30AM | Our Lady of Wisdom Prayer Group | Church |
| 7:00PM | Grupo de Oracion | Ministry Center |
| 7:45PM | English Choir Practice | Church |
| Wednesday, February 07, 2018 | | |
| 9AM - 9:30AM | Mother of Perpetual Help Novena | Church |
| 7:00PM | Bible Study | Ministry Center |
| Thursday, February 08, 2018 | | |
| 6:30PM | Youth Nights | Ministry Center |
| 8:00PM | Spanish Choir Practice | Church |
| Friday, February 09, 2018 | | |
| 9AM - 1PM | Eucharistic Adoration | Church |
| 7:00PM | Divine Mercy | Church |
| Saturday, February 10, 2018 | | |
| 5:00PM | Mass/ Life Night Confirmation | Church |
| Sunday, February 11, 2018 | | |
| 8AM - 2PM | Breakfast | Hall |
| 10:00AM | Religious Education Class | School |

MASS SCHEDULE

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| Saturday, February 03, 2018 | | |
| 8:30 AM | Fr. Andrew | Jason Martinez: Special Intentions Barbara Ok Soon Min† Anna Jung Suk Moon† |
| 4:00 PM | Fr. Thai | Confessions |
| 5:00 PM | Fr. Thai | Patrick Yiu† Ramon Lai† |
| Sunday, February 04, 2018 | | |
| 7:30 AM | Fr. Thai | Peter Sing Nguyen† Anna Tran† |
| 9:00 AM | Fr. Dan | Yee See Lipsun† Natalia Osorio: Special Intentions |
| 10:45 AM | Fr. Ruiz | Ricardo Cortez† Evangelina Luna† |
| 12:30 PM | Fr. Thai | Yee See Lipsun† |
| Monday, February 05, 2018 | | |
| 8:30 AM | Fr. Thai | Evangelina Luna† |
| Tuesday, February 06, 2018 | | |
| 8:30 AM | Fr. Andrew | Sandra Martinez: Healing |
| Wednesday, February 07, 2018 | | |
| 8:30 AM | Fr. Dan | Yee See Lipsun† Restituta de la Cruz† |
| Thursday, February 08, 2018 | | |
| 8:30 AM | Fr. Dan | Armando & Edgar Martinez: Special Intentions |
| Friday, February 09, 2018 | | |
| 8:30 AM | Fr. Thai | Severina Pascua† Primo Cimatuf |
| Saturday, February 10, 2018 | | |
| 8:30 AM | Fr. Andrew | Marco Hernandez: Healing |
| 4:00 PM | Fr. Thai | Confessions |
| 5:00 PM | Fr. Thai | Patrick Yiu† Yee See Lipsun† |
| Sunday, February 11, 2018 | | |
| 7:30 AM | Fr. Thai | Peter Sing Nguyen† Anna Tran† Joseph Campanella† |
| 9:00 AM | Fr. Andrew | Lydia Osorio: Special Intentions |
| 10:45 AM | Fr. Thai | Ricardo Torres† Rafael Garcia Jr.† |
| 12:30 PM | Fr. Andrew | Sandra Mrtinez: Healing |

Please Pray for the Sick

Fr. Jeremiah O'Neill

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

Pray for the Dead

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| Yee See Lipsun | Edward Slanina |
| Lupe Dominguez | Joseph Campanella |
| Myrtle Small | Francisco Luevano |
| Mary A. Keefer | Anita Alderete |



Hello!

We have just experienced a severe flu season this winter. I have heard that many people were rushed to hospitals and emergency rooms or stayed at home for weeks. The flu makes us uncomfortable. Life becomes difficult, and we lack the concentration and momentum to carry out our daily tasks.

Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus heals Simon Peter's mother-in-law who has a fever. She could not work on her daily chores, and she remained on the bed. That must have been very frustrating. However, her condition changed when Jesus visited her home. As Jesus grasped her hands, she was healed. She could have said something like, "Thank you Jesus; you have healed me!" Instead, she got up and served them! In other words, she is truly healthy *only* when she serves the Lord and others.

Today's Gospel helps us see two important aspects: First, she allows Jesus to grasp her hands and heal her; and secondly, His love transforms her and gives her the strength to serve others.

Sometimes, because of our daily responsibilities and the challenges of every life, we forget to invite Jesus into our life. We are locked up by distractions, pleasures, pride, and many other self-centered indulgences. We gradually distance ourselves from the Sacred Scriptures, Sacraments, personal devotion, and other aspects of our faith. Eventually, we may find ourselves lacking spiritual wisdom.

The objective *truth* is that we need something and someone to help us orient in the present toward the future. This philosophy is not strange to us; it has happened to many people throughout the ages. We need to believe in someone or something as they move along this earthly journey and to motivate us to think and to grow. Otherwise, we will find life disappointing, empty, or pointless when we face difficult times.

Starting today, we should commit to refining our devotion to God who made us healthy and happy individuals. We can change places to live, work, our schools, and even our friends, but we must never allow ourselves to change God or erase Jesus out of our daily activities. The mother-in-law of Simon Peter probably searched for people and places that could heal her fever, but no one could do that for her until Our Lord Jesus grasped her hand.

In some ways, we have the symptoms of a fever as well! These symptoms include laziness, arrogance, stubbornness, division, jealousy, hatefulness, fear, and many others. Such symptoms can cause us to lose sight of, and stray away from, Jesus who is longing to heal our lives! We need to believe that we are blessed to have a benevolent Father who never leaves us alone. Despite others that may have abandoned us, our Father in heaven would never do that. He wants to grasp our hands to give us his strength and healing.

Flu makes us tired and makes it difficult to concentrate. When the flu symptoms are gone, we feel better, full of energy and ready to work. When Jesus holds our hands, we will be more able to perceive ourselves and others in positive matters. We want to serve; we want to do good things for others; we want to share! If we pray for humility, we will see in ourselves obstacles and excuses that prevent Jesus from touching our lives. If we want to be touched by Jesus, we need to participate in the life of the church, and in the Eucharist where Jesus touches and heals us with His Body and Blood.

God bless!

Fr. Thai

¡Hola!

Acabamos de experimentar una temporada de gripe severa este invierno. He oído que muchas personas fueron llevadas de urgencia a hospitales y salas de emergencia o se quedaron en casa por semanas. La gripe nos hace sentir incómodos. La vida se vuelve difícil, y nos falta la concentración y el impulso para llevar a cabo nuestras tareas diarias.

El Evangelio de hoy nos dice que Jesús sana a la suegra de Simón Pedro que tiene fiebre. No podía trabajar en sus quehaceres diarios, y se quedó en la cama. Eso debe haber sido muy frustrante. Sin embargo, cada condición cambió cuando Jesús visitó su hogar. Cuando Jesús tomó sus manos, ella fue sanada. Ella podría haber dicho algo como, "Gracias Jesús; ¡Me has sanado! En otras palabras, ella es la única que verdaderamente sirve.

El Evangelio de hoy nos ayuda a ver dos aspectos importantes: Primero, ella permite que Jesús la tome de las manos y la cure; y en segundo lugar, su amor transforma y le da fuerza para servir a los demás.

A veces, debido a nuestras responsabilidades diarias y los desafíos de cada vida, nos olvidamos de invitar a Jesús a nuestra vida. Estamos encerrados por las distracciones, los placeres, el orgullo y muchas otras indulgencias egocéntricas. Gradualmente nos distanciamos de las Sagradas Escrituras, los sacramentos, la devoción personal y otros aspectos de nuestra fe. Eventualmente, podemos encontrarnos sin sabiduría espiritual.

La verdad objetiva es que necesitamos algo y alguien que nos ayude. Esta filosofía no es extraña para nosotros; Le ha sucedido a muchas personas a través de las edades. Necesitamos pasar a este viaje terrenal y motivarnos a pensar y crecer. De lo contrario, encontraremos la vida decepcionante, vacía o sin sentido cuando nos enfrentemos a tiempos difíciles.

A partir de hoy, debemos comprometernos a refinar nuestra devoción a Dios que nos hizo individuos sanos y felices. Podemos cambiar lugares para vivir, trabajar, nuestras escuelas e incluso nuestros amigos, pero nunca debemos permitirnos cambiar. La suegra de Simón Pedro probablemente buscó personas y lugares que le curaran la fiebre, pero nadie podía hacer eso por nuestro Señor Jesús.

De alguna manera, ¡también tenemos los síntomas de la fiebre! Estos síntomas incluyen pereza, arrogancia, terquedad, división, celos, odio, miedo y muchos otros. Dichos síntomas pueden hacer que perdamos de vista y nos alejemos de Jesús que anhela nuestras vidas. Necesitamos creer que tenemos la bendición de tener un Padre benévolo que nunca nos deja en paz. A pesar de que no ha podido hacer eso. Él quiere captar nuestra fuerza y curación.

La gripe nos cansa y hace que sea difícil concentrarse. Cuando desaparecen los síntomas de la gripe, nos sentimos mejor, llenos de energía y listos para trabajar. Cuando nos tomamos de la mano, podremos percibirnos a nosotros mismos y a los demás en cuestiones positivas. Queremos servir; queremos hacer cosas por los demás; ¡queremos compartir! Si oramos por humildad, nos veremos en obstáculos y excusas que impiden que Jesús toque nuestras vidas. Si queremos ser tocados por Jesús, tenemos que participar en la iglesia y en la Eucaristía, donde Jesús nos toca y nos sana con Su Cuerpo y Sangre.

Dios los bendiga!

P. Thai