

St. Thomas More Church

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, February 5th 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

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 — If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).

Psalm — The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright (Psalm 112).

Second Reading — My message to you, says Paul, was not clever words of wisdom but the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

Gospel — You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world. In your good deeds your light shines before others, leading them to glorify God (Matthew 5:13-16).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday:	Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Cuando compartas tu pan con el hambriento, y sacies la necesidad del humillado, entonces brillará tu luz en las tinieblas (Isaías 58:7-10).

Salmo — El justo brilla como luz en las tinieblas (Salmo 112 [111]).

Segunda lectura — He anunciado a ustedes el misterio de Cristo crucificado, a fin de que la fe de ustedes dependa del poder de Dios y no de la sabiduría de los hombres (1 Corintios 2:1-5).

Evangelio — Que su luz brille ante los hombres, para que viendo sus buenas obras, den gloria a su Padre, que está en los Cielos (Mateo 5:13-16).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Gn 1:1-19; Sal 104 (103):1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mc 6:53-56
Martes:	Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Sal 8:4-9; Mc 7:1-13
Miércoles:	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Sal 104 (103):1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mc 7:14-23
Jueves:	Gn 2:18-25; Sal 128 (127):1-5; Mc 7:24-30
Viernes:	Gn 3:1-8; Sal 32 (31):1-2, 5-7; Mc 7:31-37
Sábado:	Gn 3:9-24; Sal 90 (89):2-6, 12-13; Mc 8:1-10
Domingo:	Sir 15:15-20; Sal 119 (118):1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

Collections for 1/29/17

5:00 PM	\$879.00
7:30 AM	\$769.00
9:00 AM	\$2,338.00
10:45 AM	\$744.00
12:30 PM	\$811.00
By mail/online	\$433.00
Bldg Fund	\$207.00
Altar Society	\$6.00
Total	\$6,187.00

Thank You

Gracias



Mission Circle

Bake Sale

New & Gently Used Sale

Sunday February 12, 2017

From 8:30 AM until 2:00 PM in the Parish Hall

Drop off Saturday February 11, 2017

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Parish Hall

The Missionary Sisters of St. Columban will be leaving their house here in Alhambra on Tuesday February 21, 2017, to be with their mother house and community in New York. St. Thomas More community is incredibly grateful for their mission that they have shared with us for the past 27 years. We are deeply thankful for their presence, friendships, faith, and mission! We will miss them, and pray that God’s Spirit will guide and protect them always.

The Sisters will be attending all Masses and deliver a brief farewell message to the community on the weekend of February 11-12. After each Mass, you are invited to the hall to express your appreciations and wishes to the Sisters.

Fr. Thai

Together In Mission

Next weekend, the Together in Mission – “Be The Light of Christ” annual appeal will launch. This is a great opportunity to put your love into action by making your pledges. We will hear about the importance of sharing our gifts with others. We are together in this mission of helping our fellow brothers and sisters, and we are all asked to share the light of Christ with others. Those of you who have made gifts in the past, should be receiving a special mailing from our Archdiocesan leaders asking you to renew your gift. Our goal this year is **\$34,800**. We are confident that each of you will prayerfully consider sharing the abundant gifts that God has shared with each of us.

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**.

Safeguard the Children

Reporting abuse is the right thing to do

Child abuse can happen anywhere, even in the home, and for families placed in this horrible situation, reporting abuse can be very difficult, but it is critical to do so in order to protect children. Adults must first act to stop the abuse by being alert to warning signs. If discovered, report abuse to the proper authorities.

For more information on how to report abuse, request a copy of the VIRTUS© article “When the Right Choice is Difficult” by emailing jvienna@la-archdiocese.org or calling (213) 637-7227.

**ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH
END OF THE MONTH FINANCIAL REPORT**

January 1 to January 31, 2017

Sundays' Collections & Donations	\$44,949.52
Paid Bills	\$45,162.55
Monies needed to pay bills	-\$213.03

Sunday Breakfast

Please join us in the hall for



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

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

Sponsored by the Youth Group

CURRENT EVENTS

Saturday, February 4, 2017		
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Confirmation Class	Hall (or MC)
Sunday, February 5, 2017		
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Sunday Breakfast	Hall
Monday, February 6, 2017		
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Legion of Mary	Ministry Center
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	RCIA Class	Ministry Center
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Youth Band Practice	Church
Tuesday, February 7, 2017		
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Our Lady of Wisdom Prayer Group	Church
6:45 PM - 8:15 PM	English Choir Practice	Church
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Grupo de Oración	Ministry Center
Wednesday, February 8, 2017		
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Bible Study	Ministry Center
Thursday, February 9, 2017		
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Mission Circle	Ministry Center
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Youth Nights	Ministry Center
8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Spanish Choir Practice	Church
Friday, February 10, 2017		
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
Saturday, February 11, 2017		
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Confirmation Class	Hall (or MC)
Sunday, February 12, 2017		
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Sunday Breakfast	Hall

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 04, 2017		
8:30 AM Fr. Thai	Christy, Eric, & The Landon Family	
4:00 PM Fr. Thai	Confessions	
5:00 PM Fr. Thai	Monica Monreal †	
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	Glicerio Sison †	
Monday, February 06, 2017		
8:30 AM Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM	
Tuesday, February 07, 2017		
8:30 AM Fr. Thai	Barbara Ok Soon Min †	
Wednesday, February 08, 2017		
8:30 AM Fr. Andrew	Eufrocino S. Tayco †	
Thursday, February 09, 2017		
8:30 AM Fr. Donovan	Parishioners of STM	
Friday, February 10, 2017		
8:30 AM Fr. Thai	Francisco Mendoza †	
Saturday, February 11, 2017		
8:30 AM Fr. Andrew	Camilo Libanan †	
4:00 PM Fr. Thai	Confessions	
5:00 PM Fr. Thai	Dr. Julio Cagungun Jr. †	
Sunday, February 12, 2017		
7:30 AM Fr. Andrew	Ignacio A. Yanez †	
9:00 AM Fr. Thai	Anna Tran †	
10:45 AM Fr. Ruiz	Animas Del Purgatorio †	
12:30 PM Fr. Thai	Sister Grace: Birthday & 40 Year Jubilee	

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 Aonian	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	Julieta Reta
Jessica Cerda	Maria T. Riley
Joan Cervantes	Armando & Maria Rivera
E Maria Endara	Luz Rodriguez
Malia Estrada	Ana Romo
F Ruth Fabela	Daniela Garcia de la Rosa
Pat Fernandez	Virginia Rosales
Tony Filosa	Alissa Roybal
G Mariano G.	Ruben Ruvacava
Jose Gonzalez	S Virginia Sanchez
Gavin Gutierrez	Uldarica Sison
H Memo Herrera	Dean Smith
Sally Herrera	Eddie Souza
I Selvia Inado	Dorian Suarez
J Darwin Jenkins	U Leticia Ureno
Gary Jones	V Jayden Velasco
L William Lievens	V Michael Velasco
James Lindgren	Raymond Villalobos
Yee See Lipsun	Ricardo & Felicidad Villegas
Eleanor Lopez	Theresa Mai Vu
Brother Martin Lorenzini	Therese Huyen-Duong Thi Vu
Bonnie Luna	W Jean Reyes Williams
Elvira Luna	Martha Willox
Rafael and Gerardo Luna	

Pray for the Dead

Larry Aguirre	Sam Duardo
Dr. Julio Cagungun Jr.	Gilbert Gallagos
Paul Chapman	Martin Hernandez
Kathleen Doody	Camilo Libanan



Hello!

Last Sunday, St. Thomas More School held an annual “School Open House” I walked through every single classroom and was very impressed by teachers and students’ preparations, works, creativities, imaginations, and more. In particular, the letters students addressed to their parents, President, family members, others, or faith, God, social events, history, science, and artworks. Those activities and preparations required tremendous time, energy, patience, and thoroughness from the students and teachers.

I went to the science exhibition room, there I was reminded of something that I took many years ago—the word photosynthesis. The word “*photosynthesis*” comes from the Greek words, *pho*, which means “light” and “*synthesis*” which means “putting together.” It is a process that green plants and some other organisms use light to produce foods from carbon dioxide and water.

Light is very important for human life, animals, and plants. No wonder why in today’s Gospel Jesus underscores its potential to the disciples. I am not sure if the disciples got what He meant, “the light of the word.” They were surrounded by Jews, pagans, the Roman Empire, and other political and religious ideologists. They were not fully equipped to deal with such surroundings. However, Jesus reminded them that God’s glory needs to shine through their missions.

Each baptized Catholic is empowered by The Light of Christ at baptism, confirmation, and other Sacraments. Thus, we carry The Light of Christ within us: the light of love, mercy, forgiveness, patience, courage, and commitment. Our light keeps burning and shining when we share it with others. In everyday life, we may encounter people that are experiencing darkness due to their past wounds, abandonment, hatred, suffering, jealousy, despair, laziness, or pride. The darkness of sin has kept them from seeing the light of hope and peace in Jesus.

A couple months ago, a young man shared with me a story that affected me. He told me that a week prior, while he was waiting at the bus stop to go to work, a lady approached him who he never met before. She started to talk to him about her husband being sick with cancer, and he could see the distress on her face! Then she wanted him to give her a hug, and he did. She felt better after talking to him. He told me that as he hugged her, he felt a kind of heaviness in his chest. He went to work and told his co-workers what he had gone through, and they suggested that he go to the chapel and pray. The man started his prayers by thanking God for allowing him to encounter the woman who shared her sad feelings. He started to feel something very strange within himself. He told me, “but in a great way and I tried to understand where such feeling came from.”

When God entrusts someone or something to us, He always accompanies us. That means we never journey alone, no matter how rough the road is ahead! Some people, because of their lives’ circumstances or moods, may not see the light of His companionship clearly. Thus, there are moments, stages, and events in life that blur people’s sights and leads them on the wrong path! They feel dismayed about the results or circumstances. That doesn’t mean they erase God from their minds. Yet, such moments are great opportunities for us to illumine our light; the light of courage, patience, hope, enthusiasm, forgiveness, presence, or active listening. Such light will shine through depths of any darkness in their hearts and minds.

In nature, the sunlight brings life and makes plants and organisms grow. We use light to shine our path and lead us to the right direction. Without light, life would be tedious and disoriented. His Light is presented to us in the Eucharist as we gather together on Sunday or every day. His Light leads us to experience peace, hope, and lasting happiness. We must be open to embracing His Light. No matter what others may think of us, Jesus says to us, “You are the light of the world!” It is an honor to hear such statement. With confidence, we shine His Light through others, our words and deeds.

God bless!

Fr. Thai Le

¡Hola!

El domingo pasado, la Escuela St. Thomas More, tuvo su anual "Escuela Abierta". Caminé por todas las salas de clases y quedé muy impresionado por los preparativos, trabajos, creatividades, imaginaciones y más. En particular, las cartas de los estudiantes que dirigieron a sus padres, Presidente, familiares, otros, de fe, Dios, eventos sociales, historia, ciencia y obras de arte. Esas actividades y preparativos requerían un tremendo tiempo, energía, paciencia y minuciosidad de parte de los estudiantes y maestros.

Fui a la sala de exposiciones de ciencia, allí me acordé de algo que estudie hace muchos años, la palabra fotosíntesis. La palabra " fotosíntesis " proviene de la palabra griegas pho, que significa "luz" y "síntesis", que significa "juntar". Es un proceso que las plantas verdes y algunos otros organismos usan luz para producir alimentos a partir de dióxido de carbono y agua.

La luz es muy importante para la vida humana, los animales y las plantas. No es de extrañar por qué en el Evangelio de hoy Jesús subraya su potencial para los discípulos. No estoy seguro si los discípulos entendieron lo que Él quiso decir, "la luz de la palabra". Estaban rodeados de judíos, paganos, el Imperio Romano y otros ideólogos políticos y religiosos. No estaban totalmente equipados para lidiar con ese entorno. Sin embargo, Jesús les recordó que la gloria de Dios debe brillar a través de sus misiones.

Cada católico bautizado es empoderado por la luz de Cristo en el bautismo, la confirmación y otros sacramentos. Así, llevamos La Luz de Cristo dentro de nosotros: la luz del amor, la misericordia, el perdón, la paciencia, el valor y el compromiso. Nuestra luz sigue ardiendo y brillando cuando la compartimos con otros. En la vida cotidiana, podemos encontrar gente que está sufriendo oscuridad debido a sus heridas pasadas, abandono, odio, sufrimiento, celos, desesperación, pereza o orgullo. La oscuridad del pecado les ha impedido ver la luz de la esperanza y la paz en Jesús.

Un par de meses atrás, un joven compartió conmigo una historia que me afectó. Él me dijo que una semana antes, mientras él estaba esperando en la parada de autobús para ir a trabajar, una señora se acercó a él que nunca había conocido antes. Empezó a hablarle de que su marido estaba enfermo de cáncer, ¡y podía ver la angustia en su rostro! Entonces ella quiso que él le diera un abrazo, y él lo hizo. Se sentía mejor después de hablar con él. Me dijo que mientras la abrazaba, sentía una especie de pesadez en su pecho. Fue a trabajar y le dijo a sus compañeros lo que había pasado, y ellos le sugirieron que fuera a la capilla y orara. El hombre comenzó sus oraciones agradeciendo a Dios por permitirle encontrar a la mujer que compartió sus sentimientos tristes. Empezó a sentir algo muy extraño dentro de sí mismo. Me dijo, "pero de gran manera traté de entender de dónde provino esa sensación".

Cuando Dios nos confía a alguien o algo, Él siempre nos acompaña. ¡Eso significa que nunca viajamos solos, no importa qué tan áspero el camino está por delante! Algunas personas, debido a las circunstancias o estados de ánimo de sus vidas, no pueden ver la luz de Su compañía claramente. Así, hay momentos, etapas y eventos en la vida que borran las miradas de la gente y los llevan por el camino equivocado. Se sienten consternados por los resultados o circunstancias. Eso no significa que borren a Dios por sus mentes. Sin embargo, estos momentos son grandes oportunidades para iluminar nuestra luz; La luz del coraje, la paciencia, la esperanza, el entusiasmo, el perdón, la presencia o la escucha activa. Tal luz brillará a través de las profundidades de cualquier oscuridad en sus corazones y mentes.

En la naturaleza, la luz del sol trae vida y hace crecer las plantas y los organismos. Utilizamos la luz para iluminar nuestro camino y llevarnos a la dirección correcta. Sin luz, la vida sería tediosa y desorientada. Su Luz nos es presentada en la Eucaristía cuando nos reunimos el domingo o todos los días. Su Luz nos lleva a tener la paz, la esperanza y la felicidad duradera. Debemos estar abiertos a abrazar Su Luz. No importa lo que otros puedan pensar de nosotros, Jesús nos dice: "¡Tú eres la luz del mundo!" Es un honor escuchar tal declaración. Con confianza, nosotros brillamos Su Luz a través de otros, nuestras palabras y hechos.

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai Le