

St. Thomas More Church

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Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time Sunday, February 11, 2018



EUCCHARISTIC 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 — The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

Psalm — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

Second Reading — Do everything for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

Gospel — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El leproso habitará solo, fuera del campamento (Levítico 13:1-2, 44-46).

Salmo — Tú eres mi refugio; me rodeas de cantos de liberación (Salmo 32 [31]).

Segunda lectura — Haz todo por la gloria de Dios; sean imitadores de Cristo (1 Corintios 10:31 — 11:1).

Evangelio — Jesús, después de haber curado a un hombre leproso, le pide que no se lo cuente a nadie (Marcos 1:40-45).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Stgo 1:1-11; Sal 119 (118):67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mc 8:11-13

Martes: Stgo 1:12-18; Sal 94 (93):12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mc 8:14-21

Miércoles: Jl 2:12-18; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Jueves: Dt 30:15-20; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 9:22-25

Viernes: Is 58:1-9a; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Sábado: Is 58:9b-14; Sal 86 (85):1-6; Lc 5:27-32

Domingo: Gn 9:8-15; Sal 25 (24):4-9; 1 Pe 3:18-22; Mc 1:12-15

Collections for 2/4/18

5:00 PM	\$1,354.00
7:30 AM	\$1,505.00
9:00 AM	\$2,278.00
10:45 AM	\$730.00
12:30 PM	\$1,240.00
By mail/online	\$873.00
Bldg Fund	\$356.00
Special Projects	\$135.00
Altar Society	\$222.00
Total	\$8,693.00
2nd Collection: Steubenville	\$911.00

Thank You!
Gracias!

Today is Together in Mission Commitment Sunday

Archbishop Gomez invites every Catholic to make their annual commitment to Together in Mission. Last year, 212 OF 2017 PARISH DONORS helped us raise \$37,429 and helped us to become one of the most generous parishes in the Archdiocese.

This year's theme of Let Us Love reminds us that our gifts to Together in Mission are an active demonstration of our faith and love for those in our Archdiocese who need our support. We invite all families, those who have given in the past, and those who have never made a gift to prayerfully consider to make a commitment to this year's campaign. Your gifts will go a long way to helping our parish reach our 2018 goal of \$30,688

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

We have found the Messiah



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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: _____

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." Mk 1:40-41

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Safeguard the Children

Commit to building family values and protecting vulnerable children

Children are exposed to many words, expressions, actions, and beliefs through their experiences. This is how they learn to become adults, and learn how to live in the world around them. Children turn to their parents for guidance. Strong family values modeled at home help children sustain their faith and teach them to live as children of God. Recommit to your families - listen to your children, model good behavior and virtue, and instruct them in faith. Pray to Mary for help, and ask her for guidance in raising your children as she did her Son. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article "Mother of Good Counsel Protect the Vulnerable" visit www.archla.org/protecting.

Sunday Breakfast

Join us for Breakfast in the Hall



Coffee and Donuts

Sponsored by The Proud Parents of STM 5th Grade Students

CURRENT EVENTS

Saturday, February 10, 2018		
5:00PM Mass/Life Night Confirmation	Church	
Sunday, February 11, 2018		
8:30AM -2PM Coffee & Donuts	Hall	
10AM Religious Education Class	School	
Monday, February 12, 2018		
9:30AM Legion of Mary		
7:00PM RCIA	Ministry Center	
7:00PM Youth Band Practice	Church	
Tuesday, February 13, 2018		
9AM - 9:30AM Our Lady of Wisdom Prayer Group	Church	
7:00PM Grief Support	Ministry Center	
7:45 English Choir Practice	Church	
Wednesday, February 14, 2018		
9AM - 9:30AM Mother of Perpetual Help Novena	Church	
7:00PM Bible Study	Ministry Center	
Thursday, February 15, 2018		
6:30PM Youth Nights	Ministry Center	
8:00PM Spanish Choir Practice	Church	
Friday, February 16, 2018		
9AM - 1PM Eucharistic Adoration	Church	
6:00PM Stations of the Cross	Church	
6:45PM Soup Supper	Hall	
Saturday, February 17, 2018 (President's Day Weekend)		
No Confirmation Class		
Sunday, February 18, 2018 (President's Day Weekend)		
No Breakfast		
No Religious Education Class		

MASS SCHEDULE

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. Dan	Peter Sing Nguyen† Anna Tran†
9:00 AM	Fr. Andrew	Joseph Campanella† Lydia Osorio: Special Intentions
10:45 AM	Fr. Thai	Ricardo Torres† Rafael Garcia Jr.†
12:30 PM	Fr. Andrew	Sandra Martinez: Healing
Monday, February 12, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Dan	Esther Rosas† Ignacio Yanez†
Tuesday, February 13, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Armando Martinez: Healing
Wednesday, February 14, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Domingo Cimatu†
12:00PM	Fr. Thai	Distribution of Ashes
7:00PM	Fr. Dan	Parishioners of STM
Thursday, February 15, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Dr. Maximo Perez†
Friday, February 16, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Myrtle Small†
Saturday, February 17, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Msgr. Robert McManus†
4:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Patrick Yiu† Carlos & Domitila Garcia†
Sunday, February 18, 2018		
7:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Peter Sing Nguyen† Anna Tran†
9:00 AM	Fr. Thai	Joseph Campanella† Maria E. Altamirano†
10:45 AM	Fr. Val	Rafael Garcia Sr.†
12:30 PM	Fr. Andrew	Kristine Anglim† Jesus Saldaña†

Please Pray for the Sick

Fr. Jeremiah O'Neill

A Mariano Aonan	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	George Kametani	Laura Rico
Gloria Cancio	Kimbra Fossen	Maria T. Riley
S. Cano	Theresa Kryszek	Domenic Rizzi
Burt Carranza	L Bill Lamb	Michael Angelo Rodriguez
Evelin Carranza	Bertha La Barreda	Mike Romano
Celia Carmona	Anfrea Leija	Ana Romo
Erik M. Casillas	William Lievens	Virginia Rosales
Blanca and Procoro Castañeda	James Lindgren	Alissa Roybal
Jessica Cerda	Eleanor Lopez	S Mason Saldaña
Joan Cervantes	Brother Martin Lorenzini	Francisco Sanchez
Mary Louise Cruz	Bonnie Luna	Virginia Sanchez
D Roger Davila	Elvira Luna	Dylan Silva
Julio Diaz	Rafael and Gerardo Luna	Sisi Shum
Luz Santos Dicioco	M Gilbert Madrid	Uldarica Sison
Jesus M. Dulay	Cely Magpantay	Eddie Souza
E Malia Estrada	Anna Maraldo	U Leticia Ureno
F Ruth Fabela	Salvador Maldonado	V Richard Valdes
Pat Fernandez	Edgardo Marin	Michael Velasco
Tony Filosa	Francis Meyer	Norma Villar
Louis Finochio	Jean Miceli	Ricardo & Felicidad Villegas
G Mariano G.	Tony Micelli	Therese Huyen-Duong
Lupe Galvan	James Montague	Thi Vu
Juan Garcia	Cheryl Morten	Theresa Mai Vu
Ramona Garcia	N Gloria Natividad	W Martha Willox
Daniela Garcia de la Rosa	Mario Nieto	Janny Wong
		Jennifer Wong



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



Hello!

Leprosy was a terrible disease at the time of Our Lord. Lepers were kept separated from family members and the general public. For those who were afflicted with this disease, life must have been physically and emotionally frustrating.

Today's Gospel tells us about a leper who approaches Jesus with the humble statement, "if you wish, you can make me clean." He did not come with anger or resentment, demanding Jesus to fix his problem. The leper could have said something like this, "Jesus! You are the Son of God, and you have healed many people. Heal me now. I deserve it." Even though he is afflicted with this terrible disease and all that he had to endure, he still placed God's will before his.

The story in today's Gospel is a great lesson that teaches us how to pray and live no matter what our condition is. Many times, we might pray for ourselves and others. We ask God to heal our problems or the problems that afflict our family and friends. For some people when God does not seem to answer their prayers, they stop praying and seek other ways to cope with their problems. They may lose their trust and faith in God – thinking 'there is no God in the universe.' God doesn't operate on our assumptions. No matter how hard we try, we cannot fully comprehend God's plans for us. But our faith in God can help us get through anything.

Prayer demonstrates that we still believe in God and His power to heal – to fix our problems. When we pray, we show our humility before God. Instead of asking for what we think we need, we should always pray, "your will, not my will." Of course, God is our Father who knows what is best for us and will grant us His blessings according to His will.

Today our parish begins the annual collection for "Together in Mission," and we are asked to help support others. For the past two years, our parish exceeded our goals. On behalf of those parishes and schools that received your financial support, I say with all my heart, "thank you!" There are eight parishes and more than sixty parish schools that can't support themselves financially. Your support through this annual collection allows the parishioners and students to have a place to worship God and learn about Jesus and the teachings of the Catholic faith each day: This is a very profound contribution! This annual collection allows us to show our generosity and blessings for future Catholic generations.

There is no disease worse than cutting off our relationship with God. The leper in today's Gospel did not allow social norms and perceptions to distance him from Jesus. He found his way to Jesus despite his difficulties. The leper knew the real disease was distancing himself from God. Thus, he made every effort to ask Jesus for healing according to His will.

In this sense, we may have some terrible disease that prevents us from approaching Jesus in the Eucharist. We do not want Jesus to touch our soul in the form of bread and wine. Similarly, diseases such as arrogance and believing we can live this life without His presence can keep us from seeking Jesus. There may be many other diseases that we hold in our mind. We must seek and ask for Jesus' touch, so the power of His love will heal our wounds, bad habits, and sins that blind our sight.

God bless!

Fr. Thai

¡Hola!

La lepra era una enfermedad terrible en ese momento o nuestro Señor. Los leprosos se mantuvieron separados de los miembros de la familia y el público en general. Para aquellos que sufrieron esta enfermedad, la vida debe haber sido física y emocionalmente frustrante.

El Evangelio de hoy nos habla de un leproso que se acerca a Jesús con una declaración humilde: "Si lo deseas, puedes hacerme limpio". No vino con enojo o resentimiento. El leproso podría haber dicho algo como esto, "¡Jesús! Tú eres el Hijo de Dios, y has sanado a muchas personas. Cúrame ahora. Me lo merezco ". A pesar de que está afligido por esta terrible enfermedad y todo lo que tuvo que soportar, aún colocó la voluntad de Dios antes que la suya.

La historia en el Evangelio de hoy es una gran lección que nos enseña a orar y vivir. Muchas veces, podemos orar por nosotros mismos y por otros. Le pedimos a Dios que sane nuestros problemas o que aflija a nuestra familia y amigos. Para algunas personas cuando Dios no parece responder a sus oraciones, dejan de orar y buscan otras formas de lidiar con sus problemas. Pueden perder su confianza y fe en Dios, pensando que 'no hay Dios en el universo'. No importa cuánto lo intentemos, no podemos comprender completamente los planes de Dios para nosotros. Pero nuestra fe en Dios puede ayudarnos a superar cualquier cosa.

La oración demuestra que todavía creemos en Dios y Su poder para sanar, para arreglar nuestros problemas. Cuando oramos, mostramos nuestra humildad ante Dios. En lugar de pedir lo que necesitamos, siempre debemos orar, "¿qué vas a hacer?" Por supuesto, Dios es nuestro Padre, que sabe lo que es mejor para nosotros y nos concederá Sus bendiciones de acuerdo con Su voluntad.

Hoy nuestra parroquia comienza con la colección anual de "Juntos en Misión", y hemos pedido ayuda a otros. Durante los últimos dos años, nuestra parroquia superó nuestras metas. Creo que eso es lo que tengo que decir ". Muchas gracias ". Muchas gracias ". ¡Esta es una contribución muy profunda a la fe católica del día! Es una gran oportunidad para que aprendamos sobre la Palabra de Dios. Esta colección anual nos permite mostrar generosidad y bendiciones para futuras generaciones católicas.

No hay peor enfermedad que cortar nuestra relación con Dios. El leproso en el Evangelio de hoy no permitió que las normas sociales y las percepciones lo alejaran de Jesús. Encontró el camino a Jesús a pesar de sus dificultades. El leproso sabía que la verdadera enfermedad era distanciarse de Dios. Por lo tanto, hizo todo lo posible para pedirle a Jesús que sanara de acuerdo con su voluntad.

En este sentido, podemos tener una terrible enfermedad que nos impide acercarnos a Jesús en la Eucaristía. No queremos ir al restaurante. Como, tal enfermedad, como la arrogancia y creer que podemos vivir en esta vida sin su presencia, puede evitar que busquemos a Jesús. Puede haber muchas otras enfermedades que tenemos en mente. Debemos buscar y pedir el toque de Jesús, para que el poder de su amor cure nuestras heridas, malos hábitos y pecados que ceguen nuestra vista.

Dios los bendiga!

P. Thai