

St. Thomas More Church

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, February 12th 2017



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 — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

Psalm — Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

Gospel — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1

Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Dios nos permite tomar decisiones, pero no debemos optar por la injusticia o el pecado (Sirácide 15:16-21).

Salmo — Dichosos los que caminan en la voluntad del Señor (Salmo 119 [118]).

Segunda lectura — La sabiduría de Dios es misteriosa y escondida (1 Corintios 2:6-10).

Evangelio — Jesús no ha venido a abolir la ley ni los profetas, sino a darles plenitud (Mateo 5:17-37).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Sal 50 (49):1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mc 8:11-13

Martes: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Sal 29 (28):1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mc 8:14-21

Miércoles: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Sal 116 (116):12-15, 18-19; Mc 8:22-26

Jueves: Gn 9:1-13; Sal 102 (101):16-21, 29, 22-23; Mc 8:27-33

Viernes: Gn 11:1-9; Sal 33 (32):10-15; Mc 8:34 — 9:1

Sábado: Heb 11:1-7; Sal 145 (144):2-5, 10-11; Mc 9:2-13

Domingo: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Collections for 2/5/17

5:00 PM	\$986.00
7:30 AM	\$955.00
9:00 AM	\$2,000.00
10:45 AM	\$650.00
12:30 PM	\$1,158.00
By mail/online	\$698.00
Bldg Fund	\$350.00
Altar Society	\$267.00
Special Projects	\$130.00
Total	\$7,194.00

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

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Together In Mission
Commitment Weeked**

This weekend is Commitment weekend. Before you leave, please pick up the special flyer next to the bulletin and open your hearts to those in need.

“When you give to Together in Mission, you are bringing Christ’s light – the signs of his love and his tender mercy – into the lives of our brothers and sisters who are hurting, who are broken, who are in need of healing. So I hope you will join me this year in supporting our campaign.”

Most Reverend Jose H. Gomez
Archbishop of Los Angeles

The Missionary Sisters of St. Columban will be leaving their house here in Alhambra to be with their mother convent 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

**Happy "We Believe in Marriage Day"
from Engaged Encounter!!!**

The 2nd Sunday of February is officially WORLD MARRIAGE DAY and a day to celebrate your marriage! Take today to reflect on how you can help engaged couples prepare for the awesome vocation of marriage. Whether you've been married 2 months or 40+ years, Catholic Engaged Encounter needs your help. Catholic Engaged Encounter provides free training based upon your busy lifestyle.

- Call Sam & Paula Hopper @ (661)272-1124 – we'd love to talk with you –
- Visit our website at www.CEEofLA.org or
- Email us at spjjahop@aol.com



**St. Stephen Martyrs Church's
Food Bank**

Please Help Stock the Food Bank

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| Tuna | Chicken |
| Roast Beef | Beef Stew |
| Ham | Rice, Beans |
| Mayonnaise, Mustard | Spaghetti |
| Mashed Potatoes | Pasta Sauce |
| Cheese | Macaroni & Cheese |
| Canned Soups | Salt, Pepper |
| Instant Coffee | Tea, Sugar, Flour |
| Canned Tomatoes | Top Ramen |
| Canned Vegetables | Bread, Crackers |
| Canned Fruit | Peanut Butter |
| Cereal | Jam or Jelly |
| Oatmeal | Ham & Cracker Packs |
| Cooking Oil | Shampoo / Conditioner |
| Toothbrushes / Toothpaste | Dish Soap / Hand Soap |

Sunday Breakfast

Please join us in the hall for



Pozole, Coffee and Donuts

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

Sponsored by Divine Mercy

CURRENT EVENTS

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	
Monday, February 13, 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 14, 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	Grief Support	Ministry Center	
Wednesday, February 15, 2017			
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Bible Study	Ministry Center	
Thursday, February 16, 2017			
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Youth Nights	Ministry Center	
8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Spanish Choir Practice	Church	
Friday, February 17, 2017			
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church	
Saturday, February 18, 2017			
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Confirmation Class	Hall (or MC)	
Sunday, February 19, 2017			
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Sunday Breakfast	Hall	

MASS SCHEDULE

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
Monday, February 13, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Jane Camodag †
Tuesday, February 14, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
Wednesday, February 15, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Hope Leunis - Birthday
Thursday, February 16, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Hector Ortega Jr. †
Friday, February 17, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Donald Camodag - Birthday
Saturday, February 18, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Frank Nagatani †
4:00 PM	Fr. O'Neill	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. O'Neill	Maria & Lino Altamirano †
Sunday, February 19, 2017		
7:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Thomas Cometa †
9:00 AM	Fr. Thai	Concepcion Ortega †
10:45 AM	Fr. Ruiz	Dominga Mondragon - Birthday
12:30 PM	Fr. Andrew	Donato Camodag †

Please Pray for the Sick

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
Anthony Bernal	James Montague
Patricia Bernal	Artemio Moralda
Fr. Jim Boyd	Caridad Muro
Steven Brown	N Carey Nakayama
Tod and Rose Marie Brown	Huy Nguyen
Ida Bustos	Mario Nieto
C Agnes Caballero	Michael Nolasco
Jessica Cabrera	P Tony Pagliotti
Rita Campanella	Sharon Palmiter
Tony Camperi	Arpie Pezeshkian
Mary Campitiello	R Dolores Ramirez
Gloria Cancio	Ramon Ramos
S. Cano	Julieta Reta
Blanca and Procoro Castañeda	Maria T. Riley
Jessica Cerda	Socorro Rios
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	S Dorian Suarez
J Darwin Jenkins	U Leticia Ureno
Dennis James Johnson	V Michael Velasco
Gary Jones	Raymond Villalobos
L William Lievense	Ricardo & Felicidad Villegas
James Lindgren	Hunter Vindell
Yee See Lipsun	Theresa Mai Vu
Eleanor Lopez	Therese Huyen-Duong Thi Vu
Brother Martin Lorenzini	W Jean Reyes Williams
Bonnie Luna	Martha Willox
Elvira Luna	
Rafael and Gerardo Luna	

Pray for the Dead

Larry Aguirre	Sam Duardo
Dr. Julio Cagungun Jr.	Gilbert Gallegos
Paul Chapman	Camilo Libanan
Kathleen Doody	Evangelina Luna



Hello!

Every year on February 14th, many people around the world celebrate St. Valentine's Day. The legend tells that Saint Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. During that time, Emperor Claudius II banned marriages for young men, believing that unmarried soldiers would fulfill their duties and missions more effectively than those who were married!

Valentine realized this was an unfair mandate and disobeyed Claudius. Valentine continued to celebrate marriage rites for young lovers in secret. Eventually, these celebrations were discovered, and Claudius ordered Valentine to be killed. Marriage is a beautiful sacrament that unites a man and a woman together in one flesh; this union was established by God. It is a beautiful and sacred commitment: No wonder why many young people throughout the ages celebrate this union.

All readings today depict the notions of faithfulness and commitment, both to God and others. That is, whatever vocation we are living, we are called to be faithful. It could be a married, religious, or celibate life. For those who are married, today's readings remind us of the vows and the promises you exchanged on the day of your wedding; *"in sickness and in health, I will love you and commit to you for the rest of my life!"* When your spouse was twenty, you said "Yes." Now your spouse is seventy-five and perhaps not in the best of health, you still say "Yes!" In the Gospel, we read: "let your yes mean yes and your no mean no."

I knew a man who was a chief financial officer of a big and prestigious corporation. He was highly respected among his co-workers. Unfortunately, his wife was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. Most of the time she stayed in her room, and he had to assist her with almost everything. One day he came to work and announced that he would leave his job so he could stay at home and care for his wife. Everyone was shocked when they heard the news. They told him that they could find a full-time nurse who could care for her so he can continue his work. Others insisted, "Your wife doesn't even know who you are." The man politely responded, "Yes. She doesn't know who I am, but I know who she is. I made a commitment with her thirty-six years ago, and I will continue to keep it..." This man lived up to his "yes" mean "yes" commitment by remaining faithful to his words and promises. I really admired him for placing others before his own pleasure, convenience, and freedom. This has made him a happy person.

Married couples do fine when things go smooth or as planned. Yet this is not always the case when they get older, weaker, or sick. These are the greatest test for all married couples: Your commitment, love, and compassion. We need to remind ourselves that no one stays young, healthy, or twenty-two forever! You are not married to a concept of physical well-being: You are married to a human being.

Good people shine through unplanned circumstances. Good pilots don't put on a parachute and jump out of the plane when things get rough. Good pilots navigate through bad weather, turbulence, malfunctions, and any other problems. They train to know how to resolve problems, and they don't blame others. They do not abandon their passengers when things do not turn out as planned. They accept their responsibility and make sure to improve their skills each day. In like fashion, our faith and commitment to one another and God are constantly tested through life's turbulences. But if we remain faithful and committed, His wisdom will reward our steadfast behaviors.

Life works because of our commitments and responsibilities to God, His commandments, and to our fellow humans. God knows we struggle many times during life to live up to our "Yes" to Him and our "Yes" to others. He also knows we try each day to keep our promises. Pilots are not hired to be heroes, they are hired to be committed. God doesn't call us to be great but to be faithful. He will never leave us along on our journey. His grace and strength in the Sacraments will help us to remain faithful to our vows and promises to His sons and daughter forever!

God bless!

Fr. Thai Le

¡Hola!

Cada año, el 14 de febrero, muchas personas en todo el mundo celebran el Día de San Valentín. La leyenda cuenta que San Valentín fue un sacerdote que sirvió durante el siglo tercero en Roma. ¡Durante ese tiempo, el emperador Claudio II prohibió los matrimonios para los hombres jóvenes, creyendo que los soldados solteros cumplirían sus deberes y misiones más efectivamente si no estaban casados!

Valentín comprendió que era un mandato injusto y desobedeció a Claudio. Valentín continuó celebrando los ritos matrimoniales para los amantes jóvenes en secreto. Eventualmente, estas celebraciones fueron descubiertas, y Claudio ordenó a Valentín ser asesinado. El matrimonio es un hermoso sacramento que une a un hombre ya una mujer juntos en una sola carne; Esta unión fue establecida por Dios. Es un compromiso hermoso y sagrado: No es de extrañar por qué muchos jóvenes a lo largo de las edades celebran esta unión.

Todas las lecturas de hoy representan las nociones de fidelidad y compromiso, tanto para Dios como para los demás. Es decir, cualquier vocación que estamos viviendo, estamos llamados a ser fieles. Podría ser una vida casada, religiosa o célibe. Para los que están casados, las lecturas de hoy nos recuerdan los votos y las promesas que intercambiaron el día de su boda; " ¡En la enfermedad y en la salud, te amaré y me comprometo a ti por el resto de mi vida!" Cuando su cónyuge tenía veinte años, usted dijo "Sí". Ahora su cónyuge tiene setenta y cinco y tal vez no en la mejor de la salud, usted todavía dice "¡Sí!" En el Evangelio, leemos: "que tu sí significa sí y tú no significa no".

Conocía a un hombre que era director financiero de una gran y prestigiosa corporación. Era muy respetado entre sus compañeros de trabajo. Desafortunadamente, su esposa fue diagnosticada con la enfermedad de Alzheimer. La mayor parte del tiempo ella permanecía en su habitación, y él tenía que ayudarla con casi todo. Un día vino a trabajar y anunció que dejaría su trabajo para poder quedarse en casa y cuidar de su esposa. Todo el mundo se sorprendió al oír las noticias. Le dijeron que el podían encontrar a una enfermera de tiempo completo que pudiera cuidarla para que pudiera continuar su trabajo. Otros insistieron, "Tu esposa ni siquiera sabe quién eres." El hombre respondió cortésmente, "Sí. No sabe quién soy, pero yo sé quién es ella. Hice un compromiso con ella treinta y seis años atrás, y seguiré manteniéndolo ... "Este hombre estuvo a la altura de su" sí "significa" sí "compromiso por permanecer fiel a sus palabras y promesas. Realmente admiré que está poniendo a otros ante su propio placer, comodidad y libertad. Esto lo ha convertido en una persona feliz.

Las parejas casadas hacen bien cuando las cosas van bien o como estaba planeado. Sin embargo, no siempre es así cuando se hacen mayores, más débiles o enfermos. Estas son las pruebas más grandes para todas las parejas casadas: Su compromiso, amor y compasión. ¡Tenemos que recordarnos que nadie se queda joven, sano, o veintidós para siempre! No estás casado con un concepto de bienestar físico: estás casado con un ser humano.

Las personas buenas brillan a través de circunstancias imprevistas. Los buenos pilotos no ponen un paracaídas y saltan del avión cuando las cosas se ponen difíciles. Los buenos pilotos navegan a través de mal tiempo, turbulencia, mal funcionamiento, y cualquier otro problema. Ellos entrenan para saber cómo resolver problemas, y no culpan a otros. No abandonan a sus pasajeros cuando las cosas no salen como están planeados. Ellos aceptan su responsabilidad y asegurarse de mejorar sus habilidades cada día. De la misma manera, nuestra fe y compromiso entre nosotros y con Dios son constantemente probados a través de las turbulencias de la vida. Pero si permanecemos fieles y comprometidos, Su sabiduría recompensará nuestros constantes comportamientos.

La vida funciona a causa de nuestros compromisos y responsabilidades con Dios, Sus mandamientos y con nuestros semejantes. Dios sabe que luchamos muchas veces durante la vida para estar a la altura de nuestro "Sí" a Él y nuestro "Sí" a los demás. También sabe que intentamos cada día cumplir nuestras promesas. Los pilotos no son contratados para ser héroes, son contratados para ser cometidos. Dios no nos llama a ser grandes, sino a ser fieles. Él nunca nos dejará en nuestro viaje. ¡Su gracia y fuerza en los Sacramentos nos ayudarán a permanecer fieles a nuestros votos y promesas a Sus hijos e hija para siempre!

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai Le