

St. Thomas More Church

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First Sunday of Lent Sunday, February 18, 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 — God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood (Genesis 9:8-15).

Psalm — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

Gospel — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:12-15).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Dios estableció una alianza con Noé y sus hijos y les prometió que nunca más habría un diluvio devastador (Génesis 9:8-15).

Salmo — Tus sendas, Señor, son misericordia y lealtad, para los que guardan tu alianza (Salmo 25 [24]).

Segunda lectura — Aquella agua representaba el bautismo que ahora nos salva (1 Pedro 3:18-22).

Evangelio — Después de los cuarenta días en el desierto, Jesús viene a Galilea proclamando el Evangelio de Dios (Marcos 1:12-15).

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

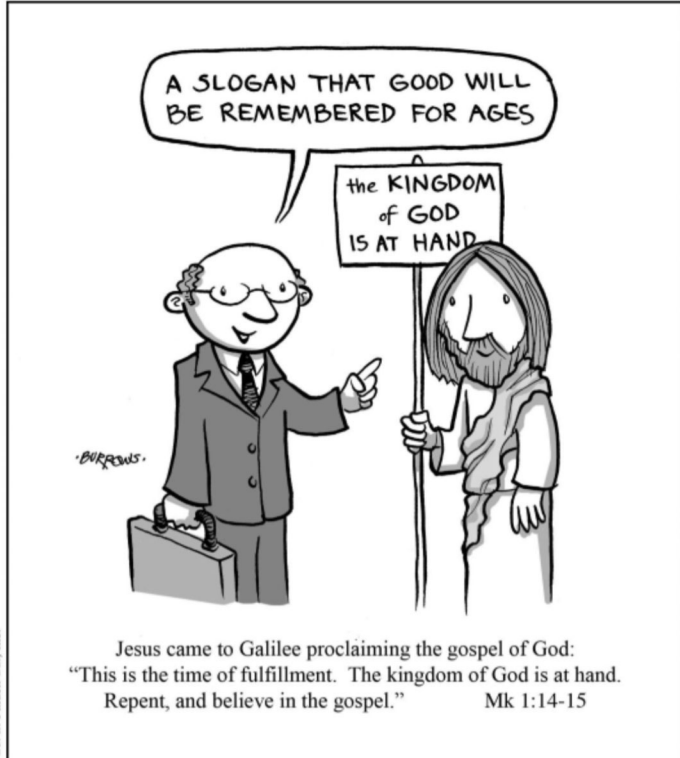
Collections for 2/11/18

5:00 PM	\$917.00
7:30 AM	\$1,067.00
9:00 AM	\$1,406.00
10:45 AM	\$361.00
12:30 PM	\$669.00
By mail/online	\$491.00
Bldg Fund	\$781.00
Ash Wednesday	\$57.00
Altar Society	\$16.00
Total	\$5,765.00

Thank You!
Gracias!

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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Together in Mission

Last weekend, Archbishop Gomez invited all Catholics to make their annual commitment to the 2018 **Together in Mission** Appeal. This year, our parish has been asked to raise **\$30,688**. If you and your family have not had the opportunity to make your pledge, please complete a pledge envelope found in the pews, or make your pledge online by visiting **archla.org/give**. Your gifts to Together in Mission ensure that every Catholic living in the Archdiocese has a parish to celebrate their faith and access to a Catholic school education. You are living your faith through your actions when you support Together in Mission.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Breakfast at Applebee's Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Where? Alhambra Applebee's at Main & Garfield
When? Saturday, February 24 from 8 am to 10 am

Come join the Knights of Columbus and the St. Thomas More community as we raise funds and awareness supporting the Rancho San Antonio Boys Home in Chatsworth.

Tickets are only \$10 and include a full breakfast of eggs, sausage, pancakes and juice or coffee served by the Knights.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Mike Stauffer at 310-916-8419.



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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

Presidents' Day Weekend



No Breakfast this Sunday

Please Join Us Next Sunday

CURRENT EVENTS

Saturday, February 17, 2018		
6:00PM	No Confirmation Class	Church
Sunday, February 18, 2018		
	No Breakfast	
	No Religious Education Class	
Monday, February 19, 2018 —Presidents' Day: Rectory Closed—		
9:30AM	Legion of Mary	Ministry Center
7:00PM	RCAIA	Ministry Center
	No Youth Band Practice	
Tuesday, February 20, 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 21, 2018		
9AM - 9:30AM	Mother of Perpetual Help Novena	Church
7:00PM	Bible Study	Ministry Center
7:00PM	Youth Band Practice	Church
Thursday, February 22, 2018		
6:30PM	Youth Nights	Ministry Center
8:00PM	Spanish Choir Practice	Church
Friday, February 23, 2018		
9AM - 1PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
6:00PM	Stations of the Cross	Church
6:45PM	Soup Supper	Hall
Saturday, February 24, 2018		
6:00PM	Confirmation Class	Church
Sunday, February 25, 2018		
8AM - 2PM	Breakfast	Hall
10:00AM	Religious Education Class	School

MASS SCHEDULE

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.† Francine Ramirez †
12:30 PM	Fr. Andrew	Kristine Anglim† Jesus Saldaña†
Monday, February 19, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Frank Nagatani†
Tuesday, February 20, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	John Baptist Bao Hoang†
Wednesday, February 21, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Restituta De La Cruz† Martha Tuong Vu†
Thursday, February 22, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Pureza Aguirre† Joseph Ramirez†
Friday, February 23, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Socorro Rios†
Saturday, February 24, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Parishioners of St. Thomas More
4:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Patrick Yiu† Manuel Cruz(Special Inten-
Sunday, February 25, 2018		
7:30 AM	Fr. Dan	Peter Sing Nguyen† Anna Tran†
9:00 AM	Fr. Andrew	Leonor Soto† George A. Murray†
10:45 AM	Fr. Thai	Panfila Acevedo† Juan Garcia(Healing)
12:30 PM	Fr. Andrew	Socorro Rios† Roberto Soriano†

Please Pray for the Sick

Fr. Jeremiah O'Neill

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

Pray for the Dead

Santos Mendiola	Mary A. Keefer
Yee See Lipsun	Edward Slanina
Lupe Dominguez	Joseph Campanella
Myrtle Small	George Kametani



Hello!

The 2018 Winter Olympics are happening now. I notice in the women's figure skating whenever an athlete completes her performance, she walks straight to a designated bench where she is greeted and comforted by her coaches and teammates. This is a great gesture of teamwork. It's also a support system that assures athletes that they are there to enrich each other.

A similar support system is resonated in today's Gospel reading. The difference is that Jesus goes into the desert *alone*, where he was tempted by the devil for forty days. This story serves as a practical reminder; temptation can happen to anyone, anytime, and anywhere. Since Jesus himself was tempted, alone in the desert for forty days, we know that no one, no time, and no place is exempt from the possibility of temptation. However, Jesus knew how to respond.

Temptation, directed by the devil, can come to us in various forms: Temptation can appear to be for good or to avoid bad. The devil's mission is to tempt us to *fail* and *separate* us from focusing on the goodness of God's presence in our daily lives. The devil tries to attract our minds and hearts to lead us to sin against God and His commandments. Sin weakens our confidence in God's power, and we eventually stop relying on Him.

In the wilderness, the devil spoke softly to a tired and weary Jesus to encourage him to give up on God and worship the devil. Temptation did not end there; it is still whispering in our ears today and with attractive, deductive, and logical reasoning. Naturally, within us arise a thought; a feeling of inferiority. We may think, "*I am not good enough or strong enough.*" We doubt our inner potential to resist temptation or our ability to do good things for others. As a result, we may give into temptation.

Life is a battle that is in front of us each day. We often hear people say that someone is "fighting for her/his life." To fight back and win over Satan, one needs to rely on God's Spirit just as Jesus used to defeat death and sin. We can overcome our temptations and trails if we ponder upon the Word of God. His Word is our support system; a guide and standard for life during our difficult trails - whenever and wherever we go.

Last Wednesday, faithful Catholics were marked with ashes reminding us of our mortality. We can't save ourselves. We need God's mercy! We need to pray because within us there are the needs that can't be filled on our own or by others. Our Earthly needs - food, drink, people, money, and things - can't satisfy us. Deep inside us, we are longing for something else; and thus, we must look to God. God is present in the faith-community, the Sacred Scriptures, and the Sacraments. Only in the context of the faithful community can we discover and rediscover our identities and strengthen our relationships with God and others.

During the Lenten period, let us do something: Pray! Pray with family members before meals and before going to bed at night. Pray within the community of faith. If we have not participated in the Eucharist for a while, make plans to do so. If we do not have a habit of reading the Bible, now is a great time to start; read just a few words each day and practice other devotions. God's voice will come to us through these practices, and His voice will guide us as we journey through life.

Support systems have been vital to everyone throughout the ages. Support systems benefit us only when we are humble, listen to, accept, and adopt the wisdom of God and others. When Jesus entered the desert, He was accompanied by the Spirit. He relied on the Spirit of God, and He overcame the power of temptation. That same Spirit is still with us this day. All we need to do is to pray and to listen to His guidance so we can make the right choices.

God bless!

Fr. Thai

¡Hola!

El 2018 Winter Olympics está sucediendo ahora. Observé en el patinaje artístico de mujeres cada vez que un atleta completa su actuación, camina directamente hacia un banco designado donde es recibida y consolada por sus entrenadores y compañeros de equipo. Este es un gran gesto de trabajo en equipo. También es un sistema de apoyo que asegura a los atletas que están allí para enriquecerse mutuamente.

Un sistema de apoyo similar resuena en la lectura del Evangelio de hoy. La diferencia es que Jesús va solo al desierto, donde fue tentado por el diablo durante cuarenta días. Esta historia sirve como un recordatorio práctico; la tentación puede sucederle a cualquiera, en cualquier momento y en cualquier lugar. Ya que el mismo Jesús fue tentado, solo en el desierto durante cuarenta días, sabemos que nadie, ni tiempo ni lugar están exentos de la posibilidad de la tentación. Sin embargo, Jesús sabía cómo responder.

La tentación, dirigida por el diablo, puede venir a nosotros en varias formas: la tentación puede parecer para bien o para evitar lo malo. La misión del diablo es tentarnos a fallar y separarnos de enfocarnos en la bondad de la presencia de Dios en nuestra vida diaria. El diablo trata de atraer nuestras mentes y corazones para conducirnos a pecar contra Dios y Sus mandamientos. El pecado debilita nuestra confianza en el poder de Dios, y finalmente dejamos de confiar en él.

En el desierto, el diablo le habló en voz baja a un Jesús cansado y cansado para alentarle a renunciar a Dios y adorar al diablo. La tentación no terminó ahí; todavía susurra en nuestros oídos hoy y con un razonamiento atractivo, deductivo y lógico. Naturalmente, dentro de nosotros surge un pensamiento; un sentimiento de inferioridad. Podemos pensar: "No soy lo suficientemente bueno o fuerte". Dudamos de nuestro potencial interno para resistir la tentación o nuestra capacidad de hacer cosas buenas por los demás. Como resultado, podemos ceder a la tentación.

La vida es una batalla que está frente a nosotros cada día. A menudo escuchamos a la gente decir que alguien está "peleando por su vida". Para defenderse y vencer a Satanás, uno debe confiar en el Espíritu de Dios tal como Jesús solía derrotar a la muerte y al pecado. Podemos vencer nuestras tentaciones y senderos si meditamos en la Palabra de Dios. Su Palabra es nuestro sistema de apoyo; una guía y un estándar para la vida durante nuestros senderos difíciles: cuando sea y donde sea que vayamos.

El miércoles pasado, fieles católicos fueron marcados con cenizas que nos recuerdan nuestra mortalidad. No podemos salvarnos a nosotros mismos. ¡Necesitamos la misericordia de Dios! Necesitamos orar porque dentro de nosotros existen las necesidades que no pueden ser cubiertas por nosotros mismos o por otros. Nuestras necesidades terrenales (comida, bebida, personas, dinero y cosas) no pueden satisfacernos. En lo profundo de nosotros, anhelamos algo más; y por lo tanto, debemos mirar a Dios. Dios está presente en la comunidad de fe, las Sagradas Escrituras y los sacramentos. Solo en el contexto de la comunidad fiel podemos descubrir y redescubrir nuestras identidades y fortalecer nuestras relaciones con Dios y con los demás.

Durante el período de Cuaresma, hagamos algo: ¡reza! Ore con los miembros de la familia antes de las comidas y antes de acostarse por la noche. Ore dentro de la comunidad de fe. Si no hemos participado en la Eucaristía por un tiempo, haga planes para hacerlo. Si no tenemos el hábito de leer la Biblia, ahora es un buen momento para comenzar; lea solo unas pocas palabras cada día y practique otras devociones. La voz de Dios vendrá a nosotros a través de estas prácticas, y su voz nos guiará mientras viajamos por la vida.

Los sistemas de soporte han sido vitales para todos a través de las edades. Los sistemas de apoyo nos benefician solo cuando somos humildes, escuchamos, aceptamos y adoptamos la sabiduría de Dios y de los demás. Cuando Jesús entró al desierto, fue acompañado por el Espíritu. Él confió en el Espíritu de Dios, y Él venció el poder de la tentación. Ese mismo Espíritu todavía está con nosotros este día. Todo lo que tenemos que hacer es orar y escuchar su guía para que podamos tomar las decisiones correctas.

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai