

# St. Thomas More Church

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*Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> 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

<b>Monday-Thursday</b>	9:00AM - 7:30PM	<i>Closed 1:00 - 2:00PM</i>
<b>Friday</b>	9:00AM - 7:00PM	<i>Closed 1:00 - 2:00PM</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00AM - 1:00PM	

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself. (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

**Psalm** — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

**Second Reading** — You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

**Gospel** — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Thursday:	Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50
Friday:	Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday:	Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday:	Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

## LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — No te vengues ni guardes rencor, ama a tu prójimo como a ti mismo (Levítico 19:1-2, 17-18).

**Salmo** — El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso (Salmo 103 [102]).

**Segunda lectura** — Tú eres templo de Dios y eres santo (1 Corintios 3:16-23).

**Evangelio** — No ofrezcas resistencia; ama a tus enemigos (Mateo 5:38-48).

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Sir 1:1-10; Sal 93 (92):1-2, 5; Mc 9:14-29
Martes:	Sir 2:1-11; Sal 37 (36):3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mc 9:30-37
Miércoles:	1 Pe 5:1-4; Sal 23 (22):1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Jueves:	Sir 5:1-8; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Mc 9:41-50
Viernes:	Sir 6:5-17; Sal 119 (118):12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mc 10:1-12
Sábado:	Sir 17:1-15; Sal 103 (102):13-18; Mc 10:13-16
Domingo:	Is 49:14-15; Sal 62 (61):2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

## Collections for 2/12/17

5:00 PM	\$1,070.00
7:30 AM	\$1,577.00
9:00 AM	\$1,434.00
10:45 AM	\$514.00
12:30 PM	\$973.00
By mail/online	\$989.00
Bldg Fund	\$753.00
Altar Society	\$31.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,341.00</b>

Thank You

Gracias



## Upcoming Lent Schedule

Wednesday, March 1—Ash Wednesday

- ◇ 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM
- ◇ Noon to 1:00 PM
- ◇ 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM: Bilingual

Stations of the Cross (Church)

Fridays, Starting March 3rd to April 7th

6:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Soup Supper (Hall)

Fridays after Stations of the Cross

6:45 PM to 8:00 PM



In honor of President's Day, the Rectory will be closed.

## Shine Brightly For Others

Today God calls upon each one of us to share our gifts with our brothers and sisters in Christ that are in need. Through **Together in Mission** we can share our mighty deeds and give healing and faith to the communities that simply would not be here without your support. Though our Church is large, our strength lies not in our numbers but in our compassion and ability to respond to the call for help. Every gift, regardless of the size, matters so long as we give what we can and answer the calling of our faith. For those of you that have already committed to a gift, I heart fully thank you. For those of you that have yet to make a gift this year, there is still time to participate in this vital appeal.

*Together we can make sure God's love and presence is felt by all - especially those in need. God bless you for your generosity.*

Most Reverend Jose H. Gomez  
Archbishop of Los Angeles



## Safeguard the Children



### Denial as a defense mechanism

It may be difficult to understand why an abuse victim does not come forward immediately to report an assault. For those who have suffered sexual assault or abuse, denial can be a powerful defense mechanism, one that allows them to cope with the trauma and its aftermath. Often, an abuser is someone the victim knows and trusts, which makes it even harder to understand why the abuse is happening, and harder to come forward and ask for help and protection.

For a copy of the VIRTUS© article "The Many Faces of Denial, Part 2" email: [jvienna@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:jvienna@la-archdiocese.org) or call (213) 637-7227.



## 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

*No breakfast this Sunday*



**Please join us next week**

**Thank you**

**CURRENT EVENTS**

**Saturday, February 18, 2017**  
**Sunday, February 19, 2017**  
**Monday, February 20, 2017 — President's Day: Rectory Closed**  
 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Legion of Mary Ministry Center  
 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Youth Band Practice Church  
**Tuesday, February 21, 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 22, 2017**  
 7:00 PM - 8:45 PM Bible Study Ministry Center  
**Thursday, February 23, 2017**  
 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Youth Nights Ministry Center  
 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM Spanish Choir Practice Church  
**Friday, February 24, 2017**  
 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration Church  
**Saturday, February 25, 2017**  
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Confirmation Class Hall or MC  
**Sunday, February 26, 2017**  
 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM Sunday Breakfast Hall

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**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 †  
**Monday, February 20, 2017**  
 8:30 AM Fr. Andrew John Baptist Hoang †  
 Eric Villafranca: Birthday  
**Tuesday, February 21, 2017**  
 8:30 AM Fr. Thai Fedirina Camodag † & Monica Morales †  
**Wednesday, February 22, 2017**  
 8:30 AM Fr. Andrew Dr. Julio Cagungun Jr. †  
**Thursday, February 23, 2017**  
 8:30 AM Fr. Donovan Msg. Robert McManus †  
**Friday, February 24, 2017**  
 8:30 AM Fr. Thai Missionary Sisters of St Columban:  
 Thanksgiving for blessings received  
**Saturday, February 25, 2017**  
 8:30 AM Fr. Andrew Lou Madrid † Roberta Martinez †  
 George Murray †  
 4:00 PM Fr. Thai Confessions  
 5:00 PM Fr. Thai Carlos † & Domitila Garcia †  
**Sunday, February 26, 2017**  
 7:30 AM Fr. O'Neill Roberto Soriano †  
 9:00 AM Fr. Andrew David Stauffer: Birthday  
 Joseph & Maria Oei: Special Intentions  
 10:45 AM Fr. Ruiz Santiago Aragon †  
 12:30 PM Fr. Thai Silvestra † & Francisco Ramos †,  
 Dolores Aguirre † & Amador Bolivar †

*Please Pray for the Sick*

Fr. Jeremiah O'Neill

<b>A</b> Dolores Alatorre	<b>L</b> Elvira Luna
Anita Alderete	Rafael and Gerardo Luna
Mary Helen Andrade	<b>M</b> Gilbert Madrid
Mariano Aoanan	Cely Magpantay
George Astacio	Alina Magrina
Rosa Astacio	Salvador Maldonado
<b>B</b> Patricia Balue	Anna Maraldo
Douglas Barquero	Edgardo Marin
Bertha La Barreda	Francis Meyer
Roy Barrientos	Jean Miceli
Anthony Bernal	John Miller
Patricia Bernal	James Montague
Andy Bouffard	Artemio Moralda
Louie Bouffard	Caridad Muro
Fr. Jim Boyd	<b>N</b> Carey Nakayama
Steven Brown	Huy Nguyen
Tod and Rose Marie Brown	Mario Nieto
Ida Bustos	Michael Nolasco
<b>C</b> Agnes Caballero	<b>P</b> Tony Pagliotti
Jessica Cabrera	Sharon Palmiter
Rita Campanella	Arpie Pezeshkian
Tony Camperi	<b>R</b> Dolores Ramirez
Mary Campitiello	Ramon Ramos
Gloria Cancio	Julieta Reta
S. Cano	Maria T. Riley
Blanca & Procoro Castañeda	Socorro Rios
Jessica Cerda	Armando & Maria Rivera
Joan Cervantes	Luz Rodriguez
<b>E</b> Maria Endara	Ana Romo
Malia Estrada	Daniela Garcia de la Rosa
<b>F</b> Ruth Fabela	Virginia Rosales
Pat Fernandez	Alissa Roybal
Tony Filosa	Ruben Ruvacava
<b>G</b> Mariano G.	<b>S</b> Virginia Sanchez
Jose Gonzalez	Uldarica Sison
Gavin Gutierrez	Dean Smith
<b>H</b> Memo Herrera	Eddie Souza
Sally Herrera	Dorian Suarez
<b>I</b> Selvia Inado	<b>U</b> Leticia Ureno
<b>J</b> Darwin Jenkins	<b>V</b> Michael Velasco
Dennis James Johnson	Raymond Villalobos
Gary Jones	Ricardo & Felicidad Villegas
<b>L</b> William Lievense	Hunter Vindell
James Lindgren	Theresa Mai Vu
Yee See Lipsun	Therese Huyen-Duong Thi Vu
Eleanor Lopez	<b>W</b> Jean Reyes Williams
Brother Martin Lorenzini	Martha Willox
Bonnie Luna	

*Pray for the Dead*

Larry Aguirre	Sam Duardo
Rebeca Borges	Camilo Lihanan
Dr. Julio Cagungun Jr.	Evangelina Luna
Kathleen Doody	Edward Sustaya



Hello!

There is a story about a monk who lived in a temple where he prayed and fasted every day. A man came every day and insulted the monk, but the monk just sat and prayed, ignoring the man's insults. One day a worshipper went by and asked the monk, "Why don't you react to that man who comes and insults you and why are not offended?" The monk responded, "If someone gives you a gift and you don't accept it, to whom does the gift belong to?"

Similarly, if you refuse to accept an insult, the negativity, anger, and hatred belong to that person!

Today's Gospel echoes the above story. Jesus teaches that "*turning the other cheek.*" It can be a challenging and confusing teaching to comprehend. According to the Jewish laws during the time of Our Lord, if someone insulted you publicly, you would sue that person in court. Jesus saw such personal interest, honor, and shame is not the way His disciples should act. He taught them a different method.

Now, if someone robs you while you are in the parking lot, you should not say to the person, "Sir, go to my house, and there you can rob my wife and children!" This is not the lesson Jesus intended to teach. It has nothing to do with self-defense. His teaching means not to seek *personal retaliation*. If someone humiliates or insults you publicly, you should not find some way to retaliate. In other words, we should overcome evil with good; that is what Jesus wants to underscore in today's Gospel. We can see when Jesus was mistreated, He did not revile in return. Instead, He washed their feet and died for all humanity.

In everyday life; at home, school, work, hospital, church, in public, or any other social setting, we will encounter people that are different from us. Some people, no matter what we do, cheer us up. For some, whatever we try, they bring us down. Others may want to see us fail. Indeed, sometimes we may have to face with people that like to provoke, condemn or insult us no matter how hard we try to improve. Yet, this is not new at all; it happened thousands of years ago while Jesus was preaching as well. But when such moments befall us, we should think of our Lord who gave us a very profound response.

His teachings, "*turning the other cheek,*" means we need to take the uncommon approach – a peaceful reaction. Seeking to retaliate against those who are different or insult us can lead us to be more vulnerable and insecure. We just can't carry our vulnerability and insecurity around. It is not a healthy personality and life. Such sentiments will make our life more miserable.

When facing people, we need to bring in the power of God's Spirit, not our flesh. With God's Grace, we can deal with people in gentle love, joy, patience, kindness, and faith. After all, God's Spirit activates our "self-control" and leads us to experience His presence and peace while facing those who insult us. His presence enables us to endure any uncomfortable situations or people.

Because the monk in the story was focusing on his prayers and fasting, he did not mind the insulter. When we are faced with problems, whether at home, at school, or elsewhere, we should not look to retaliate. Instead, we must seek God's wisdom and strength so we can extend His mercy and love to others.

God bless!

Fr. Thai

¡Hola!

Hay una historia sobre un monje que vivía en un templo donde rezaba y ayunaba todos los días. Un hombre venía todos los días e insultaba al monje, pero el monje se sentaba y rezaba, ignorando los insultos del hombre. Un día un fiel se acercó y le preguntó al monje: "¿Por qué no reaccionas ante ese hombre que viene y te insulta y por qué no te ofendes?" El monje respondió: "Si alguien te da un regalo y no aceptas ¿A quién pertenece el don? "

Del mismo modo, si usted se niega a aceptar un insulto, la negatividad, el enojo y el odio pertenecen a esa persona!

El Evangelio de hoy se hace eco de la historia anterior. Jesús enseña que "voltear la otra mejilla". Puede ser una enseñanza desafiante y confusa para comprender. De acuerdo con las leyes judías durante el tiempo de Nuestro Señor, si alguien te insulta públicamente, tú demandarías a esa persona en la corte. Jesús vio que el interés personal, el honor y la vergüenza no son la manera en que sus discípulos deben actuar. Les enseñó un método diferente.

Ahora, si alguien te roba mientras estás en el estacionamiento, no debes decirle a la persona: "Señor, ve a mi casa, y allí puedes robar a mi esposa ya mis hijos". Esta no es la lección que Jesús quiso enseñar. No tiene nada que ver con la autodefensa. Sus enseñanzas significan no buscar represalias personales. Si alguien te humilla o te insulta públicamente, no deberías encontrar alguna manera de tomar represalias. En otras palabras, debemos vencer el mal con el bien; Eso es lo que Jesús quiere subrayar en el Evangelio de hoy. Podemos ver cuando Jesús fue maltratado, Él no injuria a cambio. En cambio, Él lavó sus pies y murió por toda la humanidad.

En todos los días de la vida; En casa, en la escuela, en el trabajo, en el hospital, en la iglesia, en público o en cualquier otro entorno social, nos encontraremos con personas que son diferentes de nosotros. Algunas personas, no importa lo que hagamos, nos animan. Para algunos, lo que intentamos, nos llevan abajo. Otros pueden querer vernos fracasar. De hecho, a veces podemos tener que enfrentarnos con gente que nos gusta provocar, condenar o insultar sin importar lo mucho que tratamos de mejorar. Sin embargo, esto no es nuevo en absoluto; Sucedió hace miles de años, mientras Jesús estaba predicando también. Pero cuando tales momentos nos suceden, debemos pensar en nuestro Señor que nos dio una respuesta muy profunda.

Sus enseñanzas, "voltear la otra mejilla", significa que necesitamos tomar el enfoque poco común - una reacción pacífica. Buscar tomar represalias contra los que son diferentes o insultarnos puede llevarnos a ser más vulnerables e inseguros. Simplemente no podemos llevar nuestra vulnerabilidad e inseguridad alrededor. No es una personalidad o una vida sana. Tales sentimientos harán nuestra vida más miserable.

Cuando enfrentamos a la gente, necesitamos traer el poder del Espíritu de Dios, no nuestra carne. Con la Gracia de Dios, podemos tratar con la gente con amor amable, alegría, paciencia, bondad y fe. Después de todo, el Espíritu de Dios activa nuestro "autocontrol" y nos lleva a experimentar Su presencia y paz mientras enfrentamos a los que nos insultan. Su presencia nos permite soportar situaciones o personas incómodas.

Debido a que el monje de la historia se estaba concentrando en sus oraciones y ayunos, no le importaba el insulto. Cuando nos enfrentamos a problemas, ya sea en casa, en la escuela o en otro lugar, no debemos buscar represalias. En su lugar, debemos buscar la sabiduría y la fuerza de Dios para poder extender su misericordia y amor a los demás.

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai