

St. Thomas More Church

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Second Sunday of Lent Sunday, February 25, 2018

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS WEEKLY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil 5:00PM	Reconciliation Saturday: 4:00-4:45PM
Sunday 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 12:30PM 10:45AM <i>Spanish</i>	<i>English</i> Daily: Mon-Sat 8:30AM
Holy Day Masses 8:30AM, 7:00PM	

Please contact the Parish Office for arrangements regarding
Baptisms, Funerals, and Quinceañeras

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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 sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith
(Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

Psalm — I walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — God did not spare his own Son
(Romans 8:31b-34).

Gospel — This is my beloved Son (Mark 9:2-10).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25;
Jn 2:13-25

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El sacrificio de nuestro patriarca Abraham
(Génesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18).

Salmo — Caminaré en presencia del Señor, en el país de la vida
(Salmo 116 [115]).

Segunda lectura — Dios nos entregó a su propio Hijo
(Romanos 8: 31-34).

Evangelió — Este es mi Hijo amado (Marcos 9: 2-10).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Dn 9:4b-10; Sal 79 (78):8, 9, 11, 13; Lc 6:36-38
Martes: Is 1:10, 16-20; Sal 50 (49):8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
Mt 23:1-12
Miércoles: Jer 18:18-20; Sal 31 (30):5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Jueves: Jer 17:5-10; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 16:19-31
Viernes: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a;
Sal 105 (104):16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sábado: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 9-12;
Lc 15:1-3, 11-32
Domingo: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Sal 19 (18):8-11;
1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Collections for 2/18/18

5:00 PM	\$693.00
7:30 AM	\$811.00
9:00 AM	\$1,318.00
10:45 AM	\$813.00
12:30 PM	\$1,161.00
By mail/online	\$608.00
Bldg Fund	\$325.00
Ash Wednesday	\$1,490.00
Special Projects	\$175.00
Total	\$7,394.00

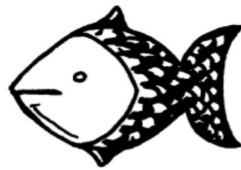
Thank You!
Gracias!

Stations of the Cross (Lent)

Every Friday 6:00pm Church

Lenten Soup

Every Friday 6:45 Hall



2018 Lenten Soup Supper

- February 16th – Choir
- February 23rd – Knights of Columbus
- March 2nd – STM School
- March 9th – Spanish Group
- March 16th – Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers
- March 23rd – Asian Ministry, Mission Circle

STM PENANCE SERVICES

SCHOOL PENANCE SERVICE
Tuesday, March 6, 2018 9:00 am

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE
Tuesday, March 13, 2018 6:30 pm



Rite of Reconciliation

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Safeguard the Children



Establishing boundaries

Helping children understand that they have the right to establish boundaries if anyone tries to hurt them or touch them in a way that makes them feel uncomfortable is an important, but sometimes difficult, task. Establishing boundaries around touch is integral to keeping kids safe. Having regular, open conversations about safety is one of the best ways to help keep kids safe. Remind children that their bodies are their own, encourage them to talk about their concerns and listen respectfully when they do. For more information from kidsmartz.org visit,

http://www.kidsmartz.org/~media/KidSmartz/ResourceDocuments/KidSmartz_Setting_Physical_Boundaries.pdf

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Mk 9:2-3

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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

Join us in the hall for



**Porto's Pastries,
Donuts & Coffee**

Sponsored by the Asian Ministry

CURRENT EVENTS

Saturday, February 24, 2018		
6:00PM Confirmation Class		Church
Sunday, February 25, 2018		
8:30AM -2PM Breakfast		Hall
10:00AM Religious Education Class		School
Monday, February 26, 2018		
9:30AM Legion of Mary		Ministry Center
7:00PM RCIA		Ministry Center
7:00PM No Youth Band Practice		Church
Tuesday, February 27, 2018		
9AM - 9:30AM Our Lady of Wisdom Prayer Group		Church
11:30AM Bingo		Hall
7:45PM English Choir Practice		Church
Wednesday, February 28, 2018		
9AM - 9:30AM Mother of Perpetual Help Novena		Church
7:00PM Bible Study		Ministry Center
Thursday, March 01, 2018		
6:30PM Youth Nights		Ministry Center
8:00PM Spanish Choir Practice		Church
Friday, March 02, 2018		
9AM - 1PM Eucharistic Adoration		Church
6:00PM Stations of the Cross		Church
6:45PM Soup Supper		Hall
Saturday, March 03, 2018		
6:00PM Confirmation Class		Church
Sunday, March 04, 2018		
8:30AM -2PM Breakfast,		Hall
10:00AM Religious Education Class		School

MASS SCHEDULE

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 Intentions
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†
Monday, February 26, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Isaiah Gutierrez† Roberto Soriano†
Tuesday, February 27, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Mary Cerda†
Wednesday, February 28, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Dan	Glicerio Sison†
Thursday, March 01, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Maria & Lino Altamirano†
Friday, March 02, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Carlos Macias† Fr. Thai Le & Family
Saturday, March 03, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Yee See Lipsun†
4:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Patrick Yiu† Yee See Lipsun†
Sunday, March 04, 2018		
7:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Peter Sing Nguyen† Anna Tran†
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10:45 AM	Fr. Donovan	Panfila Acevedo† Juan Garcia: Healing
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Please Pray for the Sick

Fr. Jeremiah O'Neill

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

Pray for the Dead

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



Hello!

In the opening words of today's First Reading, we learn that "God put Abraham to the test," to sacrifice his only son Isaac, and Abraham obeys God! We need to remind ourselves that God never wanted human sacrifices. Instead, this brutal demand was a test! Through this test, God called Abraham to surrender his needs and desires, and to have faith in Him. Abraham listened and followed God's direction, and God blessed Abraham with abundant gifts and children.

Often, our interpretation of the word "obey or obedience" carries negative connotations; to be controlled, forced, or submitting to others. These do not reflect the depth meaning in the Bible. The Biblical notion of "obey" is to listen, to hear, to learn.

This concept of "listening" is echoed in today's Gospel, "this is my beloved Son. Listen to him." God reveals Himself to us through His Son, Jesus Christ, who triumphed against death. Therefore, we must make every effort to listen and to hear His voice each day and apply His words in our daily activities.

Life is a series of choices that seem neverending. How should I act in this situation? Where should I send my children to school? Should I take this promotion and move out of state or wait? Should I marry this person? Should I give up? It's not easy to know which decisions are the right one. Perhaps we could follow the advice of others or refer to other resources for help with our choices.

A mistake that some people make is to become too focused on the situation when facing difficulties. While there is nothing wrong to observe and ponder what is going on around us, overly focusing on the negatives can shake our faith. That is, focusing on the negatives distracts us from hearing God's solutions. Abraham, in today's reading, did not question God or His instructions. Instead, Abraham listened and followed God's will! No wonder Abraham is called "the Father of faith."

When faced with a tough decision, we first seek out to God through prayer. We only need just to cry out words like, "My God, please help me!" That prayer is short but contains sincere faith coming from within. God will hear and respond. I know a man who travels for work each week, and always carries the Bible verse in his pocket that reads, "*But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him*" (Jeremiah 17:7). Whenever he faces challenging clients, he repeats those words. He told me "the words of God calm me down."

When Abraham was tested with a very difficult choice - to save his son or obey God - he chose to obey God. He surrendered and listened to God's Spirit that enabled him to follow God's will. God blessed Abraham for his faith. Like with Abraham, God will provide an answer if we surrender our spirit and ask Him to guide our path throughout life's crises. The Lenten period is a time to build a habit of prayer, trust, and humility. We are asked to participate in the Eucharist where we will experience the abundant blessings of God of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

God bless!

Fr. Thai

¡Hola!

En las primeras palabras de la Primera lectura de hoy, aprendemos que "Dios puso a prueba a Abraham", para sacrificar a su único hijo Isaac, ¡y Abraham obedece a Dios! Necesitamos recordarnos a nosotros mismos que Dios nunca quiso sacrificios humanos. En cambio, ¡esta demanda brutal era una prueba! A través de esta prueba, Dios llamó a Abraham a rendir sus necesidades y deseos, y a tener fe en él. Abraham escuchó y siguió la dirección de Dios, y Dios bendijo a Abraham con abundantes regalos e hijos.

A menudo, nuestra interpretación de la palabra "obedecer u obedecer" conlleva connotaciones negativas; ser controlado, forzado o sometido a otros. Estos no reflejan el significado profundo de la Biblia. La noción Bíblica de "*obedecer*" es escuchar, escuchar, aprender.

Este concepto de "escuchar" se repite en el Evangelio de hoy, "este es mi Hijo amado". Escúchenlo ". Dios se nos revela a través de su Hijo, Jesucristo, que triunfó contra la muerte. Por lo tanto, debemos hacer todo lo posible para escuchar y escuchar su voz cada día y aplicar sus palabras en nuestras actividades diarias.

La vida es una serie de elecciones que parecen interminables. ¿Cómo debo actuar en esta situación? ¿A dónde debería enviar a mis hijos a la escuela? ¿Debería tomar esta promoción y mudarme fuera del estado o esperar? ¿Debería casarme con esta persona? ¿Debería rendirme? No es fácil saber qué decisiones son las correctas. Tal vez podríamos seguir los consejos de otros o referirnos a otros recursos para ayudarnos con nuestras elecciones.

Un error que algunas personas cometen es concentrarse demasiado en la situación cuando enfrentan dificultades. Si bien no hay nada de malo en observar y reflexionar sobre lo que está sucediendo a nuestro alrededor, centrarnos demasiado en los aspectos negativos puede sacudir nuestra fe. Es decir, enfocarse en lo negativo nos distrae de escuchar las soluciones de Dios. Abraham, en la lectura de hoy, no cuestionó a Dios ni a sus instrucciones. En cambio, Abraham escuchó y siguió la voluntad de Dios. No es de extrañar que Abraham sea llamado "el Padre de la fe".

Cuando nos enfrentamos a una decisión difícil, primero buscamos a Dios a través de la oración. Solo necesitamos decir cosas como: "¡Dios mío, ayúdame!". Esa oración es breve pero contiene una fe sincera que viene de adentro. Dios escuchará y responderá. Conozco a un hombre que viaja por trabajo cada semana, y siempre lleva el versículo de la Biblia en su bolsillo que dice: "*Pero bendito es el que confía en el Señor, cuya confianza está en él*" (Jeremías 17: 7). Cada vez que se enfrenta a clientes desafiantes, repite esas palabras. Él me dijo "las palabras de Dios me calman".

Cuando Abraham fue probado con una opción muy difícil: salvar a su hijo u obedecer a Dios, eligió obedecer a Dios. Se entregó y escuchó el Espíritu de Dios que le permitió seguir la voluntad de Dios. Dios bendijo a Abraham por su fe. Al igual que con Abraham, Dios dará una respuesta si entregamos nuestro espíritu y le pedimos que guíe nuestro camino a lo largo de la crisis de la vida. El período de Cuaresma es un tiempo para construir un hábito de oración, confianza y humildad. Se nos pide que participemos en la Eucaristía, donde experimentaremos las abundantes bendiciones de Dios del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo.

¡Dios bendiga!