

St. Thomas More Church

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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, February 26th 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 will never forget you (Isaiah 49:14-15)

Psalms — Rest in God alone, my soul (Psalm 62).

Second Reading — Make no judgments; the Lord will judge
(1 Corinthians 4:1-5).

Gospel — God feeds the bird and clothes the flowers. Do not be
anxious; God knows all your needs (Matthew 6:24-34).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31

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 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17;
Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Dios nunca te olvidará (Isaías 49:14-15)

Salmo — Descansa sólo en Dios, alma mía (Salmo 62 [61]).

Segunda lectura — No juzgues, sólo Dios juzgará
(1 Corintios 4:1-5).

Evangelio — Dios alimenta a las aves y viste a las flores. No
estés ansioso; Dios conoce todas tus necesidades
(Mateo 6:24-34).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Sir 17:20-24; Sal 32 (31):1-2, 5-7; Mc 10:17-27

Martes: Sir 35:1-12; Sal 50 (49):5-8, 14, 23; Mc 10:28-31

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 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Sal 51 (50):3-6, 12-13, 17;
Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

Collections for 2/19/17

5:00 PM	\$738.00
7:30 AM	\$798.00
9:00 AM	\$2,384.00
10:45 AM	\$409.00
12:30 PM	\$685.00
By mail/online	\$679.00
Bldg Fund	\$543.00
Special Projects	\$266.00
Total	\$6,502.00

Thank You

Gracias



Ash Wednesday

8:30 am Holy Mass—*English*
 12:00 noon *Distribution of Ashes*
 7:00pm Holy Mass—*Bilingual*

Community Lenten Penance Services

Thursday March 30 7:00pm Church

School Lenten Penance Services

Monday April 3 9:30am Church

Station of the Cross (Lent)

Every Friday 6:00pm Church

Lenten Soup

Every Friday 6:45 pm Hall



ALTAR SERVERS: THE LORD'S SERVICE

If you are in grade 4 and up, please consider being an altar server.

Servers serve one Sunday per month at the time of mass you and your family choose.

For training please leave a message with the parish secretary Lucia Alcantar at 626-284-8333 or

Email stm_secretary@live.com.

You will receive a call back to schedule a time for training in church. An altar server DVD is available for viewing at home with your family.

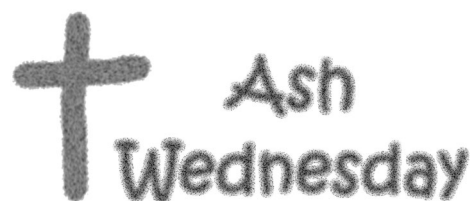
Please join our STM Altar Server Ministry.

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



March 1st services will be held at 8:30am, Noon, and 7:00pm.

Wednesday's Bible Study is canceled in observance of Ash Wednesday.

Sunday Breakfast

Please join us in the hall for



Donuts and Coffee

Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus

CURRENT EVENTS

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
Monday, February 27, 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 28, 2017		
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Our Lady of Wisdom Prayer Group	Church
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM	Bingo	Hall
6:45 PM - 8:15 PM	English Choir Practice	Church
Wednesday, March 1, 2017		
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Ash Services	Church
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Ash Services	Church
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Bilingual Ash Services	Church
Thursday, March 2, 2017		
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Youth Nights	Ministry Center
8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Spanish Choir Practice	Church
Friday, March 3, 2017		
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
6:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Stations of the Cross	Church
6:45 PM - 8:00 PM	Soup Super	Hall
Saturday, March 4, 2017		
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Confirmation Class	Hall (or MC)
Sunday, March 5, 2017		
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Sunday Breakfast	Hall

MASS SCHEDULE

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 † David Stauffer: Birthday	
9:00 AM	Fr. Andrew Joseph & Maria Oei: Special Intentions	
10:45 AM	Fr. Ruiz Santiago Aragon †	
12:30 PM	Fr. Thai Francisco Ramos †, Dolores Aguirre †, Silvestra † Amador Bolivar † Yolanda Nanko †	
Monday, February 27, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai Mary Cerda †	
Tuesday, February 28, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai Sister Bernardine Rush, SSC †	
Wednesday, March 01, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai Lino & Maria Altamirano †	
Thursday, March 02, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan Missionary Sisters of St Columban: Thanksgiving for blessings received	
Friday, March 03, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai Fr. Thai Le and Famly	
Saturday, March 04, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. O'Neill Christy & Eric Landon & The Landon Family	
4:00 PM	Fr. Thai Confessions	
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai Monica Monreal †	
Sunday, March 05, 2017		
7:30 AM	Fr. Andrew Anna Kim Bui †	
9:00 AM	Fr. Thai Dr. Julio Cagungun Jr. †	
10:45 AM	Fr. Ruiz Evangelina Luna †	
12:30 PM	Fr. Andrew Mr. Al Barba † Rene Herrera †	

Please Pray for the Sick

Fr. Jeremiah O'Neill

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

Pray for the Dead

Larry Aguirre	Kathleen Doody
Anthony Bernal	Camilo Lihanon
Rebeca Borges	Evangelina Luna
Dr. Julio Cagungun Jr.	Edward Sustaya



Hello!

Life's circumstances can trigger our anxiety and worry, such as a financial crisis, the loss of a loved one, declining health, having a first child, getting ready for marriage, or doubts about a spouse's loyalty. Such circumstances can stress us and lead to unhealthy decisions and choices as well as affect our lifestyles and relationships with others. How can we control our inner anxieties and worries that we face in real life?

Some people can easily cope with anxiety by going through the circumstances of the past and reassess them. Then they readjust their thoughts and behaviors and get back to normal life in the following day. Well, that is not the case for many people. Some of us could struggle with anxiety and worry for weeks, months, or even years! If we carry our past anxieties and worries for a long period, we are in trouble! As we worry more, eventually anxiety will win over our life. Such lifestyles are not healthy at all, but it happens throughout the ages. Jesus would not bring this anxiety and worry if they were not important issues. Thus, it is one of the most important subjects because it relates to our faith and life.

Today's Gospel gives us some hints to find the solution for anxiety and worry; that is, to *value* our relationship with God. How do we view God and how do we view earthly possessions and life's circumstances? Do we place life's events and believing that they are bigger and stronger than God? Do we have time and space to be with Our Lord each day and each week? Do we view our job, our needs, or our circumstances before God? Some people spend a lot of time each day to seek and search for more and bigger things for their lives but never think about who is God in their lives. That is so sad! If we schedule for our daily meetings and activities, then we need to make room and time for God on Sunday as well. Sunday is Church and God day and must be our priority; anything else comes after that.

To overcome life's circumstances Jesus teaches that we have faith in Him and depend on Him as the solution for the issues of anxiety and worry. We need to trust God's supervision and love. Do we trust His care and protection even when we experience results that we do not anticipate? Faith in God needs to be the core of our existence and life. So, when struck by life's circumstances, we use His power and strength. That is what Jesus wants to emphasize in today's Gospel.

We must trust in God's love and protection for our lives. When we trust Him, we follow His Son, Jesus Christ. We follow Him to the desert as we prepare for Ash Wednesday; it marks the beginning of forty days of Lent. We remember Jesus is going to the desert where He sacrificed for our sins.

The anxiety of life can disconnect our trust and hope in our God. We need to change our priorities and thoughts that help us to recognize His presence in every event of life. He will never leave us, but we must place our hope and trust in Him.

God bless!

Fr. Thai

¡Hola!

Las circunstancias de la vida pueden desencadenar nuestra ansiedad y preocupación, como una crisis financiera, la pérdida de un ser querido, la disminución de la salud, el tener un primer hijo, prepararse para el matrimonio o las dudas sobre la lealtad de un cónyuge. Tales circunstancias pueden estresarnos y llevar a decisiones y opciones no saludables, así como afectar nuestros estilos de vida y las relaciones con los demás. ¿Cómo podemos controlar nuestras angustias y preocupaciones internas que enfrentamos en la vida real?

Algunas personas pueden hacer frente fácilmente a la ansiedad pasando por las circunstancias del pasado y reevaluándolas. Entonces reajustan sus pensamientos y comportamientos y vuelven a la vida normal en el día siguiente. Bueno, ese no es el caso para muchas personas. ¡Algunos de nosotros podríamos luchar con ansiedad y preocupación por semanas, meses o incluso años! Si llevamos nuestras ansiedades pasadas y preocupaciones por un largo período, estamos en problemas! Como nos preocupamos más, eventualmente la ansiedad ganará nuestra vida. Tales estilos de vida no son saludables en absoluto, pero sucede a través de las edades. Jesús no traería esta ansiedad y preocupación si no fueran asuntos importantes. Por lo tanto, es uno de los temas más importantes porque se relaciona con nuestra fe y vida.

El Evangelio de hoy nos da algunos consejos para encontrar la solución para la ansiedad y la preocupación; Es decir, valorar nuestra relación con Dios. ¿Cómo vemos a Dios y cómo vemos las posesiones terrenales y las circunstancias de la vida? ¿Colocamos los acontecimientos de la vida y creemos que son más grandes y más fuertes que Dios? ¿Tenemos tiempo y espacio para estar con Nuestro Señor cada día y cada semana? ¿Vemos nuestro trabajo, nuestras necesidades, o nuestras circunstancias ante Dios? Algunas personas pasan mucho tiempo cada día buscando más y mayores cosas para sus vidas, pero nunca piensan en quién es Dios en sus vidas. ¡Eso es tan triste! Si programamos para nuestras reuniones diarias y actividades, entonces necesitamos hacer espacio y tiempo para Dios el domingo también. El domingo es día de la Iglesia y de Dios y debe ser nuestra prioridad; Cualquier otra cosa viene después de eso.

Para superar las circunstancias de la vida, Jesús enseña que tenemos fe en Él y dependemos de Él como la solución para los problemas de ansiedad y preocupación. Necesitamos confiar en la supervisión y el amor de Dios. ¿Confiamos en Su cuidado y protección incluso cuando experimentamos resultados que no anticipamos? La fe en Dios necesita ser el núcleo de nuestra existencia y vida. Por lo tanto, cuando son golpeados por las circunstancias de la vida, usamos Su poder y fortaleza. Eso es lo que Jesús quiere enfatizar en el Evangelio de hoy.

Debemos confiar en el amor y la protección de Dios para nuestras vidas. Cuando confiamos en Él, seguimos a Su Hijo, Jesucristo. Lo seguimos al desierto mientras nos preparamos para el Miércoles de Ceniza; Marca el comienzo de cuarenta días de Cuaresma. Recordamos que Jesús va al desierto donde sacrificó por nuestros pecados.

La ansiedad de la vida puede desconectar nuestra confianza y esperanza en nuestro Dios. Necesitamos cambiar nuestras prioridades y pensamientos que nos ayudan a reconocer Su presencia en cada evento de vida. Él nunca nos dejará, pero debemos poner nuestra esperanza y confianza en Él.

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai