

St. Thomas More Church

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Third Sunday of Lent Sunday, March 4, 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 gives the law through Moses
(Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17])

Psalm — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19)

Second Reading — We proclaim Christ crucified
(1 Corinthians 1:22-25)

Gospel — Many began to believe in Jesus' name when they saw the signs he was doing (John 2:13-25)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday:	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Dios entrega los mandamientos al pueblo por medio de Moisés (Exodo 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17])

Salmo — Señor, tú tienes palabras de vida eterna (Salmo 19 [18])

Segunda lectura — Pablo proclama a Cristo crucificado; Cristo es el poder y la sabiduría de Dios (1 Corintios 1:22-25)

Evangelio — Jesús echa a los mercaderes del templo y predice su resurrección (Juan 2:13-25)

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	2 Re 5:1-15b; Sal 42 (41):2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lc 4:24-30
Martes:	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Miércoles:	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Sal 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Jueves:	Jer 7:23-28; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Lc 11:14-23
Viernes:	Os 14:2-10; Sal 81 (80):6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mc 12:28-34
Sábado:	Os 6:1-6; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 18-21ab; Lc 18:9-14
Domingo:	2 Cr 36:14-16, 19-23; Sal 137 (136):1-6; Ef 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Collections for 2/25/18

5:00 PM	\$782.00
7:30 AM	\$1,107.00
9:00 AM	\$1,536.00
10:45 AM	\$844.00
12:30 PM	\$776.00
By mail/online	\$607.00
Bldg Fund	\$316.00
Altar Society	\$17.00
Special Projects	\$76.00
Total	\$6,061.00

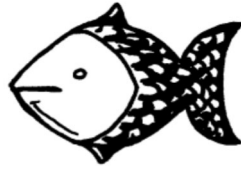
Thank You!
Gracias!

Stations of the Cross (Lent)

Every Friday 6:00pm Church

Lenten Soup

Every Friday 6:45 Hall



2018 Lenten Soup Supper

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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**Daylight Savings Time
Spring Forward
March 11, 2018**



Remember to set your clocks
one hour ahead Sunday
morning on March 11.

STM Youth Ministry and Confirmation

needs your help! We are seeking donors to help with the cost of our Steubenville conference. During the weekend conference, teens will enjoy workshops, mass, praise and worship and adoration. It is a great way for teens to develop in their relationships with God while connecting with the teens their own age. The cost is \$250 per teen, which includes transportation, board, meals and the conference fee. No donation is too big or too small.

There will be a second collection **March 3 & 4** to help raise funds for teens to attend this conference.

For more information call the Youth Office at (626)284-8333 ext. 135

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES
COLLECTION**

Second Collections: March 10 & 11

Catholic Relief Services carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas. We are motivated by the Gospel of Jesus Christ to cherish, preserve and uphold the sacredness and dignity of all human life, foster charity and justice, and embody Catholic social and moral teaching as we act to:
PROMOTE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT by responding to major emergencies, fighting disease and poverty, and nurturing peaceful and just societies; and, **SERVE CATHOLICS IN THE UNITED STATES** as they live their faith in solidarity with their brothers and sisters around the world.

YOUR GENEROSITY IS GREATLY APPRECAITED!

Sunday Breakfast

Join us for Breakfast in the Hall



Pork Ribs in Green Sauce, Eggs and Chorizo, Huevos Rancheros, Menudo, Coffee and Donuts

Sponsored by

The Youth Ministry

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: _____

CURRENT EVENTS

Saturday, March 03, 2018		
6:00PM Confirmation Class		Church
Sunday, March 04, 2018		
8:30AM -2PM Breakfast		Hall
10:00AM Religious Education Class		School
Monday, March 05, 2018		
9:30AM Legion of Mary		Ministry Center
7:00PM RCIA		Ministry Center
7:00PM Youth Band Practice		Church
Tuesday, March 06, 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, March 07, 2018		
9AM - 9:30AM Mother of Perpetual Help Novena		Church
7:00PM Bible Study		Ministry Center
Thursday, March 08, 2018		
6:30PM Youth Nights		Ministry Center
1:00PM Mission Circle		Ministry Center
8:00PM Spanish Choir Practice		Church
Friday, March 09, 2018		
9AM - 1PM Eucharistic Adoration		Church
6:00PM Stations of the Cross		Church
6:45PM Soup Supper		Hall
Saturday, March 10, 2018		
6:00PM Confirmation Class		Church
Sunday, March 11, 2018		
8:30AM -2PM Breakfast		Hall
10:00AM Religious Education Class		School

MASS SCHEDULE

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 Bui†
9:00 AM	Fr. Andrew	Yee See Lipsun† George Kametani†
10:45 AM	Fr. Donovan	Maria Susana Martin† Monica Morales†
12:30 PM	Fr. Thai	Salvador & Cheryl Reynos: Special Intentions
Monday, March 05, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Lourdes Gutierrez†
Tuesday, March 06, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Eduardo Hernandez†
9:00AM		Penance Service — School
Wednesday, March 07, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
Thursday, March 08, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Federina Camodag†
Friday, March 09, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Alejandro Lipsun† Ramon Lai†
Saturday, March 10, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Parishioners of STM
4:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Patrick Yiu† Robert Kirin†
Sunday, March 11, 2018		
7:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Peter Sing Nguyen† Anna Bui†
9:00 AM	Fr. Thai	Vincent Jordan†
10:45 AM	Fr. Thai	Rafael Garcia Jr.†
12:30 PM	TBA	Ramon Lai† Alejandro & Henry Lipsun†

Please Pray for the Sick

Fr. Jeremiah O'Neill

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

Pray for the Dead

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



Hello!

Today's Gospel tells us of a Jewish rite to offer animals to God. Worshipers were performing this practice in the temple. This practice symbolized the forgiveness of sins and the cleansing of one's soul. In the temple, Jesus saw what was happening and was disappointed toward the people and merchants using His Father's temple for their own gains. Through this encounter, the narrator reveals that Jesus purified the Temple and He is speaking about himself as the Temple. Through this narrative, Jesus reaffirms that He is the presence of God and that God is present in Him.

Both physical and spiritual temples are underscored in today's Gospel. The physical aspect is the Church. On Sunday, faithful Catholics arrive in the Church from all walks of life. I've heard parents say;

"We just learned that our daughter has had a miscarriage,"

"My grandson was in a car accident last night and is in the ICU now," or

"My children do not want to talk with me anymore!"

These are just a few examples of the realities of life people face each day. Perhaps people have searched for ways to heal the burden of their hearts, but it seems no one could permanently satisfy their needs. While we understand that no one could change our past, we have come to believe that God's compassion will lighten our burdens through the Church and the faith community. Thus, the Church is where faithful people gather to listen to and celebrate God's love for humanity through Jesus Christ.

The spiritual temple that is our body is the sanctuary of the Holy Spirit. Jesus wants us to purify our souls to be worthy of the Spirit of God. Perhaps we purify our souls from the habit of worshipping other gods, such as greed, pride, or hate. These types of activities pollute our sanctuary, our temples, and keeps us away from the true goodness of God. Today, we should commit to repairing our personal temples and cleansing spiritual illnesses so that God can truly dwell in us.

The story of the purification of the temple in today Gospel helps us to reflect upon our own spiritual lives. Our purpose for existing is not merely to wake up in the morning, go to work or school, return home in the afternoon and repeat throughout this earthly life. While it is necessary to work and to fulfill our responsibilities, there is more to life: We strive for our eternal reward beyond this earthly life. Therefore, our focus in life is to know God, to be with Him, and to grow each day in our loving relationship with God. God's presence in our daily lives makes life simpler and peaceful.

Perhaps we have stories of the past that camp out in our minds! We live with some stories that could cause us to lose our faith in Jesus. Our stories need to be shared so that Jesus can purify our souls and minds. That is, some stories; events, activities, thoughts, or fears, need to be driven out by Our Lord Jesus Christ. Sunday's Eucharistic Celebration is a great opportunity for us to tell Jesus so that we can return our focus to Him and let our souls truly be dwelling places for God's Spirit.

We do not need to sacrifice any animals as offerings to God. We only need to come to Jesus on Sunday with a humble and sincere heart. During the Lenten period, we are reminded to return to Jesus. Now is the time when we are called to reorient our souls so that Jesus can purify our bad habits; greed, pride, and fear that keep us away from His mercy and love. Whatever we plan for each day, let us prepare our souls so that God will dwell within our temple.

God bless!

Fr. Thai

¡Hola!

El Evangelio de hoy nos habla de un rito judío para ofrecer animales a Dios. Los adoradores realizaban esta práctica en el templo. Esta práctica simboliza el perdón de los pecados y la limpieza del alma. En el templo, Jesús vio lo que estaba sucediendo y se sintió decepcionado con la gente y los mercaderes que usaban el templo de su Padre para su propio beneficio. A través de este encuentro, el narrador revela que Jesús purificó el Templo y que él habla de sí mismo como el Templo. A través de esta narración, Jesús reafirma que Él es la presencia de Dios y que Dios está presente en él.

Ambos templos físicos y espirituales están subrayados en el Evangelio de hoy. El aspecto físico es la Iglesia. El domingo, fieles católicos llegan a la Iglesia de todos los ámbitos de la vida. He oído decir a los padres;

"Acabamos de enterarnos de que nuestra hija tuvo un aborto involuntario"

"Mi nieto sufrió un accidente automovilístico anoche y ahora está en la UCI", o

"¡Mis hijos ya no quieren hablar conmigo!"

Estos son solo algunos ejemplos de las realidades de la vida que las personas enfrentan cada día. Tal vez las personas han buscado formas de sanar la carga de sus corazones, pero parece que nadie podría satisfacer sus necesidades de forma permanente. Si bien entendemos que nadie puede cambiar nuestro pasado, hemos llegado a creer que la compasión de Dios aligerará nuestras cargas a través de la Iglesia y la comunidad de fe. Por lo tanto, la Iglesia es donde las personas fieles se reúnen para escuchar y celebrar el amor de Dios por la humanidad a través de Jesucristo.

El templo espiritual que es nuestro cuerpo es el santuario del Espíritu Santo. Jesús quiere que purifiquemos nuestras almas para ser dignos del Espíritu de Dios. Tal vez purifiquemos nuestras almas del hábito de adorar a otros dioses, como la codicia, el orgullo o el odio. Este tipo de actividades contaminan nuestro santuario, nuestros templos y nos mantienen alejados de la verdadera bondad de Dios. Hoy, deberíamos comprometernos a reparar nuestros templos personales y limpiar enfermedades espirituales para que Dios realmente pueda morar en nosotros.

La historia de la purificación del templo en el Evangelio de hoy nos ayuda a reflexionar sobre nuestra propia vida espiritual. Nuestro propósito de existir no es simplemente despertarnos en la mañana, ir al trabajo o a la escuela, regresar a casa por la tarde y repetir a lo largo de esta vida terrenal. Si bien es necesario trabajar y cumplir con nuestras responsabilidades, hay más en la vida: luchamos por nuestra recompensa eterna más allá de esta vida terrenal. Por lo tanto, nuestro enfoque en la vida es conocer a Dios, estar con Él y crecer cada día en nuestra relación amorosa con Dios. La presencia de Dios en nuestra vida diaria hace la vida más simple y pacífica.

¡Tal vez tenemos historias del pasado que acampan en nuestras mentes! Vivimos con algunas historias que podrían hacer que perdamos nuestra fe en Jesús. Nuestras historias deben ser compartidas para que Jesús pueda purificar nuestras almas y mentes. Es decir, algunas historias; eventos, actividades, pensamientos o temores, necesitan ser expulsados por Nuestro Señor Jesucristo. La Celebración Eucarística del domingo es una gran oportunidad para que le digamos a Jesús para que podamos volver a centrarnos en Él y dejar que nuestras almas realmente sean lugares de morada para el Espíritu de Dios.

No necesitamos sacrificar ningún animal como ofrenda a Dios. Solo necesitamos venir a Jesús el domingo con un corazón humilde y sincero. Durante el período de Cuaresma, se nos recuerda que volvamos a Jesús. Ahora es el momento en que somos llamados a reorientar nuestras almas para que Jesús pueda purificar nuestros malos hábitos; avaricia, orgullo y temor que nos mantienen alejados de Su misericordia y amor. Cualquier cosa que planeemos para cada día, preparemos nuestras almas para que Dios more en nuestro templo.

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai