

# St. Thomas More Church

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## First Sunday of Lent Sunday, March 5<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** — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

**Psalm** — Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).

**Second Reading** — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

**Gospel** — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

### 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:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
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 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — Entonces se les abrieron los ojos y ambos se dieron cuenta de que estaban desnudos. Cosieron, pues, unas hojas de higuera, y se hicieron unos taparrabos. (Génesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

**Salmo** — Ten piedad, Señor, porque somos pecadores (Salmo 51 [50]).

**Segunda lectura** — Una sola trasgresión acarreó sentencia de muerte para todos, pero la rehabilitación merecida por uno solo, obtuvo perdón y vida para todos (Romanos 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

**Evangelio** — Adoraras al Señor, tu Dios, y a él solo servirás (Mateo 4:1-11).

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Sal 19 (18):8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Martes:	Is 55:10-11; Sal 34 (33):4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Miércoles:	Jon 3:1-10; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lc 11:29-32
Jueves:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Sal 138 (137):1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Viernes:	Ez 18:21-28; Sal 130 (129):1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Sábado:	Dt 26:16-19; Sal 119 (118):1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Domingo:	Gn 12:1-4a; Sal 33 (32):4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

### Collections for 2/26/17

5:00 PM	\$574.00
7:30 AM	\$1,080.00
9:00 AM	\$1,193.00
10:45 AM	\$786.00
12:30 PM	\$912.00
By mail/online	\$671.00
Bldg Fund	\$554.00
Special Projects	\$33.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,803.00</b>

Thank You  
Gracias



## Together in Mission Report

As of February 26, 2017

Parish Goal: \$ 32,748.00  
 Amount Pledged: \$ 22,292.00  
 Amount Paid: \$ 10,622.00

Over/Under Goal vs  
 Payments: (\$22,126.00)



### 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](mailto: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.

### 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

## Soup Service Schedule

Date/Time	Group/Ministries
March 10	Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers
March 17	Mission Circle & Asian Ministry
March 24	Knights of Columbus
March 31	STM School PTO
April 07	Spanish Community

### DAYLIGHT



### SAVING TIME

## SPRING FORWARD March 12, 2017

### Sunday Breakfast

Please join us in the hall for



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

Sponsored by The Youth Group

**CURRENT EVENTS**

<b>Saturday, March 4, 2017</b>		
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Confirmation Class	Hall (or MC)
<b>Sunday, March 5, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Sunday Breakfast	Hall
<b>Monday, March 6, 2017</b>		
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
<b>Tuesday, March 7, 2017</b>		
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
<b>Wednesday, March 8, 2017</b>		
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Bible Study	Ministry Center
<b>Thursday, March 9, 2017</b>		
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Mission Circle	Ministry Center
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Youth Nights	Ministry Center
8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Spanish Choir Practice	Church
<b>Friday, March 10, 2017</b>		
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
<b>Saturday, March 11, 2017</b>		
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Confirmation Class	Hall (or MC)
<b>Sunday, March 12, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Sunday Breakfast	Hall

**MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Saturday, March 04, 2017</b>		
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 †
<b>Sunday, March 05, 2017</b>		
7:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Anna Kim Bui †
9:00 AM	Fr. Thai	Dr. Julio Cagungan Jr. † Lourdes Gutierrez †
10:45 AM	Fr. Ruiz	Evangelina Luna †
12:30 PM	Fr. Andrew	Mr. Al Barba † & Rene Herrera †
<b>Monday, March 06, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Fr. Elias Sanchez †
<b>Tuesday, March 07, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Patsy Flores †
<b>Wednesday, March 08, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Camilo Libanan †
<b>Thursday, March 09, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Alejandro Lipsun †
<b>Friday, March 10, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Patsy Flores †
<b>Saturday, March 11, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. O'Neill	Ramon Lai †
4:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Ramon Lai † & Henry Lipsun †
<b>Sunday, March 12, 2017</b>		
7:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Leona Ayson †
9:00 AM	Fr. Andrew	Vincent Jordan. †
10:45 AM	Fr. Thai	Rafael Garcia Sr. †
12:30 PM	Fr. Andrew	Delia Zabala †

*Please Pray for the Sick*

Fr. Jeremiah O'Neill

<b>A</b> Dolores Alatorre	<b>L</b> Rafael & Gerardo Luna
Anita Alderete	<b>M</b> Gilbert Madrid
Mary Helen Andrade	Cely Magpantay
Mariano Aoanan	Alina Magrina
George Astacio	Salvador Maldonado
Rosa Astacio	Anna Maraldo
<b>B</b> Patricia Balue	Edgardo Marin
Douglas Barquero	Francis Meyer
Bertha La Barreda	Jean Miceli
Roy Barrientos	John Miller
Anthony Bernal	James Montague
Patricia Bernal	Artemio Maldonado
Andy Bouffard	Caridad Muro
Louie Bouffard	<b>N</b> Carey Nakayama
Fr. Jim Boyd	Huy Nguyen
Steven Brown	Mario Nieto
Tod and Rose Marie Brown	Michael Nolasco
Ida Bustos	<b>P</b> Tony Pagliotti
<b>C</b> Agnes Caballero	Sharon Palminter
Jessica Cabrera	Nick Perez
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	Armando & Maria Rivera
Jessica Cerda	Luz Rodriguez
Joan Cervantes	Mike Romano
<b>E</b> Maria Endara	Ana Romo
Malia Estrada	<b>R</b> 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	Sam Scuamieri
Gavin Gutierrez	Uldarica Sison
<b>H</b> Memo Herrera	Dean Smith
Sally Herrera	Eddie Souza
Jessica Higarde	Dorian Suarez
<b>I</b> Selvia Inado	<b>U</b> Leticia Suren
<b>J</b> Darwin Jenkins	<b>V</b> Michael Velasco
Dennis James Johnson	Raymond Villalobos
Gary Jones	Ricardo & Felicidad Villegas
Thomas Perez Jr.	Hunter Vindell
<b>K</b> Mary Keffer	Theresa Mai Vu
Theresa Kryszek	Therese Huyen-Duong Thi Vu
<b>L</b> William Lievens	<b>W</b> Tina Wati
James Lindgren	Jean Reyes Williams
Yee See Lipsun	Martha Willox
Eleanor Lopez	Jandy Wong
Brother Martin Lorenzini	Jennifer Wong
Bonnie Luna	<b>Z</b> Christine Zamper
Elvira Luna	

*Pray for the Dead*

Larry Aguirre	Camilo Libanan
Anthony Bernal	Evangelina Luna
Rebeca Borges	Socorro Rios
Kathleen Doody	Edward Sustaya



Hello!

Earthly life is a path that all of us must travel. Along the journey, there are moments when we feel comfortable with ourselves and appreciate the meaning of life. However, there are moments when we feel alone or deserted due to life's events. No humans want to encounter a wilderness experience, but it is life's package whether we like it or not!

The first Sunday of Lent Gospel describes Jesus led by the devil into the desert where He was tempted for forty days and forty nights. The first image shows us that, from the beginning of His journey and mission, Jesus was filled with Spirit. Thus, the Spirit enabled Him to focus on His mission and things that He would encounter while He was there.

His forty days and nights in the wilderness is a model for us, His followers. That is, temptations could lure us through attractive words or objects. The devil knows our weakness and vulnerabilities; things that we struggle the most in life. Jesus did not use His supernatural power to deliver himself out of the dilemma He was facing. Instead, He faced temptation as a human person. He shows us that we can overcome temptation with God's spirit, which enables us to endurance and sacrifice.

Humanly speaking, we are tempted every day. The power of the devil could tempt us by saying;

- "God is everywhere, and you don't need to come to that church on Sunday."
- "Your job and money are more important than your faith."
- "You will be fine without worshipping God."
- "You obey His commandments as long as you don't harm anybody."
- "You are entitled to do whatever makes you happy!"

Those are very practical and attractive voices and continue come to us anywhere and anytime. It could be very deceptive voices that can lead us to be self-centered, living without religion, faith, and God. The consequence is that we distance ourselves from God and His Church.

Lenten Season is the time that we are invited to reorient ourselves to God by giving up something that distracts us from God. Maybe we are not in the habit of praying for just a few minutes. Maybe we do not pray before each meal or pray with family members at night. Maybe we do not know how to pray The Rosary. Maybe we fill our lives with too much information at work and have no time to read the Church's teachings and spiritual wisdom.

This Season of Lent we need to slow down and rediscover our identity, mission, and vocation and ask, "who am I before God?" Then we come up with a plan for ourselves and family working together for this Lent. Our habit will help us to grow deeper in our love and relationship with Jesus Christ. When we designate our time and space for God, God's Spirit will defend us to fight the temptations. It is not us, but the Spirit of God enables us to walk through all kinds of temptations.

Jesus began His journey when He surrendered Himself to God's Spirit. Therefore, He overcame the temptation of the devil. Our journey of this life is filled with many temptations that could distance us from God's mercy and protection. However, we cannot live without God's mercy and love. This time we pray so that we build a habit that we always listen to God's voice, just as Jesus did in the wilderness.

God bless!

Fr. Thai

¡Hola!

La vida terrenal es un camino que todos debemos recorrer. A lo largo del viaje, hay momentos en que nos sentimos cómodos con nosotros mismos y apreciamos el significado de la vida. Sin embargo, hay momentos en que nos sentimos solos o desiertos debido a los eventos de la vida. Ningunos seres humanos quieren encontrar una experiencia del desierto, pero es paquete de la vida nos guste o no!

El evangelio del primer domingo del Cuaresma describe a Jesús conducido por el diablo al desierto, donde fue tentado durante cuarenta días y cuarenta noches. La primera imagen nos muestra que, desde el comienzo de Su viaje y misión, Jesús estaba lleno de Espíritu. Así, el Espíritu le permitió enfocarse en Su misión y las cosas que Él encontraría mientras Él estuviera allí.

Sus cuarenta días y noches en el desierto es un modelo para nosotros, Sus seguidores. Es decir, las tentaciones podrían atraernos a través de palabras u objetos atractivos. El diablo conoce nuestras debilidades y vulnerabilidades; Cosas que luchamos más en la vida. Jesús no usó su poder sobrenatural para librarse del dilema que estaba enfrentando. En cambio, Él se enfrentó a la tentación como persona humana. Él nos muestra que podemos vencer la tentación con el espíritu de Dios, lo que nos permite la resistencia y el sacrificio.

Humanamente hablando, somos tentados todos los días. El poder del diablo podría tentarnos diciendo;

- "Dios está en todas partes, y no necesitas venir a esa iglesia el domingo".
- "Tu trabajo y tu dinero son más importantes que tu fe."
- "Estarás bien sin adorar a Dios."
- "Obedece Sus mandamientos siempre y cuando no le hagas daño a nadie".
- "¡Tienes derecho a hacer lo que te hace feliz!"

Esas son voces muy prácticas y atractivas y continúan llegando a nosotros en cualquier lugar y en cualquier momento. Pueden ser voces muy engañosas que pueden llevarnos a ser egocéntricos, viviendo sin religión, fe y Dios. La consecuencia es que nos distanciamos de Dios y de su Iglesia.

La Temporada de Cuaresma es el momento en que estamos invitados a reorientarnos a Dios por renunciar a algo que nos distrae de Dios. Tal vez no estamos en el hábito de orar por sólo unos minutos. Tal vez no oremos antes de cada comida o oremos con los miembros de la familia por la noche. Tal vez no sepamos cómo rezar el Rosario. Tal vez llenamos nuestras vidas con demasiada información en el trabajo y no tenemos tiempo para leer las enseñanzas de la Iglesia y la sabiduría espiritual.

En esta Temporada de Cuaresma debemos retrasar y redescubrir nuestra identidad, misión y vocación y preguntar "¿quién soy yo delante de Dios?" Luego nos proponemos un plan para que nosotros y nuestra familia trabajemos juntos por esta Cuaresma. Nuestro hábito nos ayudará a profundizar en nuestro amor y relación con Jesucristo. Cuando designamos nuestro tiempo y espacio para Dios, el Espíritu de Dios nos defenderá para luchar contra las tentaciones. No somos nosotros, pero el Espíritu de Dios nos capacita para caminar por todo tipo de tentaciones.

Jesús comenzó su viaje cuando se entregó al Espíritu de Dios. Por lo tanto, Él venció la tentación del diablo. Nuestro viaje de esta vida está lleno de muchas tentaciones que podrían distanciarnos de la misericordia y protección de Dios. Sin embargo, no podemos vivir sin la misericordia y el amor de Dios. Esta vez oramos para que construyamos un hábito que siempre escuchamos la voz de Dios, tal como lo hizo Jesús en el desierto.

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai