

St. Thomas More Church

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Fourth Sunday of Lent Sunday, March 11, 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 — The wrath and the mercy of the LORD are revealed in the exile and liberation of the Chosen People (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23)

Psalm — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137)

Second Reading — God, who is rich in mercy, brought us to life with Christ (Ephesians 2:4-10)

Gospel — The Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life (John 3:14-21)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — La ira y la misericordia del Señor se manifestaron en el exilio y la liberación del pueblo (2 Crónicas 36:14-16, 19-23)

Salmo — Que se me pegue la lengua al paladar si no me acuerdo de ti (Salmo 137 [136])

Segunda lectura — Dios, rico en misericordia y amor, nos dio vida con Cristo. (Efesios 2:4-10)

Evangelio — Dios nos dio su Hijo único, para que todo el que crea en Él tenga vida eterna (Juan 3:14-21)

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 65:17-21; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Martes: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Sal 46 (45):2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Miércoles: Is 49:8-15; Sal 145 (144):8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Jueves: Ex 32:7-14; Sal 106 (105):19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Viernes: Sab 2:1a, 12-22; Sal 34 (33):17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Sábado: Jer 11:18-20; Sal 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Domingo: Jer 31:31-34; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Collections for 3/4/18

5:00 PM	\$1,144.00
7:30 AM	\$968.00
9:00 AM	\$1,340.00
10:45 AM	\$704.00
12:30 PM	\$1,426.00
By mail/online	\$1,430.00
Bldg Fund	\$1,505.00
Special Projects	\$145.00
Altar Society	\$221.00
Total	\$8,883.00
2nd Collection: Steubenville	\$883.00

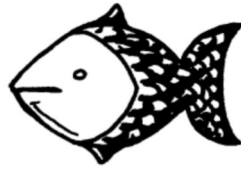
Thank You!
Gracias!

Stations of the Cross (Lent)

Every Friday 6:00pm Church

Lenten Soup

Every Friday 6:45 Hall



2018 Lenten Soup Supper

March 16th – Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers
March 23rd – Asian Ministry, Mission Circle

EASTER FLOWERS

If you wish to donate potted flowers to decorate our church for Easter, please bring your plants between **Sunday, March 25, 2018, and Saturday morning, March 31, 2018.**

Please leave the plants on the counter in the children's room to the right of the altar, not on the altar. If you wish to make a monetary donation for plants or flowers, please use the flower envelopes.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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!

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a St Patrick's Day dinner consisting of corned beef and cabbage or Irish Stew along with potatoes and carrots on **Saturday, March 17th** at St Therese parish following the 5:00 pm mass.

Tickets are: \$10 for adults, \$15 per couple and \$3 for kids 11 and under.

There will be a contest for the best Irish soda bread or Irish inspired dessert.

For more information, contact Mike Stauffer at (310) 916-8419.

STM PENANCE SERVICES

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

KoC Pancake Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a complimentary pancake breakfast on **Sunday, March 18th** after all masses to thank the parishioners for their support during the year. We hope to see you there!



Rite of Reconciliation

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**Mission Circle
Bake Sale
New & Gently Used Sale**

Sunday March 25, 2018

After all the Masses at the Parish Hall

Drop off Saturday March 24, 2018

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Parish Hall

Sunday Breakfast

Join us for Breakfast in the Hall



Coffee and Donuts

Sponsored by

**The Proud Parents of STM
6th Grade Students**

CURRENT EVENTS

Saturday, March 10, 2018		
6:00PM Confirmation Class		Church
Sunday, March 11, 2018		
8:30AM -2PM Breakfast		Hall
10:00AM Religious Education Class		School
Monday, March 12, 2018		
9:30AM Legion of Mary		Ministry Center
7:00PM Youth Band Practice		Church
Tuesday, March 13, 2018		
9AM - 9:30AM Our Lady of Wisdom Prayer Group		Church
6:30PM Communal Penance Service		Church
7:00PM Grief Support		Ministry Center
7:45PM English Choir Practice		Church
Wednesday, March 14, 2018		
9AM - 9:30AM Mother of Perpetual Help Novena		Church
7:00PM Bible Study		Ministry Center
Thursday, March 15, 2018		
6:30PM Youth Nights		Ministry Center
8:00PM Spanish Choir Practice		Church
Friday, March 16, 2018		
9AM - 1PM Eucharistic Adoration		Church
6:00PM Stations of the Cross		Church
6:45PM Soup Supper		Hall
Saturday, March 17, 2018		
6:00PM Confirmation Class		Church
Sunday, March 18, 2018		
8:30AM -2PM Breakfast		Hall
No Religious Education Class		

MASS SCHEDULE

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	Fr. O'Neill	Ramon Lai† Alejandro & Henry Lipsun†
Monday, March 12, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Irene Sanchez†
Tuesday, March 13, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Parishioners of STM
6:30PM	Penance Service	Community
Wednesday, March 14, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Parishioners of STM
Thursday, March 15, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Bella Domingo: Thanksgiving
Friday, March 16, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Parishioners of STM
Saturday, March 17, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Helio & Olivia Altamirano:
4:00 PM	No Confessions	
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Patrick Yiu† Yee See Lipsun†
Sunday, March 18, 2018		
7:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Peter Sing Nguyen† Anna Bui†
9:00 AM	Fr. Henry	Hernani Ledesma†
10:45 AM	Fr. Val	Rafael Garcia Sr.†
12:30 PM	Fr. Thai	Alejandro & Henry Lipsun†

Please Pray for the Sick

Fr. Jeremiah O'Neill

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

Lupe Dominguez	Andrea Lozano
Vera Dueñas	Santos Mendiola
George Kametani	Finbarr O'Neill
Yee See Lipsun	Myrtle Small



Hello!

The most tangible object you will see in any Roman Catholic Church is the crucifix – the body of Jesus attached to the cross. The crucifix symbolizes the pain, suffering, and death of Jesus Christ for humanity. Roman soldiers used the punishment of crucifixion during the first century of Christianity. One might wonder: “Why did God allow His Son to be tortured, humiliated, and killed on the Cross?” Many people have asked this question through the ages.

On the Cross, Jesus accepted all human sins and weakness. The responsibility for everything wrong in the whole world weighed upon Jesus’ shoulders, and He endured them all. Such a depiction points to something much bigger; the mystery and power of God’s love for our salvation.

So often I hear people question: “Why do humans suffer?” or “If there is a God, why is there pain and suffering?” On the third year of my formation at the Seminary, I was sent to work at a hospital for four weeks during the summer. As I began my ministry there, I noticed some moments in the hospital were not pleasant at all: suffering, sickness, despair, mourning, and remorse overshadowed any sentiments of joy and happiness. As time went by, I had come to realize that suffering, sickness, and death can occur anytime, anywhere, and to anyone and no one is immune. There I heard people cried out: “Why did this happen to my loved one?” “Why now but not later?” “Why?” Birth, death, sin, and suffering are part of human life even if we do not know “why?” Even though we may never know why; the Crucifix is our answer!

Part of the human nature of Jesus was that he cried out to His Father in heaven to save him! God’s supreme power would have intervened and stopped the Roman soldiers. Jesus would have been saved from pain and suffering. However, God used the cruelty of the death of His Son at the hands of humans to bring complete forgiveness and salvation; “whoever believes in Him shall be saved.” Thus, there could be no salvation for us without Jesus’ suffering and pain on the Cross.

Love has great power to motivate people to do good things. Love helps us be more confident in life and overcome the hardships we face every day. Love makes life beautiful. The most precious thing in the world that people can give to each other is love. Look at parents who work hard and face countless burdens each day. Good parents do not carry these sacrifices with resentment for their children or family. They accept the difficulties of life because they *love* their children and family.

Do not be afraid to do good deeds and to show your love for family and others. Despite the hurt, conflict, misunderstandings, or bitterness life sometimes brings us, such sorrows are only resolved where great forgiveness and love surface. A person who actively gives love is filled with love. To love, we must first look to God. Because only God’s love raised Jesus from death and only Jesus’s love endured the evil of being crucified by human hands. His love saved us!

Nothing on Earth, not even death, is stronger than God’s love for Jesus on the Cross! God never regrets His unlimited love for us. We follow Jesus during this Lenten Season to share our words and behaviors that manifest God’s love for us. Because of our nature, sometimes we find it hard to accept and to embrace pain and suffering. When such moments occur, if we take a moment to ponder upon the Crucifix with faith and humility, His love will subdue our sadness, confusion, and suffering. Jesus strengthens our love for God and others.

God bless!

Fr. Thai

¡Hola!

El objeto más tangible que verá en cualquier Iglesia Católica Romana es el crucifijo: el cuerpo de Jesús pegado a la cruz. El crucifijo simboliza el dolor, el sufrimiento y la muerte de Jesucristo por la humanidad. Los soldados romanos usaron el castigo de la crucifixión durante el primer siglo del cristianismo. Uno podría preguntarse: "¿Por qué permitió Dios que su Hijo fuera torturado, humillado y asesinado en la Cruz?" Muchas personas han hecho esta pregunta a través de las edades.

En la Cruz, Jesús aceptó todos los pecados humanos y la debilidad. La responsabilidad por todo lo malo en todo el mundo pesó sobre los hombros de Jesús, y Él los soportó a todos. Tal representación apunta a algo mucho más grande; el misterio y el poder del amor de Dios por nuestra salvación.

Muy a menudo escucho a la gente preguntar: "¿Por qué los humanos sufren?" O "Si hay un Dios, ¿por qué hay dolor y sufrimiento?". En el tercer año de mi formación en el Seminario, me enviaron a trabajar en un hospital para cuatro semanas durante el verano. Cuando comencé mi ministerio allí, noté que algunos momentos en el hospital no eran para nada agradables: el sufrimiento, la enfermedad, la desesperación, el luto y el remordimiento eclipsaron cualquier sentimiento de alegría y felicidad. Con el paso del tiempo, me di cuenta de que el sufrimiento, la enfermedad y la muerte pueden ocurrir en cualquier momento, en cualquier lugar y con cualquier persona, y nadie es inmune. Allí escuché a la gente gritar: "¿Por qué le sucedió esto a mi ser querido?" "¿Por qué ahora pero no más tarde?" "¿Por qué?" Nacimiento, muerte, pecado y sufrimiento son parte de la vida humana, incluso si no sabemos "¿Por qué?" "Aunque nunca podremos saber por qué; ¡el Crucifijo es nuestra respuesta!

¡Parte de la naturaleza humana de Jesús era que clamó a su Padre en el cielo para salvarlo! El poder supremo de Dios habría intervenido y detenido a los soldados romanos. Jesús se habría salvado del dolor y el sufrimiento. Sin embargo, Dios usó la crueldad de la muerte de su Hijo a manos de los humanos para traer completo perdón y salvación; "Cualquiera que cree en él será salvo". Por lo tanto, no podría haber salvación para nosotros sin el sufrimiento y el dolor de Jesús en la cruz.

El amor tiene un gran poder para motivar a las personas a hacer cosas buenas. El amor nos ayuda a tener más confianza en la vida y superar las dificultades que enfrentamos todos los días. El amor hace la vida hermosa. Lo más precioso del mundo que las personas se pueden dar es el amor. Mire a los padres que trabajan duro y enfrentan innumerables cargas cada día. Los buenos padres no llevan estos sacrificios con resentimiento hacia sus hijos o familia. Aceptan las dificultades de la vida porque aman a sus hijos y a su familia.

No tengas miedo de hacer buenas obras y mostrar tu amor por la familia y los demás. A pesar del dolor, el conflicto, los malentendidos o la amargura que a veces nos provoca la vida, tales penas solo se resuelven cuando surge un gran perdón y amor. Una persona que activamente da amor está llena de amor. Para amar, primero debemos mirar a Dios. Porque solo el amor de Dios levantó a Jesús de la muerte y solo el amor de Jesús soportó el mal de ser crucificado por manos humanas. ¡Su amor nos salvó!

¡Nada en la Tierra, ni siquiera la muerte, es más fuerte que el amor de Dios por Jesús en la Cruz! Dios nunca se arrepiente de su amor ilimitado por nosotros. Seguimos a Jesús durante este tiempo de Cuaresma para compartir nuestras palabras y comportamientos que manifiestan el amor de Dios por nosotros. Debido a nuestra naturaleza, a veces nos resulta difícil aceptar y abrazar el dolor y el sufrimiento. Cuando ocurren esos momentos, si nos tomamos un momento para reflexionar sobre el Crucifijo con fe y humildad, Su amor someterá nuestra tristeza, confusión y sufrimiento. Jesús fortalece nuestro amor por Dios y los demás.

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai