

# St. Thomas More Church

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## Second Sunday of Lent Sunday, March 12<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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**Principal:** Judy Jones (ext. 28)

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**School Website:** stthomasmorealhambra.org

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

**Psalm** — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

**Second Reading** — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

**Gospel** — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1-9).

### 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 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — Abram partió como se lo había ordenado el Señor (Génesis 12:1-4a).

**Salmo** — Señor, muéstrate bondadoso con nosotros, puesto que en ti hemos confiado (Salmo 33 [32]).

**Segunda lectura** — Comparte conmigo los sufrimientos por la predicación del Evangelio, sostenido por la fuerza de Dios (2 Timoteo 1:8b-10).

**Evangelio** — “Este es mi Hijo amado, en quien tengo puestas mis complacencias, escúchenlo” (Mateo 17:1-9).

### 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: Miq 7:14-15, 18-20; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 9-12; Lc 15:1-3, 11-32

Domingo: Ex 17:3-7; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

### Collections for 3/5/17

5:00 PM	\$1,050.00
7:30 AM	\$1,467.00
9:00 AM	\$2,199.00
10:45 AM	\$577.00
12:30 PM	\$769.00
By mail/online	\$597.00
Bldg Fund	\$2,833.00
Altar Society	\$170.00
Ash Wednesday	\$1,847.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,509.00</b>

Thank You

Gracias



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**

The upcoming weekend dates in this area are:  
**March 17-19, and May 5-7.**

If you are planing to get married in the Church, you should sign up today!

For more information, or to reserve your spot contact:  
 Cameron and Barbara Troxell at (909) 621-5724, or John and Gricelda Chavez at (626) 720-7162.

**DAYLIGHT**



**SPRING FORWARD**  
**March 12, 2017**

**SAVING TIME**



**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 17	Mission Circle & Asian Ministry
March 24	Knights of Columbus
March 31	STM School PTO
April 07	Spanish Community

*Sunday Breakfast*

*Please join us in the hall for*



**Pozole, Coffee and Donuts**

**Sponsored by Divine Mercy**



**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**

<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
<b>Monday, March 13, 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 14, 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	Grief Support	Ministry Center
<b>Wednesday, March 15, 2017</b>		
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Bible Study	Ministry Center
<b>Thursday, March 16, 2017</b>		
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Youth Nights	Ministry Center
8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Spanish Choir Practice	Church
<b>Friday, March 17, 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 18, 2017</b>		
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Confirmation Class	Hall (or MC)
<b>Sunday, March 19, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Sunday Breakfast	Hall

**MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Saturday, March 11, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	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. O'Neill	Vincent Jordan. †
10:45 AM	Fr. Thai	Rafael Garcia Sr. †
12:30 PM	Fr. Andrew	Delia Zabala †
<b>Monday, March 13, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Blas Perez †
<b>Tuesday, March 14, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Socorro Rios† & Armando Tomasulo †
<b>Wednesday, March 15, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Elio & Olivia Atamirano: Wedding Anniversary
<b>Thursday, March 16, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Hector Ortega Jr. †
<b>Friday, March 17, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Russell E. Thomas †
<b>Saturday, March 18, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Hernani Ledesma †
4:00 PM	Fr. O'Neill	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. O'Neill	Annie Bonilla † & Robert Kirin †
<b>Sunday, March 19, 2017</b>		
7:30 AM	Fr. Henson	Maria Simon †
9:00 AM	Fr. Thai	Concepcion Ortega †
10:45 AM	Fr. Lorenzo	Jose Padilla †
12:30 PM	Fr. Thai	Esperanza & Ricardo Villafuerte †

*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 Ureno
<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 Tibanan
Anthony Bernal	Evangelina Luna
Rebeca Borges	Socorro Rios
Kathleen Doody	Edward Sustaya



Hello!

A couple of years ago I read a survey about what people feared the most, and the results surprised me. Per the survey, fear of public speaking was the second on the list of top-ten fears. I thought fear of death, ailment, loneliness, or finance would be the deepest fears. However, speaking in front of a crowd can be an emotionally wrenching experience for many people. Even professional public speakers can find it challenging to stand in front of folks and deliver a speech. In other words, we fear that people are taking notice of us and listening to what we say!

In today's Gospel, we hear of God giving a public speech. On the top of the mountain, in front of Jesus and his three disciples, God reassures: *"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him!"* Without fear and anxiety, these words of God revealed His Son's divinity. The three disciples, prior to this encounter, perceived Jesus as an ordinary man—his humanness. Nevertheless, they were forever changed by the glorified Christ on the mountain top.

No matter what we feel about ourselves, whether we are happy or sad, weak or strong, rich or poor, or with hope or in despair, God's words for us never change. God's power and wisdom do not depend upon our mood, status, or belief; we depend upon Him for our existence and life. Today, once again, God reminds us that we need to listen to Jesus and follow His directions.

Let us make a commitment during Lent to follow Jesus as He is fasting and praying in the desert for forty days and nights without food and water. We need to do something during this time as a symbol of participating with Jesus in the desert. We can make time available to visit the elderly, sick, or homeless. There are elderly people in our areas such as in a nursing home, hospital, or maybe homebound. They might be a neighbor, our parents or grandparents. Some of these people may not know who we are, but as we visit them we recognize God's likeness in them! Thus, we should see them as God's gift for us, not our burden. The Season of Lent is the time we open our hearts to share and pray for those who are poor, isolated, and less fortunate because we listen to Jesus' teachings.

If we reflect on the people we've met, every human encounter changes us forever. Another person's words and attitudes become part of our life. Sometimes they influence our thoughts and behaviors for years. This is the way our brains function. The same is true as we encounter Jesus in the Eucharist. As we gather together on Sunday for the Eucharist, we are a community of faith with Christ in our midst. He transforms bread and wine into His body and blood. As we receive Him, we are transformed. Thus, we are changed for the better after we leave the Church because of the strength and love that comes from the Eucharist.

The disciples of Jesus; Peter, James, and John were completely different after they had encountered God's word and Jesus' transfiguration. They came down from the mountain and shared that joy and love with the world until their last breath. Like them, we witness God's words and Jesus' transformation at the Eucharist. We are called to share His love and mercy with the people around us through our words and deeds. If we do it with caring and loving hearts, we are actively following Jesus' teachings.

God bless!

Fr. Thai

¡Hola!

Hace un par de años leí una encuesta sobre lo que más temía la gente, y los resultados me sorprendieron. Según la encuesta, el miedo a hablar en público fue el segundo en la lista de los diez mayores temores. Pensé que el temor a la muerte, la dolencia, la soledad o la financiación serían los miedos más profundos. Sin embargo, hablar delante de una multitud puede ser una experiencia emocionalmente desgarradora para muchas personas. Incluso los oradores públicos profesionales pueden encontrarle un poco temeroso, estar frente a la gente y pronunciar un discurso. En otras palabras, ¡tememos que la gente esté tomando nota de nosotros y escuchando lo que decimos!

En el Evangelio de hoy, escuchamos donde Dios dio un discurso público. En la cima de la montaña, delante de Jesús y sus tres discípulos, Dios asegura: "Este es mi Hijo amado, con quien me complazco. ¡Escúchalo!" Sin temor, ni ansiedad, estas palabras de Dios revelaron la divinidad de Su Hijo. Los tres discípulos, antes de este encuentro, percibieron a Jesús como un hombre común: su humanidad. Sin embargo, fueron cambiados para siempre por el Cristo glorificado en la cima de la montaña.

No importa lo que sentimos sobre nosotros mismos, si somos felices o tristes, débiles o fuertes, ricos o pobres, o con esperanza o desesperación, las palabras de Dios para nosotros nunca cambian. El poder y la sabiduría de Dios no dependen de nuestro estado de ánimo, estado o creencia; Dependemos de Él para nuestra existencia y nuestra vida. Hoy, una vez más, Dios nos recuerda que necesitamos escuchar a Jesús y seguir Sus instrucciones.

Al continuar nuestro viaje de Cuaresma, seguimos a Jesús mientras está ayunando y orando en el desierto durante cuarenta días y noches sin comida ni agua. Necesitamos hacer algo durante este tiempo que represente nuestro sacrificio así como Jesús se sufrió en el desierto. Podemos disponer de tiempo para visitar a los ancianos, enfermos o personas sin hogar. Hay personas en nuestra comunidad de la tercera edad que están tan necesitadas, como en un hogar de ancianos, hospitales, o tal vez no puedan dejar el hogar. Podrían ser un vecino, nuestros padres o abuelos. O también pueden ser desconocidos, pero al visitarlos reconocemos la semejanza de Dios en ellos. Por lo tanto, debemos verlos como el regalo de Dios para nosotros, no nuestra carga. La Temporada de Cuaresma es el momento en que abrimos nuestros corazones para compartir y orar por aquellos que son pobres, aislados y menos afortunados porque escuchamos las enseñanzas de Jesús.

Si reflexionamos sobre las personas que hemos conocido, cada encuentro humano nos cambia para siempre. Las palabras y las actitudes de otra persona forman parte de nuestra vida. A veces influyen en nuestros pensamientos y comportamientos durante años. Esta es la forma en que funcionan nuestros cerebros. Lo verdadero es lo mismo que encontramos a Jesús en la Eucaristía. Cuando nos reunimos el domingo para la Eucaristía, somos comunidad de fe con Cristo en medio de nosotros. El transforma pan y vino en su cuerpo y sangre. Cuando lo recibimos, somos transformados. Por lo tanto, somos cambiados para mejor después de que salimos la Iglesia por la fuerza y el amor que viene de la Eucaristía.

Los discípulos de Jesús; Pedro, Santiago y Juan fueron completamente diferentes después de haber encontrado la palabra de Dios y la transfiguración de Jesús. Bajaron de la montaña y compartieron ese gozo y amor con el mundo hasta su último aliento. Como ellos, somos testigos de las palabras de Dios y de la transformación de Jesús en la Eucaristía. Estamos llamados a compartir Su amor y misericordia con la gente que nos rodea a través de nuestras palabras y hechos. Si lo hacemos con cariño y corazones amorosos, estamos siguiendo activamente las enseñanzas de Jesús.

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai