

St. Thomas More Church

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Third Sunday of Lent Sunday, March 19th 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 — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the LORD heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

Gospel — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
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:	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Agua salió de la roca para apagar la sed del pueblo (Éxodo 17:3-7).

Salmo — Si hoy oyen su voz, no endurezcan su corazón (Salmo 95 [94]).

Segunda lectura — El amor de Dios se ha derramado en nuestro corazón por el don del Espíritu Santo (Romanos 5:1-2, 5-8).

Evangelio — El agua que yo les daré se convierte en el manantial de vida eterna (Juan 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39, 40-42]).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
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:	Hos 14:2-10; Sal 81 (80):6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mc 12:28-34
Sábado:	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Sal 40 (39):7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lc 1:26-38
Domingo:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Ef 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

Collections for 3/12/17

5:00 PM	\$1,141.00
7:30 AM	\$793.00
9:00 AM	\$1,483.00
10:45 AM	\$721.00
12:30 PM	\$1,173.00
By mail/online	\$660.00
Bldg Fund	\$789.00
Altar Society	\$110.00
Ash Wednesday	\$64.00
Total	\$6,934.00

Thank You
Gracias



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

The upcoming weekend dates in this area are:

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.

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



Safeguard the Children



Parents should be aware of laundry pod dangers

Risks to children's safety come in many shapes and sizes. As parents and caring adults, inappropriate adult conduct is not the only risk to watch for; we must also create safe environments to protect children from other risks. One possible threat comes from the small soft plastic pods that hold laundry detergent. The pods are brightly colored, and often attract young children who may mistake them for candy or other foods and according to studies, children who ingest these pods or been exposed to them could become ill and need to be hospitalized. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Detergent Pods" from jvienna@la-archdiocese.org or (213) 637-7227.

Soup Service Schedule

Date/Time	Group/Ministries
March 24	Knights of Columbus
March 31	STM School PTO
April 07	Spanish Community



SeaWorld

2 TICKETS TO SEA WORLD SAN DIEGO

\$184 VALLE

ONLY \$2 FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!

Raffle will be drawn on Sunday, April 2nd at 2pm

Sponsored by: Youth Ministry

**ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH
END OF THE MONTH FINANCIAL REPORT**

February 1 to February 28, 2017

Sundays' Collections & Donations \$34,870.03

Paid Bills \$38,542.10

Monies needed to pay bills -\$3,672.07

**Are You Being Called
To Become A Deacon?**



Diaconate Formation Office: Information Meeting for Men Interested in the Permanent Diaconate
Sunday April 23, 2017

Oficina de Formación Diaconal: Reunión informativa para los hombres que estén interesados en el diaconado permanente
Domingo 23 de Abril de 2017

Sunday Breakfast

Please join us in the hall for



**Tamales, Pan Dulce,
Coffee and Donuts**

Sponsored by Spanish Prayer Group

CURRENT EVENTS

Saturday, March 18, 2017		
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Confirmation Class	Hall (or MC)
Sunday, March 19, 2017		
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Sunday Breakfast	Hall
Monday, March 20, 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, March 21, 2017		
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
Wednesday, March 22, 2017		
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Bible Study	Ministry Center
Thursday, March 23, 2017		
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Youth Nights	Ministry Center
8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Spanish Choir Practice	Church
Friday, March 24, 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 25, 2017		
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Confirmation Class	Hall (or MC)
Sunday, March 26, 2017		
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Sunday Breakfast	Hall

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 18, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Hernani Ledesma †
4:00 PM	Fr. O'Neill	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. O'Neill	Annie Bonilla † & Robert Kirin †
Sunday, March 19, 2017		
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 †
Monday, March 20, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	John Baptist Hoang † Francisco Anguiano †
Tuesday, March 21, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Francisco Aguiano †
Wednesday, March 22, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Teresita Yu: Special Intentions
Thursday, March 23, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Parishioners of STM
Friday, March 24, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
Saturday, March 25, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Parishioners of STM
4:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Monica Monreal †
Sunday, March 26, 2017		
7:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Anna Kim Bui †
9:00 AM	Fr. Andrew	Mary Cerda †
10:45 AM	Fr. Thai	Rafael Garcia Jr. †
12:30 PM	Fr. Andrew	Socorro Rios †

Please Pray for the Sick

Fr. Jeremiah O'Neill

A Dolores Alatorre	L Rafael & Gerardo Luna
Anita Alderete	M Gilbert Madrid
Mary Helen Andrade	Cely Magpantay
Mariano Aoanan	Alina Magrina
George Astacio	Salvador Maldonado
Rosa Astacio	Anna Maraldo
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	N Carey Nakayama
Fr. Jim Boyd	Huy Nguyen
Steven Brown	Mario Nieto
Tod and Rose Marie Brown	Michael Nolasco
Ida Bustos	P Tony Pagliotti
C Agnes Caballero	Sharon Palmiter
Jessica Cabrera	Nick Perez
Rita Campanella	Arpie Pezeshkian
Tony Camperi	R 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
E Maria Endara	Ana Romo
Malia Estrada	R 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	Jennifer Wong
Bonnie Luna	Z 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!

We can't catch fish by simply staying home and waiting for the fish to come to us. We must go out to places near the water, such as a lake, ocean, or river and wait patiently for the fish to bite. If we arrive at the right place, right time, and genuine attitude, we will be more likely to get what we are anticipating.

The right place-and-time is echoed in today's reading. The Gospel describes the conversation between Jesus and a woman of Samaria. Jesus speaks to people all the time! So, what is special about this conversation? There are several aspects we need to know before we can understand why this conversation is different.

To explain, Samaria is situated about forty miles southwest of Lake of Galilee. During the time of Jesus, the *Jews and Samaritans normally do not associate with each other; women do not come to the well to draw water at noontime—they would come in the morning and as a group.* With that in mind, one might ask, "what is going on with this particular woman?" She is not a Jew, without a husband, and the rest of Samaritan women are not around with her. That is, she was an *outcast*, the opposite of a leader or community representative. This was not a positive sign at all.

However, she was the woman that Jesus talked to, and she discovered the fruit of joy through His presence. The twist here, she was a completely different person after this encounter: She was the first person in that town to make the announcement about Jesus, which is a high-honor anyone could want to achieve!

Our Lord is still waiting to share His Word of love, strength, and wisdom to all His believers. In the Eucharist, God presents in a unique way; *humility, matter, spirituality, and divinity.* We experience God's love and mercy through Jesus' sacrifice. On Sunday, faithful Catholics gather together to remember what God has done for His children. It is at church they receive His blessing, love, and strength—the fruit for life and journey. We must strive our best to witness His love.

Every one of us approaches the Eucharist differently. Some of us might approach the Altar with senses of doubt, guilt, discomfort, fear, reluctance, or negativity toward ourselves or God. Some might come with a spirit of enthusiasm, joy, contentment, piety, or faith-filled attitude. Whatever sentiments we hold in our hearts and minds, the fact is that Our Lord is eager to share His "*living water*" with us, as He did for the Samaritan woman more than two thousand years ago,

The Samaritan woman had come from a long way—being without a husband or friends. She was both a social and racial outcast! She could have said, "People out there are so mean to me; I am afraid they will hurt me; they don't want to be around with me. Since God is everywhere, I can just stay safe at home!" She did not allow social perceptions and challenges take away her own *dignity*. She was yearning for someone who is bigger, stronger, and far better than her circumstances.

It doesn't make any sense to simply stay home and wait for fish to come to your house. To catch fish, you must go to where the fish are – the water. The Samaritan woman has the courage to go out to the well and draw the water despite all her reasons not to go. Eventually, she gets what she longs for, "*the living water*" from Jesus! We, too, should overcome life's obstacles, pleasures, temptations, egos, and pride to draw the *living water* from the Eucharist that nourishes our soul and body!

God bless!

Fr. Thai

¡Hola!

No podemos atrapar peces simplemente quedándonos en casa y esperando a que el pez venga a nosotros. Debemos salir a lugares cerca del agua, como un lago, un océano o un río, y esperar pacientemente que los peces muerdan. Si llegamos al lugar correcto, el momento adecuado y la actitud genuina, tendremos más probabilidades de obtener lo que estamos anticipando.

El lugar-y-tiempo correcto se hace eco en la lectura de hoy. El Evangelio describe la conversación entre Jesús y una mujer de Samaria. ¡Jesús habla a la gente todo el tiempo! Entonces, ¿qué tiene de especial esta conversación? Hay varios aspectos que necesitamos saber antes de que podamos entender por qué esta conversación es diferente.

Para explicar, Samaria se encuentra a unas cuarenta millas al suroeste del lago de Galilea. Durante el tiempo de Jesús, los judíos y los samaritanos normalmente no se asocian entre sí; Las mujeres no vienen al pozo para sacar agua al mediodía: vendrían por la mañana y como grupo. Con esto en mente, uno podría preguntar, "¿qué está pasando con esta mujer en particular?" Ella no es judía, sin marido, y el resto de mujeres samaritanas no están con ella. Es decir, era una marginada, lo contrario de un líder o representante de la comunidad. Esto no fue un signo positivo en absoluto.

Sin embargo, ella era la mujer con la que Jesús hablaba, y descubrió el fruto del gozo a través de Su presencia. El giro aquí, ella era una persona completamente diferente después de este encuentro: Ella fue la primera persona en esa ciudad para hacer el anuncio sobre Jesús, que es un alto honor que cualquiera podría desear lograr!

Nuestro Señor todavía está esperando para compartir Su Palabra de amor, fortaleza y sabiduría a todos Sus creyentes. En la Eucaristía, Dios se presenta de una manera única; Humildad, materia, espiritualidad y divinidad. Experimentamos el amor y la misericordia de Dios a través del sacrificio de Jesús. El domingo, fieles católicos se reúnen para recordar lo que Dios ha hecho por Sus hijos. Es en la iglesia que reciben Su bendición, amor y fuerza-el fruto para la vida y el viaje. Debemos esforzarnos lo mejor posible para dar testimonio de Su amor.

Cada uno de nosotros se acerca a la Eucaristía de manera diferente. Algunos de nosotros podríamos acercarnos al Altar con sentidos de duda, culpa, incomodidad, miedo, renuencia o negatividad hacia nosotros mismos o Dios. Algunos pueden venir con un espíritu de entusiasmo, alegría, satisfacción, piedad o actitud de fe. Cualquiera sentimiento que tengamos en nuestros corazones y mentes, el hecho es que Nuestro Señor está ansioso por compartir Su "agua viva" con nosotros, como lo hizo con la samaritana hace más de dos mil años,

La mujer samaritana había venido de un largo camino: estar sin marido ni amigos. ¡Ella era una marginada social y racial! Podría haber dicho: "La gente de allí es tan mala para conmigo; Me temo que me harán daño; No quieren estar conmigo. Puesto que Dios está en todas partes, ¡puedo estar a salvo en casa! "Ella no permitió que las percepciones sociales y los desafíos le quitaran su propia dignidad. Anhelaba a alguien que es más grande, más fuerte y mucho mejor que sus circunstancias.

No tiene sentido simplemente quedarse en casa y esperar a que los peces lleguen a su casa. Para capturar peces, debe ir a donde están los peces - el agua. La mujer samaritana tiene el valor de salir al pozo y sacar el agua a pesar de todas sus razones para no ir. Eventualmente, ella obtiene lo que anhela, "la agua viva" de Jesús! ¡Nosotros también debemos superar los obstáculos de la vida, los placeres, las tentaciones, los egosmos y el orgullo para sacar la agua viva de la Eucaristía que nutre nuestra alma y nuestro cuerpo!

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai