

St. Thomas More Church

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Fourth Sunday of Lent Sunday, March 26th 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 — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David and remained with him from that day forward (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14).

Gospel — The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see! (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38])

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:	Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Samuel ungió a David para ser rey (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Salmo — El Señor es mi pastor; nada me falta (Salmo 23 [22]).

Segunda lectura — Levántense de entre los muertos, hijos de la luz (Efesios 5:8-14).

Evangelio — De esto estoy seguro: Yo era ciego pero ahora puedo ver (Juan 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]).

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:	Ez 37:12-14; Sal 130 (129):1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Collections for 3/19/17

5:00 PM	\$874.00
7:30 AM	\$868.00
9:00 AM	\$1,722.00
10:45 AM	\$526.00
12:30 PM	\$638.00
By mail/online	\$390.00
Bldg Fund	\$465.00
Altar Society	\$45.00
Special Projects	\$144.00
Total	\$5,672.00

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.

Lenten / Holy Week Schedule 2017

PENANCE SERVICE

Thursday, March 30th at 7:00 pm

PALM SUNDAY

April 9th, 2017

7:30 am, 9:00 am & 12:30 pm (English) • 10:45 am (Spanish)

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

There are no morning masses on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Also there will be no 5:00 evening mass on Holy Saturday. During the Holy Week, only the Anointing of the Sick is made available.

HOLY THURSDAY EVENING

April 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Liturgy of the LORD'S Supper, Washing of the feet, Procession and transfer of the Blessed Sacrament after the Liturgy. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be until 11:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

April 14, 2017

English 3:00 p.m. and Spanish 7:00 p.m.
Celebration of the LORD'S Passion
(Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion)

EASTER VIGIL -Holy Saturday Night

April 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Service of the Light, Liturgy of the Word, Sacraments of Initiation, and Liturgy of the Eucharist. The Easter Vigil is the principal celebration of the Lord's resurrection. It is also the chance for the community to welcome New Baptized Members into our midst.

EASTER SUNDAY

Solemnity Of The Lord's Resurrection

April 16, 2017

7:30, 9:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. (English)
10:45 a.m. (Spanish)

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)

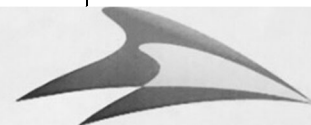
Every Friday 6:00pm Church

Lenten Soup

Every Friday 6:45 pm Hall

Soup Service Schedule

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



SeaWorld

2 TICKETS TO SEA WORLD SAN DIEGO

\$184 VALUE

ONLY \$2 FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!

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

Sponsored by: Youth Ministry

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



**Eggs, Hash Browns, Sausage .
Coffee and Donuts**

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

CURRENT EVENTS

Saturday, March 25, 2017		
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Confirmation Class	Hall (or MC)
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Ultreya Group	Ministry Center
Sunday, March 26, 2017		
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Sunday Breakfast	Hall
Monday, March 27, 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 28, 2017		
Our Lady of Wisdom		
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Prayer Group	Church
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Bingo		
6:45 PM - 8:15 PM	English Choir Practice	Church
Wednesday, March 29, 2017		
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Bible Study	Ministry Center
Thursday, March 30, 2017		
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Youth Nights	Ministry Center
7:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Community Penance	Church
8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Spanish Choir Practice	Church
Friday, March 31, 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, April 1, 2017		
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Confirmation Class	Hall (or MC)
Sunday, April 2, 2017		
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Sunday Breakfast	Hall

MASS SCHEDULE

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 †
Monday, March 27, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
Tuesday, March 28, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Mary Cerda †
Wednesday, March 29, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Socorro Rios †
Thursday, March 30, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Parishioners of STM
Friday, March 31, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Magdalena Lagunas †
Saturday, April 01, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. O'Neill	Parishioners of STM
4:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Monica Monreal †
Sunday, April 02, 2017		
7:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Anna Kim Bui †
9:00 AM	Fr. Thai	Dory Aoanan †
10:45 AM	To Be Announced	Juan Antonio Garcia: Healing Arturo Jimenez †
12:30 PM	Fr. Thai	Juan Jimenez: Birthday

Please Pray for the Sick

Fr. Jeremiah O'Neill

A Dolores Alatorre	M Gilbert Madrid
Anita Alderete	Cely Magpantay
Mary Helen Andrade	Alina Magrina
Mariano Aoanan	Salvador Maldonado
George Astacio	Anna Maraldo
Rosa Astacio	Edgardo Marin
B Patricia Balue	Francis Meyer
Douglas Barquero	Jean Miceli
Bertha La Barreda	John Miller
Roy Barrientos	James Montague
Anthony Bernal	Artemio Moralda
Patricia Bernal	Caridad Muro
Andy Bouffard	N Carey Nakayama
Louie Bouffard	Huy Nguyen
Sofia Bouffard	Mario Nieto
Fr. Jim Boyd	Michael Nolasco
Steven Brown	P Tony Pagliotti
Tod & Rose Marie Brown	Sharon Palmiter
Ida Bustos	Nick Perez
C Agnes Caballero	Arpie Pezeshkian
Jessica Cabrera	R Dolores Ramirez
Rita Campanella	Ramon Ramos
Tony Camperi	Julieta Reta
Mary Campitiello	Maria T. Riley
Gloria Cancio	Armando & Maria Rivera
S. Cano	Luz Rodriguez
Blanca & Procoro Castañeda	Mike Romano
Jessica Cerda	R Ana Romo
Joan Cervantes	Daniela Garcia de la Rosa
E Maria Endara	Virginia Rosales
Malia Estrada	Alissa Roybal
F Ruth Fabela	Ruben Ruvacava
Pat Fernandez	S Virginia Sanchez
Tony Filosa	Sam Scuamieri
G Mariano G.	Uldarica Sison
Jose Gonzalez	Dean Smith
Gavin Gutierrez	Eddie Souza
H Memo Herrera	Dorian Suarez
Sally Herrera	U Leticia Ureno
Jessica Higarde	V Michael Velasco
I Selvia Inado	Raymond Villalobos
J Darwin Jenkins	Ricardo & Felicidad Villegas
Dennis James Johnson	Hunter Vindell
Gary Jones	Theresa Mai Vu
Thomas Perez Jr.	Therese Huyen-Duong Thi Vu
K Mary Keffer	W Tina Wati
Theresa Kryszek	Jean Reyes Williams
L William Lievense	Martha Willox
James Lindgren	Jandy Wong
Yee See Lipsun	Jennifer Wong
Eleanor Lopez	Z Christine Zamper
Brother Martin Lorenzini	
Bonnie Luna	
Elvira Luna	
Rafael and Gerardo Luna	

Pray for the Dead

Anthony Bernal	Evangelina Luna
Rebeca Borges	Socorro Rios
Thomas King	Edward Sustaya
Otilia Lopez	Orlando Angel Villareal



Hello!

“*Eyes are the window to the soul*” – this immortal quote comes from a prominent Roman politician, Cicero. All human emotions such as love, anger, or suffering show in our eyes. We communicate with one another through our eyes! Therefore, the eyes are important to observe – to see what someone else is feeling. If a person is born sightless or symptoms that lead to being blind that must be very awkward.

Today’s Gospel tells about how Jesus opened the eyes of a blind man. But unlike other healing stories in the Gospel, this Gospel story is unique in which Jesus is the initiator. The blind man does not even know Jesus, or that He is approaching to talk with him. When Jesus restores sight to the blind man with His touch, the man can see his family, friends, and things around him for the first time. That must be very happy moment for this man.

However, to be seen and touched by Jesus, the blind man has the courage to go out of his own comfortable space and routine. He overcomes the obstacles of sightless and social perception to be seen by Jesus. Such courage leads him to be seen and touched by Our Lord.

Most of us see people and objects around us clearly. I hope we use our sight to contribute good deeds for others. But physical sight could blind our spiritual vision when we separate ourselves from Jesus and the teachings of the Church. The *spiritual realm* helps us see and believe there is a God who created me and gives me life. Every action of our daily lives needs to be centered by His teachings. That is, we help Jesus to be present in the lives of others. Jesus is always present. He never changes His promises. He is not going anywhere! Those who believe in Him can see and experience His presence in every path of life no matter what.

Spiritual blindness is when Jesus is right in front of us and we fail to see Him! When we do not allow Him to touch our wounds or other forms of spiritual disease. We internalize that we can control our life and future. We might say, “My life is fine without Jesus and religion!” Arrogance blinds our sight. God has always wanted to unite with us and to see His light. However, a blind person does not see anyone else, even God. They worship their own interests and belongings! There is no God in their daily lives and activities. Eventually, they become completely blind and unable to see the goodness of God in Jesus Christ.

Lent is a period of forty days that we are invited to ponder upon or spiritual discipline that helps us to see Jesus who journeys with us. He always wants to heal and comfort us with His wisdom and strength that nourishes our soul and body. We need to learn to believe that life is better and has more meaning with Jesus than without Him. Jesus’ presence shapes our thoughts and decision that brings us closer to His Son. Finally, it would be a challenging life for anyone that can’t see their surroundings. We all want to be able to see. Thus, as much as we depend upon our eyes to guide our path, we also need open our spiritual sight that guides us to worship God and share His presence and blessings with others. It would be a big mistake if we lived without sight or light! It is a worse ailment if we remain in that darkness.

God bless!

Fr. Thai

¡Hola!

"Los ojos son la ventana al alma" – este refrán inmortal viene de un prominente político romano, Cicerón. Todas las emociones humanas como el amor, la ira, o el sufrimiento se muestra en nuestros ojos. ¡Nos comunicamos entre nosotros a través de nuestros ojos! Por lo tanto, los ojos son importantes para observar - para ver lo que alguien está sintiendo. Si una persona nace ciega o síntomas que llevan a ser ciegos debe ser muy incómodo.

El Evangelio de hoy habla de cómo Jesús abrió los ojos de un ciego. Pero a diferencia de otras historias de sanación en el Evangelio, esta historia del Evangelio es única en la que Jesús es el iniciador. El ciego ni siquiera conoce a Jesús, o que se está acercando para hablar con él. Cuando Jesús le devuelve la vista al hombre ciego con tocarlo, el hombre puede ver a su familia, amigos y cosas a su alrededor por primera vez. Ese debe ser un momento muy feliz para este hombre.

Sin embargo, para ser visto y tocado por Jesús, el ciego tiene el valor de salir de su propio espacio cómodo y su rutina. Supera los obstáculos de la percepción ciega y social para ser visto por Jesús. Tal valor lo lleva a ser visto y tocado por Nuestro Señor.

La mayoría de nosotros vemos claramente a las personas y los objetos que nos rodean. Espero que usemos nuestra vista para contribuir buenas obras para otros. Pero la visión física puede cegar nuestra visión espiritual cuando nos separamos de Jesús y las enseñanzas de la Iglesia. El reino espiritual nos ayuda a ver y creer que hay un Dios que me creó y me da la vida. Cada acción de nuestra vida diaria necesita estar centrada en Sus enseñanzas. Es decir, ayudamos a Jesús a estar presente en la vida de otros. Jesús siempre está presente. Él nunca cambia Sus promesas. ¡Él no va a ninguna parte! Aquellos que creen en Él pueden ver y experimentar Su presencia en cada camino de la vida no importa qué.

¡La ceguera espiritual es cuando Jesús está justo delante de nosotros y no lo vemos! Cuando no le permitimos que toque nuestras heridas u otras formas de enfermedad espiritual. Internalizamos que podemos controlar nuestra vida y nuestro futuro. Podríamos decir: "Mi vida está bien sin Jesús y la religión!" La arrogancia ciega nuestra vista. Dios siempre ha querido unirnos y ver Su luz. Sin embargo, una persona ciega no ve a nadie más, ni siquiera a Dios. ¡Adoran sus propios intereses y pertenencias! No hay Dios en su vida diaria y sus actividades. Eventualmente, se vuelven completamente ciegos e incapaces de ver la bondad de Dios en Jesucristo.

La Cuaresma es un período de cuarenta días sobre los que estamos invitados a reflexionar o la disciplina espiritual que nos ayuda a ver a Jesús que viaja con nosotros. Él siempre quiere sanarnos y consolarnos con Su sabiduría y fuerza que nutre nuestra alma y nuestro cuerpo. Necesitamos aprender a creer que la vida es mejor y tiene más significado con Jesús que sin Él. La presencia de Jesús moldea nuestros pensamientos y la decisión que nos acerca a su Hijo. Por último, sería una vida desafiante para cualquiera que no pueda ver su entorno. Todos queremos ser capaces de ver. Por lo tanto, tanto como dependemos de nuestros ojos para guiar nuestro camino, también tenemos que abrir nuestra vista espiritual que nos guía a adorar a Dios y compartir su presencia y bendiciones con los demás. ¡Sería un gran error si viviéramos sin vista ni luz! Es una enfermedad peor si permanecemos en esa oscuridad.

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai