

St. Thomas More Church

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Fifth Sunday of Lent Sunday, April 2nd 2017

EUCHARISTIC 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 — Thus says the LORD GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

Psalm — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).

Second Reading — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

Gospel — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name. Many of those who had seen what had happened began to believe in Jesus (John 11:1-45).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];
Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56;
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7;
Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 - 27:66

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Abriré sus tumbas; pondré mi espíritu en ustedes para que tengan vida (Ezequiel 37:12-14).

Salmo — Con el Señor hay misericordia y redención completa (Salmo 130 [129]).

Segunda lectura — El Espíritu de vida mora en nosotros (Romanos 8:8-11).

Evangelio — Yo soy la Resurrección y la Vida (Juan 11:1-45).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];
Sal 23 (22):1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Martes: Nm 21:4-9; Sal 102 (101):2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Miércoles: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Jueves: Gn 17:3-9; Sal 105 (104):4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Viernes: Jer 20:10-13; Sal 18 (17):2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Sábado: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Domingo: Mt 21:1-11 (procesión); Is 50:4-7;
Sal 22 (21):8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Fil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 - 27:66

Collections for 3/26/17

5:00 PM	\$1,044.00
7:30 AM	\$1,304.00
9:00 AM	\$1,864.00
10:45 AM	\$702.00
12:30 PM	\$962.00
By mail/online	\$603.00
Bldg Fund	\$233.00
Special Projects	\$65.00
Total	\$6,777.00

2nd Collection: \$1,201.00
Catholic Relief Services

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

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

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
April 07	Spanish Community



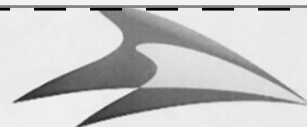
Safeguard the Children



Archdiocese continues helping survivors of sexual abuse and their families

As we begin April, National Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Archdiocese wants to reiterate that it remains committed to helping survivors and their families heal and find peace. If you believe that you, or someone you know, is a victim of sexual abuse by a Church employee or volunteer, please contact the Archdiocesan Victims Assistance

Coordinator at (213) 637-7650 for help and support.



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

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



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

8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Youth Group

CURRENT EVENTS

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
Monday, April 3, 2017		
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Legion of Mary	Ministry Center
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	STM School Penance Service	Church
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	RCIA Class	Ministry Center
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Youth Band Practice	Church
Tuesday, April 4, 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	Grupo de Oración	Ministry Center
Wednesday, April 5, 2017		
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Bible Study	Ministry Center
Thursday, April 6, 2017		
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Youth Nights	Ministry Center
8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Spanish Choir Practice	Church
Friday, April 7, 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 Supper	Hall
Saturday, April 8, 2017		
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Confirmation Class	Hall (or MC)
Sunday, April 9, 2017		
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Sunday Breakfast	Hall

MASS SCHEDULE

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	Fr. Valentin	Juan Antonio Garcia (healing), Arturo Jimenez †
12:30 PM	Fr. Thai	Juan Jimenez (Birthday)
Monday, April 03, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Raul Yugar †
Tuesday, April 04, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Mrs. Bailey (Birthday)
Wednesday, April 05, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Socorro Rios †
Thursday, April 06, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Parishioners of STM
Friday, April 07, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Fr. Thai Le & the Le family & Frank Luchetta †
Saturday, April 08, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. O'Neill	Gilbert Saucillo †
4:00 PM		<u>No Confessions</u>
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Monica Monreal †
Sunday, April 09, 2017		
7:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Anna Kim Bui †
9:00 AM	Fr. Thai	Socorro Rios †
10:45 AM	Fr. Henson	Rafael Garcia Sr. †
12:30 PM	Fr. Andrew	Otilia Lopez †

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 Scolamieri
G Mariano G.	Sisi Shum
Jose Gonzalez	Uldarica Sison
Gavin Gutierrez	Dean Smith
H Memo Herrera	Eddie Souza
Sally Herrera	Dorian Suarez
Jessica Higarde	U Leticia Ureno
I Selvia Inado	V Michael Velasco
J Darwin Jenkins	Raymond Villalobos
Dennis James Johnson	Ricardo & Felicidad Villegas
Gary Jones	Hunter Vindell
Thomas Perez Jr.	Theresa Mai Vu
K Mary Keffer	Therese Huyen-Duong Thi Vu
Theresa Kryszek	W Tina Wati
L William Lievens	Jean Reyes Williams
James Lindgren	Martha Willox
Yee See Lipsun	Janny Wong
Eleanor Lopez	Jennifer Wong
Brother Martin Lorenzini	Z Christine Zampese
Bonnie Luna	
Elvira Luna	
Rafael & Gerardo Luna	

Pray for the Dead

Anthony Bernal	Kate McDermott
Rebeca Borges	Socorro Rios
Thomas King	Edward Sustaya
Otilia Lopez	Orlando Angel Villareal



Hello!

Immediately after my ordination, I was sent to a parish that was near a hospital. Because of my routines facilitating the sacraments to patients who were Catholics, I soon became familiar with the hospital and its operation. Fortunately, at that time, the parish had three priests in the rectory!

During my years there, I learned many vital things about the depth of life, *birth, illness, and death* that brought value to my life as a priest to this day. A few times, I was invited to participate in patients' family and hospital team consultation; when a doctor tried to explain the patients' conditions to the family. Such conferences were not pleasant ones for me to observe. It was hard for family members to comprehend. The feelings of fear, confusion, darkness, and hopelessness, those sentiments would stay with them for years. And yet, as I have grown, I treasure those meetings and realize that death is part of life that no human is exempt from!

Mourning or grieving is a process that is depicted in today's Gospel. We learn that Martha and Mary are in the "waiting room" situation. They were witnessing their brother's illness, declining health, and eventual death. At first, their mourning revealed their confusion and unwillingness to accept the reality of the loss of a loved-one. They bargained with Jesus for being late, and eventually accepted the outcome. Yet, the twisting moment is when Jesus arrives and things start to change. That is a healthy *coping method* when faced with such a loss.

Objectively and subjectively, many of us are not willingly accept the unplanned outcomes, especially when dealing with loss, such as; death, separation, illness, loss of job, an unfaithful spouse, or being betrayed by someone we trust. We get confused by the results. We try to make sense of what is happening. We may relive our feelings for years. People use *copied method* differently when faced with loss. But we need to learn from today's Gospel story for our future. That is; Jesus is the bearer of our pain, suffering and mourning. This coping method engineers for our hope.

Through *faith and trust* in Jesus, Martha and Mary realize that sometimes life has a lot of questions with not even a glimpse of an answer. They understand that Jesus knows things that they don't. Jesus knows the answers. Jesus knows there is a powerful light that conquers all the darkness of sin, death, hopeless, and confusion. Jesus is that light! Their faith and commitment in Jesus shines for them through their darkest moment.

The sadness of life can be an opportunity to find new meaning of life and faith in God. God has shown His glory and redemption through the story of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. In addition to experiencing human limitations when faced with brokenness, suffering, pain, and death; Jesus knew He had come to wipe out our tears, pain, and death. There are no tears that will last forever because of Jesus' death and resurrection on the Cross.

Embrace Jesus' love and passion for us whatever life's outcomes we might face. Mourning and grieving is part of our nature. We need to see beyond any darkness before us. The love and power of Christ's victory and resurrection is our light! A healthy *copied method* and process is depicted in today's Gospel. That approach will transform our mourning, pain and suffering into joy and peace when we invite Jesus into our minds and hearts!

God bless!

Fr. Thai Le

¡Hola!

Inmediatamente después de mi ordenación, fui enviado a una parroquia que estaba cerca de un hospital. Debido a mis rutinas de facilitar los sacramentos a los pacientes que eran católicos, pronto me familiaricé con el hospital y su funcionamiento. ¡Afortunadamente, en ese momento, la parroquia tenía tres sacerdotes en la rectoría!

Durante mis años allí, aprendí muchas cosas vitales sobre la profundidad de la vida, el nacimiento, la enfermedad y la muerte que trajeron valor a mi vida como sacerdote hasta el día de hoy. Unas cuantas veces, fui invitado a participar en la consulta de los pacientes y la familia y el grupo hospitalario; Cuando un médico trató de explicar las condiciones del paciente a la familia. Tales conferencias no eran agradables para mí. Era difícil para los miembros de la familia comprender. Los sentimientos de miedo, confusión, oscuridad y desesperación, esos sentimientos se quedarían con ellos durante años. ¡Y, sin embargo, a medida que he crecido, atesoro esas reuniones y me doy cuenta de que la muerte es parte de la vida de la que ningún humano está exento!

El luto o el duelo es un proceso que se representa en el Evangelio de hoy. Aprendemos que Martha y María están en la "sala de espera". Ellas estaban presenciando la enfermedad de su hermano, la salud declinante, y la muerte eventual. Al principio, su duelo reveló su confusión y su renuencia a aceptar la realidad de la pérdida de un ser querido. Ellas negociaron con Jesús por llegar tarde, y finalmente aceptaron el resultado. Sin embargo, el momento de torsión es cuando Jesús llega y las cosas empiezan a cambiar. Es un método de afrontamiento saludable cuando se enfrenta a una pérdida.

Objetivamente y subjetivamente, muchos de nosotros no aceptamos de buena gana los resultados no planificados, especialmente cuando se trata de la pérdida, tales como; Muerte, separación, enfermedad, pérdida de trabajo, un cónyuge infiel, o ser traicionado por alguien en quien confiamos. Nos confundimos con los resultados. Tratamos de darle sentido a lo que está sucediendo. Podemos revivir nuestros sentimientos durante años. La gente usa el método de afrontamiento de manera diferente cuando se enfrenta con la pérdida. Pero necesitamos aprender de la historia del Evangelio de hoy para nuestro futuro. Es decir; Jesús es el portador de nuestro dolor, sufrimiento y luto. Este este método de afrontamiento es la causa para nuestra esperanza.

A través de la fe y la confianza en Jesús, Marta y María se dan cuenta de que a veces la vida tiene muchas preguntas sin ni siquiera vislumbrar una respuesta. Ellos entienden que Jesús sabe cosas que ellos no saben. Jesús sabe las respuestas. Jesús sabe que hay una luz poderosa que vence todas las tinieblas del pecado, la muerte, la desesperanza y la confusión. ¡Jesús es esa luz! Su fe y compromiso en Jesús brilla por ellos en su momento más oscuro.

La tristeza de la vida puede ser una oportunidad para encontrar un nuevo significado de vida y fe en Dios. Dios ha mostrado Su gloria y redención a través de la historia de Marta, María y Lázaro. Además de experimentar limitaciones humanas cuando se enfrentan con rotura, sufrimiento, dolor y muerte; Jesús sabía que Él había venido a borrar nuestras lágrimas, dolor y muerte. No hay lágrimas que duren para siempre debido a la muerte de Jesús y la resurrección en la Cruz.

Abrace el amor y la pasión de Jesús por nosotros cualesquiera que sean los resultados de la vida que podamos enfrentar. El luto y el duelo son parte de nuestra naturaleza. Necesitamos ver más allá de cualquier oscuridad ante nosotros. ¡El amor y el poder de la victoria y resurrección de Cristo es nuestra luz! En el Evangelio de hoy se describe un método y proceso de adaptación saludable. ¡Ese enfoque transformará nuestro luto, dolor y sufrimiento en alegría y paz cuando invitamos a Jesús a nuestras mentes y corazones!

¡Dios Bendiga!

P. Thai Le