

# St. Thomas More Church

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## Third Sunday of Easter Sunday, April 15, 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

<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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**School Website:** stthomasmorealhambra.org

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The God of our fathers has glorified his servant Jesus (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).

**Psalm** — Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).

**Second Reading** — The way we may be sure that we know Jesus is to keep his commandments (1 John 2:1-5a).

**Gospel** — Jesus stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you" (Luke 24:35-48).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — Pedro da testimonio a la gente de que Jesús ha sido glorificado y deberán reformar sus vidas (Hechos 3:13-15, 17-19).

**Salmo** — Haz brillar sobre nosotros el resplandor de tu rostro (Salmo 4).

**Segunda lectura** — Jesucristo intercede ante el Padre por nuestros pecados (1 Juan 2:1-5a).

**Evangelio** — Jesús se aparece a los discípulos y los envía a predicar la penitencia para el perdón de los pecados (Lucas 24:35-48).

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 6:8-15; Sal 119 (118):23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Martes: Hch 7:51 — 8:1a; Sal 31 (30):3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Miércoles: Hch 8:1b-8; Sal 66 (65):1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Jueves: Hch 8:26-40; Sal 66 (65):8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Viernes: Hch 9:1-20; Sal 117 (116):1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Sábado: Hch 9:31-42; Sal 116 (115):12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Domingo: Hch 4:8-12; Sal 118 (117):1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

### Collections for 4/8/18

5:00 PM	\$1,314.00
7:30 AM	\$752.00
9:00 AM	\$1,232.00
10:45 AM	\$754.00
12:30 PM	\$739.00
By mail/online	\$665.00
Bldg Fund	\$285.00
Easter envelopes	\$1,120.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,861.00</b>

Thank You!

Gracias!

**STM CHILD CARE CENTER**



**Come and enjoy Bingo Night!**  
**Food, prizes, 50/50 and tons of fun!**  
**Friday, April 20th, 2018**  
**from 6-9PM**

In the STM Parish Hall

Doors open at 6:00pm.

First BINGO game begins at 6:30pm sharp!

\$1 per game. Bingo daubers will be sold for \$1.

Drinks, food, snacks and dessert will be available for purchase.



**July 23, 2018**

Tickets for the Sistine Chapel Choir's first-ever performance in Los Angeles will go on sale to the general public on **Friday, April 13 at 10 a.m. PT.** The Pope's Choir from Rome will perform during their much-anticipated U.S. National Tour at Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles on July 23 2018.

Tickets will be available at:  
[SistineChapelChoirTour.com](http://SistineChapelChoirTour.com) or [AXS.com](http://AXS.com).



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**Summer is just around the corner!**



Catholic and public school students are welcome to attend a summer program for students who will be entering Kindergarten through Grade 6. We will have one four-week session that will offer academic enrichment and remedial curriculum from 8 AM to Noon, beginning July 2 through July 26. The tuition for Summer School is \$125.00 a week per student.

The STM Religious Education Department is offering an afternoon camp program, from Noon to 4 PM. It is based on Vacation Bible School activities and more, including arts and crafts, music, water play and walks to Granada Park. The fee for the camp program is \$50.00 a week per student.

Check the STM school website for a registration form, or call for more information. [www.stthomasmorealhambra.org](http://www.stthomasmorealhambra.org)

**Did You Know?**

**The Archdiocese continues helping survivors of sexual abuse and their families**

During 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, 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 or [www.archla.org/vam](http://www.archla.org/vam) for help and support.

*Sunday Breakfast*

**Join us for Breakfast in the Hall**  
**8:30 to Noon**



**Donuts & Coffee**

*Sponsored by*  
**The Proud Parents of**  
**STM 7th Grade Students**

**CURRENT EVENTS**

<b>Saturday, April 14, 2018</b>		
10:00AM	1st Reconciliation	Church
2:00PM	1st Reconciliation	Church
6:00PM	Confirmation Class	Church
<b>Sunday, April 15, 2018</b>		
8:30AM -2PM	Coffee & Donuts	Hall
10:30AM	Religious Education Class	School
<b>Monday, April 16, 2018</b>		
9:30AM	Legion of Mary	Ministry Center
7:00PM	Youth Band Practice	Church
<b>Tuesday, April 17, 2018</b>		
9AM - 9:30AM	Our Lady of Wisdom Prayer Group	Church
7:00PM	Grupo de Oracion	Ministry Center
7:45PM	English Choir Practice	Church
<b>Wednesday, April 18, 2018</b>		
9AM - 9:30AM	Mother of Perpetual Help Novena	Church
7:00PM	Bible Study	Ministry Center
<b>Thursday, April 19, 2018</b>		
6:30PM	Youth Nights	Ministry Center
8:00PM	Spanish Choir	Church
<b>Friday, April 20, 2018</b>		
9AM - 1PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
6PM - 9PM	STM Preschool Bingo	Hall
<b>Saturday, April 21, 2018</b>		
6:00PM	Confirmation Class	Church
<b>Sunday, April 22, 2018</b>		
8:30AM -2PM	Coffee & Donuts	Hall
	No Religious Education Class	

**MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Saturday, April 14, 2018</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Francine Amanda Ramirez† Gilbert Saucillo†
4:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Patrick Yiu† Severa Cagungun†
<b>Sunday, April 15, 2018</b>		
7:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Jose Davila† Jay Zimmerman: Healing
9:00 AM	Fr. Andrew	Jeff Shaw† Tony Miceli†
10:45 AM	Fr. Ruiz	Rafael Garcia, Sr.†
12:30 PM	Fr. Andrew	Jose Hernandez† Fernando Parra: Healing
<b>Monday, April 16, 2018</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Toribia Yugar† Art Contrereas: Healing
<b>Tuesday, April 17, 2018</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Parishioners of STM
<b>Wednesday, April 18, 2018</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Dan	Stuart Carlisle†
<b>Thursday, April 19, 2018</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Parishioners of STM
<b>Friday, April 20, 2018</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	John Baptist Bao Hoang†
<b>Saturday, April 21, 2018</b>		
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4:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Patrick Yiu†
<b>Sunday, April 22, 2018</b>		
7:30 AM	Fr. Dan	Jose Davila† Martha Verdin†
9:00 AM	Fr. Thai	Bert & Marilyn Potter: Healing Marianita De La Torre†
10:45 AM	Fr. Ruiz	Juan Garcia: Healing
12:30 PM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM

*Please Pray for the Sick*

Fr. Jeremiah O'Neill

<b>A</b> Mariano Aoanan George Astacio Rosa Astacio Brianna Ayestas	<b>G</b> Gavin Gutierrez Ricardo Gutierrez Carolina Guzman <b>H</b> Memo Herrera Sally Herrera	<b>P</b> Sharon Palmiter Fernando Parra Jennifer Santana Pedraza Victoria Petas Arpie Pezeshkian
<b>B</b> Roy Barrientos Douglas Barquero Patricia Bernal Steven Brown Tod & Rose Marie Brown Ida Bustos	<b>I</b> Selvia Inado <b>J</b> Darwin Jenkins Dennis James Johnson Gary Jones <b>K</b> Kimbra Fossen Theresa Kryszek	<b>R</b> 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 Alissa Roybal
<b>C</b> 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	<b>L</b> Bill Lamb Bertha La Barreda Anfrea Leija William Lievense James Lindgren Eleanor Lopez Brother Martin Lorenzini Francine Lozano Bonnie Luna Elvira Luna Rafael & Gerardo Luna	<b>S</b> Mason Saldaña Francisco Sanchez Virginia Sanchez Dylan Silva Sisi Shum Uldarica Sison Eddie Souza T Jennies Tiu <b>U</b> Leticia Ureno <b>V</b> Richard Valdes Michael Velasco Maria Wong Vasquez Norma Villar Ricardo & Felicidad Villegas Therese Huyen-Duong Thi Vu Theresa Mai Vu <b>W</b> Martha Willox Janny Wong Jennifer Wong <b>Z</b> Christine Zampese
<b>D</b> Roger Davila Julio Diaz Luz Santos Dicioco Jesus M. Dulay	<b>M</b> Gilbert Madrid Cely Magpantay Anna Maraldo Salvador Maldonado	
<b>E</b> Malia Estrada <b>F</b> Ruth Fabela Pat Fernandez Tony Filosa Louis Finochio	Edgardo Marin Francis Meyer Jean Miceli James Montague Cheryl Morten Marjorie Motto	
<b>G</b> Mariano G. Lupe Galvan Juan Garcia Ramona Garcia Daniela Garcia de la Rosa Alyce Gold Adela Gonzalez	<b>N</b> Gloria Natividad Mario Nieto Victor Ng Huy Nguyen <b>P</b> Laura Pagano Tony Pagliotti	

*Pray for the Dead*

Vera Dueñas	Santos Mendiola
George Kametani	Tony Miceli
Yee See Lipsun	Finbarr O'Neill
Andrea Lozano	Jeff Shaw



Hello!

There is a story of a young man who was full of vitality and ambition. One day, while driving to work, he lost control, and the car hit a cliff on the side of the road. He survived the crash but suffered spinal fractures and became paralyzed from his shoulders down.

He had to undergo several surgeries and years of rehabilitation. He suffered from anger, depression, and envy because he no longer could do the things he used to do, and his ambitious dreams were lost. He recalled: "it was painful and the worst period of my life." In the state of being physically limited and feelings of shame and disappointment, he avoided contact with family members, friends, and church. But on Easter Sunday he attended the church to celebrate the Resurrection. During the Eucharist, as the priest consecrated the host and wine, while the whole congregation knelt, he bowed his head and prayed.

At that moment from within him emitted an indescribable feeling. He began to experience his new body and new glory in the Resurrection of Christ. He later recalled, "I am forever changed by such experience." That is the meaning of Easter Celebration. If we believe in the Resurrection of Christ, something within us needs to change in the way we relate to God and others.

Life's circumstances can impact our life and faith. Today's Gospel tells us about the two disciples that are leaving the place where they just witnessed Jesus brutally crucified. They were discouraged by their loss—no Jesus meant no mission. They considered leaving the community of the disciples and returning to their families, and former lives would be the best decision. However, as they were on their way, they discovered a very unusual person; the risen Christ. The two disciples were transformed by this encounter. The risen Christ reoriented their direction; they rediscovered their mission to which they committed the rest of their lives.

Some of us may relate to the story of these disciples. Too often we revisit our past and replay adverse or painful events in our minds. This can cause us to feel like something is wrong with us or others, and these feelings are not good. As we get older, we remember more faults and mistakes that will build up over time. And, not only our shortcomings; we add negativity from others. For example, we might hear, "you are not good enough," "you will always struggle," "you are not an attractive person," or "you are weak, so don't bother trying."

In learning to be better, there are areas that we need to change and improve each day. However, continually reliving negative events of the past doesn't help us. While Jesus was facing the death, and the power of evil, He trusted in God's power and love. Thinking about love, goodness and God's blessings is an excellent lesson! It takes a mature person to accept there is no way to change our past, but God's grace and peace will change our future.

If we truly believe in Jesus' Resurrection and our own resurrection after earthly life, then we need to do something now. We must live a life of prayer and participation in the faith community so that God's Spirit can fill our thoughts to strengthen our faith and relationship with the risen Christ.

The truth is that no one can know the future or master one's life. Good and bad things are mingled together along life's journey. The difference is that we must also remember the blessings we've been given and accept the glory of the Risen Lord. His presence will reorient our direction toward Him. We can't change ourselves unless God provides us with the wisdom and strength to do so. A positive change happened for the two disciples as recorded in today's Gospel. As we accept the Risen Lord who releases us from our past sins, faults, and sadness to bless us with His peace and joy, our lives will also be transformed for the better.

God bless!

Fr. Thai

¡Hola!

Hay una historia de un joven que estaba lleno de vitalidad y ambición. Un día, mientras conducía al trabajo, perdió el control, y el auto chocó contra un acantilado al costado de la carretera. Sobrevivió al accidente pero sufrió fracturas vertebrales y se paralizó de sus hombros hacia abajo.

Tuvo que someterse a varias cirugías y años de rehabilitación. Sufrió de ira, depresión y envidia porque ya no podía hacer las cosas que solía hacer, y sus ambiciosos sueños se perdieron. Recordó: "fue doloroso y el peor período de mi vida". En el estado de limitación física y sentimientos de vergüenza y decepción, evitó el contacto con familiares, amigos e iglesia. Pero el domingo de Pascua asistió a la iglesia para celebrar la Resurrección. Durante la Eucaristía, mientras el sacerdote consagraba el anfitrión y el vino, mientras toda la congregación se arrodillaba, él inclinaba la cabeza y rezaba.

En ese momento desde dentro de él emitió un sentimiento indescriptible. Él comenzó a experimentar su nuevo cuerpo y nueva gloria en la Resurrección de Cristo. Más tarde recordó: "Esa experiencia me cambió para siempre". Ese es el significado de la celebración de la Pascua. Si creemos en la Resurrección de Cristo, algo dentro de nosotros necesita cambiar en la forma en que nos relacionamos con Dios y con los demás.

Las circunstancias de la vida pueden afectar nuestra vida y nuestra fe. El Evangelio de hoy nos cuenta acerca de los dos discípulos que están dejando el lugar donde simplemente vieron a Jesús brutalmente crucificado. Estaban desanimados por su pérdida; no, Jesús no quería decir ninguna misión. Consideraron abandonar la comunidad de los discípulos y regresar con sus familias, y las vidas anteriores serían la mejor decisión. Sin embargo, cuando estaban en camino, descubrieron una persona muy inusual; el Cristo resucitado. Los dos discípulos fueron transformados por este encuentro. El Cristo resucitado reorientó su dirección; redescubrieron su misión a la cual cometieron el resto de sus vidas.

Algunos de nosotros podemos relacionarnos con la historia de estos discípulos. Demasiado a menudo revisamos nuestro pasado y reproducimos eventos adversos o dolorosos en nuestras mentes. Esto puede hacernos sentir que algo está mal con nosotros o con los demás, y estos sentimientos no son buenos. A medida que envejecemos, recordamos más fallas y errores que se acumularán con el tiempo. Y, no solo nuestras deficiencias; agregamos negatividad de otros. Por ejemplo, podríamos escuchar, "usted no es lo suficientemente bueno", "siempre luchará", "usted no es una persona atractiva" o "usted es débil, así que no se moleste en intentarlo".

Al aprender a ser mejor, hay áreas que debemos cambiar y mejorar cada día. Sin embargo, revivir continuamente los eventos negativos del pasado no nos ayuda. Mientras Jesús enfrentaba la muerte y el poder del mal, confiaba en el poder y el amor de Dios. ¡Pensar en el amor, la bondad y las bendiciones de Dios es una excelente lección! Se necesita una persona madura para aceptar que no hay forma de cambiar nuestro pasado, pero la gracia y la paz de Dios cambiarán nuestro futuro.

Si realmente creemos en la Resurrección de Jesús y en nuestra propia resurrección después de la vida terrenal, entonces tenemos que hacer algo ahora. Debemos vivir una vida de oración y participación en la comunidad de fe para que el Espíritu de Dios pueda llenar nuestros pensamientos para fortalecer nuestra fe y nuestra relación con Cristo resucitado.

La verdad es que nadie puede conocer el futuro ni dominar la vida de uno. Las cosas buenas y malas se mezclan durante el viaje de la vida. La diferencia es que también debemos recordar las bendiciones que hemos recibido y aceptar la gloria del Señor resucitado. Su presencia reorientará nuestra dirección hacia él. No podemos cambiar nosotros mismos a menos que Dios nos proporcione la sabiduría y la fuerza para hacerlo. Se produjo un cambio positivo para los dos discípulos como se registra en el Evangelio de hoy. Al aceptar al Señor Resucitado que nos libera de nuestros pecados, faltas y tristezas del pasado para bendecirnos con Su paz y alegría, nuestras vidas también se transformarán para mejor.

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai