

St. Thomas More Church

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Fourth Sunday of Easter Sunday, April 22, 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

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 — There is no other name under heaven by which we are to be saved than the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene (Acts 4:8-12).

Psalm — The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2).

Gospel — I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11-18).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Sólo en Jesús encontrará el mundo la salvación (Hechos 4:8-12).

Salmo — La piedra que desecharon los arquitectos, es ahora la piedra angular (Salmo 118 [117]).

Segunda lectura — Nos hemos convertido en hijos de Dios por el amor que el Padre nos tiene (1 Juan 3:1-2).

Evangelio — El Padre ama a Jesús, el Buen Pastor, que da la vida por sus ovejas (Juan 10:11-18).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 11:1-18; Sal 42 (41):2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10

Martes: Hch 11:19-26; Sal 87 (86):1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

Miércoles: 1 Pe 5:5b-14; Sal 89 (88):2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mc 16:15-20

Jueves: Hch 13:13-25; Sal 89 (88):2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20

Viernes: Hch 13:26-33; Sal 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Sábado: Hch 13:44-52; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Jn 14:7-14

Domingo: Hch 9:26-31; Sal 22 (21):26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

Collections for 4/15/18

5:00 PM	\$722.00
7:30 AM	\$1,078.00
9:00 AM	\$932.00
10:45 AM	\$858.00
12:30 PM	\$944.00
By mail/online	\$680.00
Bldg Fund	\$592.00
Special Projects	\$134.00
Altar Society	\$145.00
Total	\$6,085.00

Thank You!

Gracias!



5th Annual Dinner and a Show



Sunday May 6th, 2018

Join us for delicious food, raffles & live entertainment provided by our youth!

\$15 a ticket

Children 12 & under are FREE!

Tickets can be purchased in the Youth office

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



July 23, 2018

Tickets are available for the Sistine Chapel Choir's first-ever performance in Los Angeles. 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 are available at:
SistineChapelChoirTour.com or AXS.com.



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Together in Mission 2018

4/17/18 Update

Parish Goal	\$30,688.00
Amount Pledged	\$24,199.00
Amount Paid	\$15,397.50
Amount needed to meet goal	\$15,290.50

Thank you to everyone that has contributed.

Sunday Breakfast

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



Donuts & Coffee

Sponsored by
STM Parishioners

CURRENT EVENTS

Saturday, April 21, 2018		
6:00PM Confirmation Class	Church	
Sunday, April 22, 2018		
8:30AM -2PM Coffee & Donuts	Hall	
No Religious Education Class		
Monday, April 23, 2018		
9:30AM Legion of Mary	Ministry Center	
7:00PM Youth Band Practice	Church	
Tuesday, April 24, 2018		
9AM-9:30AM Our Lady of Wisdom Prayer Group	Church	
11:30AM Bingo	Hall	
7:45PM English Choir Practice	Church	
Wednesday, April 25, 2018		
9AM-9:30AM Mother of Perpetual Help Novena	Church	
7:00PM Bible Study	Ministry Center	
Thursday, April 26, 2018		
6:30PM Youth Nights	Ministry Center	
8:00PM Spanish Choir	Church	
Friday, April 27, 2018		
9AM -1PM Eucharistic Adoration	Church	
Saturday, April 28, 2018		
Noon 2nd Year Reflection	Ministry Center	
Sunday, April 29, 2018		
8:30AM-2PM Coffee & Donuts	Hall	
No Religious Education Class		

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 21, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
4:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Patrick Yiu†
Sunday, April 22, 2018		
7:30 AM	Fr. Dan	Jose Davila† Martha Verdin†
9:00 AM	Fr. Thai	Bert & Marilyn Potter: Healing
10:45 AM	Fr. Ruiz	Marianita De La Torre† Juan Garcia: Healing
12:30 PM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
Monday, April 23, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
Tuesday, April 24, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Rafael Osorio†
Wednesday, April 25, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Patrick Yiu† Ruben Santana: Healing
Thursday, April 26, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Isaiah Gutierrez†
Friday, April 27, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Reyna Aletook: Special Intentions
Saturday, April 28, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Parishioners of STM
4:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Dan	Patrick Yiu†
Sunday, April 29, 2018		
7:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Jose Davila†
9:00 AM	Fr. Andrew	Remedios Urbano: Healing
10:45 AM	Fr. Thai	Concepcion Robles† Rafael Osorio†
12:30 PM	Fr. Andrew	Parishioners of STM

Please Pray for the Sick

Fr. Jeremiah O'Neill

A Mariano Aoanan George Astacio Rosa Astacio Brianna Ayestas	G Gavin Gutierrez Ricardo Gutierrez Carolina Guzman H Memo Herrera Sally Herrera	P Sharon Palmiter Fernando Parra Jennifer Santana Pedraza Victoria Petas Arpie Pezeshkian
B Roy Barrientos Douglas Barquero Patricia Bernal Steven Brown Tod & Rose Marie Brown Ida Bustos	I Selvia Inado J Darwin Jenkins Dennis James Johnson Gary Jones K Kimbra Fossen Theresa Kryszek	R 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
C 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	L 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	S Mason Saldaña Francisco Sanchez Virginia Sanchez Dylan Silva Sisi Shum Uldarica Sison Eddie Souza T Jennies Tiu U Leticia Ureno V Richard Valdes Michael Velasco Maria Wong Vasquez Norma Villar Ricardo & Felicidad Villegas Therese Huyen-Duong Thi Vu Theresa Mai Vu W Martha Willox Janny Wong Jennifer Wong Z Christine Zampese
D Roger Davila Julio Diaz Luz Santos Dicioco Jesus M. Dulay	M Gilbert Madrid Cely Magpantay Anna Maraldo Salvador Maldonado	
E Malia Estrada F Ruth Fabela Pat Fernandez Tony Filosa Louis Finochio	Edgardo Marin Francis Meyer Jean Miceli James Montague Cheryl Morten Marjorie Motto	
G Mariano G. Lupe Galvan Juan Garcia Ramona Garcia Daniela Garcia de la Rosa Alyce Gold Adela Gonzalez	N Gloria Natividad Mario Nieto Victor Ng Huy Nguyen P 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 are several studies that state babies can hear their mothers' voices during the last few weeks of pregnancy. This way, newborn infants can tell the difference between their mother's voice and the voices of the strangers. Newborns not only distinguish their mother's voice or presence; they develop a sense of love, peace, and security. For a mothers' part, she can hear in her child's voice when her child is sick, sad, happy, anxious, or hopeful. Therefore, voices and listening, as part of a maternal bond, play a significant role that we all depend on for development and survival.

Today's Gospel portrays a familiar image of mother's care and love for her child using the image of the shepherd and sheep in the lands of Palestine during the time of Our Lord. We can imagine the following: At night, a flock of sheep is kept in barren lands surrounded by fences near a steep mountainside to protect the sheep from thieves and other wildlife. Early in the morning, the shepherd arrives at the gate and simply calls out to the sheep. The sheep recognize the shepherd's voice and run to him. If a sheep becomes separated from the shepherd or the herd, they will be in danger. In other words, the sheep do not follow a stranger's voice but follow the voice they know is safe and will care for them.

Through this analogy, Jesus relates the intimate relationship between the good shepherd and the sheep. That is, the good shepherd knows each sheep individually and will never abandon them. In this story, Jesus is our Good Shepherd, and we are His sheep. He knows each of us by name. He knows our life, our joys and struggles and what will bring us everlasting happiness. Without our Good Shepherd, we will be lost in the wilderness, and our lives will be in danger if we choose not to listen to His voice.

Jesus' disciples listened to His voice and followed His direction constantly; not only when they were faced with challenges. We may know some people who only listen to Jesus when they are struck by life's troubles. We should listen to His voice all the time. We must listen to our Good Shepherd's voice with daily practice and discipline. His voice speaks to us through the sacred scriptures, in silent prayer, daily devotions, holy sacraments, and other forms of sincere reflection. Some people tell me that they just open the Bible every day to read some verses and meditate on the Word for the rest of the day. I am sure those people are joyful all the time because their daily lives are echoed by God's Word.

Sheep can't defend themselves in the wilderness. Some people think we can go through this life's journey alone—that we can master each day. However, like sheep, we are defenseless without His protection and guidance. The good news is; we are never alone because Jesus is the Good Shepherd that protects us on our journey through life.

When we are children, it is important for us to be able to discern our mother's voice in a crowd. We can recognize her voice because we have been loved and protected by her from birth. Similarly, we can't go through this life without our Good Shepherd. Pray so that we experience and trust in His voice and guidance so we will never get lost in the temptations of daily life.

God bless!

Fr. Thai

¡Hola!

Existen varios estudios que indican que los bebés pueden escuchar las voces de sus madres durante las últimas semanas del embarazo. De esta manera, los bebés recién nacidos pueden notar la diferencia entre la voz de su madre y las voces de los extraños. Los recién nacidos no solo distinguen la voz o presencia de su madre; desarrollan un sentido de amor, paz y seguridad. Por parte de las madres, ella puede escuchar en la voz de su hijo cuando su hijo está enfermo, triste, feliz, ansioso o con esperanzas. Por lo tanto, las voces y la escucha, como parte de un vínculo materno, juegan un papel importante del que todos dependemos para el desarrollo y la supervivencia.

El Evangelio de hoy retrata una imagen familiar del cuidado y amor de la madre por su hijo usando la imagen del pastor y la oveja en las tierras de Palestina durante el tiempo de Nuestro Señor. Podemos imaginar lo siguiente: por la noche, un rebaño de ovejas se mantiene en tierras yermas rodeado de cercas cerca de una ladera empinada para proteger a las ovejas de los ladrones y otros animales salvajes. Temprano en la mañana, el pastor llega a la puerta y simplemente llama a las ovejas. Las ovejas reconocen la voz del pastor y corren hacia él. Si una oveja se separa del pastor o la manada, estarán en peligro. En otras palabras, las ovejas no siguen la voz de un extraño, sino que siguen la voz que saben que es segura y que los cuidará.

A través de esta analogía, Jesús relata la relación íntima entre el buen pastor y la oveja. Es decir, el buen pastor conoce a cada oveja individualmente y nunca las abandonará. En esta historia, Jesús es nuestro Buen Pastor, y nosotros somos Sus ovejas. Él nos conoce a cada uno por su nombre. Él conoce nuestra vida, nuestras alegrías y luchas y lo que nos traerá la felicidad eterna. Sin nuestro Buen Shepard, estaremos perdidos en el desierto, y nuestras vidas estarán en peligro si elegimos no escuchar su voz.

Los discípulos de Jesús escucharon su voz y siguieron su dirección constantemente; no solo cuando enfrentaron desafíos. Podemos conocer a algunas personas que solo escuchan a Jesús cuando son golpeados por los problemas de la vida. Deberíamos escuchar su voz todo el tiempo. Debemos escuchar la voz de nuestro Buen Pastor con la práctica y la disciplina diarias. Su voz nos habla a través de las escrituras sagradas, en oración silenciosa, devociones diarias, sacramentos sagrados y otras formas de reflexión sincera. Algunas personas me dicen que acaban de abrir la Biblia todos los días para leer algunos versículos y meditar en la Palabra por el resto del día. Estoy seguro de que esas personas están alegres todo el tiempo porque sus vidas diarias se hacen eco de la Palabra de Dios.

Las ovejas no pueden defenderse en el desierto. Algunas personas piensan que podemos atravesar el viaje de esta vida solo, que podemos dominar cada día. Sin embargo, al igual que las ovejas, estamos indefensos sin su protección y guía. La buena noticia es; nunca estamos solos porque Jesús es el Buen Pastor que nos protege en nuestro viaje por la vida.

Cuando somos niños, es importante para nosotros poder discernir la voz de nuestra madre entre la multitud. Podemos reconocer su voz porque hemos sido amados y protegidos por ella desde el nacimiento. Del mismo modo, no podemos pasar por esta vida sin nuestro Buen Pastor. Ore para que experimentemos y confiemos en Su voz y guía para que nunca nos perdamos en las tentaciones de la vida diaria.

Dios bendiga!

P. Thai