

St. Thomas More Church

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Second Sunday of Easter Sunday, April 23rd 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 — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday:	1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Todos los creyentes vivían unidos y compartían todo cuanto tenían (Hechos 2:42-47).

Salmo — Den gracias a Dios porque es bueno, su amor es eterno (Salmo 118 [117]).

Segunda lectura — Dios nos concedió renacer a la vida que esperamos por la resurrección de Jesucristo de entre los muertos. (1 Pedro 1:3-9).

Evangelio — Felices los que creen sin haber visto (Juan 20:19-31).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Hch 4:23-31; Sal 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
Martes:	1 Pe 5:5b-14; Sal 89 (88):2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mc 16:15-20
Miércoles:	Hch 5:17-26; Sal 34 (33):2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Jueves:	Hch 5:27-33; Sal 34 (33):2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Viernes:	Hch 5:34-42; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Sábado:	Hch 6:1-7; Sal 33 (32):1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Domingo:	Hch 2:14, 22-33; Sal 16 (15):1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pe 1:17-21; Lc 24:13-35

Collections for 4/16/17 Easter Sunday

7:00 PM Vigil	\$1,619.00
7:30 AM	\$2,854.00
9:00 AM	\$2,402.00
10:45 AM	\$1,598.00
12:30 PM	\$1,639.00
By mail/online	\$765.00
Bldg Fund	\$958.00
Holy Thursday	\$713.00
Total	\$12,548.00

THANK YOU!

GRACIAS!

Good Friday:	\$708.00
Holy Land collection	

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.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

END OF THE MONTH FINANCIAL REPORT

March 1 to 31, 2017

Sundays' Collections & Donations	\$36,999.64
Paid Bills	\$40,053.92
Monies needed to pay bills	-\$3,054.28

Together in Mission

As part of the Annual Catholic Appeal, Together in Mission provides substantial financial support to 37 parishes and 56 schools in our Archdiocese. Your gift enables us to provide essential resources and ministries that enrich parish life, strengthen families, advance Church leadership and inspire and educate future generations of our faith. Your contribution also literally opens the doors to these schools and parishes that simply could not survive without the financial support of our Archdiocesan community.

THIS SUNDAY

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



Safeguard the Children



New abuse prevention brochure available

April, National Child Abuse Prevention Month, is a time to recognize that we all play an important role in protecting our children and young people. Each year, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles publishes the Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse brochure, which provides a listing of policies, programs, resources and other information on how the Catholic Church is working to help prevent child sexual abuse. Copies of the 2017 brochure are available in the parish vestibule or visit

<http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/safeguard/Pages/CAPM.aspx>.



Are you a member of the Knights of Columbus ?

If you are a Catholic male over the age of 18 and not in the Knights of Columbus, I hope the 5 reasons below will encourage you to 'join' this great fraternal organization of the Catholic Church that is founded on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

1. The Heartbeat of the Knights of the Columbus is Service
2. The Knights of Columbus Supports the Catholic Church
3. The Knights of Columbus are Pro-Family
4. The Knights of Columbus are strongly and devoutly Pro-Life
5. The Knights of Columbus are Faithful to the Catholic Church

For more information, call Thomas Quintana, the Grand Knight for Alhambra Council at 626-863-7061

In Service to Mother Church and Our Community Since 1923...

Sunday Breakfast

Please join us in the hall for



Cake and Coffee

&

Luncheon at 12:15 PM

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

Sponsored by Divine Mercy Group

CURRENT EVENTS

Saturday, April 22, 2017		
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	First Reconciliation	Church
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Confirmation Class	Church
Sunday, April 23, 2017		
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Sunday Breakfast	Hall
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Religious Education	School
Monday, April 24, 2017		
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Legion of Mary	Ministry Center
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Youth Band Practice	Church
Tuesday, April 25, 2017		
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Our Lady of Wisdom Prayer Group	Church
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM	Bingo	Hall
7:45 PM - 9:15 PM	English Choir Practice	Church
Wednesday, April 26, 2017		
Thursday, April 27, 2017		
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Youth Nights	Ministry Center
8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Spanish Choir Practice	Church
Friday, April 28, 2017		
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
Saturday, April 29, 2017		
Noon - 1:00 PM	Confirmation 2nd Year Reflection	Ministry Center
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Confirmation Class	Hall (or MC)
Sunday, April 30, 2017		
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Sunday Breakfast	Hall
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Religious Education Class	School

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 22, 2017		
8:30 AM Fr. Thai	Eric Villafranca †	
4:00 PM Fr. Thai	Confessions	
5:00 PM Fr. Thai	Monica Monreal †	
Sunday, April 23, 2017		
7:30 AM Fr. Thai	Anna Tran †	
9:00 AM Fr. Andrew	Eric Villafranca † Bella Domingo & Family: Thanksgiving	
10:45 AM Fr. Peter	Rafael Garcia Jr. †	
12:30 PM Fr. Thai	Otilia Lopez †	
Monday, April 24, 2017		
8:30 AM Fr. Thai	Eric Villafranca † & Marianita De La Torre †	
Tuesday, April 25, 2017		
8:30 AM Fr. Thai	Eric Villafranca †	
Wednesday, April 26, 2017		
8:30 AM Fr. Andrew	Eric Villafranca †	
Thursday, April 27, 2017		
8:30 AM Fr. Donovan	Parishioners of STM	
Friday, April 28, 2017		
8:30 AM Fr. Thai	Anna Delavin †	
Saturday, April 29, 2017		
8:30 AM Fr. Andrew	Parishioners of STM	
4:00 PM Fr. Thai	Confessions	
5:00 PM Fr. Thai	Monica Monreal †	
Sunday, April 30, 2017		
7:30 AM Fr. Andrew	Anna Tran †	
9:00 AM Fr. O'Neill	Fr. O'Neill: Ordination Anniversary	
10:45 AM Fr. Thai	Maria Concepcion Robles †	
12:30 PM Fr. Andrew	Rafael Osorio †	

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 Aonan	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	Gloria Natividad
Fr. Jim Boyd	Huy Nguyen
Steven Brown	Mario Nieto
Tod & 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	R Luz Rodriguez
Joan Cervantes	Michael Angelo Rodriguez
E Maria Endara	Mike Romano
Malia Estrada	Ana Romo
F Ruth Fabela	Daniela Garcia de la Rosa
Pat Fernandez	Virginia Rosales
Tony Filosa	Alissa Roybal
G Mariano G.	Ruben Ruvacava
Jose Gonzalez	S Virginia Sanchez
Gavin Gutierrez	Sisi Shum
Carolina Guzman	Uldarica Sison
H Jose Roque Hernandez	Dean Smith
Memo Herrera	Eddie Souza
Sally Herrera	Anne Steidl
I Jessica Higarde	Dorian Suarez
J 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	Janny Wong
Brother Martin Lorenzini	Jennifer Wong
Bonnie Luna	Z Christine Zampese
Elvira Luna	
Rafael and Gerardo Luna	

Pray for the Dead

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



Hello!

I hope you had a wonderful Easter Celebration with your family and friends. It was a joyful celebration for the Church to see many faithful people participated on Easter Sunday. I hope the spirit of Our Lords Resurrection will inspire our journey of life for years to come.

We must recognize that the influence of a collective is intense. Whenever a group of people gathers together in a spirit of collaboration, the positive outcome is enormous. In fact, in the late nineteenth century when a group of European socialists visited America, they were impressed by its groups and organizations in which each member could share their ideas, expectations, and visions for the sake of the group and society. Thus, a group's cooperation and vision can go beyond the shadow of doubt and misunderstanding.

The concept of a group is found in today's Gospel where the first disciples gather together in the place where they just witnessed Jesus' return after his crucifixion and death on the Cross. They were afraid and perhaps deeply disappointed. What they had seen on Good Friday was not what they were in for. They thought that by following Jesus, their lives would be better. Jesus eventually would be the king of the nations and they would be automatically handed some prestige positions! To their dismay, Jesus was brutally crucified on the Cross! They were afraid that they might be next! That is why we learn from today's Gospel that Thomas was not inside the room with other disciples when Jesus appeared to them. Thomas missed the opportunity, and his faith in Jesus was shaken.

Interestingly, after a moment of frustration, Thomas backed it up with new hope when he returns with the group, and there he encounters the risen Christ! Things only changed when Thomas accepted to return to the place where the disciples were with Jesus before.

Our faith in the Risen Christ could be tested just like Thomas. There are many possible negative things that can occur in our daily life - things like; losing our job, being criticized by others, losing our values, faced with the death of a loved one, or dealing with an unfaithful spouse or dishonest people. We could be angry, avoiding, or giving up, blaming ourselves, others, or losing our hope in Jesus and stop worshipping Him and participating in faith community altogether. However, our frustrations, fears, and negative habit will change when we encounter Risen Christ in the Eucharist.

Today is also called *Divine Mercy Sunday*. Jesus took all the destructions of sins and died for our salvation. This celebration reminds us that Jesus still pours out His love and mercy for those who believe in Him. Thomas' fate changed because he came and participated with other disciples. In the same way, Jesus can't pour His love for us if we distance ourselves from the Church and Sacraments. Our risen Christ is with us here when we participate in the Eucharist. He is waiting for us to touch Him in the form of bread and wine. His love and mercy enable us to move forward despite facing with life's challenges and confusions.

God bless!

Fr. Thai Le

¡Hola!

Espero que haya tenido una maravillosa Celebración de Pascua con su familia y amigos. Fue una alegre celebración para la Iglesia ver a muchos fieles participar en el Domingo de Pascua. Espero que el espíritu de la Resurrección de Nuestro Señor inspire nuestro viaje de la vida por los próximos años.

Debemos reconocer que la influencia de un colectivo es intensa. Cada vez que un grupo de personas se reúne en un espíritu de colaboración, el resultado positivo es enorme. De hecho, a finales del siglo XIX, cuando un grupo de socialistas europeos visitaron Los Estados Unidos, quedaron impresionados por sus grupos y organizaciones en los que cada miembro podía compartir sus ideas, expectativas y visiones por el bien del grupo y de la sociedad. Así, la cooperación y la visión de un grupo pueden ir más allá de la sombra de la duda y el malentendido.

El concepto de un grupo se encuentra en el Evangelio de hoy, donde los primeros discípulos se reúnen en el lugar donde simplemente presenciaron el regreso de Jesús después de su crucifixión y muerte en la Cruz. Tenían miedo y tal vez estaban profundamente decepcionados. Lo que habían visto el Viernes Santo no era lo que estaban esperando. Pensaban que siguiendo a Jesús, sus vidas serían mejores. ¡Jesús eventualmente sería el rey de las naciones y se les entregaría automáticamente algunas posiciones de prestigio! ¡Para su consternación, Jesús fue brutalmente crucificado en la Cruz! ¡Tenían miedo de que fueran los próximos! Es por eso que aprendemos del Evangelio de hoy que Tomás no estaba dentro de la habitación con otros discípulos cuando Jesús se les apareció. Thomas perdió la oportunidad, y su fe en Jesús fue sacudida.

Curiosamente, después de un momento de frustración, Thomas lo respaldó con nueva esperanza cuando regresa con el grupo, ¡y allí encuentra a Cristo resucitado! Las cosas sólo cambiaron cuando Tomás aceptó volver al lugar donde los discípulos estaban con Jesús antes.

Nuestra fe en el Cristo Resucitado podría ser probada como Tomás. Hay muchas cosas negativas posibles que pueden ocurrir en nuestra vida diaria - cosas como; Perdiendo nuestro trabajo, siendo criticado por otros, perdiendo nuestros valores, enfrentando la muerte de un ser amado, o tolerando un cónyuge infiel o gente deshonesto. Podríamos estar enojados, evitar, o renunciar, culpar a nosotros mismos, a otros, o perder nuestra esperanza en Jesús y dejar de adorarlo y participar en la comunidad de fe por completo. Sin embargo, nuestras frustraciones, temores y hábitos negativos cambiarían cuando encontremos a Cristo Resucitado en la Eucaristía.

Hoy también se llama Domingo de la Divina Misericordia. Jesús tomó todas las destrucciones de los pecados y murió por nuestra salvación. Esta celebración nos recuerda que Jesús aún derrama Su amor y misericordia para aquellos que creen en Él. El destino de Tomás cambió porque vino y participó con otros discípulos. De la misma manera, Jesús no puede derramar Su amor por nosotros si nos distanciamos de la Iglesia y de los Sacramentos. Nuestro Cristo resucitado está con nosotros aquí cuando participamos en la Eucaristía. Él está esperando que lo toquemos en forma de pan y vino. Su amor y misericordia nos permiten avanzar a pesar de enfrentar los desafíos y confusiones de la vida.

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai Le