

St. Thomas More Church

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Sixth Sunday of Easter Sunday, May 6, 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 — The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48).

Psalm — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — Let us love one another, because love is of God (1 John 4:7-10).

Gospel — This is my commandment: love one another as I love you (John 15:9-17).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19;

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Mediante las prédicas de Pedro, el Espíritu Santo viene a los gentiles (Hechos 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48).

Salmo — El Señor revela a las naciones su justicia (Salmo 98 [97]).

Segunda lectura — Dios es amor y Dios nos ama (1 Juan 4:7-10)

Evangelio — Jesús da este mandamiento a sus discípulos: ámense unos a otros como yo los he amado (Juan 15:9-17).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 16:11-15; Sal 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Martes: Hch 16:22-34; Sal 138 (137):1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Miércoles: Hch 17:15, 22 - 18:1; Sal 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

Jueves: Hch 1:1-11; Sal 47:2-3, 6-9; Ef 1:17-23

Viernes: Hch 18:9-18; Sal 47 (46):2-7; Jn 16:20-23

Sábado: Hch 18:23-28; Sal 47 (46):2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

Domingo: Hch 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Sal 103 (102):1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19;

Collections for 4/29/18

5:00 PM	\$677.00
7:30 AM	\$1,020.00
9:00 AM	\$1,279.00
10:45 AM	\$722.00
12:30 PM	\$1,079.00
By mail/online	\$751.00
Bldg Fund	\$512.00
Special Projects	\$29.00
Total	\$6,069.00

Thank You!

Gracias!

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

END OF THE MONTH FINANCIAL REPORT

March 1 to March 31, 2018

Sundays' Collections & Donations	\$33,679.52
Paid Bills	\$55,446.93
Monies needed to pay bills	\$21,767.41



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5th Annual Dinner and a Show



Sunday May 6th, 2018

4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

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

Mission Circle Fundraiser!



Fun, Family, Pizza!

Mission Circle will be having a fundraiser at Shakey's Pizza on Valley Blvd, Friday, May 18, 2018, 6-9pm.

We look forward to seeing you there!

2234 W. Valley Blvd.
Alhambra CA, 91803.
Phone: 626-289-7851



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

MAY 20th, 2018

SAVE THE DATE

STM's biggest fundraiser of the year will take place on Sunday, May 20th! Come out and join us for fun, games, delicious food, raffle, and the whole school talent show! Coffee & Donuts will be sold at the lunch bench area after all the masses beginning at 7:30 AM. Our talent show will begin at 11:00 AM and our Raffle will take place at 1:00 PM.

Sunday Breakfast

**Join us for Breakfast in the Hall
8:30 AM to 2:00 PM**



Donuts and Coffee

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CURRENT EVENTS

Saturday, May 05, 2018		
10:30AM	1st Communion	Church
1:30PM	1st Communion	Church
6:00PM	Confirmation Class	Ministry Center
Sunday, May 06, 2018		
8:30AM -2PM	Coffee & Donuts	Hall
4PM -6PM	Dinner and a Show	Hall
Monday, May 07, 2018		
9:30AM	Legion of Mary	Ministry Center
7:00PM	Youth Band Practice	Church
Tuesday, May 08, 2018		
9AM - 9:30AM	Our Lady of Wisdom Prayer Group	Church
7:00PM	Grief Support	Ministry Center
7:45PM	English Choir Practice	Church
Wednesday, May 09, 2018		
9AM - 9:30AM	Mother of Perpetual Help Novena	Church
7:00PM	Bible Study	Ministry Center
Thursday, May 10, 2018		
6:30PM	Youth Nights	Ministry Center
8:00PM	Spanish Choir	Church
Friday, May 11, 2018		
9AM - 1PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
Saturday, May 12, 2018		
6:00PM	Confirmation Class	Ministry Center
Sunday, May 13, 2018		
8:30AM -2PM	Coffee & Donuts	Hall

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 05, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Mathew Vera: Birthday
4:00 PM		<u>No Confessions</u>
5:00 PM	Fr. O'Neill	Patrick Yiu† Roger Aguirre†
Sunday, May 06, 2018		
7:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Peter Phan†
9:00 AM	Fr. O'Neill	Jose Davila† Pat Tomasulo†
10:45 AM	Fr. Thai	Juan Garcia: Healing Adela Raimundo†
12:30 PM	Fr. Donovan	Michael Toh† Ramon Lai†
Monday, May 07, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
Tuesday, May 08, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Parishioners of STM
Wednesday, May 09, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Parishioners of STM
Thursday, May 10, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Parishioners of STM
Friday, May 11, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
Saturday, May 12, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
4:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Patrick Yiu† Socorro Daskal†
Sunday, May 13, 2018		
7:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Peter Phan† Mary Cerda† Socorro Rios†
9:00 AM	Fr. Thai	Ernestine Gomez: Mother's Day
10:45 AM	Fr. Augustin	Rafael Garcia Sr.† Leonor Orozco†
12:30 PM	Fr. O'Neill	Severa Cagungun† Mercedes Escamilla: Mother's Day

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	P Tony Pagliotti Sharon Palmiter Fernando Parra Jennifer Santana Pedraza Arpie Pezeshkian
B Roy Barrientos Douglas Barquero Patricia Bernal Steven Brown Tod & Rose Marie Brown Ida Bustos	Sally Herrera James Householder I Selvia Inado J Darwin Jenkins Dennis James Johnson Gary Jones	R Dolores Ramirez Rosalia Rodriguez Ramon Ramos Julieta Reta Jean Reyes Williams
C Jessica Cabrera Rita Campanella Gloria Cancio S. Cano	K Kimbra Fossen Theresa Kryszek L Bill Lamb Bertha La Barreda	Laura Rico Maria T. Riley Domenic Rizzi Michael Angelo Rodriguez Mike Romano Ana Romo Virginia Rosales Alissa Roybal
Burt Carranza Evelin Carranza Celia Carmona Erik M. Casillas Blanca & Procoro Castañeda Jessica Cerda Joan Cervantes Mary Louise Cruz	Anfrea Leija William Lievens James Lindgren Eleanor Lopez Brother Martin Lorenzini Bonnie Luna Elvira Luna Rafael & Gerardo Luna	S Mason Saldaña Francisco Sanchez Virginia Sanchez Dylan Silva
D Roger Davila Julio Diaz Luz Santos Dicioco Jesus M. Dulay	M Gilbert Madrid Cely Magpantay Anna Maraldo Salvador Maldonado	T Jennies Tiu U Leticia Ureno V Richard Valdes Michael Velasco Maria Wong Norma Villar Ricardo & Felicidad
E Malia Estrada F Ruth Fabela Pat Fernandez Tony Filosa Louis Finochio	Edgardo Marin Francis Meyer Jean Miceli James Montague Cheryl Morten	
G Mariano G. Lupe Galvan Juan Garcia Ramona Garcia Daniela Garcia de la Alyce Gold Adela Gonzalez	Marjorie Motto N Gloria Natividad Mario Nieto Victor Ng Huy Nguyen P Laura Pagano	
		W Martha Willox Janny Wong Jennifer Wong Z Christine Zampese

Pray for the Dead

Fernando Gutierrez
Andrea Lozano
Tony Miceli
Francine Lozano

Jose Ortega
Victoria Petas
Jeff Shaw
Dan Spurrier



Hello!

Congratulations to all fifty students, and their parents, on receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend. We pray that you continue to grow in your relationship with Jesus through regularly participate in the Eucharist. We also pray parents will regularly remind their children that the Eucharistic Celebration reflects the highest blessings and grace God provides to us, so we may grow in love for Jesus and the

Church.

Parents are never happy with their children uttering evil words or treating each other as enemies. So, too, our God wants us to treat each other positively and lovingly. We know *love* is as a catalyst that creates affection, energy, feeling, and motion for life. No human can live a healthy life without love.

In today's gospel, the image of a slave is used to demonstrate a *defect* of human love. To be a slave during the time of Jesus meant one was completely submitted to the master. Slaves were not *free* to wherever or whenever they wanted without the owner's permission. Also, slaves had to wear distinctive outfits that denoted they were inferior. Jesus saw such practices would not be appropriate for His disciples; He wanted friends and friendships, not slaves.

Therefore, love goes through a process; *freedom – love – friendship – and joy*. First, one needs to be free from burdens and fears; 'I am afraid that God will leave or punish me.' There are sincere and good-hearted people who have always wanted to be good but are hampered by lifestyles that contradict the teachings of God's Church and commandments. They might refute, 'If I come to the Church and participate in the Sacraments, I will commit sins again. Why should I bother? I just give up.' Carrying guilt and shame can enslave a person keeping them away from life and faith. Such mentality will distance a person from God's love and His Church. Remember; in Jesus' commandments, we are invited to experience His love and mercy regardless of our faults and weaknesses.

Individuals who are truly *free* to worship God without fear will have different approaches regarding their love and trust in Jesus. They know their practices and routines sometimes contradict their conscience or the doctrine of faith. But they always aspire to change, improve, and to become better disciples of Jesus. They realize that God's love is boundless and requires commitment and faithfulness against any struggle with their behaviors, habits, and routines.

Thus, *love*, created by God, brings people together. Hate separates people. God created human beings and instilled His love to manifest in their actions. Imagine if one day all we see are enemies who are always stalking us. What would our lives be like being frightened all the time?! Love is powerful because it repels hatred and evil. When people are in love, they show empathy, forgiveness, and acceptance each other's needs and shortcomings. Thus, jealousy, selfishness, and fear will no longer occupancy their minds and hearts. True love gives people freedom, peace, and happiness! This is what Jesus wants for His disciples and for each one of us.

Joyful individuals know what makes life works—remain in His love. They know life is fragile and constantly changes. We need His Divine power to balance our inadequacies. God's love and power are with us in the Eucharist. The Blessed Sacrament, indeed, is the highest blessing and love that God has always wanted to share with us. We will always remember in His love when we make room for Him; whose strength and love lightens our daily burdens.

God bless!

Fr. Thai

¡Hola!

Felicitaciones a los cincuenta estudiantes y sus padres al recibir su Primera Comunión este fin de semana. Oramos para que continúes creciendo en tu relación con Jesús a través de participar regularmente en la Eucaristía. También rezamos para que los padres recuerden regularmente a sus hijos que la Celebración Eucarística refleja las bendiciones y la gracia más elevadas que Dios nos brinda, para que podamos crecer en amor por Jesús y la Iglesia.

Los padres nunca están contentos con que sus hijos profieran malas palabras o se traten unos a otros como enemigos. Entonces, también, nuestro Dios quiere que nos tratemos unos a otros de manera positiva y amorosa. Sabemos que el amor es un catalizador que crea afecto, energía, sentimiento y movimiento para la vida. Ningún ser humano puede vivir una vida sana sin amor.

En el evangelio de hoy, la imagen de un esclavo se usa para demostrar un defecto del amor humano. Ser esclavo durante el tiempo de Jesús significaba que uno estaba completamente sometido al maestro. Los esclavos no eran libres donde y cuando quisieran sin el permiso del propietario. Además, los esclavos tenían que usar trajes distintivos que indicaban que eran inferiores. Jesús vio que tales prácticas no serían apropiadas para sus discípulos; Él quería amigos y amistades, no esclavos.

Por lo tanto, el amor pasa por un proceso; libertad - amor - amistad - y alegría. Primero, uno debe estar libre de cargas y temores; "Temo que Dios me deje o me castigue." Hay gente sincera y de buen corazón que siempre ha querido ser buena, pero se ve obstaculizada por estilos de vida que contradicen las enseñanzas de la Iglesia de Dios y sus mandamientos. Podrían refutar: "Si vengo a la Iglesia y participo en los Sacramentos, cometeré pecados otra vez. ¿Por qué debería molestarme? Simplemente me rindo. Llevar la culpa y la vergüenza puede esclavizar a una persona alejándola de la vida y la fe. Tal mentalidad alejará a una persona del amor de Dios y su Iglesia. Recuerda; en los mandamientos de Jesús, estamos invitados a experimentar su amor y misericordia a pesar de nuestras fallas y debilidades.

Las personas que son verdaderamente libres de adorar a Dios sin temor tendrán diferentes enfoques con respecto a su amor y confianza en Jesús. Saben que sus prácticas y rutinas a veces contradicen su conciencia o la doctrina de la fe. Pero siempre aspiran a cambiar, mejorar y convertirse en mejores discípulos de Jesús. Se dan cuenta de que el amor de Dios no tiene límites y requiere compromiso y fidelidad contra cualquier conflicto con sus comportamientos, hábitos y rutinas.

Por lo tanto, el amor, creado por Dios, une a las personas. El odio separa a las personas. Dios creó a los seres humanos e inculcó su amor para manifestarse en sus acciones. Imagina si un día todo lo que vemos son enemigos que siempre nos están acechando. ¿Cómo sería nuestra vida estar asustada todo el tiempo? El amor es poderoso porque repele el odio y el mal. Cuando la gente está enamorada, muestran empatía, perdón y aceptación de las necesidades y deficiencias de los demás. Por lo tanto, los celos, el egoísmo y el miedo dejarán de ocupar sus mentes y corazones. ¡El amor verdadero le da a la gente libertad, paz y felicidad! Esto es lo que Jesús quiere para sus discípulos y para cada uno de nosotros.

Las personas alegres saben lo que hace que la vida funcione; permanezcan en Su amor. Saben que la vida es frágil y cambia constantemente. Necesitamos su poder divino para equilibrar nuestras insuficiencias. El amor y el poder de Dios están con nosotros en la Eucaristía. El Santísimo Sacramento, de hecho, es la mayor bendición y amor que Dios siempre ha querido compartir con nosotros. Siempre recordaremos en su amor cuando hagamos sitio para él; cuya fuerza y amor aligeran nuestras cargas diarias.

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai