

St. Thomas More Church

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Fifth Sunday of Easter Sunday, May 14th 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 — To meet their growing needs, the community chooses seven reputable men to serve the new Greek believers (Acts 6:1-7).

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — We, like living stones, let ourselves be built into a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:4-9).

Gospel — "Show us the Father," Philip asks Jesus. To which Jesus replies: "Whoever sees me, sees the Father" (John 14:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday:	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Eligieron a siete hombres, llenos del Espíritu Santo (Hechos 6:1-7).

Salmo — Señor, que tu misericordia esté con nosotros mientras ponemos nuestra confianza en ti (Salmo 33 [32]).

Segunda lectura — Ustedes son una raza elegida, un reino de sacerdotes (1 Pedro 2:4-9).

Evangelio — Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida (Juan 14:1-12).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Hch 14:5-18; Sal 115 (114):1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Martes:	Hch 14:19-28; Sal 145 (144):10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Miércoles:	Hch 15:1-6; Sal 122 (121):1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Jueves:	Hch 15:7-21; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Viernes:	Hch 15:22-31; Sal 57 (56):8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Sábado:	Hch 16:1-10; Sal 100 (99):1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Domingo:	Hch 8:5-8, 14-17; Sal 66 (65):1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pe 3:15-18

Collections for 5/7/17

5:00 PM	\$615.00
7:30 AM	\$971.00
9:00 AM	\$1,344.00
10:45 AM	\$500.00
12:30 PM	\$888.00
By mail/online	\$449.00
Bldg Fund	\$352.00
Altar Society	\$40.00
Special Projects	\$145.00
Total	\$5,304.00
2nd Collection:	
Cardinal McIntyre Fund	\$849.00

*Thank
You*

Gracias

San Manuel Indian Casino

Friday, May 19, 2017

Bus Pick up Time: 10:00 AM Sharp



Fundraiser



Join us for a fun-filled trip to San Manuel Indian Casino to raise funds for St Thomas More Church.

Donation amount is \$25.00 per person, which includes:

\$10 player's choice incentive, round trip transportation, light snacks during trip, and tip to bus driver

For information or reservations, please contact:

Lilly Carlisle (626) 485-4734

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*Happy
Mother's
Day*



ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH END OF THE MONTH FINANCIAL REPORT April 1 to 30, 2017

Sundays' Collections & Donations	\$43,475.14
Paid Bills	\$42,660.37
Monies needed to pay bills	\$814.77

Sunday Breakfast

No Breakfast Today

Join Us Next Week

Happy Mother's Day

Cardinal McIntyre Fund

The goal of the Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity is service to the "neediest of the needy," those for whom no other resources exist. Its highest priority is the provision of food, shelter. One-time assistance to families in crises: such as assistance with medical or funeral expenses, are appropriate as funds allow and as recommended by those who are familiar with the area/persons.

Your contributions to the Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity make you a sharer in our parishes' works of mercy, and in their rewards of grace.

100% of your tax deductible contribution goes directly toward helping the poorest of the poor.

For personal donations and tax purposes please visit:
<http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/cmfc/Pages/default.aspx>

IMMIGRATION RESOURCES

As part of our effort to assist our faithful on the issue of immigration and serve our immigrant communities, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles has assembled a group of attorneys and organizations who are willing to help on immigration matters. These attorneys and non-profit organizations are listed on the attachment and have indicated to the Archdiocese their willingness to assist parishes in workshops/meetings and/or assist families in legal capacities. In some cases, the attorneys will offer services on a pro bono basis and in other situations on a fee or reduced fee basis.

For more information:

Website: archla.org/immigration

-OR-

STM Rectory, Lucia Alcantar (626) 284-8333 x141

Together in Mission 2017 Update

Parish Goal	\$32,748.00
Amount Pledged	29,895.00
Amount Paid	21,490.00
Amount needed to meet goal	\$11,258.00

Thank you to those who have pledged and paid. There will be a 2nd collection for Together in Mission next Sunday.

Mission Circle Estate Sale And Bake Sale

Please Join Us
Sunday, May 21, 2017, 8:30am-2:00pm

CURRENT EVENTS

Saturday, May 13, 2017		
Sunday, May 14, 2017	-- Mother's Day --	
	-- No Breakfast --	
Monday, May 15, 2017		
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Legion of Mary	Ministry Center
7:30 PM- 9:00PM	Youth Band Practice	Church
Tuesday, May 16, 2017		
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Our Lady of Wisdom Prayer Group	Church
7:00PM -8:00PM	Grupo De Oracion	Ministry Center
7:45 PM -9:15 PM	English Choir Practice	Church
Wednesday, May 17, 2017		
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Mother of Perpetual Help Novena	Church
Thursday, May 18, 2017		
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Youth Nights	Ministry Center
8:00 PM -9:00 PM	Spanish Choir Practice	Church
Friday, May 19, 2017		
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
Saturday, May 20, 2017		
10:30AM	First Communion	Church
1:30PM	First Communion	Church
3:30PM - 5:00PM	Mission Circle Estate Sale Drop Off	Hall
Sunday, May 21, 2017		
8:00AM -2:00 PM	STM 7th Grade Coffee & Donuts	Hall
10:45AM	First Communion (Spanish)	Church
8:00AM -2:00 PM	Mission Circle Estate & Bake Sale	Hall

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 13, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Socorro Rios †
4:00PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Jose Avalos † Patrick Yiu †
Sunday, May 14, 2017		
7:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Mary Cerda †
9:00 AM	Fr. Andrew	Felix & Monica Perez: Thanksgiving for Completion of Studies
10:45 AM	Fr. Thai	Celia Velazquez de Infantes †
12:30 PM	Fr. Andrew	Rebecca Martinez †
Monday, May 15, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Chris Campanella † Julio Cangungun Sr. †
Tuesday, May 16, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Hector Ortega Jr. † Joanne De La Torre †
Wednesday, May 17, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Mariano Aoanan (Birthday) Eduvigis Gonzalez †
Thursday, May 18, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Eduvigis Gonzalez †
Friday, May 19, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Concepcion Ortega † Maria De Jesus Martinez: Special Intentions
Saturday, May 20, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Lorenzo	John Baptist Hoang †
4:00PM	Fr. Peter	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Peter	Jose Avalos † Patrick Yiu †
Sunday, May 21, 2017		
7:30 AM	Fr. O'Neill	Peter Phan †
9:00 AM	Fr. Thai	Eduvigis Gonzalez †
10:45 AM	Fr. Thai	Rafael Garcia Jr. † Ricardo Cortez †
12:30 PM	Fr. Andrew	Maria Cardoza (Healing)

Please Pray for the Sick

Fr. Jeremiah O'Neill

A Anita Alderete	M Gilbert Madrid
Mariano Aoanan	Cely Magpantay
George Astacio	Salvador Maldonado
Rosa Astacio	Anna Maraldo
B Douglas Barquero	Edgardo Marin
Bertha La Barreda	Francis Meyer
Roy Barrientos	Jean Miceli
Patricia Bernal	James Montague
Andy Bouffard	N Carey Nakayama
Louie Bouffard	Gloria Natividad
Steven Brown	Huy Nguyen
Tod & Rose Marie Brown	Sinh Nguyen
Ida Bustos	Mario Nieto
C Jessica Cabrera	O Fr. Jeremiah O'Neill
Rita Campanella	P Tony Pagliotti
Gloria Cancio	Sharon Palmiter
S. Cano	Arpie Pezeshkian
Burt Carranza	R Dolores Ramirez
Erik M. Casillas	Maria Rosa Ramirez
Blanca and Procoro Castañeda	Ramon Ramos
Jessica Cerda	Julietta Reta
Joan Cervantes	Maria T. Riley
E Maria Endara	Armando & Maria Rivera
Malia Estrada	Michael Angelo Rodriguez
F Ruth Fabela	Mike Romano
Pat Fernandez	Ana Romo
Tony Filosa	Daniela Garcia de la Rosa
G Mariano G.	Virginia Rosales
Ramona Garcia	Alissa Roybal
Gavin Gutierrez	S Virginia Sanchez
Carolina Guzman	Sisi Shum
H Memo Herrera	Uldarica Sison
Sally Herrera	Eddie Souza
I Selvia Inado	Anne Steidl
J Darwin Jenkins	Dorian Suarez
Dennis James Johnson	U Leticia Ureno
Gary Jones	V Michael Velasco
K Mary Keffer	Ricardo & Felicidad Villegas
Theresa Kryszek	Theresa Mai Vu
L Anfrea Lejja	Therese Huyen-Duong Thi Vu
L William Lievense	W 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 and Gerardo Luna	

Pray for the Dead

Sofia Bouffard	Artemio Moralda
Eduvigis Gonzales	Neils Jholen
Jose Roque Hernandez	Martha Alicia Verdin
Wang Shu Kuan	Patrick Yu



Hello!

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers! A mother is the only one that makes sure her children are safe and protected from any dangers. She does her best to provide for her children today with dreams of prosperity for their future! Whatever words and deeds we do for our mother, it can never express enough gratitude for her love and sacrifices. We thank God for His blessing all mothers on this day! We also remember those mothers who have returned home to God in heaven and we try our best to learn from them and follow their great examples.

Whenever parents prepare to leave home, their kids might ask, "can we go with you?" or, "who will be here with us?" Leaving home without the kids for a few days can be very scary for parents who have never done that before! But it can be done depending on the children's ages, their level of maturity, and the surrounding environment. They will be able to feel more comfortable if the parents instruct them well.

Today's Gospel describes the scene that Jesus is preparing to leave his disciples. It might have been very frightening for the first disciples, with good reason: They left their families, friends, homelands, careers and personal interests to follow Jesus. They were present for those most crucial moments when they witnessed his death and resurrection. They were overjoyed by God's love and power for Jesus. They have grown in their relationship and commitment to follow Him. When they learn that He is leaving and they can't accompany Him, they understand that they must face hostile people and places by themselves. How can they live without Him?

Jesus knew their feelings and frustrations, and that is why He reassures them with His words, "*Do not let your hearts be troubled.*" In other words, Jesus gives them the strategies for overcoming their worries and fears; which is to *trust in Him*. He knew if they continue to live in fear and anxiety, they would be unable to move forward to fulfill the mission that He was entrusting to them.

Fear is part of human nature. Sometimes our fears are known, and sometimes we do not know what we are afraid of. But no matter what we think, fear can happen anywhere and anytime. Useful fear can put us on guard and prepare us for what will happen next. Fear can also be a good coping mechanism. But if fear prevents us from moving on to a healthy and spiritual life, then we need to pray for inner peace.

We have many fears; fear of losing our job, fear of rejection, fear of our past being disclosed, fear of meeting new people, fear of financial crisis, and many other types of fears and anxieties. These fears come from within ourselves. We may wake up every morning and go to sleep with fears and worries. It affects our thoughts, motives, peace of mind, or our happiness, preventing from seeing the beauty and purpose of life that God wants us to be.

Life's circumstances, people, and surroundings are vital components for our lives. These are part of our earthly journey, but they won't always be sparks for happiness and peace. Our happiness and peace must rest upon the inner core of our being. Instead of insisting on our own inner wisdom, we surrender our wisdom and thoughts to God's will. His wisdom enables us to find inner peace and overcome our fears and frustrations.

When we are faced with life's circumstances that go beyond our expectations, instead of activating our anxiety, worry, and fear, we need to pray that we will remember the words of Jesus, "*Do not let your hearts be troubled.*" He assures us that if we believe in His presence and guidance, we will regain balance. His guidance leads us to motivation and our attitudes change so that we see Jesus' love for us is stronger than what any fear we are feeling!

God bless!

Fr. Thai

¡Hola!

¡Feliz día de las madres a todas las madres! Una madre es la única que se asegura de que sus hijos estén a salvo y protegidos de cualquier peligro. Ella hace todo lo posible para proveer a sus hijos hoy con sueños de prosperidad para su futuro! Independientemente de las palabras y acciones que hacemos por nuestra madre, nunca se puede expresar suficiente gratitud por su amor y sus sacrificios. ¡Damos gracias a Dios por su bendición a todas las madres en este día! También recordamos a aquellas madres que han vuelto a casa con Dios en el cielo y hacemos todo lo posible para aprender de ellas y seguir sus grandes ejemplos.

Cada vez que los padres se preparan para salir de casa, sus hijos pueden preguntar, "¿podemos ir con ustedes?" O "¿quién estará aquí con nosotros?" Dejar la casa sin los niños por unos días puede ser muy aterrador para los padres que nunca han hecho eso antes! Pero puede hacerse dependiendo de las edades de los niños, su nivel de madurez y el ambiente alrededor. Ellos podrán sentirse más cómodos si los padres les instruyen bien.

El evangelio de hoy describe la escena que Jesús se está preparando para dejar a sus discípulos. Podría haber sido muy aterrador para los primeros discípulos, con razón: dejaron a sus familias, amigos, patrias, carreras e intereses personales para seguir a Jesús. Estaban presentes en los momentos más cruciales cuando fueron testigos de su muerte y resurrección. Estaban muy contentos con el amor y el poder de Dios por Jesús. Han crecido en su relación y compromiso para seguirlo. Cuando aprenden que Él se va y no pueden acompañarlo, entienden que deben enfrentarse a personas y lugares hostiles por sí mismos. ¿Cómo pueden vivir sin él?

Jesús conocía sus sentimientos y frustraciones, y por eso los tranquiliza con Sus palabras: " No dejen que sus corazones se molesten". En otras palabras, Jesús les da las estrategias para superar sus preocupaciones y temores; Que es confiar en Él. Él sabía que si seguían viviendo en el miedo y la ansiedad, serían incapaces de avanzar para cumplir la misión que El les estaba confiando.

El miedo es parte de la naturaleza humana. A veces nuestros miedos son conocidos, ya veces no sabemos de qué tenemos miedo. Pero no importa lo que pensamos, el miedo puede suceder en cualquier lugar y en cualquier momento. El miedo útil nos puede poner en defensa y prepararnos para lo que sucederá después. El miedo también puede ser un buen mecanismo de afrontamiento. Pero si el miedo nos impide avanzar hacia una vida sana y espiritual, entonces necesitamos orar por la paz interior.

Tenemos muchos temores; Miedo a perder nuestro trabajo, temor al rechazo, temor a que nuestro pasado sea revelado, miedo a conocer gente nueva, miedo a la crisis financiera y muchos otros tipos de miedos y ansiedades. Estos miedos vienen de dentro de nosotros mismos. Podemos despertar todas las mañanas e ir a dormir con temores y preocupaciones. Esto afecta nuestros pensamientos, motivos, paz de la mente, o nuestra felicidad, impidiendo ver la belleza y el propósito de la vida que Dios quiere que seamos.

Las circunstancias de la vida, la gente y los alrededores son componentes vitales para nuestras vidas. Estos son parte de nuestro viaje terrenal, pero no siempre serán chispas para la felicidad y la paz. Nuestra felicidad y paz deben descansar sobre el núcleo interno de nuestro ser. En lugar de insistir en nuestra propia sabiduría interior, entregamos nuestra sabiduría y nuestros pensamientos a la voluntad de Dios. Su sabiduría nos permite encontrar la paz interior y superar nuestros temores y frustraciones.

Cuando nos enfrentamos a las circunstancias de la vida que van más allá de nuestras expectativas, en vez de activar nuestra ansiedad, preocupación y miedo, necesitamos orar para que recordemos las palabras de Jesús: " No dejen que sus corazones se molesten ". El nos asegura que si creemos en Su presencia y guía, recuperaremos el equilibrio. Su guía nos lleva a la motivación y nuestras actitudes cambian para que vemos el amor de Jesús por nosotros es más fuerte que cualquier miedo que estamos sintiendo!

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai