

St. Thomas More Church

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The Ascension of the Lord Sunday, May 28th 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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School Website: stthomasmorealhambra.org

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — May the Father of glory give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17-23).

Gospel — Jesus instructs the Eleven to baptize and teach people of all nations (Matthew 28:16-20).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9

Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; I Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Este Jesús que les han llevado volverá de la misma manera que ustedes lo han visto ir al cielo (Hechos 1:1-11).

Salmo — Entre voces de júbilo y trompetas, Dios el Señor asciende hasta su trono (Salmo 47 [46]).

Segunda lectura — Dios sentó a Jesús a su derecha en el reino de los cielos (Efesios 1:17-23).

Evangelio — Me ha sido dado todo poder en el cielo y en la tierra. Vayan, pues, y enseñen a todas las naciones (Mateo 28:16-20).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 19:1-8; Sal 68 (67):2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Martes: Hch 20:17-27; Sal 68 (67):10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Miércoles: Sof 3:14-18a o Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lc 1:39-56

Jueves: Hch 22:30; 23:6-11; Sal 16 (15):1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

Viernes: Hch 25:13b-21; Sal 103 (102):1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Sábado: Hch 28:16-20, 30-31; Sal 11 (10):4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Domingo: Vigilia: Gn 11:1-9

Día: Hch 2:1-11; Sal 104 (103):1, 24, 29-31, 34; I Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Collections for 5/21/17

5:00 PM	\$992.00
7:30 AM	\$914.00
9:00 AM	\$1,696.00
10:45 AM	\$869.00
12:30 PM	\$550.00
By mail/online	\$693.00
Bldg Fund	\$854.00
Special Projects	\$191.00
Altar Society	\$74.00
Total	\$6,833.00
2nd collection:	\$650.00
Together in Mission	

Thank You

Gracias



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Priest Retirement Fund

Special Collection – Next weekend all parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles will be asked to give generously to support the Retirement Fund for Archdiocesan Priests. At each Mass on June 4th & 5th, a second collection will be taken to benefit this important program. Currently, the fund provides for more than 100 priests who are retired. Over the next ten years, that number is expected to increase significantly. With minimal compensation, and in many cases, no pension, these men often retire with nothing to fall back upon. Your contributions can change that. The Priest Retirement Fund offers us a way to give back to our Catholic priests who have served us so faithfully. Your contribution will help archdiocesan priests live modestly and peacefully in retirement. Help us offer thanks for their years of devotion to God, and faithful service to our parish communities. Look for the brochures in the pews next weekend for more information.

4th ANNUAL DINNER AND SHOW

Come enjoy an evening of good food, entertainment and fellowship on Sunday, June 25th from 4pm-6pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$12 each.

Children 12 & under are free.

Tickets Includes: Pasta, salad, bread dessert, beverage & live entertainment

Sponsored by St. Thomas More Youth Ministry

All funds are to help with the cost of Steubenville Conference

Contact Youth Office for more Info [\(626\)284-8333](tel:6262848333) EX. 35

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>

STM Youth Ministry and Confirmation

needs your help! We are seeking donors to help with the cost of our Steubenville conference in July.

During the weekend conference, teens will enjoy workshops, mass, praise and worship and adoration.

It is a great way for teens to develop in their relationship with God while connecting with the teens their own age. The cost is \$250 per teen, which includes transportation, board, meals and the conference fee. No donation is too big or too small.

For more information call the Youth Office at [\(626\)284-8333](tel:6262848333) Ex. 135



Please help us supply
St. Stephen Martyrs



Tuna, Chicken, Roast Beef, Ham, Rice, Beans, Mayonnaise, Mustard, Spaghetti, Mashed Potatoes, Pasta, Sauce, Cheese, Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Soups, Salt, Pepper, Instant Coffee, Tea, Sugar, Flour, Canned Tomatoes, Top Ramen, Canned Vegetables, Bread, Crackers, Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cereal, Oatmeal, Shampoo, Toothbrushes / Toothpaste, Soap

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

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

Sunday Breakfast
No Breakfast Today

Join Us Next Week

CURRENT EVENTS

Saturday, May 27, 2017		
6:30PM	Ultreya Group	Ministry Center
Sunday, May 28, 2017		
8:00AM -2:00 PM	No Breakfast: Memorial Day Weekend	Hall
Monday, May 29, 2017 --Memorial Day--		
Rectory Closed		
Tuesday, May 30, 2017		
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Our Lady of Wisdom Prayer Group	Church
7:45 PM -9:15 PM	English Choir Practice	Church
Wednesday, May 31, 2017		
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Mother of Perpetual Help Novena	Church
7:30 PM- 9:00PM	Youth Band Practice	Church
Thursday, June 01, 2017		
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Youth Nights	Ministry Center
8:00 PM -9:00 PM	Spanish Choir Practice	Church
Friday, June 02, 2017		
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Divine Mercy	Ministry Center
Saturday, June 03, 2017		
Sunday, June 04, 2017		
8:00AM -2:00 PM	Breakfast	Hall

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 27, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Julia Martinez †
4:00PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Alejandro & Henry Lipsun † Patrick Yiu †
Sunday, May 28, 2017		
7:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Peter Phan †
9:00 AM	Fr. Andrew	Martha Alicia Verdin †
10:45 AM	Fr. Lorenzo	Parishioners of STM
12:30 PM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
Monday, May 29, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Frank Nagatani †
Tuesday, May 30, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Edna Sepulveda †
Wednesday, May 31, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Missionary Sisters of Saint Columban: Blessings Received
Thursday, June 01, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Theresa Nguyen † John Baptist Hoang †
Friday, June 02, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Fr. Thai Le & Family: Special Intentions, Federico Sullano Jr. †
Saturday, June 03, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Lorenzo	Parishioners of STM
4:00PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Patrick Yiu † Pedro Ponce: Happy Birthday
Sunday, June 04, 2017		
7:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Peter Phan †
9:00 AM	Fr. Thai	Martha Alicia Verdin †
10:45 AM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
12:30 PM	Fr. Andrew	Frank & Lucia Alcantar: Anniversary

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
Brianna Ayestas	Edgardo Marin
B Douglas Barquero	Francis Meyer
Bertha La Barreda	Jean Miceli
Roy Barrientos	James Montague
Patricia Bernal	N Carey Nakayama
Andy Bouffard	Gloria Natividad
Louie Bouffard	Huy Nguyen
Steven Brown	Sinh Nguyen
Tod & Rose Marie Brown	Mario Nieto
Ida Bustos	P Tony Pagliotti
C Jessica Cabrera	Sharon Palmiter
Rita Campanella	Arpie Pezeshkian
Gloria Cancio	R Dolores Ramirez
S. Cano	Maria Rosa Ramirez
Burt Carranza	Ramon Ramos
Erik M. Casillas	Julieta Reta
Blanca & Procoro Castañeda	Maria T. Riley
Jessica Cerda	Armando & Maria Rivera
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.	S Virginia Sanchez
Ramona Garcia	Sisi Shum
Gavin Gutierrez	Uldarica Sison
Carolina Guzman	Eddie Souza
H Memo Herrera	Anne Steidl
Sally Herrera	S Dorian Suarez
I Selvia Inado	U Leticia Ureno
J Darwin Jenkins	V Michael Velasco
Dennis James Johnson	Ricardo & Felicidad Villegas
Gary Jones	Theresa Mai Vu
K Mary Keffer	Therese Huyen-Duong Thi Vu
Theresa Kryszek	W Jean Reyes Williams
L Anfreia Leija	Martha Willox
William Lievense	Janny Wong
James Lindgren	Jennifer Wong
Yee See Lipsun	Z Christine Zampese
Eleanor Lopez	
Brother Martin Lorenzini	
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 Yiu



Hello!

May is the month of graduation for many colleges and universities across America. Graduation means students will say goodbye to each other. Their faces may be filled with tears on this special celebration! Some newly-graduated students are eager to show the world what they prepared for during their college years. For others, life after college can be scary or ambiguous; looking for a job, paying bills and student loans, and life without parents' financial assistance.

A similar experience is found in today's Gospel. On this Ascension Sunday, Jesus says goodbye to His disciples, and it is not a pleasant moment for the disciples. This reaction is illustrated through the phrase, "*they doubled.*" In other words, they could not anticipate that would come to happen. How can they face the hostile world? How can they accomplish their mission without Jesus's companionship? They believed they were not ready for the task without Jesus. However, Jesus instructed them with simple steps and approaches: He sends them out on missions to unknown territories and audiences. He knew they would face tribulations and trials during their missions; and through such difficulties, they would build their trust in Jesus.

Most institutions and colleges would teach their students how to get through the school's curriculums and prepare them for the workplaces. Students are taught to work hard and to work with others. Unlike such approaches, Jesus goes beyond universities' curriculums, and he instructs them, "*I am with you always.*" In other words, if they trust in His Spirit, they will accomplish the mission, no matter what drawbacks they may encounter.

In our everyday lives, we need to remind ourselves that God's Spirit is within us so we can build a habit of trust. Our relationship with our inner Spirit can't be overlooked; it must be the key-stone of our strength and wisdom that helps us to engage in every step and action we make each day. Without building a habit of a personal relationship with God's Spirit, we may give up even before we start!

Occasionally, we tend to feel dissatisfied with ourselves because we are afraid of external factors or perceptions. This can lead us to discouragement and diminish the Spirit. We may assume we are not good enough to complete a task. We might retreat because we are not as strong as others. Believing that Jesus' presence is within us can be difficult. We can't enjoy Jesus' presence in our journey.

Every living being develops gradually. Faith and trust in Jesus need time to grow. It takes tremendous energy, courage, and time to grow in faith and relationship with Jesus. It happens with the disciples and continues to happen with us. Instead of rushing for immediate answers and explanations, we turn to God's Spirit. We can stay calm and let Jesus show us the way. Only then can our fears, worries, and doubts be turned into confidence and joy that is the cornerstone of accomplishment.

Friends and family members may be separated from each other because of life's circumstances. However, Jesus will never leave us. Just as he promises in today's Gospel; he is with us in Spirit. Embrace his promise as we journey through this life, either when we are content or faced with difficult circumstances. He will guide us in the right direction.

God bless!

Fr. Thai

¡Hola!

Mayo es el mes de la graduación para muchos colegios y universidades a través de América. La graduación significa que los estudiantes se despedirán el uno del otro. Sus rostros pueden estar llenos de lágrimas en esta celebración especial! Algunos estudiantes recién graduados están ansiosos de mostrar al mundo lo que prepararon durante sus años de universidad. Para otros, la vida después de la universidad puede ser espeluznante o ambigua; Buscando un trabajo, pagando cuentas y préstamos estudiantiles, y la vida sin la ayuda financiera de los padres.

Una experiencia similar se encuentra en el Evangelio de hoy. En este Domingo de Ascensión, Jesús dice adiós a sus discípulos, y no es un momento agradable para los discípulos. Esta reacción se ilustra a través de la frase, "se duplicaron". En otras palabras, no podían anticipar que ocurriría. ¿Cómo pueden enfrentar el mundo hostil? ¿Cómo pueden cumplir su misión sin la compañía de Jesús? Ellos creían que no estaban preparados para la tarea sin Jesús. Sin embargo, Jesús les instruyó con simples pasos y enfoques: Él los envía en misiones a territorios y audiencias desconocidos. Sabía que enfrentarían tribulaciones y pruebas durante sus misiones; Y con tales dificultades, ellos construirían su confianza en Jesús.

La mayoría de las instituciones y los colegios enseñarían a sus estudiantes cómo atravesar los currículos de la escuela y prepararlos para los lugares de trabajo. A los estudiantes se les enseña a trabajar duro ya trabajar con otros. A diferencia de estos enfoques, Jesús va más allá de los currículos de las universidades, y les dice: "Yo estoy con ustedes siempre". En otras palabras, si confían en su Espíritu, cumplirán la misión, sin importar los inconvenientes que puedan encontrar.

En nuestra vida cotidiana, debemos recordar que el Espíritu de Dios está dentro de nosotros para que podamos construir un hábito de confianza. Nuestra relación con nuestro Espíritu interior no puede pasarse por alto; Debe ser la piedra angular de nuestra fuerza y sabiduría que nos ayuda a participar en cada paso y acción que hacemos cada día. Sin construir un hábito de una relación personal con el Espíritu de Dios, ¡podemos renunciar incluso antes de comenzar!

Ocasionalmente, tendemos a sentirnos insatisfechos con nosotros mismos porque tenemos miedo de factores o percepciones externas. Esto puede conducirnos al desánimo y disminuir el Espíritu. Podemos suponer que no somos lo suficientemente buenos para completar una tarea. Podríamos retirarnos porque no somos tan fuertes como los demás. Creer que la presencia de Jesús está dentro de nosotros puede ser difícil. No podemos disfrutar de la presencia de Jesús en nuestro viaje.

Cada ser vivo se desarrolla gradualmente. La fe y la confianza en Jesús necesitan tiempo para crecer. Se necesita una tremenda energía, coraje y tiempo para crecer en la fe y la relación con Jesús. Sucede con los discípulos y continúa sucediendo con nosotros. En lugar de apresurarnos por respuestas y explicaciones inmediatas, nos dirigimos al Espíritu de Dios. Podemos mantener la calma y dejar que Jesús nos muestre el camino. Sólo entonces nuestros miedos, preocupaciones y dudas se convertirán en confianza y alegría que es la piedra angular de la realización.

Los amigos y los miembros de la familia pueden estar separados uno del otro debido a las circunstancias de la vida. Sin embargo, Jesús nunca nos dejará. Tal como promete en el Evangelio de hoy; Él está con nosotros en Espíritu. Abraza su promesa mientras viajamos por esta vida, ya sea cuando estamos contentos o enfrentamos a circunstancias difíciles. Él nos guiará en la dirección correcta.

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai