

# St. Thomas More Church

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## Nativity of St. John the Baptist Sunday, June 24, 2018



### EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS WEEKLY LITURGIES

<b>Saturday Vigil</b> 5:00PM	<b>Reconciliation</b> Saturday: 4:00-4:45PM
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 12:30PM 10:45AM <i>Spanish</i>	<i>English</i> <b>Daily: Mon-Sat</b> 8:30AM
<b>Holy Day Masses</b> 8:30AM, 7:00PM	

**Please contact the Parish Office for arrangements regarding**  
Baptisms, Funerals, and Quinceañeras

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For Sacraments of Matrimony, please contact the  
Parish Office six months prior to the date of the wedding

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

<b>Monday-Thursday</b>	9:00AM - 7:30PM	<i>Closed 1:00 - 2:00PM</i>
<b>Friday</b>	9:00AM - 7:00PM	<i>Closed 1:00 - 2:00PM</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00AM - 1:00PM	

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — I will make you a light to the nations (Isaiah 49:1-6).  
**Psalm** — I praise you for I am wonderfully made (Psalm 139).  
**Second Reading** — John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance (Acts 13:22-26).  
**Gospel** — John is his name (Luke 1:57-66, 80).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5  
Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14  
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33-37, 40; Mt 7:15-20  
Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8, 9; Mt 7:21-29  
Friday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19  
Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19  
Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:15-17  
Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]

### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — Te convertiré en luz para las naciones (Isaías 49:1-6).  
**Salmo** — Te doy gracias porque me has escogido portentosamente (Salmo 139 [138]).  
**Segunda lectura** — De los descendiente de David Dios sacó al salvador Jesús (Hechos 13:22-25).  
**Evangelio** — Isabel dio a luz a un hijo a quien puso por nombre Juan (Lucas 1:57-66, 80).

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 2 Re 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Sal 60 (59):3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5  
Martes: 2 Re 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Sal 48 (47):2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14  
Miércoles: 2 Re 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Sal 119 (118):33-37, 40; Mt 7:15-20  
Jueves: 2 Re 24:8-17; Sal 106 (105):1b-5; Mt 7:21-29  
Viernes: Vigilia: Hch 3:1-10; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19  
Día: Hch 12:1-11; Sal 34 (33):2-9; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19  
Sábado: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Sal 74 (73):1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:15-17  
Domingo: Sab 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mc 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]

### Collections for 6/17/18

5:00 PM	\$608.00
7:30 AM	\$1,311.00
9:00 AM	\$1,228.00
10:45 AM	\$590.00
12:30 PM	\$436.00
By mail/online	\$481.00
Bldg Fund	\$345.00
Special Projects	\$151.00
Altar Society	\$40.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,190.00</b>
2nd Collection: Steubenville	\$666.00

Thank You!

Gracias!

Mission Appeal

Each year the Archdiocese of Los Angeles invites missionaries to speak. This weekend, June 23 & 24, Rev. Fr. Jino Mwaka will be here at St. Thomas More. He shares with us the work of the gospel accomplished in the Missions. The money collected goes specifically to each diocese or religious community making the appeal in the parish.

These Missions depend upon your generous support.

Peter's Pence Collection
Be a Witness of
Charity

"A LITTLE MERCY MAKES THE WORLD LESS COLD AND MORE JUST."

—Pope Francis, Angelus, March 17, 2013

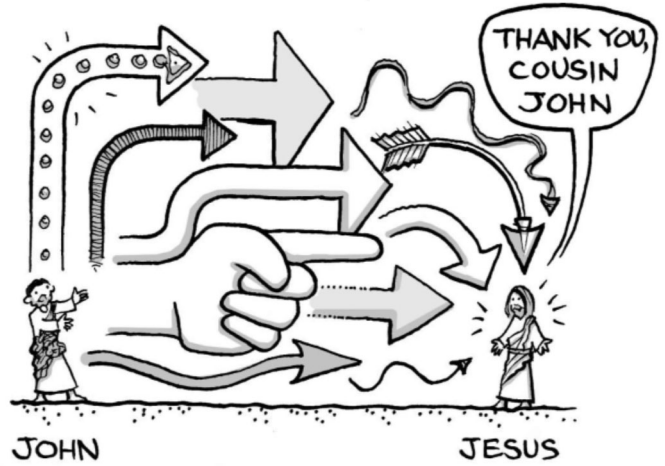
Peter's Pence Collection

Next week, July 1, we will take the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous.

For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



In those days, Paul said, "John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel; and as John was completing his course, he would say, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.'" Acts 13:24-25



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WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

If you are a newcomer to the parish and would like to register, please complete the information below. Please clip this form and bring to the parish office or deposit in the Sunday collection. Current Parishioners, help us update our files by submitting address and phone number changes with this form.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_
Address: \_\_\_\_\_
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday Breakfast

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Donuts and Coffee



Sponsored by
The Cursillo Group

**CURRENT EVENTS**

<b>Saturday, June 23, 2018</b>		
<b>Sunday, June 24, 2018</b>		
8:30AM -2PM	Coffee & Donuts	Hall
<b>Monday, June 25, 2018</b>		
9:30AM	Legion of Mary	Ministry Center
7:30PM	Youth Band Practice	Church
<b>Tuesday, June 26, 2018</b>		
9AM - 9:30AM	Our Lady of Wisdom Prayer Group	Church
11:30PM	Bingo	Hall
7:45PM	English Choir Practice	Church
<b>Wednesday, June 27, 2018</b>		
9AM - 9:30AM	Mother of Perpetual Help Novena	Church
7:00PM	Bible Study	Ministry Center
<b>Thursday, June 28, 2018</b>		
6:30PM	Youth Nights	Ministry Center
8:00PM	Spanish Choir	Church
<b>Friday, June 29, 2018</b>		
9AM - 1PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
<b>Saturday, June 30, 2018</b>		
<b>Sunday, July 01, 2018</b>		
8:30AM -2PM	Coffee & Donuts	Hall

**MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Saturday, June 23, 2018</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Delia & Armando Martinez: Birthday Confessions
4:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Patrick Yiu†
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai/Fr. Jino	Francine Mandy Ramirez†
<b>Sunday, June 24, 2018</b>		
7:30 AM	Fr. Lorenzo/Fr. Jino	Felisa Dulay †
9:00 AM	Fr. Thai/Fr. Jino	Josefina M. Lugo Alarcon†
10:45 AM	Fr. Thai/Fr. Jino	Alejandro Gasca: Happy Father's Day
12:30 PM	Fr. Thai/Fr. Jino	Rafael Garcia, Jr.†
<b>Monday, June 25, 2018</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Parishioners of STM
<b>Tuesday, June 26, 2018</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Brian Small† Isaiah Gutierrez†
<b>Wednesday, June 27, 2018</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Dean Smith†
<b>Thursday, June 28, 2018</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Araceli Magpantay †
<b>Friday, June 29, 2018</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Pedro Jose & Paul Yugar†
<b>Saturday, June 30, 2018</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Araceli Magpantay †
4:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Patrick Yiu† Nora Talamisan†
<b>Sunday, July 01, 2018</b>		
7:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Peter Sinh Nguyen†
		Michael Manocchio†
9:00 AM	Fr. Andrew	Eva Ramirez Anaya†
10:45 AM	Fr. Thai	Alejandro & Carmen Portella: Healing
12:30 PM	Fr. Andrew	Araceli Magpantay †
		Edgar Martinez: Healing

*Please Pray for the Sick*

**Fr. Jeremiah O'Neill**

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

*Pray for the Dead*

Maria Caballero	Tony Miceli
Andrea Lozano	Victoria Petas
Francine Lozano	Amelia Ramirez
Cely Magpantay	Jeff Shaw
Michael Manocchio	



Hello!

Twelve years ago, as I was on a plane from Quito to Atlanta, I got to know a group of medical staff who had just spent two weeks in rural areas in Ecuador performing the medical examinations for the villagers. They were volunteers organized by a group from the Southern Baptist Church in the South. During our conversation, the members told me that they had handed out Bibles to the people as they visited the villagers. I was very impressed by their enthusiasm and love and the dedication that they shared with others. They could have stayed home and enjoyed their time and vacation with their spouses, children, and friends, but in their mind, there was something bigger and stronger than their own pleasure and interest.

Good people are constantly watching for their mission because they have learned from the wisdom of the past. In the Roman Rite, there are only three birthdays that we find on the liturgical calendar: the births of Jesus, The Blessed Virgin Mary, and St. John the Baptist. What made John the Baptist the greatest of all the prophets? He was a great prophet because of his role to prepare the people to know and to meet Our Lord through their baptism and repentance. Thus, he was a messenger who was manifested through his words and deeds.

As Catholics by baptism, we are entrusted with a mission—to share the Good News of Our Lord Jesus Christ with others. The mission means to go beyond our daily routine, needs, and self-interest for the sake of God's people. When God calls us to do something for His people, He knows we are capable of carrying it out; His grace will follow us. Therefore, we can't just say or think, "I don't know where to start; I don't where to get the resources; I am afraid it will fail, and therefore I am not capable of starting it!" We should meditate on the *courageous man*, John the Baptist. He was able to accomplish his mission because he knew God would never entrust him with something that exceeded his ability. More importantly, he knew from where to draw his strength and wisdom to carry out the mission.

While preaching the message, John did not hesitate to speak out against the wrong doing of the ruler at that time, Herod, although he knew that he would have to suffer unpredictable consequences, even be beheaded. He used his to last breath to speak about the Truth of Jesus Christ. Perhaps, we will never be asked to sacrifice our lives for our mission, but we will not take things for granted. Every day comes with a new attitude for the mission of the Church, and even by small gestures or humble words we can share the message of the Gospel with others. As Christ's followers, we have a responsibility to share our identity and to promote human life, the dignity of the human person, justice and charity. We have a responsibility to work together to build a world of love and a life that alleviates hatred, division, violence, and the trampling of human dignity in the society and world in which we live.

The best opportunity and place to exercise our mission is right here at our parish this weekend as we hold the "Mission Appeal." Each year the Archdiocese of Los Angeles allows priests and missionaries from other countries to come to the parishes to speak about the needs of their countries and communities and how we can share and bless God's people. This weekend, Fr. Jino will speak at all the Masses at our parish about the mission of the Universal Church and how we can participate in it. We do not have to go far. It is right here at our parish community this weekend. I hope that we will listen attentively and support the mission of the Church. Thus, if we arrive at any place with good intentions and a sincere heart to do good deeds for others in glorifying God, we are following the mission of St. John the Baptist.

God Bless!

Fr. Thai

¡Hola!

Hace doce años, cuando estaba en un avión de Quito a Atlanta, conocí a un grupo de personal médico que acababa de pasar dos semanas en las zonas rurales de Ecuador realizando los exámenes médicos para los aldeanos. Eran voluntarios organizados por un grupo de la Iglesia Bautista del Sur. Durante nuestra conversación, los miembros me dijeron que habían repartido Biblias a la gente mientras visitaban a los aldeanos. Me impresionó mucho su entusiasmo y amor y la dedicación que compartieron con los demás. Podrían haberse quedado en casa y disfrutar de su tiempo y vacaciones con sus cónyuges, hijos y amigos, pero en su mente, había algo más grande y más fuerte que su propio placer e interés.

Las buenas personas están constantemente vigilando su misión porque han aprendido de la sabiduría del pasado. En el Rito Romano, solo hay tres cumpleaños que encontramos en el calendario litúrgico: los nacimientos de Jesús, la Santísima Virgen María y San Juan Bautista. ¿Qué hizo Juan el Bautista ser el más grande de todos los profetas? Él fue un gran profeta debido a su papel de preparar a las personas para conocer y encontrarse con Nuestro Señor a través de su bautismo y arrepentimiento. Por lo tanto, él era un mensajero que se manifestó a través de sus palabras y hechos.

Como Católicos por el bautismo, se nos confía una misión: compartir las Buenas Nuevas de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo con los demás. La misión significa ir más allá de nuestra rutina diaria, necesidades e intereses propios por el bien del pueblo de Dios. Cuando Dios nos llama a hacer algo por Su pueblo, Él sabe que somos capaces de llevarlo a cabo; Su gracia nos seguirá. Por lo tanto, no podemos simplemente decir o pensar: "No sé por dónde empezar; No sé dónde obtener los recursos; ¡Temo que fracase y, por lo tanto, no soy capaz de comenzar!" Debemos meditar en el hombre valiente, Juan el Bautista. Pudo cumplir su misión porque sabía que Dios nunca le confiaría algo que excediera su capacidad. Más importante aún, sabía de dónde sacar su fuerza y sabiduría para llevar a cabo la misión.

Mientras predicaba el mensaje, Juan no dudó en hablar en contra del mal del gobernante en ese momento, Herodes, aunque sabía que tendría que sufrir consecuencias impredecibles, incluso ser decapitado. Él utilizó su último aliento para hablar sobre la Verdad de Jesucristo. Tal vez, nunca se nos pedirá que sacrifiquemos nuestras vidas por nuestra misión, pero no daremos las cosas por hecho. Cada día viene una nueva actitud para la misión de la Iglesia, e incluso mediante pequeños gestos o palabras humildes podemos compartir el mensaje del Evangelio con los demás. Como seguidores de Cristo, tenemos la responsabilidad de compartir nuestra identidad y promover la vida humana, la dignidad de la persona humana, la justicia y la caridad. Tenemos la responsabilidad de trabajar juntos para construir un mundo de amor y una vida que alivie el odio, la división, la violencia y el pisoteo de la dignidad humana en la sociedad y el mundo en el que vivimos.

La mejor oportunidad y el mejor lugar para ejercer nuestra misión es aquí en nuestra parroquia este fin de semana mientras realizamos la "Campaña de la Misión". Cada año, la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles permite a los sacerdotes y misioneros de otros países acercarse a las parroquias para hablar sobre las necesidades de sus países y comunidades y de cómo podemos compartir y bendecir al pueblo de Dios. Este fin de semana, el P. Jino hablará en todas las Misas de nuestra parroquia sobre la misión de la Iglesia Universal y cómo podemos participar en ella. No tenemos que ir muy lejos. Está aquí en nuestra comunidad parroquial este fin de semana. Espero escuchar con atención y apoyar la misión de la Iglesia. Por lo tanto, si llegamos a cualquier lugar con buenas intenciones y un corazón sincero para hacer buenas acciones por otros glorificando a Dios, estamos siguiendo la misión de San Juan Bautista.

¡Dios Bendiga!

P. Thai