

# St. Thomas More Church

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*Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 2017*



## EUCHARISTIC 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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**School Website:** stthomasmorealhambra.org

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The LORD has rescued the poor from the clutches of the wicked (Jeremiah 20:10-13).  
**Psalm** — Lord, in your great love, answer me (Psalm 69).  
**Second Reading** — The grace of God overflows for all (Romans 5:12-15).  
**Gospel** — All who acknowledge Jesus before others will likewise be acknowledged by Jesus before the Father (Matthew 10:26-33).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22; Mt 7:1-5  
Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14  
Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mt 7:15-20  
Thursday: **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  
Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 8:1-4  
Saturday: Gn 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-50, 53-55; Mt 8:5-17  
Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

## LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — El Señor ha salvado al desamparado de los manos de los malvados (Jeremías 20:10-13).  
**Salmo** — Escúchame, Señor, porque eres bueno (Salmo 69 [68]).  
**Segunda lectura** — Por gracia, el don generoso del Hijo de Dios, Jesucristo, nos ha salvado de todo pecado. (Romanos 5:12-15).  
**Evangelio** — No hay miedo cuando el amor de Dios se recibe como don precioso (Mateo 10:26-33).

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Gn 12:1-9; Sal 33 (32):12-13, 18-20, 22; Mt 7:1-5  
Martes: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Sal 15 (14):2-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14  
Miércoles: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Sal 105 (104):1-4, 6-9; Mt 7:15-20  
Jueves: **Vigilia:** Hch 3:1-10; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Gál 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  
Viernes: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Sal 128 (127):1-5; Mt 8:1-4  
Sábado: Gn 18:1-15; Lc 1:46-50, 53-55; Mt 8:5-17  
Domingo: 2 Re 4:8-11, 14-16a; Sal 89 (88):2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

## Collections for 6/18/17

5:00 PM	\$739.00
7:30 AM	\$896.00
9:00 AM	\$1,433.00
10:45 AM	\$687.00
12:30 PM	\$500.00
By mail/online	\$319.00
Bldg Fund	\$275.00
Special Projects	\$149.00
Fathers' Day envelopes	\$612.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,610.00</b>

*Thank You*

*Gracias*

**NOTES FROM ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH!**

The TNT Fireworks kiosk will park in the parish parking lot (southside of the church building) from **June 28 through July 9**. We hope it will not impede your arrival and parking spaces in the parish premises.

**R.C.I.A.**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, known as R.C.I.A., invites those who want to know about the Catholic faith, its practices and beliefs to come to our meetings to ask questions and find answers.

Our first meeting is on Monday, July 10th, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the O'Neill Ministry Center. It's an informal meeting with no requirements attached. You may ask your friends or family to come with you.

Please call the parish office at (626) 284-8333 for details.



*Safeguard the Children*



**Summer safety and abuse prevention**

As you begin to make summer plans for activities – whether in your own backyard, the local park, summer camps or other overnight or out-of-town settings – keep child safety in mind. The best practice rules for child safety is to have as much information about the place, program and its coordinators as possible and replace blind trust with knowledge and healthy suspicion. To request a copy of the VIRTUS® article “Summer Safety Tips Can Help Prevent Sexual Abuse,” email [jvienna@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:jvienna@la-archdiocese.org) or call (213) 637-7227.

**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 relationships 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 Ex. 135

**2017-2018 Registration For St. Thomas More Catholic School**

Kindergarten through eighth grade new student applications are being accepted for the 2017-2018 school year. The application form is also available at [www.stthomasmorealhambra.org](http://www.stthomasmorealhambra.org) or by contacting the school office at 626/284-5778. Please don't hesitate to contract school office during Summer if you have any concern, question, or schedule for a tour.

**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 Ex. 35

**BIBLE STUDY CLASSES**

Resume on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm-8:45pm



We hope to see You there.

*Sunday Breakfast*  
*Please join us in the hall for*



**Coffee and Donuts**

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

**Sponsored by Cursillos Group**

**CURRENT EVENTS**

<b>Saturday, June 24, 2017</b>		
<b>Sunday, June 25, 2017</b>		
8:00AM -2:00 PM	Sunday Breakfast	Hall
5:00PM -8:00 PM	Youth Group-Dinner and a Show	Hall
<b>Monday, June 26, 2017</b>		
9:30AM	Legion of Mary	Ministry Center
7:30PM - 9:00PM	Youth Band Practice	Church
<b>Tuesday, June 27, 2017</b>		
9:00AM - 9:30AM	Our Lady of Wisdom Prayer Group	Church
11:30AM	Bingo	Hall
7:45PM -9:15PM	English Choir Practice	Church
<b>Wednesday, June 28, 2017</b>		
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Mother of Perpetual Help Novena	Church
<b>Thursday, June 29, 2017</b>		
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Youth Nights	Ministry Center
8:00 PM -9:00 PM	Spanish Choir Practice	Church
<b>Friday, June 30, 2017</b>		
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
<b>Saturday, July 01, 2017</b>		
<b>Sunday, July 02, 2017</b>		
8:00AM -2:00 PM	Sunday Breakfast	Hall

**MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Saturday, June 24, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
4:00PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Patrick Yiu †
<b>Sunday, June 25, 2017</b>		
7:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Orlando Villareal †
9:00 AM	Fr. Andrew	Yee See Lipsun: Healing
10:45 AM	Fr. Thai	Rafael Garcia Jr. †
12:30 PM	Fr. Andrew	Moises Hernandez †
<b>Monday, June 26, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Dr. James Shankwiler: Thanksgiving
<b>Tuesday, June 27, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Agnes Hong Thi Nguyen † Josefina Lugo Alarcon †
<b>Wednesday, June 28, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Moises Hernandez †
<b>Thursday, June 29, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Pedro & Pablo Yugar †
<b>Friday, June 30, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Lillian Lee †
<b>Saturday, July 01, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
4:00PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Patrick Yiu †
<b>Sunday, July 02, 2017</b>		
7:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Parishioners of STM
9:00 AM	Fr. Thai	Consuelo y Antonio Catalan †
10:45 AM	Fr.	Moises Hernandez †
12:30 PM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM

*Please Pray for the Sick*

Fr. Jeremiah O'Neil

<b>A</b> Anita Alderete Mariano Aoanan George Astacio Rosa Astacio  Brianna Ayestas	<b>H</b> Memo Herrera Sally Herrera <b>I</b> Selvia Inado <b>J</b> Darwin Jenkins  Dennis James	<b>R</b> Dolores Ramirez Maria Rosa Ramirez Ramon Ramos Julieta Reta  Maria T. Riley  Armando & Maria Rivera  Michael Angelo Rodriguez Mike Romano Ana Romo Daniela Garcia de la Rosa Virginia Rosales Alissa Roybal Clare Ryan
<b>B</b> Douglas Barquero  Bertha La Barreda  Roy Barrientos Patricia Bernal  Andy Bouffard  Louie Bouffard Steven Brown Tod & Rose Marie Brown Ida Bustos	<b>J</b> Gary Jones  <b>K</b> Mary Keffer  Theresa Kryszek <b>L</b> Bill Lamb  Anfrea Leija  William Lievens James Lindgren  Yee See Lipsun  Eleanor Lopez	<b>S</b> Mason Saldaña  Virginia Sanchez  Sisi Shum Uldarica Sison  Eddie Souza  Anne Steidl Dorian Suarez
<b>C</b> Jessica Cabrera  Rita Campanella Gloria Cancio  S. Cano  Burt Carranza Evelin Carranza  Erik M. Casillas  Blanca & Procoro Castañeda Jessica Cerda  Joan Cervantes	<b>M</b> Gilbert Madrid Cely Magpantay Salvador Maldonado  Anna Maraldo  Edgardo Marin  Francis Meyer  Jean Miceli  James Montague  Malia Estrada <b>N</b> Carey Nakayama Gloria Natividad Huy Nguyen Sinh Nguyen Mario Nieto <b>P</b> Tony Pagliotti Sharon Palmiter Arpie Pezeshkian Carolina Guzman	<b>U</b> Leticia Ureno  <b>V</b> Richard Valdes  Michael Velasco Ricardo & Felicidad Villegas Theresa Mai Vu Therese Huyen-Duong Thi Vu  Jean Reyes Williams Martha Willox Janny Wong Jennifer Wong <b>Z</b> Christine Zampese

*Pray for the Dead*

Richard Angulo	Artemio Moralda
Eduvigis Gonzales	Neils Jhonen
Jose Roque Hernandez	Martha Alicia Verdin
Wang Shu Kuan	Patrick Yiu



Hello!

In all humans, there are two vital components that form us as who we are: Internal and external resources. Internal resources could be considered *spiritual life*, inner strengths, and potential that enables us to respond to our surroundings authentically.

Internal resources also include our conscience, thoughts, emotions, and our souls that enable us to make decisions and choices based upon our *true* nature. External resources are things such as Scriptures, Church traditions and teachings, family, and faith community that help us grow in our inner belief and faith.

The prophet Jeremiah in today's first reading reveals the wisdom of our inner strength. Jeremiah is a man of faith in God. Yet, his profound commitment and faith in God do not exempt him from his earlier life. According to the reading, Jeremiah's journey and life looked gloomy. He was faced with derision, isolation, and persecution from his own family members, friends, and community. Such disputes are known to have resulted in spiritual, ethical and moral issues for him.

Even when faced with such difficulties and without a "*thick skin*," he did not give up! He had faith in God; "*But the Lord is with me!*" Great people believe that internal fortitude comes from one's relationship and trust in God. Even though he is subjected to rebellious, ruthless, and desperate acts, he does not question or cry out in fear. From the depth of his soul, he recognizes God's strength.

How do we discern the presence of God in our lives? How can we follow the prophet Jeremiah when faced with life's circumstances such as disagreement, difference, discord, disappointment, isolation, and many other problems? Will we be able to stay calm and strong when things do not turn out in the ways we want? Most of us grow in our faith with our experience of trials and tribulations in life and enduring these with grace and utter surrender to God; just like Jeremiah.

Because of our nature, sometimes we can lose our focus on God when unexpected things happen in our lives. We may even question if there is a God who is truly present. The good news is that even amid confusion and doubt, God never changes His nature, presence, protection, and love for us. He shows us with His dealing with Jeremiah. Thus, He will bring us ever so gently to a place of peace and assurance in His presence far beyond our imaginations.

Jeremiah could never stand on his own plans and strength. But at the same time, he did not run away, looking for a shortcut or a quick fix. He did not blame others for his troubles. He returned into his inner resources and stayed calm. Such wisdom enabled him to rely on God's presence within him. This allowed him to fulfill his mission and life.

Jesus, in today's Gospel, calls for us to ponder upon His courage and wisdom that none of us can gain on our own. We are asked to deepen our *inner resources* through our daily prayers and meditation with God. Just like the prophet Jeremiah, through God, we will be able to respond well when faced with unwanted or unexpected events. In the Eucharist, we are privileged to receive Christ's Body and Blood that strengthens our faith and commitment to follow His guidance so we may witness God's love for all around us without fear.

God bless!

Fr. Thai Le

¡Hola!

En todos los seres humanos, hay dos componentes vitales que nos forman como quienes somos: Recursos internos y externos. Los recursos internos pueden considerarse vida espiritual, fortalezas interiores y potencial que nos permite responder a nuestro entorno auténticamente.

Los recursos internos también incluyen nuestra conciencia, pensamientos, emociones y nuestras almas que nos permiten tomar decisiones y opciones basadas en nuestra verdadera naturaleza. Los recursos externos son cosas tales como las Escrituras, las tradiciones y enseñanzas de la Iglesia, la familia y la comunidad de fe que nos ayudan a crecer en nuestra creencia y fe interior.

El profeta Jeremías en la primera lectura de hoy revela la sabiduría de nuestra fuerza interior. Jeremías es un hombre de fe en Dios. Sin embargo, su profundo compromiso y fe en Dios no lo eximen de su vida anterior. Según la lectura, el viaje y la vida de Jeremías parecían sombríos. Se enfrentó a la burla, el aislamiento y la persecución de sus propios familiares, amigos y comunidad. Se sabe que tales disputas han dado lugar a cuestiones espirituales, éticas y morales para él.

Incluso cuando se enfrentaba a tales dificultades y sin una "piel gruesa", ¿no se dio por vencido! Tenía fe en Dios; "Pero el Señor está conmigo!" La gente grande cree que la fortaleza interna proviene de la relación de uno y la confianza en Dios. A pesar de que está sometido a actos rebeldes, despiadados y desesperados, no cuestiona ni grita con miedo. Desde la profundidad de su alma, reconoce la fuerza de Dios.

¿Cómo discernimos la presencia de Dios en nuestras vidas? ¿Cómo podemos seguir al profeta Jeremías cuando se enfrentan a circunstancias de la vida tales como desacuerdo, diferencia, discordia, decepción, aislamiento y muchos otros problemas? ¿Seremos capaces de mantener la calma y la fuerza cuando las cosas no salen de la manera que queremos? La mayoría de nosotros crecemos en nuestra fe con nuestra experiencia de pruebas y tribulaciones en la vida y soportándolos con gracia y total entrega a Dios; Como Jeremías.

Debido a nuestra naturaleza, a veces podemos perder nuestro foco en Dios cuando suceden cosas inesperadas en nuestras vidas. Incluso podemos preguntar si hay un Dios que está verdaderamente presente. La buena noticia es que incluso en medio de la confusión y la duda, Dios nunca cambia Su naturaleza, presencia, protección y amor por nosotros. Él nos muestra con Su trato con Jeremías. Por lo tanto, Él nos llevará siempre tan suavemente a un lugar de paz y seguridad en Su presencia mucho más allá de nuestra imaginación.

Jeremías nunca pudo soportar sus propios planes y su fuerza. Pero al mismo tiempo, no huyó, buscando un atajo o una solución rápida. No culpaba a los demás por sus problemas. Regresó a sus recursos interiores y permaneció tranquilo. Tal sabiduría le permitió confiar en la presencia de Dios dentro de él. Esto le permitió cumplir su misión y vida.

Jesús, en el Evangelio de hoy, nos llama a reflexionar sobre su coraje y sabiduría que ninguno de nosotros puede ganar por nuestra cuenta. Se nos pide que profundicemos nuestros recursos internos a través de nuestras oraciones diarias y meditación con Dios. Al igual que el profeta Jeremías, a través de Dios, seremos capaces de responder bien cuando se enfrentan con eventos no deseados o inesperados. En la Eucaristía tenemos el privilegio de recibir el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo que fortalece nuestra fe y nuestro compromiso de seguir Su guía para que podamos ser testigos del amor de Dios por todos los que nos rodean sin temor.

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai Le