

St. Thomas More Church

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Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Sunday, July 15, 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 — Amos said, "The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people" (Amos 7:12-15).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3-14 [3-10]).

Gospel — Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two (Mark 6:7-13).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
Tuesday:	Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30
Friday:	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday:	Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday:	Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Amós es enviado por Dios a profetizar al pueblo de Israel (Amós 7:12-15).

Salmo — Muéstranos, Señor, tu misericordia y danos tu salvación (Salmo 85 [84]).

Segunda lectura — El Dios y Padre de Cristo Jesús nuestro Señor nos ha elegido y nos ha bendecido con toda clase de bendiciones espirituales (Efesios 1:3-14 [3-10]).

Evangelio — Jesús envía a los doce apóstoles de dos en dos a predicar, invitando a la conversión (Marcos 6:7-13).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Is 1:10-17; Sal 50 (49):8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
Martes:	Is 7:1-9; Sal 48 (47):2-8; Mt 11:20-24
Miércoles:	Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Sal 94 (93):5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27
Jueves:	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Sal 102 (101):13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30
Viernes:	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8
Sábado:	Mi 2:1-5; Sal 10 (9):1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21
Domingo:	Jer 23:1-6; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Ef 2:13-18; Mc 6:30-34

Collections for 7/8/18

5:00 PM	\$1,075.00
7:30 AM	\$939.00
9:00 AM	\$1,620.00
10:45 AM	\$625.00
12:30 PM	\$834.00
By mail/online	\$716.00
Bldg Fund	\$930.00
Altar Society	\$211.00
Air Conditioning	\$187.00
Total	\$7,137.00

Thank You!

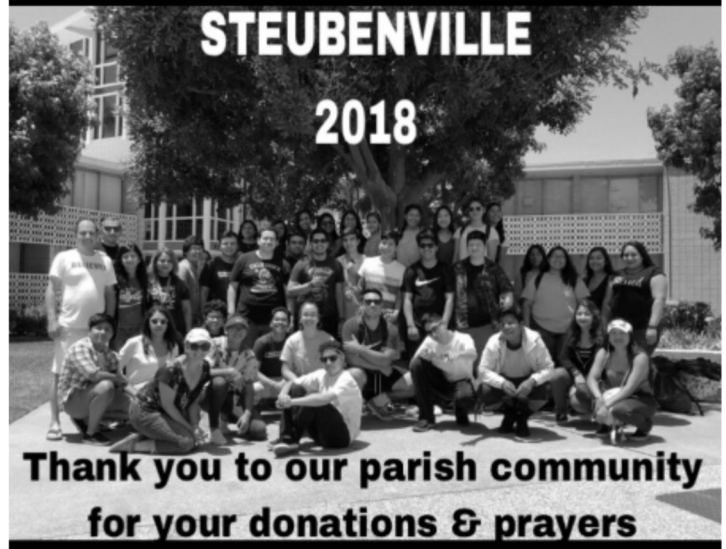
Gracias!

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END OF THE MONTH FINANCIAL REPORT

MAY 1 TO MAY 31, 2018

Sundays' Collections & Donations	\$35,365.01
Paid Bills	\$49,411.10
Monies needed to pay bills	\$14,046.09



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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

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CURRENT EVENTS

Saturday, July 14, 2018		
Sunday, July 15, 2018		
8:30AM -2PM Coffee & Donuts		Hall
Monday, July 16, 2018		
9:30AM Legion of Mary		Ministry Center
7:30PM Youth Band Practice		Church
Tuesday, July 17, 2018		
9AM - 9:30AM Our Lady of Wisdom Prayer Group		Church
7:00PM Grupo de Oracion		Ministry Center
7:45PM English Choir Practice		Church
Wednesday, July 18, 2018		
9AM - 9:30AM Mother of Perpetual Help Novena		Church
7:00PM Bible Study		Ministry Center
Thursday, July 19, 2018		
8:00PM Spanish Choir		Church
Friday, July 20, 2018		
9AM - 1PM Eucharistic Adoration		Church
Saturday, July 21, 2018		
Sunday, July 22, 2018		
8:30AM -2PM Coffee & Donuts		Hall

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 14, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Arianne Miller: Special Intentions
4:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Bea Padilla† Ron Dominguez†
Sunday, July 15, 2018		
7:30 AM	Fr. O'Neill	Peter Sinh Nguyen† Lillian Lee†
9:00 AM	Fr. Thai	Ben Ong & Lourdes Navarette†
10:45 AM	Fr. Thai	Jose Labarrera† Rafael Garcia, Sr.†
12:30 PM	Fr. Andrew	Sandra Martinez: Healing Araceli Magpantay†
Monday, July 16, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Araceli Magpantay†
Tuesday, July 17, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Joseph Ramirez†
Wednesday, July 18, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Honorio Manalong Jr.†
Thursday, July 19, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Jeri Pearl Walsh†
Friday, July 20, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	John Baptist Bao Hoang†
Saturday, July 21, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Parisioners of STM
4:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Patrick Yiu† Francine Mandy Ramirez†
Sunday, July 22, 2018		
7:30 AM	Fr. Henson	Peter Sinh Nguyen† Generoso Sandoval Flores†
9:00 AM	Fr. Thai	Leo Huerta† Marco Maimone†
10:45 AM	Fr. John	Fernando Labarrera† Rafael Garcia, Jr.†
12:30 PM	Fr. Thai	Lilian Lee† Isaiah Gutierrez†

Please Pray for the Sick

Fr. Jeremiah O'Neill

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

Pray for the Dead

Maria Caballero Tony Miceli
Cely Magpantay Victoria Petas
Marco Maimone Amelia Ramirez

Jeff Shaw



Hello!

Last Tuesday, the world saw the images of a twelve-boy soccer team and their coach all rescued safely after they were trapped deep in a cave for eighteen days. When the first images were shown, the boys were in the cave surrounded by harsh conditions and a dirty environment, but they did not show signs of being frightened, they smiled! They showed such confidence and hope because they relied on each other for their *spirit* and inner strength, knowing that they were not alone.

The spirit of a collective system is echoed in today's Gospel as we learn Jesus is preparing his apostles for a mission. He helps them pack their luggage, in which he tells them not to pack anything at all! It sounds very strange, and why does Jesus have such a plan? The implication here is that he wants them to focus completely on their mission. That is, they need to depend on God's Spirit and their companions as they journey along the mission. There are three thoughts that we can reflect on.

Firstly, they must firmly rely upon inner wisdom -- to pray. It is crucial for the apostles to be in a close bond with Jesus in prayer, the source of their strength for the journey. Since they were formed by Jesus and built a strong relationship with him, it is necessary for them to know, to understand, to connect, and to grow in his guidance. Thus, that bond will enable them to accomplish the mission, regardless of the life and social environment they face. Prayer is the core that triggers hope and gives momentum.

Secondly, they need to detach their mind from depending on earthly possessions. If they carried various earthly items for living a comfortable life, it would be easy to have a false complacency, arrogance and a conceited perception toward ourselves and others—leading to self-illusion or self-pride—*all the success is mine because I brought things!* Thus, there would be a temptation to be alienated from the will of God if wealth and materials occupied their minds. Without carrying earthly possessions, the apostles focus on their dependency, weakness, and trust in God for the journey. Thus, they can be humble enough to experience that success comes from God, not from their discourses or talents, and nothing can surpass God's grace and wisdom. To surrender to the will of God is to be a wise missionary.

Thirdly, the apostles need to rely on each other in the mission. When Jesus sent them out, he sent them in groups of two. The reason for this is that if they could not have a collective system to enable them to stay firm while they were on mission, they could not accomplish the task alone. They would need to accomplish it together. Such is a common practice used by many collective systems.

We are on mission as well. Through the virtue of our baptism, we are apostles of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Remember, we did not invent our own baptism; it is a gift from God, and it came with a responsibility, the mission, to spread the word of God and His love through our daily actions. We can preach to others via emails, text messages, phone calls, or other forms of communication that show we are truly on the mission that Christ has entrusted us to do. We can help others to see the will of God, so they will have a clear mind and direction for the journey of life.

We should never underestimate our inner potential through our life journey. When Jesus entrusts us with something, His grace will accompany us. So, we should not deny God's grace! Our mission can start with small things at home, our positive gestures, kind and loving words, humility and willingness to build our family, getting better each day. We bring our talents and values to build a group or community where our input is used for the sake of others and to glorify God. That is our mission, and we all have the capacity to do that, just like the boys who were trapped in the cave and could survive only because they relied upon others' presence and love. We have God our Father who will be with us always; thus we should pray and trust His protection throughout our mission.

God Bless!

Fr. Thai

¡Hola!

El martes pasado, el mundo vio las imágenes de un equipo de fútbol de doce niños y su entrenador, todos rescatados de forma segura después de haber estado atrapados en una cueva durante dieciocho días. Cuando se mostraron las primeras imágenes, los niños estaban en la cueva rodeados de condiciones difíciles y un ambiente sucio, pero no mostraron señales de estar asustados, ¡sonrieron! Mostraron tal confianza y esperanza porque confiaron el uno en el otro por su espíritu y fuerza interior, sabiendo que no estaban solos.

El espíritu de un sistema colectivo se repite en el Evangelio de hoy cuando aprendemos que Jesús está preparando a sus apóstoles para una misión. Él les ayuda a empacar su equipaje, ¡en el que les dice que no empaquen nada! Suena muy extraño, y ¿por qué Jesús tiene ese plan? La implicación es que él quiere que se centren completamente en su misión. Es decir, necesitan depender del Espíritu de Dios y sus compañeros mientras viajan a lo largo de la misión. Hay tres pensamientos en los que podemos reflexionar.

En primer lugar, deben confiar firmemente en la sabiduría interna -- para orar. Es crucial que los apóstoles estén en estrecho vínculo con Jesús en la oración, la fuente de su fortaleza para el viaje. Ya que ellos fueron formados por Jesús y construyeron una fuerte relación con él, es necesario que ellos sepan, entiendan, se conecten y crezcan en su dirección. Por lo tanto, ese vínculo les permitirá cumplir la misión, independientemente de la vida y el entorno social que enfrentan. La oración es el núcleo que desencadena la esperanza y da impulso.

En segundo lugar, necesitan separar su mente de depender de las posesiones terrenales. Si llevaran varios objetos terrenales para vivir una vida cómoda, sería fácil tener una falsa complacencia, arrogancia y una percepción vanidosa hacia nosotros mismos y hacia los demás, lo que llevaría a la auto ilusión o al orgullo propio; todo el éxito es mío porque traje ¡cosas! Por lo tanto, habría una tentación de estar alejado de la voluntad de Dios si la riqueza y los materiales ocuparan sus mentes. Sin llevar posesiones terrenales, los apóstoles se enfocan en su dependencia, debilidad y confianza en Dios para el viaje. Por lo tanto, pueden ser lo suficientemente humildes como para experimentar que el éxito proviene de Dios, no de sus discursos o talentos, y nada puede superar la gracia y la sabiduría de Dios. Entregarse a la voluntad de Dios es ser un sabio misionero.

En tercer lugar, los apóstoles necesitan confiar el uno en el otro en la misión. Cuando Jesús los envió, los envió en grupos de dos. La razón de esto es que si no pudieran tener un sistema colectivo que les permitiera mantenerse firmes mientras estaban en misión, no podrían realizar la tarea solos. Tendrían que lograrlo juntos. Tal es una práctica común utilizada por muchos sistemas colectivos.

Estamos en misión también. A través de la virtud de nuestro bautismo, somos apóstoles de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Recuerde, nosotros no inventamos nuestro propio bautismo; es un regalo de Dios, y vino con la responsabilidad, la misión, de difundir la palabra de Dios y su amor a través de nuestras acciones diarias. Podemos predicar a otros a través de correos electrónicos, mensajes de texto, llamadas telefónicas u otras formas de comunicación que demuestren que realmente estamos en la misión que Cristo nos ha encomendado. Podemos ayudar a otros a ver la voluntad de Dios, para que tengan una mente y dirección clara para el viaje de la vida.

Nunca debemos subestimar nuestro potencial interno a través de nuestro viaje de vida. Cuando Jesús nos confía algo, su gracia nos acompañará. Entonces, ¡no debemos negar la gracia de Dios! Nuestra misión puede comenzar con cosas pequeñas en el hogar, nuestros gestos positivos, palabras amables y afectuosas, humildad y buena voluntad para construir nuestra familia, mejorar cada día. Traemos nuestros talentos y valores para construir un grupo o comunidad donde nuestra aportación se utiliza para el bien de los demás y para glorificar a Dios. Esa es nuestra misión, y todos tenemos la capacidad de hacerlo, al igual que los niños que quedaron atrapados en la cueva y que solo pudieron sobrevivir porque confiaban en la presencia y el amor de los demás. Tenemos a Dios nuestro Padre que siempre estará con nosotros; por lo tanto, debemos orar y confiar en su protección a lo largo de nuestra misión.

¡Dios Bendiga!

P. Thai