

# St. Thomas More Church

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## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> 2017



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

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — My word will achieve the end for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:10-11).  
**Psalm** — The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest (Psalm 65).  
**Second Reading** — We, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:18-23).  
**Gospel** — Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit (Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34 — 11:1  
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24  
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27  
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27; Mt 11:28-30  
Friday: Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8  
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — La palabra de Dios siempre cumple lo que él quiere (Isaías 55:10-11).  
**Salmo** — Los granos que caen en la tierra buena darán una cosecha abundante (Salmo 65 [64]).  
**Segunda lectura** — Toda la creación anticipa ansiosamente la revelación de la gloria plena de Dios (Romanos 8:18-23).  
**Evangelio** — El que tenga oídos, que entienda y reciba las enseñanzas de Jesús (Mateo 13:1-23).

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Sal 124 (123):1b-8; Mt 10:34 — 11:1  
Martes: Ex 2:1-15a; Sal 69 (68):3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24  
Miércoles: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Sal 103 (102):1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27  
Jueves: Ex 3:13-20; Sal 105 (104):1, 5, 8-9, 24-27; Mt 11:28-30  
Viernes: Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Sal 116 (115):12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8  
Sábado: Ex 12:37-42; Sal 136 (135):1, 23-24, 10-15; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
Domingo: Sab 12:13, 16-19; Sal 86 (85):5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

### Collections for 7/217 & 7/9/17

	7/2/2017	7/9/2017	
<i>Thank You</i>	5:00 PM	\$580.00	\$818.00
	7:30 AM	\$870.00	\$1,133.00
	9:00 AM	\$1,760.00	\$1,210.00
<i>Gracias</i>	10:45 AM	\$631.00	\$642.00
	12:30 PM	\$1,160.00	\$1,320.00
	By mail/online	\$381.00	\$431.00
	Bldg Fund	\$992.00	\$429.00
	Special Projects	\$150.00	-
	Altar Society	-	\$359.00
	Air Conditioning	\$117.00	\$182.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,641.00</b>	<b>\$6,524.00</b>
2nd Collection (Peter's Pence)		\$632.00	



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**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE SUNDAY**

On July 30th our Parish is having a Bundle Sunday for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores.

Please bring your useable clothing and useable household items on this day. The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be here at our church. Please help them in their endless efforts to assist the needy. They are in great need of furniture and large appliances.

Please phone (323) 224-6280 or (800) 974-3571 for free pick up of large items.

**National Needs Combined Collection**

Next week there will be a second collection for the National Needs Combined Collection. Your donation will assist, Afro-American and Native Americans Missions, Catholic University of America, Catholic Communications Campaign, & Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

**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 contact the school office during Summer if you have any concern, question, or schedule for a tour.

**Registration for Religious Education Classes**

Registration for grades 1-8, will be held throughout the summer from Mondays through Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the O'Neill Center.

Please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate if you are registering for First Communion classes.



In consideration of our friends, family, and community wishing to attend mass, please take care to park within the marked lines and avoid taking up more than one parking space.

Thank you, Fr. Thai Le

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

"But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear." Mt 13:8-9

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



**Coffee and Donuts**

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

**Sponsored by the Parishioners of STM**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**CURRENT EVENTS**

<b>Saturday, July 15, 2017</b>		
<b>Sunday, July 16, 2017</b>		
8:00AM -2:00 PM	Breakfast	Hall
<b>Monday, July 17 2017</b>		
9:30AM	Legion of Mary	Ministry Center
7:30PM - 9:00PM	Youth Band Practice	Church
<b>Tuesday, July 18, 2017</b>		
9:00AM - 9:30AM	Our Lady of Wisdom Prayer Group	Church
7:00PM	Grupo De Oracion	Ministry Center
7:45PM	English Choir Practice	Church
<b>Wednesday, July 19, 2017</b>		
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Mother of Perpetual Help Novena	Church
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Ministry Center
<b>Thursday, July 20, 2017</b>		
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Youth Nights	Ministry Center
8:00 PM	Spanish Choir Practice	Church
<b>Friday, July 21, 2017</b>		
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
<b>Saturday, July 22, 2017</b>		
<b>Sunday, July 23, 2017</b>		
8:00AM -2:00 PM	Breakfast	Hall

**MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Saturday, July 15, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Zarina Schiffler †
4:00PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Patrick Yiu †
<b>Sunday, July 16, 2017</b>		
7:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Moises Hernandez †
9:00 AM	Fr. O'Neill	Elena Dulay: Birthday
10:45 AM	Fr. Thai	Hector Ortega Jr. †, Jose Labarrera†
12:30 PM	Fr. Thai	Alberta Pinoliar †
<b>Monday, July 17, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Dean Smith †
<b>Tuesday, July 18, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Dorothy Salazar: Birthday
<b>Wednesday, July 19, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Jeri Pearl Walsh† Jose Dorantes† Santos Piedad Aguilar†
<b>Thursday, July 20, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	John Baptist Hoang †
<b>Friday, July 21, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Steven Won Ki Chong† Seung Hee Choi†
<b>Saturday, July 22, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Enrique Valenzuela †
4:00PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Magdalena Lagunas† Patrick Yiu†
<b>Sunday, July 23, 2017</b>		
7:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
9:00 AM	Fr. O'Neill	Moises Hernandez † Mary Elizabeth Kauffman †
10:45 AM	Fr. Ruiz	Concepcion Ortega†
12:30 PM	Fr. Andrew	Parishioners of STM

*Please Pray for the Sick*

**Fr. Jeremiah O'Neill**

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

*Pray for the Dead*

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



Hello!

Quite often we find it is hard to exercise our active listening. One reason for that maybe that we are bombarded by voices coming from all directions. When we listen to the same voices for months or even years, we eventually become accustomed to them. This can reduce our capacity to listen while others speak! We eventually learn to tune the voices out, which can lead to “selective listening.”

That is, we make assumptions the speaker is saying what we want to hear. We, then form our own cues and stick with our predictions of what we expect to hear. As a result, what we hear isn't necessarily what was said. Instead, what we hear is a reflection of what we are thinking. When this happens, we may not respond well.

In today's Gospel, Jesus' parable reveals the power of God's words to those who are willing to listen, cultivate, and accept it in their daily lives. Folks that truly hear God's words are happier because they do not pick and choose what they want to hear! They know God's words do not depend upon a listeners' feelings or moods. Our life will grow in love and maturity with God and others if we welcome His words like “the seed that fell into the rich soil.”

Thus, we should listen to God's words without any preconditions. We should listen with a spirit of enthusiasm and confidence. The strength and wisdom of His words is a compass that guides our journeys – to shape and reshape the way we live. Our lives will be heading in the right direction if we allow His words to enter our minds and hearts.

The word of God challenges our moral, ethical, and spiritual decisions. Sometimes we are afraid to lose our freedom and routines that we have enjoyed for years. We may not want to listen to His word because it contradicts our professions or our life styles. We might think that we are not worthy to live up to His words and teachings. We could pretend we do not hear His words, we might not listen, or we shy away from His words! If we approach daily life with such mentality, we close the door that God wants to enter into our hearts!

God is longing to dwell within our “rich soil.” We must be willing to receive His words with humility and submission. Despite our unworthy condition, God never gives up on us. God's word is searching and inviting us to listen to Him so He can guide us to better lives and freedom. Our salvation does not come from us, but comes to us through the Sacred Scriptures and in the person of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Today, we should make a promise to build a good habit of always listening to the treasure of God's word through the Bible and the Sacraments of the Church.

People that listen to God's word with a spirit of enthusiasm and humility are like rich soil that is ready to receive seeds to be planted. The seeds will grow deep into the ground even in the heat or on rough days. Similarly, our faith in Jesus will never be shaken or fade away if we leave room for the Word of God to dwell in our hearts and souls. These seeds, His words, will produce a bountiful harvest that will deliver us from all forms of destruction.

God bless!

Fr. Thai

¡Hola!

Muy a menudo encontramos que es difícil ejercer nuestra escucha vigente. Una de las razones para eso quizás es que somos bombardeados por voces de todos lados. Cuando escuchamos las mismas voces durante meses o incluso años, finalmente nos acostumbramos a ellos. ¡Esto puede reducir nuestra capacidad de escuchar mientras otros hablan! Aprendemos eventualmente a afinar las voces hacia fuera, que pueden conducir a la "escuchar selectivamente."

Es decir, hacemos suposiciones que el hablante está diciendo lo que queremos oír. Entonces, formamos nuestras propias indicaciones convenidas y nos atenemos a nuestras predicciones de lo que esperamos escuchar. Como resultado, lo que escuchamos no es necesariamente lo que se dijo. En cambio, lo que escuchamos es un reflejo de lo que estamos pensando. Cuando esto sucede, es posible que no respondamos bien.

En el Evangelio de hoy, la parábola de Jesús revela el poder de las palabras de Dios a aquellos que están dispuestos a escuchar, cultivar y aceptar en sus vidas cotidianas. Las personas que realmente escuchan las palabras de Dios son más felices porque no escogen lo que quieren oír. Saben que las palabras de Dios no dependen de los sentimientos o estados de ánimo de los oyentes. Nuestra vida crecerá en amor y madurez con Dios y con otros si acogemos sus palabras como "la semilla cayó en la tierra rica".

Por lo tanto, debemos escuchar las palabras de Dios sin ninguna precondition. Debemos escuchar con un espíritu de entusiasmo y confianza. La fuerza y sabiduría de Sus palabras es una brújula que guía nuestros viajes - para dar forma y remodelar la forma en que vivimos. Nuestras vidas estarán en la dirección correcta si permitimos que Sus palabras entren en nuestras mentes y corazones.

La palabra de Dios desafía nuestras decisiones morales, éticas y espirituales. A veces tenemos miedo de perder nuestra libertad y las rutinas que hemos disfrutado durante años. Tal vez no queramos escuchar Su palabra porque contradice nuestras profesiones o nuestro estilo de vida. Podríamos pensar que no somos dignos de vivir conforme a Sus palabras y enseñanzas. ¡Podríamos fingir que no escuchamos Sus palabras, que quizás no escuchamos, o nos alejamos de Sus palabras! Si nos acercamos a la vida diaria con tal mentalidad, ¡cerramos la puerta a la que Dios quiere entrar en nuestros corazones!

Dios anhela vivir dentro de nuestra "tierra rica". Debemos estar dispuestos a recibir Sus palabras con humildad y sumisión. A pesar de nuestra condición indigna, Dios nunca se rinde a nosotros. La palabra de Dios nos busca y nos invita a escucharlo para que Él pueda guiarnos a una vida y libertad mejor. Nuestra salvación no viene de nosotros, sino que viene a nosotros a través de las Sagradas Escrituras y en la persona de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Hoy debemos hacer una promesa de construir un buen hábito de escuchar siempre el tesoro de la Palabra de Dios a través de la Biblia y los Sacramentos de la Iglesia.

Las personas que escuchan la palabra de Dios con un espíritu de entusiasmo y humildad son como tierra rica que está lista para recibir semillas para ser plantadas. Las semillas crecerán profundamente en la tierra incluso en el calor o en días ásperos. Del mismo modo, nuestra fe en Jesús nunca será sacudida o se desvanecerá si dejamos espacio para que la Palabra de Dios viva en nuestros corazones y almas. Estas semillas, Sus palabras, producirán una abundante cosecha que nos libraré de todas las formas de destrucción.

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai