

St. Thomas More Church

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Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time *Sunday, August 5, 2018*



EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS WEEKLY LITURGIES

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

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 — I will rain down bread from heaven for you
(Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15).

Psalms — The Lord gave them bread from heaven (Psalm 78).

Second Reading — Put on the new self that has been created in God's way (Ephesians 4:17, 20-24).

Gospel — Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst (John 6:24-35).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23

Friday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Saturday: Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Voy a hacer que llueva pan del cielo
(Exodo 16:2-4, 12-15).

Salmo — El Señor les dio pan del cielo (Salmo 78 [77]).

Segunda lectura — Revístanse del nuevo yo, creado a imagen de Dios
(Efesios 4:17, 20-24).

Evangelio — El que viene a mí no tendrá hambre, y el que cree en mí nunca tendrá sed (Juan 6:24-35).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Sal 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pe 1:16-19; Mc 9:2-10

Martes: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Sal 102 (101):16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 o Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Miércoles: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28

Jueves: Jer 31:31-34; Sal 51 (50):12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23

Viernes: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Sal 112 (111):1-2, 5-8; Jn 12:24-26

Sábado: Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Sal 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20

Domingo: 1 Re 19:4-8; Sal 34 (33):2-9; Ef 4:30 5:2; Jn 6:41-51

Collections for 7/29/18

5:00 PM	\$2,018.00	Thank You!
7:30 AM	\$857.00	
9:00 AM	\$931.00	Gracias!
10:45 AM	\$616.00	
12:30 PM	\$742.00	
By mail/online	\$496.00	
Bldg Fund	\$410.00	
Air Conditioning	\$217.00	
Altar Society	\$5.00	
Total	\$6,292.00	

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

IT'S THE ETERNAL LIFE BENEFIT PACKAGE I'M WORKING FOR, NOT THE HOURLY WAGE

Jesus answered them and said, "Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you." Jn 6:27

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I WILL RAIN DOWN BREAD FROM HEAVEN

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St. Stephen Martyrs Church's Food Bank

Please Help Stock the Food Bank

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| Tuna | Chicken |
| Roast Beef | Beef Stew |
| 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 |
| Cereal | Jam or Jelly |
| Oatmeal | Ham & Cracker Packs |
| Cooking Oil | Shampoo / Conditioner |
| Toothbrushes / Toothpaste | Dish Soap / Hand Soap |

August 2018						
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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

Join us for Breakfast in the Hall

Pork Ribs in Green Sauce, Eggs and Chorizo, Huevos Rancheros, Menudo, Coffee and Donuts

Sponsored by

The Youth Ministry

CURRENT EVENTS

Saturday, August 04, 2018		
Sunday, August 05, 2018		
8:30AM -2PM Breakfast		Hall
Monday, August 06, 2018		
9:30AM Legion of Mary		Ministry Center
7:30PM Youth Band Practice		Church
Tuesday, August 07, 2018		
9AM - 9:30AM Our Lady of Wisdom Prayer Group		Church
7:00AM Grupo de Oracion		Ministry Center
7:45PM English Choir Practice		Church
Wednesday, August 08, 2018		
9AM - 9:30AM Mother of Perpetual Help Novena		Church
7:00PM Bible Study		Ministry Center
Thursday, August 09, 2018		
1:00PM Mission Circle		Ministry Center
8:00PM Spanish Choir		Church
Friday, August 10, 2018		
9AM - 1PM Eucharistic Adoration		Church
Saturday, August 11, 2018		
Sunday, August 12, 2018		
8:30AM -2PM Breakfast		Hall

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 04, 2018		
8:30 AM Fr. Thai	Leticia Villalobos: Healing	
4:00PM Fr. Thai	Confessions	
5:00 PM Fr. Thai	Patrick Yiu† Francine Mandy Ramirez†	
Sunday, August 05, 2018		
7:30 AM Fr. Thai	Teresa Phan† Peter Sinh Nguyen†	
9:00 AM Fr. O'Neill	Alejandro Portella† Marco Maimone†	
10:45 AM Fr. Ruiz	Juan Gracia: Healing	
12:30 PM Fr. Thai	Benny Leyva: Special Intentions	
	Generoso Sandoval Flores†	
	Jason Martinez: Birthday	
Monday, August 06, 2018		
8:30 AM Fr. Donovan	Jose Padilla†	
Tuesday, August 07, 2018		
8:30 AM Fr. Andrew	Fr. Thai Le: Congratulations	
Wednesday, August 08, 2018		
8:30 AM Fr. Andrew	Cedar & Rose Pastor†	
Thursday, August 09, 2018		
8:30 AM Fr. Donovan	Leticia Villalobos(Healing)	
Friday, August 10, 2018		
8:30 AM Fr. Thai	Alejandro Portella†	
Saturday, August 11, 2018		
8:30 AM Fr. Thai	Elena Alatorre†	
4:00PM Fr. Thai	Confessions	
5:00 PM Fr. Thai	Patrick Yiu† Francine Mandy Ramirez†	
Sunday, August 12, 2018		
7:30 AM Fr. Thai	Teresa Phan† Peter Sinh Nguyen†	
9:00 AM Fr. Lorenzo	Alfonso Santamarina† Marco Maimone†	
10:45 AM Fr. Thai	Rafael Garcia†	
12:30 PM Fr. Peter	Lillian Lee† Martha Delira: Special Intentions	

Please Pray for the Sick

Fr. Jeremiah O'Neill		
A Mariano Aoanan	G Alyce Gold	P Fernando Parra
George Astacio	Rosie Gomez	Jennifer Santana Pedraza
Rosa Astacio	Adela Gonzalez	Arpie Pezeshkian
Brianna Ayestas	Edelle Gonzalez	R Dolores Ramirez
B Benilde Barrientes	Gavin Gutierrez	Ramon Ramos
Roy Barrientes	Ricardo Gutierrez	Julieta Reta
Douglas Barquero	Carolina Guzman	Jean Reyes Williams
Richard Batcheller	H Memo Herrera	Virginia Reyes
Patricia Bernal	Sally Herrera	Salvador Reynoso
Harlene Breaux	James Householder	Laura Rico
Steven Brown	I Selvia Inado	Maria T. Riley
Tod & Rose Marie Brown	J Darwin Jenkins	Armando & Maria Rivera
Ida Bustos	Dennis James Johnson	Domenic Rizzi
C Jessica Cabrera	Gary Jones	Michael Angelo Rodriguez
Rita Campanella	K Theresa Kryszek	Rosalia Rodriguez
Gloria Cancio	L Bertha La Barreda	Mike Romano
S. Cano	Bill Lamb	Ana Romo
Burt Carranza	Andrea Leija	Virginia Rosales
Evelin Carranza	William Lievense	Alissa Roybal
Celia Carmona	James Lindgren	S Mason Saldaña
Erik M. Casillas	David Lindsey	Francisco Sanchez
Blanca & Procoro Castañeda	Eleanor Lopez	Virginia Sanchez
Jessica Cerda	Brother Martin Lorenzini	Sisi Shum
Joan Cervantes	Bonnie Luna	Dylan Silva
Rosalba Covarrubias	Elvira Luna	Uldarica Sison
Mary Louise Cruz	Rafael & Gerardo Luna	Eddie Souza
D Roger Davila	M Gilbert Madrid	T Jennies Tiu
Julio Diaz	Anna Maraldo	U Leticia Ureno
Luz Santos Dicioco	Salvador Maldonado	V Socorro Valenzuela
Jesus M. Dulay	Edgardo Marin	Richard Valdes
E Maria Endara	Francis Meyer	Maria Wong Vasquez
Malia Estrada	Jean Miceli	Michael Velasco
F Ruth Fabela	James Montague	Walfrido Verendia
Pat Fernandez	Cheryl Morten	Norma Villar
Tony Filosa	N Gloria Natividad	Ricardo & Felicidad Villegas
Louis Finochio	Mario Nieto	Therese Huyen-Duong Thi Vu
Daniel Fuentes	Victor Ng	Theresa Mai Vu
G Mariano G.	Huy Nguyen	W Martha Willox
Diana Garcia	P Laura Pagano	Janny Wong
Juan Garcia	Tony Pagliotti	Jennifer Wong
Ramona Garcia	Sharon Palmiter	Z Christine Zampese
Daniela Garcia de la Rosa		

Pray for the Dead

Patrica Balue	Zoraida Padilla
Maria Caballero	Victoria Petas
Cely Magpantay	Amelia Ramirez
Marco Maimone	Luis Fernando Verano



Hello!

Today's first reading describes the Jews were undergoing a challenging period while they were in the wilderness. They remembered and compared it with the past in Egypt, where they were enslaved. They missed those good years and places and scoffed at Moses and God, "Why didn't you just let us die in Egypt?"

The Jews stopped with only what is called the physical or material dimension. They did not recognize the love of God in interfering for their liberation from slavery in Egypt. God fed them with manna from heaven and gave them water to drink.

To this day, God is faithful to His promises to His people through Jesus Christ. Thus, His protection for us will remain through our faith and our relationship with Jesus Christ. Faith is the foundation of all aspects of life. Faith is not an idea, or a project, but an encounter with Jesus, a living person, so that God and the Gospel of God may be fulfilled. Jesus invites people not merely to gaze at the purely physical dimension, but to extend themselves to the horizon of God, the horizon of faith—receiving God's plan and—Jesus as our Savior. Jesus offered His life, His Body and His Blood, in the Eucharist. When we meet Jesus, we meet the living God.

Committing our faith and trust in Jesus for life can be very challenging, especially when we are faced with life's disappointments. We could feel that God does not care for us or abandons us altogether. Facing the disappointments of life can lead to discouragement. When I was in college, I met a man, and later we became good friends. He was a very devout Catholic, attending daily mass while in college. A few years after he graduated, he met his future wife and they got married. Their first child was fine, but the second son was born with brain a defect. He was very disappointed that his son's disease was not curable. Such a reality in his life discouraged him in his faith with God. Eventually, he distanced himself from his family, friends, and even the Church. He believed that God had not listened to his prayers, just like the people in today's Gospel who seek signs from Jesus. My friend asked for signs to prove that there is a Jesus who is truly present in our lives. He saw Jesus as a miracle performer—to satisfy his physical needs and hunger.

God honors and respects our freewill. He does not want to interfere with our freewill. Disappointments happen to all human beings. Such unwanted periods can teach us some great things about life. We can grow in maturity and in compassion for Jesus and each other. Instead of rushing to ask Jesus for signs and healing powers, we meditate on the crucifix, where Jesus humbled Himself for our salvation.

Life can become hopeless and meaningless if people no longer recognize God and His providence along the path of life. With the eye of faith, we believe that God is with us in the Body and Blood of His Son, Jesus Christ, the food that strengthens our energy and confidence to overcome the trials of our earthly journey. In the desert, manna showed that God did not abandon the Jewish people; today He is in the midst of the Church and in the world through Jesus's sacrifice and presence in the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, the solitary find solace, the weak find strength, sinners seek forgiveness, the sick find healing, and the dying find comfort; the abandoned find a source of love filled with compassion and tenderness.

God bless!

Fr. Thai

¡Hola!

La primera lectura de hoy describe que los judíos estaban pasando por un período desafiante mientras estaban en el desierto. Lo recordaron y lo compararon con el pasado en Egipto, donde fueron esclavizados. Echaron de menos esos buenos años y lugares y se molestaron con Moisés y Dios, "¿Por qué no nos dejaste morir en Egipto?" Los judíos se detuvieron solo con lo que se llama la dimensión física o material. No reconocieron el amor de Dios al interferir en su liberación de la esclavitud en Egipto. Dios los alimentó con maná del cielo y les dio agua para beber.

Hasta el día de hoy, Dios es fiel a sus promesas a su pueblo a través de Jesucristo. Por lo tanto, su protección para nosotros permanecerá a través de nuestra fe y nuestra relación con Jesucristo. La fe es la base de todos los aspectos de la vida. La fe no es una idea o un proyecto, sino un encuentro con Jesús, una persona viva, para que Dios y el Evangelio de Dios se cumplan. Jesús invita a las personas no solo a contemplar la dimensión puramente física, sino también a extenderse al horizonte de Dios, al horizonte de la fe, a recibir el plan de Dios y a Jesús como nuestro Salvador. Jesús ofreció su vida, su cuerpo y su sangre en la Eucaristía. Cuando nos encontramos con Jesús, nos encontramos con el Dios viviente.

Comprometer nuestra fe y confiar en Jesús para la vida puede ser muy desafiante, especialmente cuando nos enfrentamos a las decepciones de la vida. Podríamos sentir que Dios no se preocupa por nosotros o nos abandona por completo. Enfrentarse a las desilusiones de la vida puede llevar al desaliento. Cuando estaba en la universidad, conocí a un hombre, y luego nos hicimos buenos amigos. Era un católico muy devoto que asistía a la misa diaria mientras estaba en la universidad. Unos años después de graduarse, conoció a su futura esposa y se casaron. Su primer hijo estaba bien, pero el segundo hijo nació con un defecto cerebral. Estaba muy decepcionado de que la enfermedad de su hijo no fuera curable. Tal realidad en su vida lo desanimó en su fe con Dios. Finalmente, se distanció de su familia, amigos e incluso de la Iglesia. Él creía que Dios no había escuchado sus oraciones, al igual que las personas en el Evangelio de hoy que buscan señales de Jesús. Mi amigo pidió signos para demostrar que hay un Jesús que está realmente presente en nuestras vidas. Vio a Jesús como un actor milagroso: para satisfacer sus necesidades físicas y su hambre.

Dios honra y respeta nuestra libre voluntad. Él no quiere interferir con nuestro libre albedrío. Las decepciones suceden a todos los seres humanos. Tales períodos indeseados pueden enseñarnos algunas cosas buenas sobre la vida. Podemos crecer en madurez y en compasión por Jesús y por los demás. En lugar de apresurarnos a pedir signos y poder sanador de Jesús, meditamos en el crucifijo, donde Jesús se humilló a Sí mismo por nuestra salvación.

La vida puede volverse sin esperanza y sin sentido si las personas ya no reconocen a Dios y su providencia a lo largo del camino de la vida. Con el ojo de la fe, creemos que Dios está con nosotros en el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Su Hijo, Jesucristo, el alimento que fortalece nuestra energía y confianza para superar las pruebas de nuestro viaje terrenal. En el desierto, el maná mostró que Dios no abandonó al pueblo judío; hoy Él está en medio de la Iglesia y en el mundo a través del sacrificio y la presencia de Jesús en la Eucaristía. A través de la Eucaristía, el solitario encuentra consuelo, el débil encuentra la fuerza, los pecadores buscan el perdón, los enfermos encuentran la curación, y los moribundos encuentran comodidad; los abandonados encuentran una fuente de amor llena de compasión y ternura.

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai