

St. Thomas More Church

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Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Sunday, August 12, 2018



EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS WEEKLY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil
5:00PM

Sunday
7:30AM, 9:00AM, 12:30PM
10:45AM *Spanish*

Holy Day Masses
8:30AM, 7:00PM

Reconciliation
Saturday: 4:00-4:45PM
English
Daily: Mon-Sat
8:30AM

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 — Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water (1 Kings 19:4-8).

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love (Ephesians 4:30 — 5:2).

Gospel — Jesus said, "I am the living bread; whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:41-51).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131;
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: **Vigil:** 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14;
1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16;
1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6;
Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15

Sunday: Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Después de descansar y alimentarse nuevamente dos veces, Elías se fortalece para caminar a la montaña de Dios, el monte Horeb (1 Reyes 19:4-8).

Salmo — Gusten y vean qué bueno es el Señor (Salmo 34 [33]).

Segunda lectura — Han sido marcados por el Espíritu Santo de Dios para que imiten a Dios y vivan en amor (Efesios 4:30-5:2).

Evangelio — Jesús profesa que él es el pan de vida y todo el que coma ese pan vivirá para siempre (Juan 6:41-51).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Sal 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27

Martes: Ez 2:8 3:4; Sal 119 (118):14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131;
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Miércoles: **Vigilia:** 1 Cr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Sal 132 (131): 6-7, 9-10, 13-14;
1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lc 11:27-28

Día: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Sal 45 (44):10-12, 16;
1 Cor 15:20-27; Lc 1:39-56

Jueves: Ez 12:1-12; Sal 78 (77):56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1

Viernes: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 o 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6;
Mt 19:3-12

Sábado: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Sal 51 (50):12-15, 18-19;
Mt 19:13-15

Domingo: Prov 9:1-6; Sal 34 (33):2-7; Ef 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

Collections for 8/5/18

5:00 PM	\$1,555.00
7:30 AM	\$1,133.00
9:00 AM	\$1,376.00
10:45 AM	\$769.00
12:30 PM	\$830.00
By mail/online	\$931.00
Bldg Fund	\$775.00
Special Projects	\$135.00
Altar Society	\$283.00
Total	\$7,787.00

2nd Collection: \$675.00
STM Preschool

Thank You!

Gracias!

Did You Know?

Watch for signs of anxiety in your child

Everyone has had an anxious moment or two in their lives, but many people — even kids — struggle with daily anxiety. Anxiety can be a contributing factor in depression, and even if it's not that severe, it can make day-to-day activities tough. Kids who suffer from anxiety may exhibit physical symptoms like asthma and stomach aches, or could have trouble eating, sleeping, or going to the bathroom. If your child is showing signs of anxiety, it's important to ask why, and then to help your child address the cause and manage the associated feelings. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article, "The Age of Anxiety in Children: Implications for Providing Safe Catholic Schools, Part II," Visit:

www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx

Mary's Baby Shower

During the month of August, Mission Circle will be hosting Mary's Baby Shower. Please donate baby clothes and other items for newborns and children up to 3 years. All items will be given to The Pregnancy Center. They are mostly in need of disposable diapers.

A bassinet will be in front of Mary's statue for donated items.



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Mission Circle Fundraiser!



Fun, Family, Pizza!

Mission Circle will be having a fundraiser at Shakey's Pizza on Valley Blvd, Friday, Aug 17, 2015. 6 to 9 PM.

We look forward to seeing you there!

2234 W. Valley Blvd.
Alhambra, CA 91803
Phone: 626-289-7851



**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 |



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



Coffee and Donuts

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CURRENT EVENTS

Saturday, August 11, 2018		
Sunday, August 12, 2018		
8:30AM -2PM	Coffee & Donuts	Hall
Monday, August 13, 2018		
9:30AM	Legion of Mary	Ministry Center
7:30PM	Youth Band Practice	Church
Tuesday, August 14, 2018		
9AM - 9:30AM	Our Lady of Wisdom Prayer Group	Church
7:00AM	Grief Support	Ministry Center
7:45PM	English Choir Practice	Church
Wednesday, August 15, 2018		
9AM - 9:30AM	Mother of Perpetual Help Novena	Church
7:00PM	Bible Study	Ministry Center
Thursday, August 16, 2018		
8:00PM	Spanish Choir	Church
Friday, August 17, 2018		
9AM - 1PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
Saturday, August 18, 2018		
Sunday, August 19, 2018		
8:30AM -2PM	Coffee & Donuts	Hall

MASS SCHEDULE

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	Vicky Teresa Phan† Peter Sinh Nguyen†
9:00 AM	Fr. Lorenzo	Ana Zenzola† Alfonso Santamarina† Marco Maimone†
10:45 AM	Fr. Thai	Rafael Garcia† Benny Leyva: Special Intentions
12:30 PM	Fr. Peter	Lillian Lee† Martha Delira: Special Intentions
Monday, August 13, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Hortencia Szagan†
Tuesday, August 14, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Jenny Yiu & Georgiana Auyeung: Birthdays
7:00PM	Fr. Thai	Holy Day Vigil - Bilingual
Wednesday, August 15, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Mercedes Escamilla†
7:00PM	Fr. Andrew	Holy Day
Thursday, August 16, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Leticia VillalobosÑ Healing
Friday, August 17, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Arianne Miller: Special Intentions
Saturday, August 18, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Visitacion Tayag†
4:00PM	Fr. Long	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Long	Patrick Yiu† Ramon Lai†
Sunday, August 19, 2018		
7:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Vicky Theresa Phan† Peter Sinh Nguyen†
9:00 AM	Fr. Patrick	Martha Delira: Birthday Nicholas Jason Tirre: Special Intentions
10:45 AM	Fr. Patrick	Rafael Garcia, Jr.† Las Almas del Purgatorio
12:30 PM	Fr. Patrick	Lillian Lee† Nicholas Jason Tirre: Special Intentions

Please Pray for the Sick

Fr. Jeremiah O'Neill

A Mariano Aoanan	Alyce Gold	Jennifer Santana Pedraza
George Astacio	Rosie Gomez	Arpie Pezeshkian
Rosa Astacio	Adela Gonzalez	R Dolores Ramirez
Brianna Ayestas	Edelle Gonzalez	Ramon Ramos
B Benilde Barrientes	Gavin Gutierrez	Julieta Reta
Roy Barrientes	Ricardo Gutierrez	Jean Reyes Williams
Douglas Barquero	Carolina Guzman	Virginia Reyes
Richard Batcheller	H Memo Herrera	Salvador Reynoso
Patricia Bernal	Sally Herrera	Laura Rico
Harlene Breaux	James Householder	Maria T. Riley
Steven Brown	I Selvia Inado	Armando & Maria Rivera
Tod & Rose Marie Brown	J Darwin Jenkins	Domenic Rizzi
Ida Bustos	Dennis James Johnson	Michael Angelo Rodriguez
C Jessica Cabrera	Gary Jones	Rosalia Rodriguez
Rita Campanella	K Theresa Kryszek	Mike Romano
Gloria Cancio	L Bertha La Barreda	Ana Romo
S. Cano	Bill Lamb	Virginia Rosales
Burt Carranza	Andrea Leija	Alissa Roybal
Evelin Carranza	William Lievens	S Mason Saldaña
Celia Carmona	James Lindgren	Francisco Sanchez
Erik M. Casillas	David Lindsey	Virginia Sanchez
Blanca and Procoro Castañeda	Eleanor Lopez	Violeta Sangalang
Jessica Cerda	Brother Martin Lorenzini	Sisi Shum
Joan Cervantes	Bonnie Luna	Dylan Silva
Rosalba Covarrubias	Elvira Luna	Uldarica Sison
Mary Louise Cruz	Rafael and 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	Fernando Parra	

Pray for the Dead

Patrica Balue	Zoraida Padilla
Francisco Lopez	Nancy L. Tan
Marco Maimone	Luis Fernando Verano
Edward Nieto	Sara Villareal



Hello!

There was a story about a wealthy merchant who found some prosperous land where treasures and natural resources were buried below. He wanted to buy only a small piece of the plot, for it would bring enormous profit. However, the owner had never intended to sell the land to anybody. After several pleas, the owner finally agreed to sell the land with one condition: the area of the land to be sold would be measured by the distance that the man could walk in one day.

The man was very excited, for he thought that he would become rich very soon. The night before, he prepared things, such as food and water, and arrived at the site early in the morning and started to walk. He eagerly walked and ran as fast as he could, hoping to cover a large area. At noon time, he did not stop for lunch or even for a quick water break. By midafternoon, he realized he needed to return to the point where he had started to meet the owner before sunset. He panicked and ran as fast as he could to keep up with the pace of the sun. He began to feel tired due to hunger and lack of water, and then he collapsed and died before reaching his destination!

Today's First Reading describes Elijah walking through the desert but not for only one day but for forty days and nights. Unlike the merchant the man described above who started with enthusiasm, Elijah was not in a good mood to begin with. He was struggling to deal with his own brokenness, sins, and his past. Yet, amid desperation and loneliness, there was a sliver of hope as he surrendered to God's voice. There he sought *shelter* in God, who nourished him with the food of wisdom and strength that enabled him to continue his journey and mission.

Many of us could agree that money can buy many things, such as, houses, cars, food, service, medicine, and so forth. We all need money. Our daily reality is surrounded by power and earthly materials. Somehow these earthly materials occupy our thoughts and actions, so we feel pressure from what others have and we do not have. We struggle to accept and live with reality—only thinking to build earthly treasures. Thus, there is no time left to cultivate God's message for us. That can be a huge loss. We should admit that money is only a means, "a mean to exchange." It can never be the end. We can't buy our soul with money.

In today's Gospel, Jesus reassures his listeners that "whoever eats this bread will live forever." God has prepared the eternal gift of bread for us in Jesus Christ, who we receive in the Eucharist. Although some people want to detach themselves from God, they are missing something within, only because humans are made by God, not by materials. That explains humans' attraction toward God, since no earthly wealth can satisfy them forever.

The man's life in the story above was changed because he placed his greed above his life and God. We learn that earthly wealth can't buy inner peace forever. Thus, the time spent with God in prayer, like in Elijah's story in today's Gospel, is vital. God will come and dwell in our hearts and minds when we make time and space for Him. To have faith and trust in God in all walks of life's journey is a great source of growth in love and wisdom. There must be time to sit down with Our Lord each Sunday in the Eucharistic Celebration. This needs to be our priority. Other things will come afterwards. This is the right approach, where we experience His presence, care, and love, which strengthen us in our lives and in our earthly journey.

God Bless!

Fr. Thai

¡Hola!

Había una historia sobre un comerciante rico que encontró una tierra floreciente donde los tesoros y los recursos naturales estaban enterrados. Él quería comprar solo un pequeño pedazo de el terreno, ya que traería enormes ganancias. Sin embargo, el propietario nunca tuvo la intención de vender la tierra a nadie. Después de varias súplicas, el propietario finalmente acordó vender la tierra con una condición: el área de la tierra que se venderá se medirá por la distancia que el hombre podría caminar en un día.

El hombre estaba muy emocionado, porque pensó que se haría rico muy pronto. La noche anterior, preparó cosas, como comida y agua, y llegó al sitio temprano en la mañana y comenzó a caminar. Con impaciencia caminó y corrió tan rápido como pudo, esperando cubrir una gran área. Al mediodía, no se detuvo a almorzar ni a tomarse un rápido descanso. A media tarde, se dio cuenta de que necesitaba regresar al punto donde había comenzado a encontrarse con el dueño antes del atardecer. Entró en pánico y corrió tan rápido como pudo para ganarle al sol. Comenzó a sentirse cansado por el hambre y la falta de agua, y luego colapsó y murió antes de llegar a su destino.

La primera lectura de hoy describe a Elías caminando por el desierto, pero no por un solo día, sino por cuarenta días y noches. A diferencia del hombre comerciante que es descrito anteriormente que comenzó con entusiasmo, Elías no estaba de buen humor para empezar. Estaba luchando para lidiar con su propio abatimiento, sus pecados y su pasado. Sin embargo, en medio de la desesperación y la soledad, había una pequeña esperanza cuando se rindió a la voz de Dios. Allí buscó refugio en Dios, quien lo alimentó con la comida de la sabiduría y la fortaleza que le permitió continuar su viaje y misión.

Muchos de nosotros podríamos estar de acuerdo en que el dinero puede comprar muchas cosas, como casas, automóviles, alimentos, servicios, medicinas, etc. Todos necesitamos dinero. Nuestra realidad cotidiana está rodeada de poder y materiales terrenales. De alguna manera, estos materiales terrenales ocupan nuestros pensamientos y acciones, por lo que sentimos presión por lo que otros tienen y nosotros no tenemos. Luchamos por aceptar y vivir la realidad con el pensamiento de solo construir tesoros terrenales. Por lo tanto, no hay tiempo para cultivar el mensaje de Dios para nosotros. Eso puede ser una gran pérdida. Debemos admitir que el dinero es solo un medio, "un medio para intercambiar". Nunca puede ser el final. No podemos comprar nuestra alma con dinero.

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús les asegura a sus oyentes que "cualquiera que coma este pan vivirá para siempre". Dios ha preparado el don eterno del pan para nosotros en Jesucristo, a quien recibimos en la Eucaristía. Aunque algunas personas desean separarse de Dios, les falta algo dentro, solo porque los humanos están hechos por Dios, no por materiales. Eso explica la atracción de los humanos hacia Dios, ya que ninguna riqueza terrenal puede satisfacerlos para siempre.

La vida del hombre en la historia anterior fue cambiada porque colocó su avaricia sobre su vida y Dios. Aprendemos que la riqueza terrenal no puede comprar la paz interior para siempre. Por lo tanto, el tiempo que pasamos con Dios en oración, como en la historia de Elías en el Evangelio de hoy, es vital. Dios vendrá y morará en nuestros corazones y mentes cuando le demos tiempo y espacio a Él. Tener fe y confianza en Dios en todos los caminos de la vida es una gran fuente de crecimiento en amor y sabiduría. Debe haber tiempo para sentarse con Nuestro Señor cada domingo en la Celebración Eucarística. Esto debe ser nuestra prioridad. Otras cosas vendrán después. Este es el enfoque correcto, donde experimentamos su presencia, cuidado y amor, que nos fortalecen en nuestras vidas y en nuestro viaje terrenal.

¡Dios Bendiga!

P. Thai