

# St. Thomas More Church

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## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> 2017



### 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

<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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**Principal:** Judy Jones (ext. 128)

**Secretary:** Mary Helen Lazo, (ext. 129)

**School Website:** stthomasmorealhambra.org

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).

**Psalms** — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138).

**Second Reading** — How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).

**Gospel** — Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:13-20).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mk 6:17-29
Wednesday:	1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday:	Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — Pondré en sus manos la llave de la Casa de David (Isaías 22:19-23).

**Salmo** — Señor, tu amor perdura eternamente; obra tuya soy, no me abandones (Salmo 138 [137]).

**Segunda lectura** — Los designios de Dios son impenetrables, no se pueden comprender sus caminos (Romanos 11:33-36).

**Evangelio** — Tú eres el Cristo, el Hijo de Dios vivo (Mateo 16:13-20).

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	1 Tes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Sal 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Martes:	1 Tes 2:1-8; Sal 139 (138):1-6; Mc 6:17-29
Miércoles:	1 Tes 2:9-13; Sal 139 (138):7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Jueves:	1 Tes 3:7-13; Sal 90 (89):3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51
Viernes:	1 Tes 4:1-8; Sal 97 (96):1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
Sábado:	1 Tes 4:9-11; Sal 98 (97):1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
Domingo:	Jer 20:7-9; Sal 63 (62):2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

### Collections for 8/20/17

5:00 PM	\$648.00
7:30 AM	\$759.00
9:00 AM	\$1,198.00
10:45 AM	\$512.00
12:30 PM	\$1,097.00
By mail/online	\$393.00
Bldg Fund	\$737.50
Special Projects	\$263.00
Air Conditioning	\$21.00
Assumption	\$578.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,206.50</b>

**THANK YOU!**

**GRACIAS!**

### 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.

### 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 if you have any concerns, questions, or to schedule for a tour.

### Registration for Religious Education Classes

Registration for grades 1-8, will be held 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.

## Christmas Boutique

St. Thomas More Church Hall  
Sunday November 12, 2017  
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### Looking for Vendors

We are looking for vendors selling holiday crafts or items. To reserve a spot, please call the rectory at 626-284-8333

## San Manuel Indian Casino

Saturday, September 30, 2017

Depart STM: 10:00 AM

Depart Casino: 4:30 PM



Join us for a fun-filled trip to San Manuel Indian Casino to raise funds for St Thomas More Church. Donation amount is \$25.00 per person. Includes: \$10 player's credit, bus transportation, light snacks during trip and driver's tip

For reservations and information, please contact:

Lilly Carlisle (626) 485-4734

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## CELEBRATION OF CULTURES MASS

“A COMMUNION OF COMMUNITIES”

LET US WORSHIP WITH PRAYER, SONG, AND CULTURAL EXPRESSION ON

Saturday: September 16, 2017

Beginning with a blessing of the space at 9:20 am

### Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels

555 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Principal Celebrant: Most Reverend José H. Gomez,

Archbishop of Los Angeles

INVITE A FRIEND OF A DIFFERENT CULTURE AND HELP MAKE THIS A TRUE REFLECTION OF OUR LOCAL CHURCH

## Sunday Breakfast

Please join us in the hall for



Donuts and Coffee

Sponsored By: STM Parishioners



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**CURRENT EVENTS**

<b>Saturday, August 26, 2017</b>		
<b>Sunday, August 27, 2017</b>		
8:00AM -2:00 PM	Breakfast	Hall
<b>Monday, August 28, 2017</b>		
9:30AM	Legion of Mary	Ministry Center
7:00PM - 9:00PM	Youth Band Practice	Church
<b>Tuesday, August 29, 2017</b>		
9:00AM - 9:30AM	Our Lady of Wisdom Prayer Group	Church
11:30AM	Bingo	Hall
7:45PM	English Choir Practice	Church
<b>Wednesday, August 30, 2017</b>		
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Mother of Perpetual Help Novena	Church
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Ministry Center
<b>Thursday, August 31, 2017</b>		
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Youth Nights	Ministry Center
8:00 PM	Spanish Choir Practice	Church
<b>Friday, September 01, 2017</b>		
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
<b>Saturday, September 02, 2017</b>		
<b>Sunday, September 03, 2017</b>		
8:00AM -2:00 PM	No Breakfast (Labor Day Weekend)	

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday, August 26, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Memo & Maria Herrera, Rita Campanella: Healing
4:00PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Patrick Yiu† Nelly Toledo†
<b>Sunday, August 27, 2017</b>		
7:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Peter Sinh Nguyen† Teresa Vickie Phan†
9:00 AM	Fr. Donovan	Myrna Rutger: Thanksgiving Frank Luchetta†
10:45 AM	Fr. Thai	Socorro Rios†
12:30 PM	Fr. Donovan	Krishna John Romero† Mary Linville†
<b>Monday, August 28, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Kritina Self Pagsanjan†
<b>Tuesday, August 29, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Moises Hernandez†
<b>Wednesday, August 30, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Socorro Dettano†
<b>Thursday, August 31, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Raul Obusan†
<b>Friday, September 01, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Fr. Thai Le and Family
<b>Saturday, September 02, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Sister Mary Gerald†
4:00PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Patrick Yiu†
<b>Sunday, September 03, 2017</b>		
7:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Teresa Vickie Phan†
9:00 AM	Fr. Thai	Peter Sinh Nguyen†
10:45 AM		Parishioners of STM
12:30 PM	Fr. Thai	James & Allyne Bond†

*Please Pray for the Sick*

**Fr. Jeremiah O'Neill**

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

*Pray for the Dead*

Isaiah Gabriel Gutierrez	Ernesto Perez
Francisco Ramon Montiel	Clare Ryan
Carey Nakayama	Cornelio Sanga Sr.
Peter Sinh Nguyen	Dean Smith



Hello!

Our identity is vital. It reveals how we see ourselves and the way we respond to our surroundings. Personal identity includes physical, psychological, and spiritual components. No one is without personal identity.

Personal identity is echoed in today's Gospel when Jesus asks His disciples about His identity. Our Lord wants to confirm His identity and how the disciples perceive Him. Perhaps, Jesus knew the disciples would perceive him like another good leader, teacher, preacher, or a prophet. Maybe the disciples thought he was just a good friend and enjoyed his comfort and company. However, Jesus wants them to see deeper, that He is something more than just an ordinary man: The disciples must see Him as God's incarnation, The Son of God and Savior of the world. Eventually, the disciples would have to live up to that profession of faith along with their journey and mission. Peter testified his experience in a profound confession; "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." His words were more than just a statement: Peter lived up to those words until his last breath!

How do we perceive Jesus these days? Some people may say, "Jesus is just a good man, teacher, and prophet that lived in Jerusalem many years ago. He is just a part of religious history." Some may even say, "I believe in God, and that is enough. I don't need to believe in someone who died many years ago." I hear some people say that all the time. However, it does not matter what others say about Jesus. Every day, Our Lord is asking us the same question as He did with Peter, "Who do you say that I am?"

We learn to answer this question through our faith that reveals Jesus as the Son of God and died on the Cross for our salvation. On the Cross, He paid the price for our sins replacing our eternal condemnation. No one else could do that for us. However, that does not mean that we do not need to do anything. We cannot just worship whatever we please. For our part, we need to respond to His loving invitation: We profess our faith and commitment to God through our daily repentance and reconciliation; and we acknowledge God through His Son, Jesus Christ, who is truly present with us in the Eucharist.

No earthly power, prestige, reputation, or wealth surpasses God's power and mercy for us. Affirmation that Jesus is The Son of God and Savior of the World requires our actions and humility to worship Him as St. Peter did. Living out our active affirmation of 'who Jesus is' means we embrace God's mystery, power, and love. Nothing and no one can substitute for Him.

We live in a world where human identity may be inadequate or can be confusing! Sometimes we do not know where to find the core truth and value of one's identity. While the world and people are constantly moving and changing over time, God is still God and Jesus is Son of God throughout the ages: He never changes. Thus, our commitments of faith and trust in Jesus must also remain unchanging.

St. Peter's confession and faith made him a distinguished person; the first pope of Roman Catholic Church. No matter what circumstances we are in right now, if we live up to our confession; "Jesus you are my Savior and The Son of God," we are truly His disciples. His Church will grow each day and throughout the land because of such faith and commitment.

God bless!

Fr. Thai

¡Hola!

Nuestra identidad es vital. Revela cómo nos vemos a nosotros mismos y cómo respondemos a nuestro entorno. La identidad personal incluye componentes físicos, psicológicos y espirituales. Nadie está sin identidad personal.

La identidad personal se hace eco en el Evangelio de hoy cuando Jesús pregunta a Sus discípulos acerca de su identidad. Nuestro Señor quiere confirmar su identidad y cómo los discípulos lo perciben. Tal vez, Jesús sabía que los discípulos lo percibirían como otro buen líder, maestro, predicador o profeta. Tal vez los discípulos pensaron que él era sólo un buen amigo y disfrutaba de su comodidad y compañía. Sin embargo, Jesús los quiere ver más profundo, que es algo más que un hombre común: Los discípulos deben verlo como la encarnación de Dios, el Hijo de Dios y Salvador del mundo. Eventualmente, los discípulos tendrían que vivir de acuerdo con esa profesión de fe junto con su viaje y misión. Pedro testificó su experiencia en una profunda confesión; "¡Tú eres el Cristo, el Hijo de Dios vivo" Sus palabras eran más que una declaración de Peter a la altura de esas palabras hasta su último aliento!

¿Cómo percibimos a Jesús en estos días? Algunas personas pueden decir: "Jesús es sólo un buen hombre, maestro y profeta que vivió en Jerusalén hace muchos años. Él es sólo una parte de la historia religiosa ". Algunos pueden incluso decir: " Yo creo en Dios, y eso es suficiente. No necesito creer en alguien que murió hace muchos años. "Oigo a algunas personas decir eso todo el tiempo. Sin embargo, no importa lo que otros digan acerca de Jesús. Cada día, Nuestro Señor nos está haciendo la misma pregunta que hizo con Pedro, "¿Quién dices que soy?"

Aprendemos a responder a esta pregunta a través de nuestra fe que revela a Jesús como el Hijo de Dios y murió en la Cruz por nuestra salvación. En la Cruz, El pagó el precio por nuestros pecados reemplazando nuestra condenación eterna. Nadie más podría hacer eso por nosotros. Sin embargo, eso no significa que no necesitamos hacer nada. No podemos simplemente adorar lo que queramos. Por nuestra parte, tenemos que responder a su invitación amorosa: profesamos nuestra fe y compromiso con Dios por medio de nuestro arrepentimiento diario y la reconciliación; Y reconocemos a Dios por medio de su Hijo, Jesucristo, que está realmente presente con nosotros en la Eucaristía.

Ningún poder, prestigio, reputación o riqueza terrenal supera el poder y la misericordia de Dios para nosotros. La afirmación de que Jesús es el Hijo de Dios y Salvador del mundo requiere de nuestras acciones y humildad para adorarle como lo hizo San Pedro. Vivir nuestra afirmación activa de "quién es Jesús" significa que abrazamos el misterio, el poder y el amor de Dios. Nada ni nadie puede sustituirlo.

¡Vivimos en un mundo donde la identidad humana puede ser inadecuada o puede ser confusa! A veces no sabemos dónde encontrar la verdad y el valor fundamental de la propia identidad. Mientras que el mundo y las personas están en constante movimiento y cambiando con el tiempo, Dios sigue siendo Dios y Jesús es Hijo de Dios a lo largo de los siglos: El nunca cambia. Por lo tanto, nuestros compromisos de fe y confianza en Jesús también deben permanecer inmutables.

La confesión y fe de San Pedro lo convirtieron en una persona distinguida; El primer papa de la Iglesia Católica Romana. No importa en qué circunstancias estamos ahora, si estamos a la altura de nuestra confesión; "Jesús tú eres mi Salvador y el Hijo de Dios", somos verdaderamente Sus discípulos. Su Iglesia crecerá cada día y en toda la tierra a causa de tal fe y compromiso.

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai