

# St. Thomas More Church

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## Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</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** — The name of the LORD has become like fire burning in Jeremiah's heart (Jeremiah 20:7-9).  
**Psalm** — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).  
**Second Reading** — Be transformed; renew your mind; discern what is good (Romans 12:1-2).  
**Gospel** — Those who lose their lives for Jesus' sake will find them (Matthew 16:21-27).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30  
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37  
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44  
Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11  
Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]  
Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5  
Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — Me sedujiste, Señor, y me dejé seducir por ti (Jeremías 20:7-9).  
**Salmo** — Mi alma está sedienta de ti, Señor, mi Dios (Salmo 63 [62]).  
**Segunda lectura** — No se dejan llevar por las cosas del mundo, más bien transformarse por la renovación de su mente (Romanos 12:1-2).  
**Evangelio** — Si quieres seguirme, renuncia a ti mismo, carga con tu cruz y sígueme (Mateo 16:21-27).

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Tes 4:13-18; Sal 96 (95):1, 3-5, 11-13; Lc 4:16-30,  
Martes: 1 Tes 5:1-6, 9-11; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14; Lc 4:31-37  
Miércoles: Col 1:1-8; Sal 52 (51):10-11; Lc 4:38-44  
Jueves: Col 1:9-14; Sal 98 (97):2-6; Lc 5:1-11  
Viernes: Miq 5:1-4a o Rom 8:28-30; Sal 13 (12):6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]  
Sábado: Col 1:21-23; Sal 54 (53):3-4, 6, 8; Lc 6:1-5  
Domingo: Ez 33:7-9; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

<b>Collections for 8/27/ 17</b>	
5:00 PM	\$567.00
7:30 AM	\$1,035.00
9:00 AM	\$1,444.00
10:45 AM	\$701.00
12:30 PM	\$767.00
By mail/online	\$408.00
Bldg Fund	\$236.00
Special Projects	\$16.00
Air Conditioning	\$261.00
Assumption	\$63.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,498.00</b>
2nd Collection:	\$547.00
Faith Formation	

**THANK YOU!**  
**GRACIAS!**

### Special Collection for Victims of



## Hurricane Harvey

As our prayers go out for all those who were impacted by **Hurricane Harvey**, Archbishop Gomez is asking that today we take up a special collection to support the victims and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses. God bless you for generosity and your support.

## 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

The Office of Ethnic Ministry of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Invites You to Our Annual

## 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

## 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.

## 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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## Sunday Breakfast



No Breakfast this Sunday

Enjoy Labor Day Weekend

Please Join Us Next Week

**CURRENT EVENTS**

**Saturday, September 02, 2017**  
**Sunday, September 03, 2017**  
 No Breakfast Hall  
**Monday, September 04, 2017** —Labor Day—  
 —Rectory Closed—  
**Tuesday, September 05, 2017**  
 9:00AM - 9:30AM Our Lady of Wisdom Prayer Group Church  
 7:00PM Grupo de Oracion Ministry Center  
 7:45PM English Choir Practice Church  
**Wednesday, September 06, 2017**  
 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM Mother of Perpetual Help Novena Church  
 7:00 PM Bible Study Ministry Center  
**Thursday, September 07, 2017**  
 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Youth Nights Ministry Center  
 8:00 PM Spanish Choir Practice Church  
**Friday, September 08, 2017**  
 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration Church  
**Saturday, September 09, 2017**  
**Sunday, September 10, 2017**  
 8:00AM -2:00 PM Breakfast Hall

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, September 02, 2017**  
 8:30 AM Fr. Thai Sister Mary Gerald†  
 4:00PM Fr. Thai Confessions  
 5:00 PM Fr. Thai Patrick Yiu†  
**Sunday, September 03, 2017**  
 7:30 AM Fr. Donovan Teresa Vickie Phan†  
 Lourdes Maclan Gutierrez†  
 9:00 AM Fr. Thai Peter Sinh Nguyen†  
 10:45 AM Parishioners of STM  
 12:30 PM Fr. Thai James & Allyne Bond†  
**Monday, September 04, 2017**  
 8:30 AM Fr. Thai Jorge Cabuay† Rose Bond†  
**Tuesday, September 05, 2017**  
 8:30 AM Fr. Thai Fr. Joseph T. Keane†  
 Karen Morgan†  
**Wednesday, September 06, 2017**  
 8:30 AM Fr. Donovan Rita Campanella: Healing  
**Thursday, September 07, 2017**  
 8:30 AM Fr. Donovan Simeon B.C. Park & Hana†  
**Friday, September 08, 2017**  
 8:30 AM Fr. Thai Parishioners of STM  
**Saturday, September 09, 2017**  
 8:30 AM Fr. Thai Parishioners of STM  
 4:00PM Fr. Thai Confessions  
 5:00 PM Fr. Thai Patrick Yiu†  
 Angelina Parresol†  
**Sunday, September 10, 2017**  
 7:30 AM Fr. Donovan Peter Sinh Nguyen†  
 John McKenzie†  
 9:00 AM Fr. Thai Pablo Ancheta†  
 10:45 AM Rafael Garcia Sr.†  
 12:30 PM Fr. Thai Jose Acosta†

*Please Pray for the Sick*

**Fr. Jeremiah O'Neill**

A Anita Alderete	G Edelle Gonzales	P Laura Pagano
Mariano Aoanan	Gavin Gutierrez	Tony Pagliotti
George Astacio	Ricardo Gutierrez	Sharon Palmiter
Rosa Astacio	Carolina Guzman	Arpie Pezeshkian
Brianna Ayestas	H Memo Herrera	R Dolores Ramirez
B Roy Barrientos	Sally Herrera	Rosalia Rodriguez
Douglas Barquero	I Selvia Inado	Maria Rosa Ramirez
Patricia Bernal	J Darwin Jenkins	Ramon Ramos
Andy Bouffard	Dennis James Johnson	Julieta Reta
Louie Bouffard	Gary Jones	Jean Reyes Williams
Steven Brown	K Mary Keffer	Maria T. Riley
Tod & Rose Marie Brown	Kimbra Fossen	Armando & Maria Rivera
Ida Bustos	Theresa Kryszek	Domenic Rizzi
C Jessica Cabrera	L 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	S 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
D Roger Davila	M Gilbert Madrid	Dorian Suarez
Jesus M. Dulay	Cely Magpantay	U Leticia Ureno
E Maria Endara	Anna Maraldo	V Richard Valdes
Malia Estrada	Salvador Maldonado	Michael Velasco
F Ruth Fabela	Edgardo Marin	Norma Villar
Pat Fernandez	Francis Meyer	Ricardo & Felicidad Villegas
Tony Filosa	Jean Miceli	Therese Huyen-Duong Thi Vu
G Mariano G.	James Montague	Theresa Mai Vu
Juan Garcia	N Gloria Natividad	W Martha Willox
Ramona Garcia	Mario Nieto	Janny Wong
Daniela Garcia de la Rosa	Huy Nguyen	Jennifer Wong
Alyce Gold	Sinh Nguyen	Z Christine Zampese

*Pray for the Dead*

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



Hello!

The Hill of Crosses in Vilnius, Lithuania is a sacred and mysterious place for many Eastern European Catholics and many pilgrims. During periods of political and religious persecution, hardship, and death; people found their ways to this hill to place crosses memorializing the losses of their loved ones. I, like, many pilgrims who have visited the Hill of Crosses, agree that the Hill of Crosses is a symbol of resistance and defiance: That is, no earthly power can prevent the faithful embrace of the Cross.

The Word of God in today's Gospel resonates the symbolism of the Cross that Our Lord reminds His disciples, "take up his cross, and follow me." Why was it the Cross? It was on the Cross that Jesus reversed humanities' sentence from eternal condemnation to eternal life. It was a death most painful and humiliating that Jesus endured. Therefore, the Cross is a symbol that points to something deeper -- God's mercy for all believers through His Son Jesus Christ.

As Jesus' discourse in today's Gospel, we are invited to reflect upon our life and surrender ourselves to the will of God. It means we participate with Jesus on the Cross for the salvation of all. We all agree that it is so easy to follow Jesus when things go smoothly; when our families and we are happy and healthy! However, it is difficult to follow Him by carrying the cross when life strikes us.

An obvious and practical example of carrying our crosses in times of turmoil is happening as I am writing these words. Tropical storm Harvey continues to batter south-eastern Texas, many homes are flooded, and thousands of people are without homes. According to the news, at least forty-six people were killed in the storm. Families have been torn apart. People are concerned about their future. These are heavy crosses that our brothers and sisters are carrying now: We pray and support them in any way we can during their challenging time and days to come.

Another cross could be the relationship within married life. It could be a spouse is no longer committed to his or her responsibilities to family values and prosperity. Maybe there is very little constructive communication between spouses. Married life is no longer priority filled with attractive and exciting moments as it once was. Perhaps the home is filled with negativity and criticism. In such circumstances folks can feel confused about their marriage, not knowing what to do. They just silently let each day pass!

In addition to any crosses we now bear, could be the cross of physical illness. We used to be able to drive and move freely from one place to another whenever we wanted. Maybe now we are not holding a valid driver license anymore because of our vision or other physical limitations. We lost our freedom! Our crosses are very difficult and challenging to carry each day. Are we willing to let go of our "self" so we can help carry the crosses others may have?

Jesus carried His cross as a model for His disciples and everyone. God's power and love enabled Jesus to overcome agony, suffering, hatred, and even triumph over death. The Lithuanians during persecution, death, and confusion; embraced the Cross. It proves that no earthly power or flood could prevent humans from honoring the Cross. Today, The Hill of Crosses is a home of hundreds of thousands of crosses because of God's love and the power of human nature. We pray for those who are facing the flooding in south Texas; that God's love and strength enable them to comfort themselves and their loved ones during this time and to restore their future.

God bless!

Fr. Thai

¡Hola!

El Cerro de las Cruces en Vilnius, Lituania es un lugar sagrado y misterioso para muchos católicos de Europa del Este y muchos peregrinos. Durante períodos de persecución política y religiosa, privaciones y muerte; La gente encontró sus caminos a esta colina para colocar cruces conmemorando las pérdidas de sus seres queridos. Yo, al igual que muchos peregrinos que han visitado la Colina de las Cruces, estamos de acuerdo en que la Colina de las Cruces es un símbolo de resistencia y desafío. Es decir, ningún poder terrenal puede impedir el abrazo fiel de la Cruz.

La Palabra de Dios en el Evangelio de hoy resuena el simbolismo de la Cruz que Nuestro Señor recuerda a Sus discípulos, "tomad su cruz y me siguen". ¿Por qué era la Cruz? Fue en la Cruz que Jesús invirtió la condena de las humanidades de la condenación eterna a la vida eterna. Fue una muerte más dolorosa y humillante que Jesús sufrió. Por lo tanto, la Cruz es un símbolo que apunta a algo más profundo - la misericordia de Dios para todos los creyentes a través de Su Hijo Jesucristo.

Como discurso de Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy, estamos invitados a reflexionar sobre nuestra vida y entregarnos a la voluntad de Dios. Significa que participamos con Jesús en la Cruz para la salvación de todos. Todos estamos de acuerdo en que es tan fácil seguir a Jesús cuando las cosas van bien; Cuando nuestras familias y estamos felices y saludables! Sin embargo, es difícil seguirlo llevando la cruz cuando la vida nos golpea.

Un ejemplo obvio y práctico de llevar nuestras cruces en tiempos de agitación está sucediendo mientras escribo estas palabras. La tormenta tropical Harvey sigue golpeando el sureste de Texas, muchos hogares están inundados y miles de personas no tienen hogar. Según la noticia, al menos cuarenta y seis personas murieron en la tormenta. Las familias se han desgarrado. La gente está preocupada por su futuro. Estas son pesadas cruces que nuestros hermanos y hermanas llevan ahora: oramos y los apoyamos de cualquier manera que podamos durante su tiempo desafiante y los días por venir.

Otra cruz podría ser la relación dentro de la vida matrimonial. Podría ser un cónyuge ya no está comprometido con sus responsabilidades a los valores familiares y la prosperidad. Tal vez haya muy poca comunicación constructiva entre los cónyuges. La vida casada ya no es prioridad llena de momentos atractivos y emocionantes como lo fue una vez. Tal vez el hogar está lleno de negatividad y crítica. En tales circunstancias la gente puede sentirse confundida acerca de su matrimonio, sin saber qué hacer. Simplemente dejar pasar cada día!

Además de las cruces que llevamos ahora, podría ser la cruz de la enfermedad física. Solíamos ser capaces de conducir y moverse libremente de un lugar a otro cuando queríamos. Tal vez ahora no tenemos una licencia de conducir válida más debido a nuestra visión u otras limitaciones físicas. ¡Perdimos nuestra libertad! Nuestras cruces son muy difíciles y difíciles de llevar cada día. ¿Estamos dispuestos a dejar ir nuestro "yo" para que podamos ayudar a llevar las cruces que otros puedan tener?

Jesús llevó Su cruz como un modelo para Sus discípulos y para todos. El poder y el amor de Dios permitieron a Jesús superar la agonía, el sufrimiento, el odio y hasta el triunfo sobre la muerte. Los lituanos durante la persecución, la muerte y la confusión; Abrazó la Cruz. Prueba que ningún poder terrenal o inundación podría impedir que los humanos honren la Cruz. Hoy, La Colina de las Cruces es un hogar de cientos de miles de cruces a causa del amor de Dios y el poder de la naturaleza humana. Oramos por aquellos que están enfrentando las inundaciones en el sur de Texas; Que el amor y la fuerza de Dios les permitan consolar a sí mismos ya sus seres queridos durante este tiempo y restaurar su futuro.

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai