

St. Thomas More Church

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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, September 10th 2017



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 — Warn the wicked, trying to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).
Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).
Second Reading — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).
Gospel — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:9; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Somos responsables unos de otros y debemos guiarnos mutuamente (Ezequiel 33:7-9).
Salmo — Si hoy escuchas su voz, no endurezcas tu corazón (Salmo 95 [94]).
Segunda lectura — La ley del amor nos obliga (Romanos 13:8-10).
Evangelio — Jesús está presente siempre que haya dos o tres reunidos en su nombre (Mateo 18:15-20).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Sal 62 (61):6-7, 9; Lc 6:6-11
Martes: Col 2:6-15; Sal 145 (144):1b-2, 8-11; Lc 6:12-19
Miércoles: Col 3:1-11; Sal 145 (144):2-3, 10-13ab; Lc 6:20-26
Jueves: Nm 21:4b-9; Sal 78 (77):1bc-2, 34-38; Fil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Viernes: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Sal 16 (15):1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 o Lc 2:33-35
Sábado: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Sal 113 (112):1b-7; Lc 6:43-49
Domingo: Sir 27:30 — 28:9; Sal 103 (104):1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Collections for 9/3/17

5:00 PM	\$1,262.00
7:30 AM	\$1,480.00
9:00 AM	\$1,759.00
10:45 AM	\$562.00
12:30 PM	\$902.00
By mail/online	\$551.00
Bldg Fund	\$330.00
Special Projects	\$155.00
Air Conditioning	\$75.00
Altar Society	\$214.00
Total	\$7,290.00

THANK YOU!
GRACIAS!

<u>2nd Collections</u>	
Together in Mission	\$494.00
Hurricane Harvey Victims	\$429.00



Safeguard the Children



Safety Priorities

There are different safety priorities for children of different ages. The "My High 5" awareness campaign by Safe Kids Worldwide makes it easy to identify the safety actions that make the most sense for you and your family.

Visit www.safekids.org/my-high-5 for tips on creating safety priorities for children and youth from newborn to 18 years old.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

END OF THE MONTH FINANCIAL REPORT

JULY 1 TO 31, 2017

Sundays' Collections & Donations	\$37,217.62
Paid Bills	\$38,627.86
Monies needed to pay bills	\$1,410.24

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Registration

The Youth Office is open:

Monday/Thursday 3-7 PM, and
Tuesday/Wednesday 3-5 PM

Registration forms are also available in the Rectory from 9am-5pm.

Requirements:

- Students must be in high school
- Baptismal certificate (copy)
- First Communion certificate (copy)
- \$50 deposit

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

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

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

Lucy Lai (626) 284-8333

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Sunday Breakfast



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

Sponsored by the Youth Ministry

CURRENT EVENTS

Saturday, September 09, 2017		
Sunday, September 10, 2017		
8:00AM -2:00 PM	Breakfast & Bake Sale	Hall
Monday, September 11, 2017		
9:30am	Legion of Mary	Ministry Center
7:30PM-9:00PM	Youth Band Practice	Church
Tuesday, September 12, 2017		
9:00AM - 9:30AM	Our Lady of Wisdom	Church
7:00PM	Grief Support	Ministry Center
7:45PM	English Choir Practice	Church
Wednesday, September 13, 2017		
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Mother of Perpetual Help	Church
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Ministry Center
Thursday, September 14, 2017		
1:00PM	Mission Circle	Ministry Center
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Youth Nights	Ministry Center
8:00 PM	Spanish Choir Practice	Church
Friday, September 15, 2017		
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
Saturday, September 16, 2017		
Sunday, September 17, 2017		
8:00AM -2:00 PM	Breakfast	Hall

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 09, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
4:00 PM	Fr. Thai	<i>Confessions</i>
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Patrick Yiu† Angelina Parresol†
Sunday, September 10, 2017		
7:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Peter Sinh Nguyen† John McKenzie†
9:00 AM	Fr. Thai	Pablo Ancheta† Josephine Barrera†
10:45 AM	Fr. Donovan	Rafael Garcia Sr.†
12:30 PM	Fr. Donovan	Jose Acosta† Hilario Camodag†
Monday, September 11, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Rufino C. Santos III †
Tuesday, September 12, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. O'Neill	Joseph Keane S. J.†
Wednesday, September 13, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Ramon Lai† Salvador Baldoza†
Thursday, September 14, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Parishioners of STM
Friday, September 15, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
Saturday, September 16, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Trinidad R. Santos†
4:00 PM	Fr. Thai	<i>Confessions</i>
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Patrick Yiu† Hector Ortega Jr.†
Sunday, September 17, 2017		
7:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Peter Sinh Nguyen† Jasmine & Romero Condes: Thanksgiving
9:00 AM	Fr. O'Neill	Jose D. Co Ting M.D.† Rufino R. Santos Jr.†
10:45 AM	Fr. Thai	Francisco Sanchez†
12:30 PM	Fr. Henson	Carlos Quezada: Birthday

Please Pray for the Sick

Fr. Jeremiah O'Neill

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

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!

There is a story about a wealthy man who believed that he did not need to associate with anyone else! One night in a dream, an angel brought him into two castles. The first castle was a luxurious place. The interior was decorated with unique items that could be found nowhere else on earth. In the middle of the dining room, there was a long table filled with delicious and lavish food surrounded by several people. Ironically, some of those people were starving while others were struggling to snatch food into their mouths. They looked unhappy!

Then the angel then took the man to the second castle, which was decorated similarly to the first one, with elegant decorations and plenty of food. In this castle, the man noticed that all people around the table could not bend their elbows. The rich man asked the angel, "These people can't bend their elbows: Why do they look healthier and happier than the first group?"

The angel replied "although these people cannot bend their elbows to put food into their mouth, they feed the person in front of them and visa-versa. The people in the first castle have the same problem with their elbows. Instead of helping to feed each other, they are greedy and fight others to get food. As you can see, the people from the first castle are unhealthy and unhappy people."

In today's Gospel, Our Lord is teaching his disciples a lesson on how to deal with one another, especially when conflict occurs. The best approach is a practical attitude of *collective collaboration*. This means helping others to improve in constructive ways with strength, wisdom, and love from the community.

To help us interact with one another in a loving and Christian way, we must perceive two things in others; their own *personality* and their *dignity* as a person. With His love, God included *dignity* in everyone, which is imprinted in us from the very first moment of our life. We belong to God, and we are His children. No one except God, not even our parents, can give us our dignity. Therefore, regardless of a person's *personality*, we must look for the image and likeness of God. Only this approach can help us interact with others by supporting them productively with respectful *dignity*. This is the very heart of every Christian and disciple of Jesus.

Regularly visualizing the image of God in others will make our life more meaningful. Indeed, many great stories and images have touched many people since Hurricane Harvey in Southeast Texas. There was a store owner who opened his furniture store to house hundreds of people after their homes were flooded. He had the right to refuse to let people in or even charge for shelter. Instead, he acted Christ-like by helping those in need rest and heal!

In other situations, civilians used their boats to rescue or transport people they had never met before! Many people are still helping others in different ways each day. For sure, they remember Jesus' words that illustrated in today's Gospel, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Here in our parish community this weekend, we take up a second collection after all masses to assist people impacted by Hurricane Harvey. At the same time, we pray for those people and families hit by hurricanes, earthquakes, or any difficulties, and that they always experience God's strength and companionship as they rebuild their lives and homes.

Good people show strength and empathy in difficult times because they recognize God's image in others. We should start with that positive attitude when dealing with conflict or challenging times that may occur at home, in our community, or the working environment. Showing our loving care for others in such moments will help transform others into healthy and happy sons and daughter of God.

God bless!

Fr. Thai

¡Hola!

¡Hay una historia sobre un hombre rico que creyó que él no tenía que asociarse con nadie más! Una noche en un sueño, un ángel lo llevó a dos castillos. El primer castillo era un lugar de lujo. El interior estaba decorado con artículos únicos que no se podía encontrar en ningún otro lugar en la tierra. En medio del comedor, había una larga mesa llena de comida deliciosa y abundante rodeada de varias personas. Irónicamente, algunas de esas personas estaban muriendo de hambre, mientras que otras estaban luchando para arrebatarle comida a sus bocas. ¡Parecían infelices!

Entonces el ángel llevó al hombre al segundo castillo, que estaba decorado de forma similar a la primera, con elegantes adornos y mucha comida. En este castillo, el hombre notó que toda la gente alrededor de la mesa no podía doblar los codos. El hombre rico le preguntó al ángel: "Estas personas no pueden doblar los codos: ¿Por qué parecen más saludables y más felices que el primer grupo?"

El ángel respondió: "Aunque estas personas no pueden doblar los codos para poner comida en su boca, alimentan a la persona frente a ellos y viceversa. La gente en el primer castillo tiene el mismo problema con los codos. En lugar de ayudar a alimentarse unos a otros, son codiciosos y luchan contra otros para conseguir comida. Como puede ver, la gente del primer castillo es gente malsana e infeliz.

En el Evangelio de hoy, Nuestro Señor está enseñando a sus discípulos una lección sobre cómo tratar unos con otros, especialmente cuando se produce un conflicto. El mejor enfoque es una actitud práctica de colaboración colectiva. Esto significa ayudar a otros a mejorar de manera constructiva con fuerza, sabiduría y amor de la comunidad.

Para ayudarnos a interactuar unos con otros de una manera amorosa y cristiana, debemos percibir dos cosas en otros; su propia personalidad y su dignidad como persona. Con Su amor, Dios incluyó la dignidad en todos, que se imprime en nosotros desde el primer momento de nuestra vida. Nosotros pertenecemos a Dios, y somos Sus hijos. Nadie, excepto Dios, ni siquiera nuestros padres, puede darnos nuestra dignidad. Por lo tanto, independientemente de la personalidad de una persona, debemos buscar la imagen y semejanza de Dios. Sólo este enfoque puede ayudarnos a interactuar con otros apoyándonos productivamente con dignidad respetuosa. Este es el corazón mismo de cada cristiano y discípulo de Jesús.

Regularmente visualizar la imagen de Dios en los demás hará que nuestra vida sea más significativa. De hecho, muchas grandes historias e imágenes han tocado a muchas personas desde el huracán Harvey en el sudeste de Texas. Había un dueño de la tienda que abrió su tienda de muebles para albergar a cientos de personas después de que sus casas fueron inundadas. Tenía el derecho de negarse a dejar entrar a la gente o incluso cobrar por el refugio. En su lugar, actuó como Cristo, ayudando a los necesitados a descansar y sanar!

En otras situaciones, los civiles usaron sus barcos para rescatar o transportar a personas que nunca habían conocido antes. Muchas personas siguen ayudando a los demás de diferentes maneras cada día. Por cierto, recuerdan las palabras de Jesús que se ilustran en el Evangelio de hoy: "Porque donde dos o tres están reunidos en mi nombre, allí estoy yo en medio de ellos". Aquí en nuestra comunidad parroquial este fin de semana, tomamos un segundo colección después de todas las masas para ayudar a las personas afectadas por el huracán Harvey. Al mismo tiempo, oramos por aquellas personas y familias golpeadas por huracanes, terremotos o cualquier dificultad, y que siempre experimentan la fuerza y el compañerismo de Dios mientras reconstruyen sus vidas y sus hogares.

Las personas buenas muestran fuerza y empatía en tiempos difíciles porque reconocen la imagen de Dios en los demás. Debemos comenzar con esa actitud positiva cuando se trata de conflictos o tiempos difíciles que pueden ocurrir en casa, en nuestra comunidad o en el ambiente de trabajo. Mostrar nuestro amor por los demás en tales momentos ayudará a transformar a los demás en hijos sanos y felices e hija de Dios.

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai