

St. Thomas More Church

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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, October 8th 2017

EUCCHARISTIC 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 — The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel (Isaiah 5:1-7).
Psalm — The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Psalm 80).
Second Reading — God's peace will guard your hearts and minds (Philippians 4:6-9).
Gospel — The kingdom of God will be given to those who will produce its fruit (Matthew 21:33-43)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El Señor busca una cosecha de justicia (Isaías 5:1-7).
Salmo — La viña del Señor es la casa de Israel (Salmo 80 [79]).
Segunda lectura — Mora con pensamientos de pureza y justicia y sabrás lo que es la paz (Filipenses 4:6-9).
Evangelió — La piedra que rechazaron los constructores se ha convertido en la piedra angular (Mateo 21:33-43).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lc 10:25-37
Martes: Jon 3:1-10; Sal 130 (129):1b-4ab, 7-8; Lc 10:38-42
Miércoles: Jon 4:1-11; Sal 86 (85):3-6, 9-10; Lc 11:1-4
Jueves: Mal 3:13-20b; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 11:5-13
Viernes: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Sal 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lc 11:15-26
Sábado: Jl 4:12-21; Sal 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lc 11:27-28
Domingo: Is 25:6-10a; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Fil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

Collections for 10/1/17		
5:00 PM	\$1,510.00	
7:30 AM	\$938.00	
9:00 AM	\$2,132.00	
10:45 AM	\$662.00	THANK YOU!
12:30 PM	\$1,445.00	
By mail/online	\$666.00	GRACIAS!
Bldg Fund	\$545.00	
Special Projects	\$5.00	
Altar Society	\$281.00	
Total	\$8,184.00	

Casino "Knight" Fundraiser

The Knights of Columbus Alhambra Council # 2431 invites you their

10th Annual Casino "Knight" Fundraiser.

Where: St. Therese Parish Hall

When: Saturday October 21, 2017
from **6:30 to 11 pm.**

Music and light refreshments will be served; please come and support us.

Thank you!

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

Sunday Breakfast



**Porto's Pastries,
Donuts and Coffee**

Sponsored by the Asian Ministry

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY
2017-2018**

The school, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color, national origin, and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, medical condition, sex, or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies and practices, scholarship programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation and some archdiocesan schools operate as single-sex schools.

While the school does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the school are based upon the student's emotional, academic, and physical abilities and the resources available to the school in meeting the student's needs.

Mission Circle

Bake Sale

New & Gently Used Sale

Today: Sunday October 8th, 2017

After all the Masses at the Parish Hall

DATE: OCTOBER 13 & 14, 2017

**FATIMA 100
YEARS
ANNIVERSARY**

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO ON OCT. 13, 1917 BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAST APPEARED TO THE THREE SMALL SHEPHERD CHILDREN IN FATIMA, PORTUGAL.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY WILL CELEBRATE THE CENTENNIAL WITH A BRIEF HISTORY OF FATIMA AND THEN PRAY THE ROSARY TOGETHER AS WE REMEMBER OUR LADY OF FATIMA.

First Session

(STM Students)
Church

Friday Oct. 13, 17
1:15 pm

*A Brief History of
Fatima (Fr. Thai)*

2:15 - 2:45 pm
Rosary

Second Session

Saturday Oct. 14
Mass at 5 pm

Talk 6:15 pm
*A Brief History of
Fatima
(Fr. Thai)*

7:15 - 8:00 pm
Rosary

CURRENT EVENTS

Saturday, October 7, 2017		
6:00PM	Confirmation Class	Ministry Center
Sunday, October 8, 2017		
8AM -2PM	Coffee & Donuts	Hall
9AM-12PM	Religious Education Class	School
Monday, October 9, 2017		
9:30AM	Legion of Mary	Ministry Center
7PM	RCIA Class	Ministry Center
7:30PM-9PM	Youth Band Practice	Church
Tuesday, October 10, 2017		
9AM - 9:30AM	Our Lady of Wisdom Prayer Group	Church
7PM	Grief Support	Ministry Center
7:45PM	English Choir Practice	Church
Wednesday, October 11, 2017		
9AM - 9:30AM	Mother of Perpetual Help Novena	Church
7:00PM	Bible Study	Ministry Center
Thursday, October 12, 2017		
6:30PM - 9PM	Youth Nights	Ministry Center
1:00PM	Mission Circle	Ministry Center
8:00PM	Spanish Choir Practice	Church
Friday, October 13, 2017		
9AM - 1PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
1:15PM	Our Lady of Fatima History & Rosary	Church
Saturday, October 14, 2017		
6:00PM	Confirmation Class	Ministry Center
Sunday, October 15, 2017		
8AM -2PM	Breakfast- Youth Ministry	Hall
9AM-12PM	Religious Education Class	School

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 07, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Parishioners of STM
4:00PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Patrick Yiu† Epifania Pedroza†
Sunday, October 08, 2017		
7:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Peter Sinh Nguyen† John McKenzie†
9:00 AM	Fr. Lorenzo	James Reitzell†
10:45 AM	Fr. Lorenzo	Rafael Garcia Sr.† Astrid de Cordon † Julieta & Juanita Reta: Healing
12:30 PM	Fr. Thai	Juan Carlos Durazo†
Monday, October 09, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
Tuesday, October 10, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Juanita Reta: Healing
Wednesday, October 11, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Raymundo Villanueva †
Thursday, October 12, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Joel, Antonio & Valentina Tiu†
Friday, October 13, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
Saturday, October 14, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
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5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Patrick Yiu† Javier Reta †
Sunday, October 15, 2017		
7:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Peter Sinh Nguyen†
9:00 AM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
10:45 AM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
12:30 PM	Fr. Lorenzo	Samantha Page Blackwood†

Please Pray for the Sick

Fr. Jeremiah O'Neill		
A Anita Alderete	G Alyce Gold	P Laura Pagano
Mariano Aonian	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 John-	Jean Reyes Williams
Steven Brown	Gary Jones	Maria T. Riley
Tod & Rose Marie	K Mary Keffer	Domenic Rizzi
Ida Bustos	Kimbra Fossen	Michael Angelo
C Jessica Cabrera	Theresa Kryszek	Mike Romano
Rita Campanella	L Bill Lamb	Ana Romo
Gloria Cancio	Bertha La Barreda	Virginia Rosales
S. Cano	Anfrea Leija	Alissa Roybal
Burt Carranza	William Lievense	S Mason Saldaña
Evelin Carranza	James Lindgren	Francisco Sanchez
Celia Carmona	Yee See Lipsun	Virginia Sanchez
Erik M. Casillas	Eleanor Lopez	Dylan Silva
Blanca & Procoro	Brother Martin Lo-	Sisi Shum
Jessica Cerda	Bonnie Luna	Uldarica Sison
Joan Cervantes	Elvira Luna	Eddie Souza
Mary Louise Cruz	Rafael & Gerardo	Dorian Suarez
D Roger Davila	M Gilbert Madrid	U Leticia Ureno
Julio Diaz	Cely Magpantay	V Richard Valdes
Jesus M. Dulay	Anna Maraldo	Michael Velasco
E Malia Estrada	Salvador	Norma Villar
F Ruth Fabela	Edgardo Marin	Ricardo &
Pat Fernandez	Francis Meyer	Therese Huyen-
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	Huy Nguyen	Z Christine

Pray for the Dead

Josephine Barrera	Ernesto Perez
Maria Endara	Clare Ryan
Isaiah Gabriel Gutierrez	Cornelio Sanga Sr.
Carey Nakayama	Solomon Yilma



Hello!

Last Sunday night was a terrifying and horrible night for many people who attended the music festival in Las Vegas. They came to cheer the bands and enjoyed the social gathering but 59 of them could not return home! We remember and pray for these victims and their families in a time of loss and confusion; may they find God as their consoler. Also, we pray for the healing of more than 500 wounded people will soon recover and return home with family members.

When I was attending college, I stayed in a dormitory. I had a roommate and both of us shared the space and the responsibilities. Of course, we could decorate and arrange the room's interior in a way that we could have reasonable access during the semesters. However, at the end of the school year, we had to move our stuff out of the room and rearrange the furniture to the way it was when we first checked in. We would be *fined* for missing items, damages, or not rearranging the room's interior!

Leasing and renting a property is portrayed in today's Gospel reading. We learn that the landowner leases his property to a group of people called tenants. Then the owner took off for a while. When the owner sent his workers to collect the vineyard's products, the tenants treated the workers badly and with hostility.

What is going on here? Do the tenants know the owner's expectations? Why did tenants show such fierce behaviors the owner's workers? It could be the absence of the owner. Maybe because the tenants had not seen or heard from the owner for so long! They thought that since they had been cultivating the vineyard for years and had the right to execute it; "*I do whatever I want with my vineyard!*" Secondly, the tenants thought that the owner would have forgotten about them. When the owner's workers showed up, the tenants perceived it as a threat to their freedom. Fear the loss of their freedom, they killed the workers!

When God created human beings, He also entrusted us with all life and the universe to care for. We are bound to respect and honor our own life for we are created in God's image and likeness. Thus, our *duty* is to honor and respect our body and soul and other human beings. It is our duty and responsibility to care and honor life, to cultivate and grow better as people each day.

When God sent Jesus to us, and on the Cross, He redeemed our eternal condemnation. He invited us to ponder upon His gift in Jesus and respond to Him in a manner that we are always living in God's blessing and providence. Our acceptance of God's presence in life helps us to follow His teachings and practice our faith through our good deeds.

We might think to ourselves that, "I would never kill the owners' workers and son." While it is true that we will never tolerate violence, we mistreat God's prophets and Son through our very habits and arrogant practices. Some people said, "*I have the right to do whatever I want with my body and life.*" As God's children, we must acknowledge that our life is a gift from God and no one has the right do whatever they want with life; it's a sacred gift. God entrusted life to us; our duty is to cultivate it each day. We grow each day in our knowledge of God: to know Him, love Him and others. After this earthly life, we return to Him! That is our *duty*, and it must come before our *rights*.

The earthly life is like staying in a house, apartment, or dormitory, temporarily. All life will fade over the years. Only God is eternal! Knowing we are created by God. Belonging to Him is a privilege. Yet, it comes with responsibility - to cultivate, honor, and respect all life. Thus, cultivating life through our active faith, participating in the Sacraments of the Church, prayers, good deeds, and worship God always. Whenever God chooses to return, we will have a great harvest to show Him!

God bless!

Fr. Thai

¡Hola!

La noche del domingo pasado fue una noche aterradora y horrible para muchas personas que asistieron al festival de música en Las Vegas. Vinieron para animar a las bandas y disfrutaron de la reunión social, pero 59 de ellos no podían volver a casa! Recordamos y oramos por estas víctimas y sus familias en un tiempo de pérdida y confusión; que encuentren a Dios como su consolador. Además, oramos por la curación de más de 500 heridos que pronto se recuperarán y regresarán a casa con sus familiares.

Cuando estaba asistiendo a la universidad, me quedé en un dormitorio. Yo tenía un compañero de cuarto y ambos compartimos el espacio y las responsabilidades. Por supuesto, podríamos decorar y arreglar el interior de la habitación de una manera que podríamos tener acceso razonable durante los semestres. Sin embargo, al final del año escolar, tuvimos que mover nuestras cosas de la habitación y reorganizar los muebles a la manera en que cuando nos registramos. Nos sería multado por artículos perdidos, daños, o no reorganizar la habitación ¡interior!

Arrendamiento y alquiler de una propiedad se retrata en la lectura del Evangelio de hoy. Aprendemos que el terrateniente arrienda su propiedad a un grupo de personas llamadas inquilinos. Entonces el propietario se quitó por un tiempo. Cuando el propietario envió a sus trabajadores a recoger los productos del viñedo, los inquilinos trataron a los trabajadores mal y con hostilidad.

¿Que esta pasando aqui? ¿Los inquilinos saben las expectativas del dueño? ¿Por qué los inquilinos mostraron tales comportamientos feroz a los trabajadores del propietario? Podría ser la ausencia del dueño. Quizás porque los inquilinos no había visto o escuchado del propietario durante tanto tiempo! Pensaban que desde hacía años que cultivaban la viña y tenían derecho a ejecutarla; "Hago lo que quiera con mi viña!" En segundo lugar, los inquilinos pensaron que el dueño se habría olvidado de ellos. Cuando los trabajadores del propietario se presentaron, los inquilinos lo percibieron como una amenaza a su libertad. ¡Teman la pérdida de su libertad, mataron a los trabajadores!

Cuando Dios creó a los seres humanos, Él también nos confió toda la vida y el universo para cuidar. Estamos obligados a respetar y honrar nuestra propia vida, porque somos creados a imagen y semejanza de Dios. Por lo tanto, nuestro deber es honrar y respetar nuestro cuerpo y alma y otros seres humanos. Es nuestro deber y responsabilidad cuidar y honrar la vida, cultivarnos y crecer mejor como personas cada día.

Cuando Dios nos envió a Jesús, y en la Cruz, Él redimió nuestra condenación eterna. Él nos invitó a reflexionar sobre Su regalo en Jesús ya responderle de una manera que siempre estamos viviendo en la bendición y providencia de Dios. Nuestra aceptación de la presencia de Dios en la vida nos ayuda a seguir Sus enseñanzas ya practicar nuestra fe a través de nuestras buenas acciones.

Podríamos pensar que "nunca mataría a los obreros y al hijo de los propietarios". Aunque es cierto que nunca toleraremos la violencia, maltratamos a los profetas y al Hijo de Dios a través de nuestros mismos hábitos y prácticas arrogantes. Algunas personas dijeron: "Tengo el derecho de hacer lo que quiera con mi cuerpo y mi vida". Como hijos de Dios, debemos reconocer que nuestra vida es un regalo de Dios y que nadie tiene el derecho de hacer lo que quieran con la vida; es un regalo sagrado. Dios nos confió la vida; nuestro deber es cultivarlo cada día. Crecemos cada día en nuestro conocimiento de Dios: conocerlo, amarlo a Él ya los demás. ¡Después de esta vida terrenal, volvemos a Él! Ese es nuestro deber, y debe venir ante nuestros derechos.

La vida terrenal es como estar en una casa, apartamento o dormitorio, temporalmente. Toda la vida se desvanecerá a lo largo de los años. ¡Sólo Dios es eterno! Sabiendo que somos creados por Dios. Pertenecer a Él es un privilegio. Sin embargo, viene con responsabilidad - cultivar, honrar y respetar toda vida. Así, cultivando la vida a través de nuestra fe activa, participando en los sacramentos de la Iglesia, oraciones, buenas obras, y adorar a Dios siempre. Cada vez que Dios elige regresar, tendremos una gran cosecha para mostrarle!

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai