

St. Thomas More Church

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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, October 15th 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

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 — On this mountain the LORD will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines (Isaiah 25:6-10a).

Psalm — I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — God will supply whatever you need (Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20).

Gospel — I have prepared my banquet, and everything is ready. Come to the feast! (Matthew 22:1-14 [1-10]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Thursday:	Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
Friday:	Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday:	Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday:	Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El Señor preparará un banquete y secará las lágrimas de todos los rostros (Isaías 25:6-10a).

Salmo — Viviré en la casa del Señor todos los días de mi vida (Salmo 23 [22]).

Segunda lectura — No importa las circunstancias en las que nos encontremos, nuestras necesidades se resolverán en Cristo Jesús (Filipenses 4:12-14, 19-20).

Evangelio — La invitación se ha enviado; todo está listo; vengan a la fiesta (Mateo 22:1-14 [1-10]).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Rom 1:1-7; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Lc 11:29-32
Martes:	Rom 1:16-25; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Lc 11:37-41
Miércoles:	2 Tim 4:10-17b; Sal 145 (144):10-13, 17-18; Lc 10:1-9
Jueves:	Rom 3:21-30; Sal 130 (129):1b-6ab; Lc 11:47-54
Viernes:	Rom 4:1-8; Sal 32 (31):1b-2, 5, 11; Lc 12:1-7
Sábado:	Rom 4:13, 16-18; Sal 105 (104):6-9, 42-43; Lc 12:8-12
Domingo:	Is 45:1, 4-6; Sal 96 (95):1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Tes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

Collections for 10/8/17

5:00 PM	\$1,384.00
7:30 AM	\$729.00
9:00 AM	\$1,283.00
10:45 AM	\$603.00
12:30 PM	\$777.00
By mail/online	\$505.00
Bldg Fund	\$817.00
Special Projects	\$125.00
Altar Society	\$43.00
Total \$	6,266.00

THANK YOU!

GRACIAS!

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.

Join the fun with Music and a Costume Contest

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

Christmas Boutique Raffle \$2.00 Donation per Ticket

- 1st Prize \$2,000.00
- 2nd Prize \$1,000.00
- 3rd Prize \$500.00
- 4th Prize \$100.00

Tickets can be purchased after all masses and at the rectory

Please contact the rectory to help sell raffle tickets

Sunday Breakfast



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

Sponsored by the Youth Ministry

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. Is 25:6

Safeguard the Children

Beyond the myth of the 'bathing suit' rule

In the past, child abuse prevention programs focused on teaching children and young people that their "private body parts" are those parts of the body covered by a bathing suit. Teaching the concept of "total body safety" has become the latest practice. It is important for children to understand that their entire body is private. Parents should be watchful of adults who might be "grooming" a child by constantly tickling, kissing or hugging them. It is important to listen to a child and respect their wishes if they do not want to hug or kiss someone.

For a copy of the VIRTUS© article "Beyond the myth of the bathing suit," visit: <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx> or call (213) 637-7508.

CURRENT EVENTS

Saturday, October 14, 2017		
6:00PM	Confirmation Class	Ministry Center
6:15PM	Our Lady of Fatima History & Rosary	Church
Sunday, October 15, 2017		
8AM -2PM	Breakfast	Hall
9AM -Noon	Religious Education Class	School
Monday, October 16, 2017		
9:30AM	Legion of Mary	Ministry Center
7:00PM	RCIA Class	Ministry Center
7:30PM-9PM	Youth Band Practice	Church
Tuesday, October 17, 2017		
9AM - 9:30AM	Our Lady of Wisdom Prayer Group	Church
7:00PM	Grupo de Oracion	Ministry Center
7:45PM	English Choir Practice	Church
Wednesday, October 18, 2017		
9AM - 9:30 AM	Mother of Perpetual Help Novena	Church
7:00PM	Bible Study	Ministry Center
Thursday, October 19, 2017		
6:30 PM - 9PM	Youth Nights	Ministry Center
8:00PM	Spanish Choir Practice	Church
Friday, October 20, 2017		
9AM - 1PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
Saturday, October 21, 2017		
6:00PM	Confirmation Class	Ministry Center
Sunday, October 22, 2017		
8AM -2PM	Breakfast	Hall
9AM -Noon	Religious Education Class	School

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 14, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
4:00PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
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	James Reitzell: Healing
10:45 AM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
12:30 PM	Fr. Lorenzo	Samantha Page Blackwood†
Monday, October 16, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Luz Santos Dicioco: Healing
Tuesday, October 17, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Eduvigis Gonzalez† Honorio Manalang Jr.†
Wednesday, October 18, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Hernani Ledesma†
Thursday, October 19, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Peter	Conception Ortega†
Friday, October 20, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	John Baptist Hoang†
Saturday, October 21, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Lorenzo	Parishioners of STM
4:00PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Patrick Yiu† Domitila & Francisca Orendian†
Sunday, October 22, 2017		
7:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Ruben & Elena Alatorre†
9:00 AM	Fr. Thai	Peter Sinh Nguyen†
10:45 AM	Fr. Ruiz	Rafael Garcia Jr.† Pedro Guerrero†
12:30 PM	Fr. Lorenzo	Tony Enriquez† Gloria Cancio: Birthday

Please Pray for the Sick

Fr. Jeremiah O'Neill

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

Pray for the Dead

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



Hello!

There are many good things that human inherit from family, culture, tradition, religion and previous generations. These good things help to form us as compassionate humans as we journey through life. One of which relates to human interactions that I observe all the time is when someone is invited to relatives, friends, or neighbors for a meal, they would always bring something with them. They do not come with empty hands. It could be a dish of enchiladas, pasta, desserts, fruits, and so forth. Why? It shows the guests' willingness and readiness to joy and to dine with the host and other companions.

Today's Gospel comes to us with another parable which describes a prospect of a wedding feast that a king opens for everyone. He is a generous king, everyone is welcome and for free! However, as we learn from the Scripture, when the king discovers one of his guests, seating in the table, did not come with his *wedding garment*. Thing changed rapidly, the king threw the guest out of the feast. What is going on here? Why the king shows such attitude?

Every gift comes with responsibility. The wedding feast is a gift for everyone, but the guests must come with *preparation* and *readiness*. The man came unprepared and expected to be like the rest of the guests who spent quite some time to dress up and makeup! Coming to a wedding banquet without preparing oneself is an insult and disrespect to the host and his family. They have prepared for months or even years for the wedding feast; family's face and reputation need to be respected and reserved. Thus, the arrival of an unprepared person is unfitted for the banquet; consequently, the king chased him out!

Our God is still inviting everyone to come to His banquet, the Church, and Table of the Eucharist. Through Jesus Christ, God has always prepared a banquet for all believers. The Eucharistic celebration is open for everybody in which God wants to reconcile and to share His love with His children. Sadly, many people still do not want to respond to His invitation. They are too busy with work, sport, meeting, plan for future and so forth; they ignore Him. Some people respond to His invitation and come, but with expectations. The Eucharistic celebration, the teachings of the Church, the congregation, the priest, and everyone and thing must affiliate or fit my feelings, expectations, and schedules if not I will not return there again! No one and place can satisfy our demand and expectation forever, but only God alone. One must begin with such mentality and habit. He will return His blessings beyond our expectation.

The reasons to refuse and to excuse God's invitation are: "I don't want to waste my time, money, and gasoline for nothing; I don't need to attend to church on Sunday because God is everywhere?" "I am not comfortable when sitting or seeing people in that church that I am not familiar with; I used to surround by four walls and sleep in on the weekends, so I can't get out; I am tired of my sports practice and house works." We can't come to Church on Sunday because we have nothing else to, no one else to go or visit. We come to Church and worship God only because we want to respond to His invitation.

It is a privilege to come and participate in God's gift, the Eucharist, and community of faith. We respond to His invitation and come with our best preparation and readiness, don't come unprepared or expecting something from the Eucharist or congregation. Instead, we ask ourselves "what I can bring with me when I arrive at this Eucharist?" For sure we will come with the spirit of humility, openness and willingness to allow God's Spirit to form and reform us that will grow closer to Him and each other.

God bless!

Fr. Thai

¡Hola!

Hay muchas cosas buenas que los humanos heredan de la familia, la cultura, la tradición, la religión y las generaciones anteriores. Estas cosas buenas nos ayudan a formar seres humanos compasivos mientras viajamos por la vida. Una de las cosas que tengo que decir sobre las interacciones humanas es que estoy obsesionado con todo el tiempo cuando alguien es invitado a familiares, amigos o vecinos para una comida. No vienen con las manos vacías. Podría ser un plato de enchiladas, pasta, postres, frutas, etc. ¿Por qué? Muestra la disposición y disposición de los invitados a la alegría y a cenar con el anfitrión y otros compañeros.

El Evangelio de hoy viene con una sombrilla que describe la perspectiva de una fiesta de bodas que abre un rey para todos. Él es un rey genérico, ¡todos son bienvenidos y de forma gratuita! Sin embargo, como aprendemos de las Escrituras, cuando el rey descubre que uno de sus invitados, sentado en la mesa, no vino con su vestido de boda. La cosa cambió rápidamente, el rey expulsó al invitado de la fiesta. ¿Qué está pasando aquí? ¿Por qué el rey muestra tal actitud?

Cada regalo viene con responsabilidad. La fiesta de bodas es un regalo para todos, pero los invitados deben venir con preparación y preparación. ¡El hombre no estaba preparado y esperaba ser como el resto de los invitados que pasaron bastante tiempo para maquillarse y maquillarse! Un banquete de bodas es un día divertido y emocionante. Se han preparado durante meses o incluso años para la fiesta de bodas; El rostro y la reputación de la familia deben ser respetados y reservados. Por lo tanto, la llegada de una persona desprevenida es inadecuada para el banquete; ¡En consecuencia, el rey lo persiguió!

Nuestro Dios aún está invitando a todos a venir a Su banquete, a la Iglesia y a la Mesa de la Eucaristía. Por medio de Jesucristo, Dios siempre ha preparado un banquete para todos los creyentes. La celebración eucarística está abierta para todos en los que Dios quiere reconciliarse y compartir Su amor con Sus hijos. Lamentablemente, muchas personas todavía no quieren responder a su invitación. Están demasiado ocupados con el trabajo, el deporte, la reunión, el plan para el futuro, etc. lo ignoran. Algunas personas responden a Su invitación y vienen, pero con expectativas. La celebración eucarística, las enseñanzas de la Iglesia, la congregación, el sacerdote y la cosa y la cosa, Nadie ni lugar pueden satisfacer nuestra demanda y expectativa para siempre, sino solo a Dios. Uno debe comenzar con la mentalidad y el hábito. Él devolverá Sus bendiciones más allá de nuestras expectativas.

La invitación de Dios es: "No quiero perder mi tiempo, dinero y gasolina por nada; No necesito asistir a la iglesia el domingo porque Dios está en todas partes". No me siento cómodo con estar sentado o ver a personas en esa iglesia que no conozco; Solía vivir en cuatro paredes y dormir los fines de semana, así que no puedo salir; Estoy cansado de mis prácticas deportivas y de la casa. "No podemos ir a la iglesia el domingo porque no tenemos nada más que ir o visitar. Venimos a la iglesia y adoramos a Dios solo porque queremos responder a su invitación.

Es un privilegio venir y participar en el don de Dios, la Eucaristía y la comunidad de fe. Te invitamos a visitar la Eucaristía o congregación. En lugar de eso, nos preguntamos "¿Qué traeré a la Eucaristía?". Seguro que vendremos con el espíritu de humildad, apertura y disposición para permitir que el Espíritu de Dios se forme y se reforme. entre ellos

¡Dios los bendiga!

P. Thai