

# St. Thomas More Church

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## Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</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	

### PARISH STAFF

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

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**School Website:** stthomasmorealhambra.org

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The LORD said to Cyrus, his anointed, "I am the LORD, there is no other" (Isaiah 45:1, 4-6).  
**Psalm** — Give the Lord glory and honor (Psalm 96).  
**Second Reading** — Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians: We thank God always for all of you (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b).  
**Gospel** — Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's (Matthew 22:15-21).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21  
**Tuesday:** Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38  
**Wednesday:** Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48  
**Thursday:** Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53  
**Friday:** Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59  
**Saturday:** Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16  
**Sunday:** Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — Sólo a Dios debemos adorar; al Dios que nos llama por nuestro nombre (Isaías 45:1, 4-6).  
**Salmo** — Da al Señor gloria y honor (Salmo 96 [95]).  
**Segunda lectura** — Hemos recibido el Evangelio no sólo de palabras sino por el poder del Espíritu Santo (1 Tesalonicenses 1:1-5b).  
**Evangelio** — Devuelve al César lo que es del César y a Dios lo que es de Dios (Mateo 22:15-21).

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

**Lunes:** Rom 4:20-25; Lc 1:69-75; Lc 12:13-21  
**Martes:** Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Sal 40 (39):7-10, 17; Lc 12:35-38  
**Miércoles:** Rom 6:12-18; Sal 124 (123):1b-8; Lc 12:39-48  
**Jueves:** Rom 6:19-23; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 12:49-53  
**Viernes:** Rom 7:18-25a; Sal 119 (118):66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lc 12:54-59  
**Sábado:** Ef 2:19-22; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Lc 6:12-16  
**Domingo:** Ex 22:20-26; Sal 18 (17):2-4, 47, 51; 1 Tes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

<b>Collections for 10/15/17</b>	
5:00 PM	\$874.00
7:30 AM	\$773.00
9:00 AM	\$1,678.00
10:45 AM	\$612.00
12:30 PM	\$1,013.00
By mail/online	\$333.00
Bldg Fund	\$752.00
Special Projects	\$267.00
Altar Society	\$20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,322.00</b>
2nd Collection:	\$704.00
Faith Formation	

THANK YOU!  
GRACIAS!

### Casino "Knight" Fundraiser

The Knights of Columbus Alhambra Council # 2431 invites you their 10<sup>th</sup> 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

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$2,000.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$1,000.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$500.00
- 4<sup>th</sup> 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



Join us for  
Coffee & Donuts

Sponsored by the Cursillos Group



### ALTAR SERVERS: THE LORD'S SERVICE

Altar Server Coordinator, Mr. Paul Beers will conduct Altar Server Training on Saturday, November 4th at 2:00PM in the Church in front of the Sanctuary Altar. Please enter through the side doors.

This session is for new and continuing St. Thomas More Altar Servers. Boys and Girls who wish to serve must be in Fourth Grade or above and have made their First Holy Communion. A parent of the Server is required to stay for the Training. Parents are encouraged to take part in the learning process.

Altar Server registration forms will be available at the training. For more information or questions, please contact Mr. Paul Beers through the Parish Office at 626-284-8333 or [stm\\_secretary@live.com](mailto:stm_secretary@live.com).

### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY WEEKEND, OCTOBER 21-22

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – a day that leads us to the heart of our Christian faith – leads us to mission! Your generosity on World Mission Sunday supports the work of priests, religious and lay leaders in the Missions who share our faith with those most in need. Mission is at the heart of our faith. Live your faith through your gift in today's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith!

**CURRENT EVENTS**

<b>Saturday, October 21, 2017</b>		
6:00PM Confirmation Class		Ministry Center
<b>Sunday, October 22, 2017</b>		
8AM -2PM Breakfast\		Hall
9AM-Noon Religious Education Class		School
<b>Monday, October 23, 2017</b>		
9:30AM Legion of Mary		Ministry Center
7:00PM RCIA Class		Ministry Center
7:30PM-9PM Youth Band Practice		Church
<b>Tuesday, October 24, 2017</b>		
9AM - 9:30AM Our Lady of Wisdom Prayer Group		Church
11:30AM Bingo		Ministry Center
7:45PM English Choir Practice		Church
<b>Wednesday, October 25, 2017</b>		
9AM - 9:30 AM Mother of Perpetual Help Novena		Church
7:00PM Bible Study		Ministry Center
<b>Thursday, October 26, 2017</b>		
6:30PM - 9PM Youth Nights		Ministry Center
8:00PM Spanish Choir Practice		Church
<b>Friday, October 27, 2017</b>		
9AM - 1PM Eucharistic Adoration		Church
<b>Saturday, October 28, 2017</b>		
<b>Sunday, October 29, 2017</b>		
8AM -2PM Breakfast		Hall

**MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Saturday, October 21, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Lorenzo	Parishioners of STM
4:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Patrick Yiu† Domitila & Francisca Orendian†
<b>Sunday, October 22, 2017</b>		
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
<b>Monday, October 23, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Ron Dominguez†
<b>Tuesday, October 24, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Luz Santos Dicioco: Healing
<b>Wednesday, October 25, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
<b>Thursday, October 26, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Peter	John McKenzie† Isiah Gutierrez†
<b>Friday, October 27, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Richard & Robert Andrade†
<b>Saturday, October 28, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
4:00PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Patrick Yiu† Bienvenido Batongbacal†
<b>Sunday, October 29, 2017</b>		
7:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Peter Sinh Nguyen†
9:00 AM	Fr. Thai	Frank Bush†
10:45 AM	Fr. Ruiz	Adela Reymundo† Aida Labarrera: Healing
12:30 PM	Fr. Dan	Pedro Durazo† Virgilio Maramara†

*Please Pray for the Sick*

**Fr. Jeremiah O'Neill**

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

*Pray for the Dead*

Josephine Barrera	Ernesto Perez
Frank Bush	Clare Ryan
Maria Endara	Cornelio Sanga Sr.
Carey Nakayama	Solomon Yilma



Hello!

In today's Gospel Jesus tells His listeners, "repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God." It is a clear distinction. There is no middle ground when worshipping God. In fact, Jesus does recognize civil authority and each citizen's role in civilized society. Yet, he reminds His listeners that one must place God first in one's life before earthly matters. This is a fundamental requirement for all believers.

Many modern Catholics assume that: "I do good things for others, and I do not harm anyone; that is good enough." However, all people were created by God in His likeness and are therefore empowered with human dignity from the beginning. This is a great gift that no other creatures have. God's gift allows us to understand people and things around us, to make effective decisions, and bring good to others while avoiding evil.

Children are happy or displeased depend on how well they sense the love, respect, and compassion from the parents or caregivers. They know that their parents will be there for them whenever they need. Such awareness gives children a sense of belonging and security. Likewise, God created us, and we are His children. God always wants to be with us and to reconcile with us. Knowing someone is always with us and protects us is a great encouragement, especially when things go wrong.

God has given us many talents, skills, senses, and more. We can think, communicate, and perceive our surroundings. He created each human person with His gifts that enable us to bring about good for self, family, and society. Thus, if we spend some time each day to reflect upon our ourselves and our surroundings, we will see miracles happening every day.

Every day millions of people commute to work here in the Los Angeles area. They might be stuck on the freeways, and they can't move! After a long time on the road, they arrive at work and then deal with people until the afternoon. When work is done, they rush back home dealing with traffic congestion again. Days like these drain energy and enthusiasm! However, despite such a tiring day, folks still prepare dinner and take time to eat with their families. I know many of you live with such miracles every day. Your strength, energy, courage, and ability to carry on is a gift from God. Try each day to embrace His gifts for you and your family.

"Return to God what belongs to God." Jesus reminds us that we belong to God and we should do everything we can to be with God each day. Worship and love God above all. Earthly distractions can easily lead us away from God. There are many reasons to excuse ourselves from worshipping and loving Him. Take time to pray and remember His gifts and His presence in our lives. Knowing that we can't do anything for ourselves if it was not initiated by God. When we live with such faith and trust in God, we are returning to Him what belongs to Him!

God bless!

P. Thai

¡Hola!

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús les dice a sus oyentes: "pague al César lo que pertenece a César, ya Dios lo que pertenece a Dios". Es una clara distinción. No hay un término medio para adorar a Dios. De hecho, Jesús sí reconoce la autoridad civil y el papel de cada ciudadano en la sociedad civilizada. Sin embargo, él recuerda a sus oyentes que uno debe colocar a Dios primero en la vida antes de las cosas terrenales. Este es un requisito fundamental para todos los creyentes.

Muchos católicos modernos suponen que: "Hago cosas buenas para los demás, y no hago daño a nadie; eso es lo suficientemente bueno ". Sin embargo, todos los humanos fueron creados por Dios a Su semejanza y, por lo tanto, están empoderados con dignidad humana desde el principio. Este es un gran regalo que ninguna otra criatura tiene. El don de Dios nos permite comprender a las personas y las cosas que nos rodean, tomar decisiones efectivas y llevar a los demás a la buena mientras evitamos el mal.

Los niños son felices o descontentos, dependen de lo bien que sientan el amor, el respeto y la compasión de los padres o cuidadores. Saben que sus padres estarán disponibles para ellos cuando lo necesiten. Dicha conciencia da a los niños un sentido de pertenencia y seguridad. Del mismo modo, Dios nos creó y somos sus hijos. Dios siempre quiere estar con nosotros y reconciliarse con nosotros. Conocer a alguien está siempre con nosotros y nos protege es un gran aliento, especialmente cuando las cosas salen mal.

Dios nos ha dado muchos talentos, habilidades, sentidos y más. Podemos pensar, comunicarnos y percibir nuestro entorno. Él creó a cada persona humana con sus dones que nos permiten llevar a cabo el bien para uno mismo, la familia y la sociedad. Por lo tanto, si dedicamos algo de tiempo cada día para reflexionar sobre nuestro entorno y nosotros mismos, veremos que ocurren milagros todos los días.

Todos los días millones de personas viajan a trabajar aquí en el área de Los Ángeles. ¡Pueden estar atrapados en las autopistas y no pueden moverse! Después de un largo tiempo en la carretera, llegan al trabajo y luego tratan con la gente hasta la tarde. Cuando termina el trabajo, se apresuran a volver a su casa tratando con la congestión del tráfico nuevamente. ¡Días como estos drenan energía y entusiasmo! Sin embargo, a pesar de un día tan agotador, la gente todavía prepara la cena y toma tiempo para comer con sus familias. Sé que muchos de ustedes viven con tales milagros todos los días. Su fuerza, energía, coraje y capacidad para continuar es un regalo de Dios. Pruebe cada día para abrazar sus regalos para usted y su familia.

"Vuelve a Dios lo que pertenece a Dios". Jesús nos recuerda que pertenecemos a Dios y que deberíamos hacer todo lo posible para estar con Dios todos los días. Adore y ame a Dios por encima de todo. Las distracciones terrestres pueden alejarnos fácilmente de Dios. Hay muchas razones para excusarnos de adorarlo y amarlo. Tómese el tiempo para orar y recordar sus dones y su presencia en nuestras vidas. Sabiendo que no podemos hacer nada por nosotros mismos si no fue iniciado por Dios. Cuando vivimos con tanta fe y confianza en Dios, ¡estamos regresando a Él lo que le pertenece a Él!

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai