

# St. Thomas More Church

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## Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 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

<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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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Do we not have one father? Did not the one God create us? (Malachi 1:14b — 2:2b, 8-10).

**Psalm** — In you, Lord, I have found my peace (Psalm 131).

**Second Reading** — You have received not a human word but the word of God (1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13).

**Gospel** — Call no one your father on earth; you have but one Father, the one in heaven (Matthew 23:1-12).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday:	Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday:	Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Friday:	Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday:	Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — Adora al Dios que nos creó, y sean fieles unos a otros (Malaquías 1:14b — 2:2b, 8-10).

**Salmo** — En ti, oh Señor, encuentro la paz (Salmo 131 [130]).

**Segunda lectura** — Estábamos decididos a compartir con ustedes no sólo el Evangelio de Dios, sino nuestro ser también (1 Tesalonicenses 2:7b-9, 13).

**Evangelio** — El más grande de ustedes debe ser el servidor de los demás (Mateo 23:1-12).

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Rom 11:29-36; Sal 69 (68):30-31, 33-34, 36; Lc 14:12-14
Martes:	Rom 12:5-16b; Sal 131 (130):1bcde-3; Lc 14:15-24
Miércoles:	Rom 13:8-10; Sal 112 (111):1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lc 14:25-33
Jueves:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Sal 46 (45):2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Viernes:	Rom 15:14-21; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Lc 16:1-8
Sábado:	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Sal 145 (144):2-5, 10-11; Lc 16:9-15
Domingo:	Sab 6:12-16; Sal 63 (62):2-8; 1 Tes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

### Collections for 10/29/17

5:00 PM	\$638.00	
7:30 AM	\$1,146.00	
9:00 AM	\$1,539.00	
10:45 AM	\$586.00	<b>THANK YOU!</b>
12:30 PM	\$747.00	
By mail/online	\$238.00	<b>GRACIAS!</b>
Bldg Fund	\$636.00	
Special Projects	\$11.00	
Altar Society	\$20.00	
All Saints	\$132.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,693.00</b>	



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The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

HEARING GOD'S WORD  
PROCLAIMED IS LIKE GETTING  
A PERSONAL EMAIL FROM GOD



And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly, that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe. 1 Thes 2:13

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# Christmas Boutique

St. Thomas More Church Hall  
Sunday November 12, 2017  
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Come support our parish, Handmade Crafts, Gifts and More, Food, Baked Goods, and Gourmet Coffee.

## 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

For vendors selling holiday crafts or items:  
To reserve a spot, please call the rectory at 626-284-8333

# Sunday Breakfast



Donuts and Coffee

Sponsored by the Proud Parents of  
STM Second Grade Students

## Month of Remembrance November 2017

November is the month of remembrance in which The Catholic Church commemorates the faithful departed.

The community of St. Thomas More will join together to celebrate and pray for our loved ones who have passed.

You can bring a framed 5"x7" or smaller photo of deceased loved ones, which will be displayed at the church sanctuary.

**Photo Drop-off Starts:** October 28, 2017 at 5:00PM Mass  
**Photo Pickup:** November 25, 2017 after 8:30AM Mass

A book of remembrance will be available in the church. You are invited to write the names of deceased loved ones that you wish to remember in prayer with support from the St. Thomas More community.

All Souls Donation Envelopes are available in all the pews. You may write your deceased loved ones' names on them. They will be placed at the Sanctuary to be prayed over during the month of November.

**CURRENT EVENTS**

<b>Saturday, November 04, 2017</b>		
6:00PM	No Confirmation Class	Church
<b>Sunday, November 05, 2017</b>		
8AM -2PM	Breakfast	Hall
9AM-Noon	Religious Education Class	School
<b>Monday, November 06, 2017</b>		
9:30AM	Legion of Mary	Ministry Center
7:00PM	RCIA Class	Ministry Center
7:30PM-9PM	Youth Band Practice	Church
<b>Tuesday, November 07, 2017</b>		
9AM - 9:30AM	Our Lady of Wisdom Prayer Group	Church
7:00PM	Grief Support	Ministry Center
7:45PM	English Choir Practice	Church
<b>Wednesday, November 08, 2017</b>		
9AM - 9:30 AM	Mother of Perpetual Help Novena	Church
7:00PM	Bible Study	Ministry Center
<b>Thursday, November 09, 2017</b>		
1:00PM	Mission Circle	Ministry Center
6:30 PM - 9PM	Youth Nights	Ministry Center
8:00PM	Spanish Choir Practice	Church
<b>Friday, November 10, 2017</b>		
9AM - 1PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
<b>Saturday, November 11, 2017</b>		
6:00PM	No Confirmation Class	Ministry Center
<b>Sunday, November 12, 2017</b>		
8:30AM-3PM	Christmas Boutique	Hall
8AM -2PM	Breakfast- Youth Minstry	Hall
9AM-Noon	Religious Education Class	School

**MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Saturday, November 04, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Carlos Perez: Birthday Fernando Parra: Healing
4:00PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Dan	Joe Salazar† Esther & John Stogden†
<b>Sunday, November 05, 2017</b>		
7:30 AM	Fr. O'Neill	Anna Ly Tran† Frank T. Nagatani†
9:00 AM	Fr. Andrew	Cecilia Ancheta† Vera Dueñas(Healing)
10:45 AM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
12:30 PM	Fr. Thai	Hortencia Szagan†
<b>Monday, November 06, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Severa Cagungun†
<b>Tuesday, November 07, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Honorio Manalang† Poncia Manalang†
<b>Wednesday, November 08, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Luis Hernandez†
<b>Thursday, November 09, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Rufino R. Santos Sr.† Trinidad R. Santos†
<b>Friday, November 10, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Humberto Magallanes†
<b>Saturday, November 11, 2017</b>		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Fernando Parra (Healing)
4:00PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Patrick Yiu† Dean Smith†
<b>Sunday, November 12, 2017</b>		
7:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Anna Ly Tran† John McKenzie†
9:00 AM	Fr. O'Neill	Ester S. Tangco† Eduvigis S. Gonzalez†
10:45 AM	Fr. Thai	Rafael Garcia Sr.†
12:30 PM	Fr. Dan	Jennifer Marie Alva†

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

*Pray for the Dead*

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



Hello!

Last Tuesday, I was pleased to see many parents who left their working and house duties for couple hours to be at St. Thomas More School to celebrate the Halloween with students and each other. Their presence drew attention to their children; that is, “my parent cares for me!” I was also impressed by students’ creativity with masks and costumes; they could be whoever they wanted! For children, acting or pretending is acceptable – but it is not acceptable for the faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus underscores how our actions must match our words. Jesus challenges religious leaders who are not living up to what they preach. They tell their followers one thing but live their lives according to different standards. He criticizes them for not willing to change their lifestyles, which only confused their followers. Conflicting messages and lifestyles lead people away from God.

In my previous parish, I was put in charge the adult program for those who wanted to become fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church. I was fascinated by their stories that led them to their decisions. At some point in their lives, they encountered some authentic and faithful Catholics who lived their daily lives according to their faith and profession: In other words, they do not pretend. Such lifestyles draw many folks to join the Catholic Church and grow with Jesus Christ.

On the other hands, some individuals profess Catholic faith on Sundays but live their lives different during the week. These people are not a good example for others. Such bad examples can lead people away from God! Living our faith cannot only be inside the walls or community of the Church; rather it must be always and everywhere. Whether it is inside the Church during the Eucharist, at the gas station, school, home, or at work, we need to live our faith in God as we profess. God’s love and grace for us never changes. Therefore, we must maintain our love and commitment to Him regardless of our location or life’s circumstance. That is, we must not pretend! We know that God created us in His own image and likeness. In God’s likeness, we too should consistently live our lives in the ways we profess.

It is possible to hide our Catholic identities from others, but we can’t hide from God! He knew us long before we knew ourselves. Happy and healthy individuals allow Jesus Christ to enter and dwell within their hearts, directing and guiding their paths. With Jesus’ wisdom and strength, we do not need to wear masks to fit in with social perceptions. Committed and faithful Catholics do not depend upon others’ beliefs or ways of life because Jesus is with them.

In everyday life, we encounter a wide variety of people from different backgrounds. But if we show our words and actions originate from God’s wisdom and guidance, we draw people to Him. That is, authentic, faithful people are called to be God’s children! With Jesus in the center of our lives, we do not need to wear masks when encountering other people. Living our profession of faith in our daily lives draws others closer to Jesus and His Church!

God bless!

Fr. Thai

¡Hola!

El martes pasado, me complació ver a muchos padres que dejaron sus deberes de trabajo y de la casa por un par de horas para estar en la escuela St. Thomas More School para celebrar el Halloween con los estudiantes y entre ellos. Su presencia llamó la atención a sus hijos; es decir, "¡mi padre se preocupa por mí!". También me impresionó la creatividad de los estudiantes con máscaras y disfraces; ¡Podrían ser lo que quisieran! Para los niños, actuar o pretender es aceptable, pero no es aceptable para los fieles seguidores de Jesucristo.

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús subraya cómo nuestras acciones deben coincidir con nuestras palabras. Jesús reta a los líderes religiosos que no están viviendo según lo que predicán. Les dicen a sus seguidores una cosa, pero viven sus vidas de acuerdo con diferentes estándares. Él los critica por no querer cambiar sus estilos de vida, lo que solo confundió a sus seguidores. Los mensajes y estilos de vida conflictivos alejan a las personas de Dios.

En mi parroquia anterior, me pusieron a cargo del programa para adultos para aquellos que deseaban iniciarse plenamente en la Iglesia Católica Romana. Estaba fascinado por sus historias que los llevaron a sus decisiones. En algún momento de sus vidas, se encontraron con algunos católicos auténticos y fieles que vivieron sus vidas diarias de acuerdo con su fe y profesión: en otras palabras, no pretenden. Tales estilos de vida atraen a muchas personas para unirse a la Iglesia Católica y crecer con Jesucristo.

Por otro lado, algunas personas profesan fe católica los domingos, pero viven sus vidas de manera diferente durante la semana. Estas personas no son un buen ejemplo para otros. ¡Tales malos ejemplos pueden alejar a las personas de Dios! Vivir nuestra fe no solo puede estar dentro de los muros o la comunidad de la Iglesia; más bien debe ser siempre y en todas partes. Ya sea dentro de la Iglesia durante la Eucaristía, en la estación de servicio, en la escuela, en el hogar o en el trabajo, debemos vivir nuestra fe en Dios tal como lo profesamos. El amor y la gracia de Dios para nosotros nunca cambia. Por lo tanto, debemos mantener nuestro amor y compromiso con Él, independientemente de nuestra ubicación o circunstancia de la vida. Es decir, ¡no debemos fingir! Sabemos que Dios nos creó a Su propia imagen y semejanza. A la semejanza de Dios, nosotros también deberíamos vivir nuestras vidas de forma consistente en la forma en que profesamos.

Es posible esconder nuestras identidades católicas de los demás, ¡pero no podemos escondernos de Dios! Él nos conocía mucho antes de conocernos a nosotros mismos. Las personas felices y sanas permiten que Jesucristo entre y more en sus corazones, dirigiendo y guiando sus caminos. Con la sabiduría y la fuerza de Jesús, no necesitamos usar máscaras para encajar con las percepciones sociales. Los católicos comprometidos y fieles no dependen de las creencias o formas de vida de los demás porque Jesús está con ellos.

En la vida cotidiana, encontramos una gran variedad de personas de diferentes orígenes. Pero si mostramos que nuestras palabras y acciones provienen de la sabiduría y la guía de Dios, atraemos a la gente hacia él. ¡Es decir, las personas auténticas y fieles están llamadas a ser hijos de Dios! Con Jesús en el centro de nuestras vidas, no necesitamos usar máscaras cuando nos encontremos con otras personas. ¡Vivir nuestra profesión de fe en nuestras vidas diarias atrae a otros más cerca de Jesús y Su Iglesia!

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai