

St. Thomas More Church

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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, November 12th 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 — Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (Wisdom 6:12-16).
Psalm — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).
Second Reading — Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]).
Gospel — Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (Matthew 25:1-13).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — La sabiduría la encuentran los que la buscan (Sabiduría 6:12-16).
Salmo — Mi alma está sedienta de ti, oh Señor, mi Dios (Salmo 63 [62]).
Segunda lectura — No se acojoren como los que no tienen esperanza (1 Tesalonicenses 4:13-18 [13-14]).
Evangelio — Las vírgenes necias no estaban preparadas para la llegada del novio (Mateo 25:1-13).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Sab 1:1-7; Sal 139 (138):1b-10; Lc 17:1-6
Martes: Sab 2:23 — 3:9; Sal 34 (33):2-3, 16-19; Lc 17:7-10
Miércoles: Sab 6:1-11; Sal 82 (81):3-4, 6-7; Lc 17:11-19
Jueves: Sab 7:22b — 8:1; Sal 119 (118):89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lc 17:20-25
Viernes: Sab 13:1-9; Sal 19 (18):2-5ab; Lc 17:26-37
Sábado: Sab 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Sal 105 (104):2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lc 18:1-8
Domingo: Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Sal 128 (127):1-5; 1 Tes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

Collections for 11/5/17	
5:00 PM	\$1,611.00
7:30 AM	\$920.00
9:00 AM	\$2,443.00
10:45 AM	\$862.00
12:30 PM	\$915.00
By mail/online	\$775.00
Bldg Fund	\$403.00
Special Projects	\$135.00
Altar Society	\$260.00
All Saints	\$408.00
Total	\$8,732.00

THANK YOU!
GRACIAS!



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Christmas Boutique

St. Thomas More Church Hall
Today—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

- 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

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



Sunday Breakfast

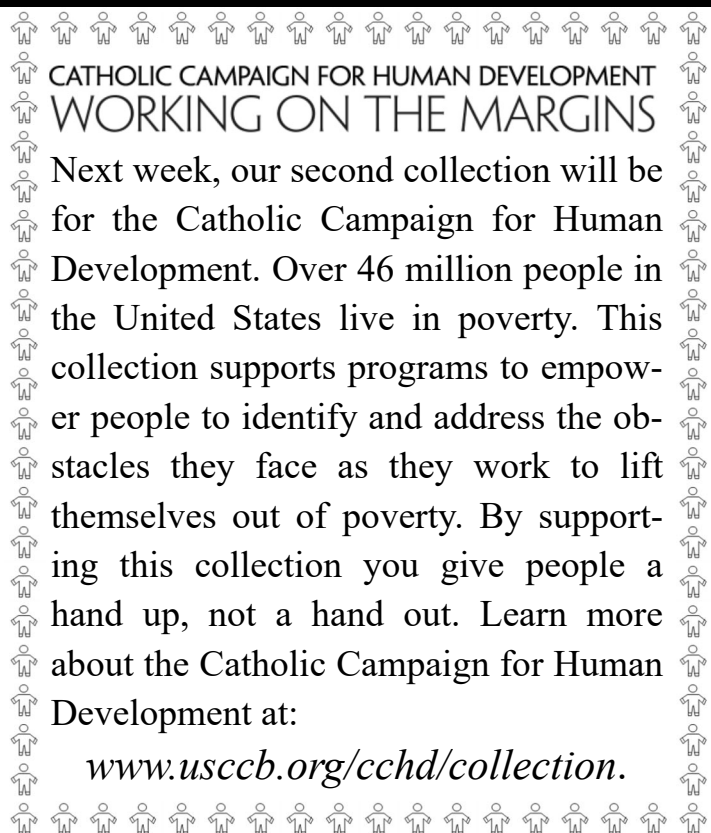
Please join us in the hall for



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

8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Youth Ministry



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

Next week, our second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 46 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. By supporting this collection you give people a hand up, not a hand out. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at:

www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

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

Saturday, November 11, 2017		
6:00PM No Confirmation Class		Ministry Center
Sunday, November 12, 2017		
8AM -2PM Breakfast		Hall
8:30AM-3PM Christmas Boutique		Hall
9AM-Noon Religious Education Class		School
Monday, November 13, 2017		
9:30AM Legion of Mary		Ministry Center
7:00PM RCIA Class		Ministry Center
7:30PM-9PM Youth Band Practice		Church
Tuesday, November 14, 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, November 15, 2017		
9AM - 9:30AM Mother of Perpetual Help Novena		Church
7:00PM Bible Study		Ministry Center
Thursday, November 16, 2017		
6:30 PM - 9PM Youth Nights		Ministry Center
8:00PM Spanish Choir Practice		Church
Friday, November 17, 2017		
9AM - 1PM Eucharistic Adoration		Church
Saturday, November 18, 2017		
6:00PM No Confirmation Class		Ministry Center
Sunday, November 19, 2017		
8AM -2PM Breakfast		Hall
9AM-Noon Religious Education Class		Church
2PM - 3:30 PM English Choir Practice		Church

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 11, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Fernando Parra: Healing
4:00PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Patrick Yiu† Dean Smith†
Sunday, November 12, 2017		
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†
Monday, November 13, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Rufino R. Santos Jr & Bonifacio R. Santos†
Tuesday, November 14, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Parishioners of STM
Wednesday, November 15, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Blessings Rcvd for Missionary Sisters of St. Columban, Mercedes Bicad †
Thursday, November 16, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Hector Ortega Jr.†
Friday, November 17, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Souls in Purgatory†
Saturday, November 18, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Carmela Alfonso†
4:00PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Dan	Stuart & Lily Carlisle: Birthdays
Sunday, November 19, 2017		
7:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Loretta Lombardo†
9:00 AM	Fr. O'Neill	Concepcion Ortega† Rodolfo Magturo†
10:45 AM	Fr. Orozco	Parishioners of STM
12:30 PM	Fr. Thai	Betty Valentin†

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	Fernando Parra
Brianna Ayestas	Ricardo Gutierrez	Arpie Pezeshkian
B Roy Barrientos	Carolina Guzman	R Dolores Ramirez
Douglas Barquero	H Memo Herrera	Rosalia Rodriguez
Nila Bartolome	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 Marie Brown	K Mary Keffer	Domenic Rizzi
Ida Bustos	Kimbra Fossen	Michael Angelo Rodriguez
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 Lievens	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 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
D Roger Davila	M Gilbert Madrid	U Leticia Ureno
Julio Diaz	Cely Magpantay	V Richard Valdes
Luz Santos Dicioco	Anna Maraldo	Michael Velasco
Jesus M. Dulay	Salvador Maldonado	Norma Villar
E Malia Estrada	Edgardo Marin	Ricardo & Felicidad Villegas
F Ruth Fabela	Francis Meyer	Therese Huyen-Duong Thi Vu
Pat Fernandez	Jean Miceli	Theresa Mai Vu
Tony Filosa	Tony Miceli	W Martha Willox
G Mariano G.	James Montague	Janny Wong
Juan Garcia	N Gloria Natividad	Jennifer Wong
Ramona Garcia	Mario Nieto	Z Christine Zampese
	Victor Ng	
	Huy Nguyen	

Pray for the Dead

Josephine Barrera	Jose Anibal Iainez
Mercedes Bicad	Carey Nakayama
Frank Bush	Clare Ryan
Maria Endara	Cornelio Sanga Sr.



Hello!

I had never prepared or planned for a wedding reception. Yet over the years, I've learned many interesting things about wedding preparation from celebrating weddings. I've come to realize that it takes a lot of effort and humility to go through this process. Here are just a few examples: The location of the reception, dresses, rings, flowers, and the guest list. I was told it could take months or even years to prepare for a wedding reception! Married couples always look nice in their elegant outfits during wedding ceremonies. Couples prepare well for their wedding day because they believe a strong marriage begins by being well-prepared.

Today's Gospel reading portrays the wisdom of people who are anticipating the bridegroom. As the parable continues, we learn that five wise virgins whose energy and enthusiasm lasted until the bridegroom arrived. Whereas the other five virgins ran out of energy and enthusiasm causing them to miss the arrival of the bridegroom. While one might think that the other virgins are selfish and that they should have shared their oil with the other five, the parable stops here. This tells us that no one else can substitute for our faith and commitment to Christ when He returns.

Our Church teaches that Jesus will return one day, but no one knows for sure when. The wisdom of our Church's teachings is not to scare us, but to help us prepare. We should respond to God's invitation through our own active faith through a daily commitment to everyone and everything else. We cannot let anything distract us from anticipating our Lord Jesus Christ. Living a life in which our actions are focused on God above all else is our fundamental responsibility.

Life can easily distract us from being ready. Situations, like college, moving, or even marriage can come at us like waves at sea that hit the shore one wave after another. Therefore, we need God! Spend some quiet time each day with our Lord in prayer for spiritual preparation. Refine our words and actions to be centered on God's wisdom and love. His grace and strength will guide our conduct to make us His sons and daughters. Attending Sunday Masses must be our highest priority for God and family. Enjoy the sacredness of worshiping God on Sunday by attending Masses and then spending time with family members in the afternoon. Reading Scriptures daily also helps us to grow in faith and commitment to Jesus.

The opposite mentality of readiness is overestimating our capacity or experience. We can't just assume that every day will be the same. The five virgins that ran out of oil overestimated their own abilities. Perhaps they thought that since the bridegroom was late, that he would not come at all. They were happy to believe nothing would change and that they did not need to prepare!

Wedding couples know well that preparation for a wedding reception is the way to honor and respect one another, family members, and guests. They can't simply show up and say, "I do." Our faith teaches us that no one knows when Jesus will return; therefore, we should be prepared and ready all the time. To be prepared is to live in God's presence and guidance—to place God above all things. Whenever Christ chooses to come, we who are prepared will be happy to welcome Him. That is the wisdom of wise people!

God bless!

Fr. Thai

¡Hola!

Nunca he sido preparado o planeado para una boda. Sin embargo, a lo largo de los años, he aprendido muchas cosas interesantes sobre la preparación de la boda desde la celebración de bodas. Me he dado cuenta de que requiere mucho esfuerzo y humildad pasar por este proceso. Estos son solo algunos ejemplos: la ubicación de la recepción, los vestidos, los anillos, las flores y la lista de invitados. ¡Me dijeron que tardaría meses o incluso años en prepararse para la recepción de una boda! Las parejas casadas siempre se ven bien en sus trajes elegantes durante las ceremonias de boda. Las parejas se preparan para el día de su boda porque creen que un matrimonio fuerte comienza por estar bien preparados.

La lectura del Evangelio de hoy describe la sabiduría de las personas que anticipan al novio. A medida que la parábola continúa, aprendemos que cinco vírgenes prudentes cuya energía y entusiasmo duraron hasta que llegó el novio. Mientras que las otras cinco vírgenes se quedaron sin energía y entusiasmo haciendo que pierdan la llegada del novio. Mientras uno podría pensar que las otras vírgenes son egoístas y que deberían compartir su aceite con las otras cinco, la parábola se detiene aquí. Esto nos dice que nadie más puede sustituir nuestra fe y compromiso con Cristo cuando regrese.

Nuestra Iglesia enseña que Jesús regresará un día, pero nadie sabe con certeza cuándo. La sabiduría de las enseñanzas de nuestra Iglesia no es asustarnos, sino ayudarnos a prepararnos. Debemos responder a la invitación de Dios a través de nuestra propia fe. No podemos permitir que nada nos distraiga de anticipar a nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Vivir una vida en la que nuestras acciones se centren en Dios.

La vida puede distraernos fácilmente de estar listos. Las situaciones, como la universidad, la mudanza o incluso el matrimonio, pueden venir a nosotros como olas en el mar que golpean la orilla una ola tras otra. Por lo tanto, ¡necesitamos a Dios! Pase un tiempo tranquilo cada día con nuestro Señor en oración para la preparación espiritual. Refina nuestras palabras y acciones para centrarte en la sabiduría y el amor de Dios. Su gracia y fortaleza nos guiarán para conducir a nuestros hijos e hijas. Asistir a misas dominicales debe ser nuestra mayor prioridad para Dios y la familia. Disfruta de lo sagrado de adorar a Dios el domingo asistiendo a Misas y luego pasar tiempo con los miembros de la familia por la tarde. Leer las Escrituras diariamente también nos ayuda a aumentar la fe y el compromiso con Jesús.

La mentalidad contraria de preparación está sobreestimando nuestra capacidad o experiencia. No podemos simplemente asumir que todos los días serán iguales. Las cinco vírgenes que se quedaron sin petróleo sobreestimaron sus propias habilidades. Tal vez pensaban que el novio llegaba tarde, eso no llegaría en absoluto. ¡Estaban felices de creer que nada cambiaría y que no necesitaban prepararse!

Las parejas saben bien que la preparación para la recepción de una boda es la manera de honrarse y respetarse mutuamente, a los miembros de la familia y a los invitados. No pueden simplemente aparecer y decir: "Sí, quiero". Nuestra fe nos enseña que nadie sabe cuándo volverá Jesús; por lo tanto, debemos estar preparados y listos todo el tiempo. Dios es todo en todos. Cada vez que Cristo decida venir, estaremos preparados para darle la bienvenida a él. ¡Esa es la sabiduría de las personas sabias!

Dios los bendiga!

P. Thai