

St. Thomas More Church

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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, November 19th 2017



EUCHARISTIC 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 woman who fears the LORD is to be praised (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).
Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord (Psalm 128).
Second Reading — Brothers and sisters, you are children of the light (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6).
Gospel — To all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance (Matthew 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
Thanksgiving Day, Suggested:
Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Un esposo es capaz de confiar su corazón a su esposa que es como una joya (Proverbios 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).
Salmo — Bendito sean los que temen al Señor (Salmo 128 [127]).
Segunda lectura — El día del Señor vendrá como el ladrón en la noche (1 Tesalonicenses 5:1-6).
Evangelio — Porque has sido fiel en lo poco, ven a compartir la alegría de tu Señor (Mateo 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Mac 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Sal 119 (118):53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lc 18:35-43
Martes: 2 Mac 6:18-31; Sal 3:2-7; Lc 19:1-10
Miércoles: 2 Mac 7:1, 20-31; Sal 17 (16):1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lc 19:11-28
Jueves: 1 Mac 2:15-29; Sal 50 (49):1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lc 19:41-44
Día de Acción de Gracias (sugerencia):
Sir 50:22-24; Sal 145 (144):2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lc 17:11-19
Viernes: 1 Mac 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Cr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lc 19:45-48
Sábado: 1 Mac 6:1-13; Sal 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lc 20:27-40
Domingo: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Sal 23 (22):1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Collections for 11/12/17	
5:00 PM	\$1,171.00
7:30 AM	\$801.00
9:00 AM	\$1,157.00
10:45 AM	\$520.00
12:30 PM	\$827.00
By mail/online	\$617.00
Bldg Fund	\$691.00
Special Projects	\$20.00
Altar Society	\$39.00
All Souls	\$124.00
Total	\$5,967.00

THANK YOU!
GRACIAS!

The 2017 STM

Christmas Toy Drive

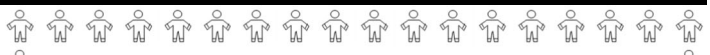
Now Through Friday,
December 15, 2017

Please bring an Unwrapped New Toy for a girl or a boy, ages Newborn - 14 years that you would like to donate to your classroom. All toys will be donated to the Hillsides Foundation.

Christmas Toy Drive.



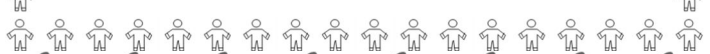
Whoever has a heart full of love always has something to give. - Pope John XXIII



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

Please be generous in this week's second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at

www.usccb.org/cchd/collection



Tree of Giving

December 2 - December 17

'Tis the Season! Please stop by and select an organization's card from the Tree of Giving.

Wrap your gift, attach the tag, and put it under the tree. If your gift is cash or check, place it in a sealed envelope with the name of the organization written on the outside and turn it in to the rectory.

We must receive all gifts by December 17 to ensure delivery before Christmas. If you have any questions, please call the STM Secretary at

(626) 284-8333 x141.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Spaghetti with Santa Hosted by Knights of Columbus

Saturday, December 2nd @ 6:00 PM

Spaghetti dinner, Christmas caroling, visit from Santa, and toy drive.

Kids free, adults \$10.

For more info or tickets call Mike Stauffer 310-916-8419.

Sunday Breakfast

Please join us in the hall for



Breakfast Burritos,
Coffee and Donuts

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

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



CURRENT EVENTS

Saturday, November 18, 2017		
	No Confirmation Class	
Sunday, November 19, 2017		
8AM -2PM	Breakfast	Hall
9AM-12PM	Religious Education Class	Church
2PM - 3:30PM	English Choir Practice	Church
Monday, November 20, 2017		
9:30AM	Legion of Mary	Ministry Center
7PM	RCIA Class	Ministry Center
7:30PM-9PM	Youth Band Practice	Church
Tuesday, November 21, 2017		
9AM - 9:30AM	Our Lady of Wisdom Prayer Group	Church
11:30AM	Bingo	Hall
7:00PM	Grupo de Oracion	Ministry Center
7:45PM	English Choir Practice	Church
Wednesday, November 22, 2017		
9AM - 9:30AM	Mother of Perpetual Help Novena	Church
7:00PM	Bible Study	Ministry Center
Thursday, November 23, 2017 — Thanksgiving —		
	Rectory Closed	
Friday, November 24, 2017		
9AM - 1PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
	Rectory Closed	
Saturday, November 25, 2017		
	No Confirmation Class	
Sunday, November 26, 2017		
	No Breakfast	Hall
	No Religious Education Class	

MASS SCHEDULE

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. Thai	Jose Anibal Lainez †
12:30 PM	Fr. Andrew	Betty Valentin†
Monday, November 20, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	John Baptist Hoang †
Tuesday, November 21, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Elena & Jose Alatorre †
Wednesday, November 22, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Cecilia Ancheta † Elena & Jose Alatorre †
Thursday, November 23, 2017 —Thanksgiving—		
9:00 AM	Fr. Thai	Missionary Sisters of St. Columban: Blessings Received
Friday, November 24, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Eduvigis Gonzalez † Donato Camodag †
Saturday, November 25, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Parishioners of STM
4:00PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Dan	Patrick Yiu † Robert Kirin †
Sunday, November 26, 2017		
7:30 AM	Fr. O'Neill	Anna Ly Tran †
9:00 AM	Fr. Thai	Domingo R. Santos † Honorio Manalang Jr. †
10:45 AM	Fr. Thai	Rafael Garcia Jr. † & Juana Yllescas †
12:30 PM	Fr. Donovan	Isaiah Gutierrez †

Please Pray for the Sick

Fr. Jeremiah O'Neill

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

Pray for the Dead

Josephine Barrera	Jose Anibal Lainez
Mercedes Bicad	Clare Ryan
Frank Bush	Cornelio Sanga Sr.
Maria Endara	Solomon Ylma



Hello!

I want to express my gratitude to the volunteers and staff members who had spent the past few months planning and putting together the Christmas Boutique that brought people together last Sunday. I also thank everyone who participated without hesitation – with energy, actions, words, contributions, and prayers – you made our parish Christmas Boutique successful! May God bless you for your generosity to His Church!

Using one's talent wisely will increase the abundances in life is echoed in today's Gospel. The Gospel comes to us with the parable of the talents, which illustrates two servants, upon receiving their talents, immediately traded and multiplied their profits. The third servant, however, hid his talents and, as a result, made no profit.

What is talent and how can we increase it? In short, *talent* is our own self. Everything that makes us human—our physical, intellectual, and spiritual components. Our own being is a gift from God that enables us to perceive what is right, wrong, good, or bad. Talents allow us to respond to His gifts through our thoughts and actions. True talented inheritors will instantly acknowledge their inner potentials and strengths instilled by God's love. They willingly share their talents as they journey through all stages of earthly life, from beginning to end. Indeed, that is the principle life—to develop and grow over time. We cannot passively remain at one stage of life forever. Therefore, our talents need to grow and multiply as well. We do not need to do big things, only simple words, actions, and gesture. For example, participating the faith community and the Eucharist. This is the simple approach used by the two servants who doubled their talents in today's Gospel.

However, there is a problem with the third servant who received one talent and did not know what to do with it. Here we can see the difference—he was thinking only of himself. He was scared to make mistakes or to be criticized by others. Maybe he had an arrogant mentality or was just lazy. Thus, he hides out of fear, entitlement, and resentment. He was struck! As a result, no good deeds were done, and his talents did not grow.

Most of the time things do not happen by accident. Imagine you go to an ATM to withdraw some money. First, you must put money into your account. Later, you insert your card and pin number. Then you enter the amount of cash you want to get. The cash will come out of the machine. Similarly, if we use our talent wisely, God will find the way to reward us. Whereas if we do not put in time, love, and wisdom, we will not get anything back!

Today's parable shows us two significant aspects that we should embrace in life—the gift and giver. That is, God has gifted us with life. He invites us to show our willingness to glorify His name through words and deeds. The first two servants recognized and benefited from this connection between the gift and giver. The third servant, however, did not learn to appreciate God's gift because of personal fear, entitlement, or resentment. When we use our talents to help others, we not only feel a sense of satisfying peaceful fulfillment in life, but we also multiply God's talents for us.

God bless!

Fr. Thai

¡Hola!

Quiero expresar mi gratitud a los voluntarios y miembros del personal que han pasado los últimos meses planificando y organizando la Navidad. También agradezco a todos los que participaron sin vacilar, con energía, acciones, palabras, contribuciones y oraciones. ¡Hicieron que nuestra boutique de Navidad de la parroquia fuera exitosa! ¡Que Dios te bendiga por tu generosidad hacia su Iglesia!

Usar el talento de uno sabiamente aumentará las abundancias en la vida se hace eco en el Evangelio de hoy. El Evangelio nos llega con las parábolas de los talentos, que representan a dos siervos, según sus talentos, intercambiaron de inmediato y multiplicaron sus ganancias. El tercer sirviente, sin embargo, no importa.

¿Qué es? En resumen, el talento es nuestro propio yo. Todo lo que nos hace humanos: nuestros componentes físicos, intelectuales y espirituales. Es un gran placer tener un regalo de Dios. Los talentos nos permiten responder a nuestros pensamientos y acciones. Los verdaderos herederos talentosos reconocerán instantáneamente sus potenciales internos y fortalezas inculcados por el amor de Dios. Ellos voluntariamente comparten sus talentos a medida que viajan a través de todas las etapas de la vida terrenal, de principio a fin. De hecho, ese es el principio de la vida para desarrollarse y crecer con el tiempo. No podemos permanecer pasivamente en una etapa de la vida para siempre. Por lo tanto, nuestros talentos necesitan crecer y multiplicarse también. No necesitamos hacer grandes cosas, solo palabras simples, acciones y gestos. Por ejemplo, participando en la comunidad de fe y la Eucaristía. Este es el enfoque simple utilizado por los dos siervos que duplicaron sus talentos en el Evangelio de hoy.

Sin embargo, hay un problema con el tercer servidor que recibió un talento y no supo qué hacer con él. Aquí podemos ver la diferencia, solo pensaba en sí mismo. Tenía miedo de cometer errores o de ser criticado por otros. Tal vez tenía una mentalidad arrogante o simplemente era flojo. Por lo tanto, se esconde del miedo, el derecho y el resentimiento. ¡Él fue golpeado! Como resultado, no se hicieron buenas obras, y sus talentos no crecieron.

La mayoría de las veces las cosas no ocurren por accidente. Imagine que va a un cajero automático para retirar algo de dinero. Primero, debe ingresar dinero en su cuenta. Más tarde, inserta su número de tarjeta y pin. Luego obtienes la cantidad de efectivo que deseas obtener. El efectivo saldrá de la máquina. Por ejemplo, si usamos nuestro talento sabiamente, Dios encontrará el camino para recompensarnos. Mientras que si no ponemos tiempo, amor y sabiduría, ¡no recuperaremos nada!

La parábola de hoy nos muestra dos aspectos importantes que debemos abrazar en la vida: el don y el dador. Es decir, Dios nos ha dotado de vida. Él nos invita a mostrar nuestra voluntad de glorificar. Los primeros dos servidores son reconocidos y se benefician de esta conexión entre el don y el dador. El tercer siervo, sin embargo, no aprendió a apreciar el regalo de Dios debido al temor personal, el derecho o el resentimiento. Cuando usamos nuestros talentos para ayudar a los demás, solo sentimos una sensación de satisfacción pacífica en la vida, pero también multiplicamos los talentos de Dios para nosotros.

Dios los bendiga!

P. Thai