

St. Thomas More Church

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Sunday, December 31st 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 — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14) or *Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3.*

Psalms — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) or *Psalm 105.*

Second Reading — Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) or *Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19.*

Gospel — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Thursday:	1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Friday:	1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Los que honran a sus padres recibirán bendiciones y pagarán sus pecados (Siracide 3:3-7, 14-17) o *Génesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3.*

Salmo — ¡Dichoso el que teme al Señor, y sigue sus caminos!
(Salmo 128 [127]) o *Salmo 105 (104).*

Segunda lectura — Vivan una vida de amor sincero, sean agradecidos, hagan todo en el nombre del Señor Jesús (Colosenses 3:12-21) o *Hebreos 11:8, 11-12, 17-19.*

Evangelio — María y José llevan a Jesús al templo para consagrarlo al Señor (Lucas 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Nm 6:22-27; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lc 2:16-21
Martes:	1 Jn 2:22-28; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Miércoles:	1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Sal 98 (97):1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Jueves:	1 Jn 3:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Viernes:	1 Jn 3:11-21; Sal 100 (99):1b-5; Lc 4:14-22a
Sábado:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Sal 147:12-15, 19-20; Mc 1:7-11 o Lc 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
Domingo:	Is 60:1-6; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Ef 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Sunday Breakfast

No Breakfast this Sunday

**Please Join Us
After the Holidays**

Happy New Year

Blanket & Jacket Drive

-and-

“What Were They Thinking?” Box

When: Sunday January 7, 2018 after all masses

Where: Hall

Mission Circle will be collecting new/used blankets, jackets, neck scarves, socks, etc. in useable condition for the needy. So if you got a new one for Christmas please bring your old for our **“I GOT A NEW ONE”** box. There will be a **“WHAT WERE THEY THINKING?”** box to collect unwanted Christmas gifts or extras that would be of use to people in shelters or that they might enjoy.

Thank you for your Support!

STM Youth Ministry and Confirmation

needs your help! We are seeking donors to help with the cost of our Steubenville conference. During the weekend conference, teens will enjoy workshops, mass, praise and worship and adoration. It is a great way for teens to develop in their relationships with God while connecting with the teens their own age. The cost is \$250 per teen, which includes transportation, board, meals and the conference fee. No donation is too big or too small.

There will be a second collection **January 6 & 7** to help raise funds for teens to attend this conference.

For more information call the Youth Office at
(626)284-8333 Ex. 135



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The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



And over all these put on love Col 3:14

Collections for 12/24/17-12/25/17

	Sunday	Christmas
Christmas Eve 4 PM		\$1,564.00
Christmas Eve 10 PM		\$1,200.00
5:00 PM	\$716.00	
7:30 AM	\$1,121.00	\$697.00
9:00 AM	\$1,018.00	\$734.00
10:45 AM	\$648.00	\$517.00
12:30 PM	\$924.00	\$1,102.00
By mail/online	\$618.00	
Bldg Fund	\$355.00	
Christmas envelopes	\$1,539.00	
Christmas flowers	\$180.00	
Total	\$7,119.00	\$5,814.00

CURRENT EVENTS

Saturday, December 30, 2017		
6:00PM	No Confirmation Class	Church
Sunday, December 31, 2017		
8AM -2PM	No Breakfast	Hall
10:00AM	No Religious Education Class	School
Monday, January 01, 2018 - New Year - Rectory Closed		
Tuesday, January 02, 2018		
9AM - 9:30AM	Our Lady of Wisdom Prayer Group	Church
7:00PM	Grupo de Oracion	Ministry Center
7:45pm	English Choir Practice	Church
Wednesday, January 03, 2018		
9AM - 9:30AM	Mother of Perpetual Help Novena	Church
7:00PM	Bible Study	Ministry Center
Thursday, January 04, 2018		
8:00PM	Spanish Choir Practice	Church
Friday, January 05, 2018		
9AM - 1PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
Saturday, January 06, 2018		
6:00PM	Confirmation Class	Church
Sunday, January 07, 2018		
8AM -2PM	Breakfast	Hall
10:00AM	Religious Education Class	School

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 30, 2017		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Woody Chan: Healing
4:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Patrick Yiu† Missionary Sisters of St. Columban: Blessings
Sunday, December 31, 2017		
7:30 AM	Fr. Dan	Peter Sing Nguyen†
9:00 AM	Fr. O'Neill	Joseph Campanella† Mary Anne Odegard†
10:45 AM	Fr. Randall	Christina Koontz: Birthday
12:30 PM	Fr. O'Neill	Andrew and Lillian Johnson Family
Monday, January 01, 2018		
7:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Joseph Campanella†
Tuesday, January 02, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Andrew	Jerry Lemire†
Wednesday, January 03, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Samantha Page Blackwood†
Thursday, January 04, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Donovan	Parishioners of STM
Friday, January 05, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Fr. Thai Le and Family
Saturday, January 06, 2018		
8:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
4:00 PM	Fr. Thai	Confessions
5:00 PM	Fr. Donovan	Patrick Yiu† Dean Smith†
Sunday, January 07, 2018		
7:30 AM	Fr. Thai	Peter Sing Nguyen† Loretta Lombardo†
9:00 AM	Fr. Andrew	Mary Keffer †
10:45 AM	Fr. Thai	Parishioners of STM
12:30 PM	Fr. Andrew	Olivia Organista†

Please Pray for the Sick

Fr. Jeremiah O'Neill

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

Pray for the Dead

Anita Alderate	Francisco Luevano
Joseph Campanella	Christine Magdaleno
Alfonso Garcia	Mary Anne Odegard
Mary A. Keffer	Edward Slanina



Hello!

Have Happy New Year to you and your family! I wish you a blessed and prosperous year!

A week after Christmas Celebration, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family of Mary, Jesus, and Joseph. The story of Christmas Night tells us that the Holy Family had to leave Nazareth and travel to Bethlehem while Mary was pregnant. When it was time for Mary to give birth, the family could not find a proper place, for no owner of any house, wanted to welcome them! She gave birth to the Son out in the field. Then when Jesus was just one year old, the Holy Family had to escape to Egypt. As we continue to read the story of the Holy Family, we learn there were unexpected people, events, and dilemmas along their journey. However, they stayed intact as they endured life's events.

God became man in the Holy Family of Mary, Jesus, and Joseph. Hence, we can see the true value of love in the family that God invites us to follow. *True love* among spouses and children is essential for marriage, life, and development. True love of parents is constantly nurtured and manifested through parents' words and actions; parents place the needs of their children and family before their own. The way we positively interact with one another through love, sympathy, forgiveness, collaboration, emotion, kindness, and other positive virtues; brings a sense of peace and confidence for children. They observe, memorize, and carry these virtues with them everywhere they go! Children's success depends upon how well their parents prepare them now.

Good families know crisis, confusion, challenges, sickness, sadness, joy, and hope are part of family life. They know they will encounter rough temptations and events. They know no challenges can be stronger than God's love and blessings for them. Despite the trials the Holy Family faces, they pull through together; they did not blame each other or others. Instead, the Holy Family faced the challenges and worked them out together for the sake of all members. After all, the Holy Family invited God into their lives in good times and bad!

We should build our families upon the foundation of God's wisdom and strengths through daily prayers and devotions. We need to invite God into our family always and everywhere. Daily, we need to begin with asking God to bless us as we perform our tasks and interact with people during the day. We want to make sure our families will never journey through life without God's presence. Thus, when faced with the unwanted events in family life, we will have God as the source of wisdom for our solutions. The Holy Family embraced God along their journey, no matter how far they were away from their homeland. They never felt lonely because God was there to guide them.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, Mary, Jesus, and Joseph, we honor their love and commitment to each other. They were filled with God's blessings because of their faith. They did not give up when faced with life's challenges. They are a great model for all married couples to follow. We entrust ourselves and our families to God. We invite Him to guide and bless us when faced with the storms of life. Then our family will also be called a "holy family," for we have weathered the challenges and temptations of life through God's blessings and love.

God bless!

Fr. Thai

¡Hola!

¡Feliz año nuevo para ti y tu familia! ¡Te deseo un año bendito y próspero!

Una semana después de la celebración de Navidad, la Iglesia celebra la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de María, Jesús y José. La historia de la Nochebuena nos dice que la Sagrada Familia tuvo que abandonar Nazaret y viajar a Belén mientras Mary estaba embarazada. Fue un gran lugar para quedarse. Me gustaría darle las gracias por su apoyo. Ella dio a luz al último en el campo. Entonces, cuando Jesús tenía solo un año, la Sagrada Familia tuvo que escapar a Egipto. A medida que continuamos leyendo la historia de la Sagrada Familia, aprendemos que hay gente inesperada, eventos y dilemas a lo largo de su viaje. Sin embargo, permanecieron intactos mientras soportaban los eventos de la vida.

Dios se convirtió en la Sagrada Familia de María, Jesús y José. Por lo tanto, podemos ver el verdadero valor del amor en la familia que Dios nos invita a seguir. El verdadero amor entre cónyuges e hijos es esencial para el matrimonio, la vida y el desarrollo. El verdadero amor de los padres se nutre y se manifiesta constantemente a través de las palabras y acciones de los padres; los padres colocan las necesidades de sus hijos y familiares antes que las suyas. La forma en que interactuamos positivamente con los demás a través del amor, la simpatía, el perdón, la colaboración, la emoción, la bondad y otras virtudes positivas; Trae una sensación de paz y confianza para los niños. ¡Observan, memorizan y llevan estas virtudes con ellos a donde quiera que vayan! El éxito de los niños depende de qué tan bien sus padres los preparen ahora.

Las buenas familias saben que la crisis, la confusión, los desafíos, la enfermedad, la tristeza, la alegría y la esperanza son parte de la vida familiar. Saben que enfrentarán tentaciones y eventos difíciles. Saben que nadie puede ser más fuerte que el amor y las bendiciones de Dios para ellos. A pesar de las pruebas a las que se enfrenta la Sagrada Familia, lo hacen juntos; no se culparon el uno al otro ni a otros. En cambio, la Sagrada Familia enfrentó los desafíos y los resolvió juntos por el bien de todos los miembros. ¡Después de todo, la Sagrada Familia invitó a Dios a sus vidas en los buenos y en los malos tiempos!

Debemos construir nuestras familias sobre la base de la sabiduría y fortalezas de Dios a través de oraciones y devociones diarias. Necesitamos invitar a Dios a nuestra familia siempre y en todas partes. Diariamente, debemos comenzar pidiéndole a Dios que nos bendiga mientras realizamos nuestras tareas e interactuamos con las personas durante el día. Queremos asegurarnos de que nuestras familias nunca viajen por la vida sin la presencia de Dios. Por lo tanto, cuando nos enfrentemos con los eventos no deseados en la vida familiar, tendremos a Dios como fuente de sabiduría para nuestras soluciones. La Sagrada Familia abrazó su viaje, sin importar cuán lejos estaban de su tierra natal. Nunca se sintieron solos porque Dios estaba allí para guiarlos.

Al celebrar la Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia, María, Jesús y José, honramos su amor y compromiso mutuo. Ellos fueron llenos de las bendiciones de Dios debido a su fe. No se dieron por vencidos cuando enfrentaron los desafíos de la vida. Son un gran modelo para parejas casadas a seguir. Nos confiamos a nosotros mismos y a nuestras familias a Dios. Lo invitamos a que nos guíe y bendiga cuando nos enfrentemos a las tormentas de la vida. Entonces a nuestra familia también se la llamará "familia santa", ya que hemos sobrellevado los desafíos y las tentaciones de la vida a través de las bendiciones y el amor de Dios.

Dios los bendiga!

P. Thai