

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 2, 2020



COVID-19 SCHEDULES

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REQUIRED

SOCIAL DISTANCING AND SAFE PRACTICES

Parish facilities are closed until further notice

Attend Mass online at stmccatholicalhambra.org

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ALL EVENTS ARE CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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for more information and updates.

PARISH OFFICE (RECTORY) HOURS

Monday-Friday	8 AM to 5 PM	**Closed to the Public**
Saturday	Closed	Office hours are for staffing only, for responding to emails, and
Sunday	Closed	answering phone calls.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All you who thirst, come to the water! You without money, come to the feast! (Isaiah 55:1-3).

Psalm — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ (Romans 8:35, 37-39).

Gospel — All ate until satisfied; they collected twelve baskets of what was left over (Matthew 14:13-21).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — A ver ustedes, que andan con sed, ¡vengan a tomar agua! (Isaías 55:1-3).

Salmo — La mano del Señor nos alimenta; responde a todas nuestras necesidades (Salmo 145 [144]).

Segunda lectura — Nada podrá apartarnos del amor de Dios que encontramos en Cristo Jesús (Romanos 8:35, 37-39).

Evangelio — Todos comieron hasta saciarse (Mateo 14:13-21).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Jer 28:1-17; Sal 119 (118):29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:22-36

Martes: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Sal 102 (101):16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 o Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Miércoles: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28

Jueves: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Sal 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pe 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Viernes: Nah 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28

Sábado: Heb 1:12 — 2:4; Sal 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20

Domingo: 1 Re 19:9a, 11-13a; Sal 85 (84):9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33



Thus says the Lord:
All you who are thirsty, come to the water!
You who have no money,
come, receive grain and eat;
Come, without paying and without cost,
drink wine and milk!

Isaiah 55:1

St. Thomas More Eucharistic Celebrations

OUTDOOR PARKING LOT MASSES

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT THE STM
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OUTDOOR/PARKING LOT MASSES

Due to recent outbreaks, STM will be holding masses in the south (big) parking lot. The church is closed for all masses, but will remain open for confessions on Saturdays.

REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES

Follow all traffic directions for everyone's safety. Remain in your cars. Holy Communion will be distributed after mass at the exits from the parking lot. Please do not attend if you have any flu-like or COVID-19 symptoms, or have tested positive for COVID-19. You also must be healthy enough to wear a face covering for a prolonged period of time. Face coverings are required when receiving Holy Communion by hand.

REMAIN IN YOUR CAR

For safety reasons, we are asking everyone to remain in their vehicles before, during, and after services. If you must leave your car, do so safely: Watch for traffic, wear a face mask, maintain social distancing, and disinfect your hands.

COVID-19 RISKS

COVID-19 (Coronavirus, 2019) is a severe and contagious illness that is potentially deadly. Participating in any public gathering increases your risk of contracting or transmitting COVID-19.

Attending mass is voluntary and a personal decision. The Los Angeles Archdiocese has a special Eucharist dispensation in place (you may pray in place of receiving Holy Communion) and masses may be viewed online.



COVID-19 RISKS, continued

St. Thomas More has taken reasonable precautions to keep everyone safe while offering services. However, St. Thomas More cannot accept responsibility for your personal choice to attend mass. Please consider the risks, your health, and alternatives before attending.

HOLY COMMUNION

After mass, staff and volunteers will direct each vehicle to leave the parking lot. On exiting the parking lot, the priest and Eucharistic Ministers will distribute Holy Communion by hand only (not on the tongue). Please wear a face mask when receiving Holy Communion. Take a moment to safely consume the Holy Communion. Do **not** drive while consuming the Holy Communion. Afterwards, please leave immediately so others may also receive Holy Communion.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION, HELP,
AND LOVE FOR THE STM PARISH COMMUNITY**

Thank you!

Collections for 7/26/20

	Envelopes	Loose	Total
8:00 AM	\$550.00	\$107.00	\$657.00
9:15 AM	\$720.00	\$247.00	\$967.00
10:30 AM	\$93.00	\$227.00	\$320.00
By Mail and Online	\$1,825.00		\$1,825.00
Building Fund	\$455.00		\$455.00
Special Projects	\$30.00		\$30.00
Altar Society	\$10.00		\$10.00
Air Conditioning	\$110.00		\$110.00
School Support	\$25.00		\$25.00
	\$3,818.00	\$581.00	\$4,399.00

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Hello!

This week, the people of Japan commemorate the 75th Anniversary of their losses: On August 6, 1945, the United States dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, and three days later – on Nagasaki. Two atomic bombs obliterated the cities, thousands of human lives lost, and leveled buildings. The country was devastated by loss, death, suffering, pain, fear, and confusion. However, instead of reliving their suffering or retaliating, they reached out for assistance and goodwill to help their citizens. Japan rebuilt their country. In fact, in 1953, Japan exported its first automobile to the world! How could they do that? You may not know this fact, but the word for “*crisis*” in Japanese is synonymous with their word for “*opportunity*.”

Today, the world is in crisis, which bombards our daily activities. We hear news reports about Covid-19 every hour! Jesus, in today’s gospel, faces a personal crisis when his cousin, John the Baptist, dies. His disciples fear a catastrophe when they face the multitudes of people gathered to be with Jesus. Not knowing what to do and fearing the worse, the disciples decide to send the people away to fend for themselves. Focusing on their trepidation and limitations, they fail to recognize Jesus in their midst.

Jesus, however, looks at the situation differently. He wants the people to remain with him knowing His presence, and words strengthen their lives. When we come to Jesus with a sincere heart presenting our problems and concerns, he will transform them with peace and confidence. On the contrary, if we come to him with a mindset of arrogance or manipulation, we will remain as we were.

When faced with life’s crisis, things that we are not prepared to fill us with confusion and anxiety. Recently, the Covid-19 crisis and other traumatic events are beyond our capacity to control. The virus threatens not only our lives but our way of life, forcing us to change our priorities. If you already planned a family gathering this summer, you likely now have a different plan. Your new plan is the safety of your family. Your children will not return to the classrooms this fall semester. We now attend mass and receive the Eucharist in a parking lot! Throughout the ages, there are always difficulties because we are fragile.

Crisis reveals that we cannot control everything, and to some extent – even ourselves. Yet, we can control some of the details. If we turn to our spiritual life and allow Jesus to touch our fears, frustrations, and anxiety, every crisis becomes a good opportunity, a new way to handle old dilemmas. With Jesus, instead of complaining to others for our problems, we can start with some new ideas and good habits that bring us closer to our loved ones and God.

Very much like the first disciples, we veer towards people who are comfortable and easy to interact with; we choose simple and easy circumstances. We tend to measure others according to their appearance, affluence, charm, talent, readiness, or prominence. Nonetheless, Jesus sees our brokenness and limitations and bestows upon us an abundance of joy and peace. On that day, Jesus fed more than five thousand people, and he ordered the disciples to collect the *left-over fragments*. Here we can see that Jesus misses nothing: *All* our pain and suffering will be collected and carried by Jesus.

A time of crisis can be an opportunity to expand our inner potential and grow in our faith and love for God and others. Let us take time to turn to our Lord in the Eucharist and present ourselves humbly as we truly are and ask him to bless and transform us as he did the crowd recorded in today’s gospel.

God bless!

Fr. Thai Le

¡Hola!

Esta semana, el pueblo de Japón conmemora el 75 aniversario de sus pérdidas: el 6 de agosto de 1945, Estados Unidos lanzó la primera bomba atómica sobre Hiroshima y tres días después, sobre Nagasaki. Dos bombas atómicas destruyeron las ciudades, perdieron miles de vidas humanas y arrasaron edificios. El país fue devastado por la pérdida, la muerte, el sufrimiento, el dolor, el miedo y la confusión. Sin embargo, en lugar de revivir su sufrimiento o tomar represalias, buscaron ayuda y buena voluntad para ayudar a sus ciudadanos. Japón reconstruyó su país. De hecho, en 1953, ¡Japón exportó su primer automóvil al mundo! ¿Cómo pudieron hacer eso? Es posible que no conozca este hecho, pero la palabra "crisis" en japonés es sinónimo de su palabra "oportunidad".

Hoy, el mundo está en crisis, lo que bombardea nuestras actividades diarias. ¡Escuchamos informes de noticias sobre Covid-19 cada hora! Jesús, en el evangelio de hoy, enfrenta una crisis personal cuando su primo, Juan el Bautista, muere. Sus discípulos temen una catástrofe cuando se enfrentan a las multitudes de personas reunidas para estar con Jesús. Sin saber qué hacer y temiendo lo peor, los discípulos deciden enviar a la gente para que se las arreglen solos. Centrándose en su temor y limitaciones, no reconocen a Jesús en medio de ellos.

Jesús, sin embargo, mira la situación de manera diferente. Él quiere que la gente permanezca con él conociendo su presencia, y las palabras fortalecen sus vidas. Cuando venimos a Jesús con un corazón sincero que presenta nuestros problemas y preocupaciones, él los transformará con paz y confianza. Por el contrario, si nos acercamos a él con una mentalidad de arrogancia o manipulación, nos quedaremos como estábamos.

Cuando nos enfrentamos a la crisis de la vida, cosas que no estamos preparados para llenarnos de confusión y ansiedad. Recientemente, la crisis de Covid-19 y otros eventos traumáticos están más allá de nuestra capacidad de control. El virus amenaza no solo nuestras vidas sino también nuestra forma de vida, obligándonos a cambiar nuestras prioridades. Si ya planeó una reunión familiar este verano, es probable que ahora tenga un plan diferente. Su nuevo plan es la seguridad de su familia. Sus hijos no volverán a las aulas este semestre de otoño. ¡Ahora asistimos a misa y recibimos la Eucaristía en un estacionamiento! A lo largo de los siglos, siempre hay dificultades porque somos frágiles.

La crisis revela que no podemos controlar todo, y hasta cierto punto, incluso a nosotros mismos. Sin embargo, podemos controlar algunos de los detalles. Si recurrimos a nuestra vida espiritual y permitimos que Jesús toque nuestros miedos, frustraciones y ansiedad, cada crisis se convierte en una buena oportunidad, una nueva forma de manejar viejos dilemas. Con Jesús, en lugar de quejarnos con otros por nuestros problemas, podemos comenzar con algunas ideas nuevas y buenos hábitos que nos acercan a nuestros seres queridos y a Dios.

Al igual que los primeros discípulos, nos dirigimos hacia personas que son cómodas y fáciles de interactuar; Elegimos circunstancias simples y fáciles. Tendemos a medir a los demás de acuerdo con su apariencia, riqueza, encanto, talento, preparación o prominencia. No obstante, Jesús ve nuestro quebrantamiento y nuestras limitaciones y nos otorga una abundancia de gozo y paz. Ese día, Jesús alimentó a más de cinco mil personas, y ordenó a los discípulos que recogieran los fragmentos sobrantes. Aquí podemos ver que Jesús no se pierde nada: todo nuestro dolor y sufrimiento serán recogidos y llevados por Jesús.

Un momento de crisis puede ser una oportunidad para expandir nuestro potencial interno y crecer en nuestra fe y amor por Dios y los demás. Tomemos el tiempo para volvernos a nuestro Señor en la Eucaristía y presentarnos humildemente como realmente somos y pedirle que nos bendiga y nos transforme como lo hizo la multitud registrada en el evangelio de hoy.

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai Le

MASS SCHEDULE and INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 01, 2020

8:30 AM No Mass

4:00 PM **Confessions**

5:00 PM No Mass Patrick Yiu† Lynn Sue Chang† Peter Sinh Nguyen†

Sunday, August 02, 2020

8:00 AM Fr. Andrew Peter Nguyen† Teresa Phan†

9:15 AM Fr. Thai Lala Chavez† Lynn Sue Chang†

10:30 AM Fr. Thai Julietta Reta† Mariano Cimat Jr.† Roman Covarrubias: Healing

12:30 PM No Mass

Monday, August 03, 2020

8:30 AM No Mass Ignacio A. Yanez† Peter Sinh Nguyen†

Tuesday, August 04, 2020

8:30 AM No Mass Lynn Sue Chang†

Wednesday, August 05, 2020

8:30 AM No Mass Marcela Amaru†

Thursday, August 06, 2020

8:30 AM No Mass Jose Padilla†

Friday, August 07, 2020

8:00 AM Fr. Andrew Fr. Yhai Le and Family

Saturday, August 08, 2020

8:30 AM No Mass

4:00 PM **Confessions**

5:00 PM No Mass Patrick Yiu†

Sunday, August 09, 2020

8:00 AM Fr. Andrew Teresa Phan† Mariano Cimat Jr.†

9:15 AM Fr. Thai Rivardo Gutierrez† Yu Po Lin†

10:30 AM Fr. Thai Rafael Garcia Sr.†, Conchita Maravel†

12:30 PM No Mass

PARISH CHURCH CLOSED

Mass will be celebrated outdoors at the Church's big parking lot.

Confessions

- **Saturday 4:00 pm (in the church)**

Masses

- **Friday 8:00 am**
- **Sunday 8:00 am & 9:15 am in English**
- **Sunday 10:30 am in Spanish**

- Please remain inside your cars
- The Priest and Ministers will distribute Holy Communion at the parking lot exits

Please visit the STM website for more information.

God Bless!

Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 14 at 5:30 PM

Please Pray for the Sick

Fr. Jeremiah O'Neill

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| A Lucia Adame | L Anna Lovoy |
| Mary Louise Aluzzi | M Christopher Maimone |
| Elias Alvarez | Danilo Magsino |
| Francis Araiza | Ruben Magsino |
| Noreen Arroyo | Ariana Alonso Morales |
| Kelly Artozgui | Bertha Moreno |
| George Astacio | Fred Maroon |
| Rosa Astacio | Felipe Martinez |
| Brianna Ayestas | Jean Miceli |
| B Aletha Bailey | Arianne Miller |
| Carla Baker | Cheryl Morten |
| Michele Baker | Betty Murray |
| Harlene Breau | N Gloria Natividad |
| Steven Brown | Mario Nieto |
| Tod and Rose Marie Brown | John Ng |
| C Rita Campanella | P Arcadio Pablo |
| Celia Carmona | Alebert Pelaez |
| Erik M. Casillas | Fernando Parra |
| Daniel Cerpa | Ernestina Placencia |
| Joan Cervantes | R Virginia Reyes |
| Patricia Cisneros | Cheryl Ann Reynoso |
| Leah Grace Cisneros | Salvador Reynoso |
| Roman Covarrubias | Laura Rico |
| Rosalba Covarrubias | Francisco Rios |
| Catalina Cruz | Armando Rivera |
| Mary Louise Cruz | Domenic Rizzi |
| D Julio Diaz | Mike Romano |
| Do Duong | S Mason Saldaña |
| Jesus M. Dulay | Francisco Sanchez |
| E Jan Edwards | Dylan Silva |
| F Donna Finocchio | Nicole Smith |
| Louis Finocchio | Lilian Smitter |
| Daniel Fuentes | Connie Sotelo |
| G Ramona Garcia | Angie Stockwell |
| Daniel Gonzalez | T Mike Teong |
| Carolina Guzman | Jennies Tiu |
| I Francisco Ibarra | V Romeo Villafranca |
| J Gary Jones | Ricardo & Felicidad Villegas |
| K Erin Kametani | Therese Huyen-Duong Thi Vu |
| L Adolphes Lages | W Terry Wilson |
| Minoy Lee | Janny Wong |
| Andrea Leija | Jennifer Wong |
| Gudalio Lim | Maria Wong Vasquez |
| David Lindsey | Z Christine Zampese |

Pray for the Dead

Lynn Sue Chang
Mariano Cimat Jr.
Simon Darenbourg
Efren Moreno

Paz Peña
Julietta Reta
Mary Rodriguez
Jovencio Ensestan Tayko