

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, August 9, 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
or [facebook.com/lacatholics](https://www.facebook.com/lacatholics).

ALL EVENTS ARE CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Visit our website at stmccatholicalhambra.org
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 — The LORD said to Elijah: "Stand on the mountain; the LORD will be passing by" (1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — To the Israelites belong the covenants, the law, and the patriarchs; and from them comes the Christ (Romans 9:1-5).

Gospel — As Jesus walked on the sea, the disciples were terrified (Matthew 14:22-33).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131;
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-6; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 - 19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 [59-63]; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6;
Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: **Vigil:** 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10,
13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32;
Mt 15:21-28

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Sal fuera y ponte de pie en el cerro ante el Señor (1 Reyes 19:9a, 11-13a).

Salmo — Señor, muéstranos tu bondad, y danos tu salvación (Salmo 85 [84]).

Segunda lectura — Por la raza y según la carne, también Cristo es uno de los israelitas, quien como Dios, está por encima de todo (Romanos 9:1-5).

Evangelio — Señor, si eres tú, manda que yo llegue hasta ti caminando sobre el agua (Mateo 14:22-33).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Sal 112 (111):1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Martes: Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Sal 119 (118):14, 24, 72, 103,
111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Miércoles: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Sal 113 (112):1-6; Mt 18:15-20

Jueves: Ez 12:1-12; Sal 78 (77):56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1

Viernes: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 [59-63]; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12

Sábado: **Vigilia:** 1 Cr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Sal 132 (131):6-7, 9-10,
13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lc 11:27-28
Día: Ap 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Sal 45 (44):10-12, 16; 1
Cor 15:20-27; Lc 1:39-56

Domingo: Is 56:1, 6-7; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32;
Mt 15:21-28

Kindness

and truth shall meet;

justice and peace shall kiss.

Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.

Psalm 85:11-12



St. Thomas More Eucharistic Celebrations

OUTDOOR PARKING LOT MASSES

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT THE STM
WEBSITE AT: stm.catholicalhambra.org

OUTDOOR/PARKING LOT MASSES

Due to recent outbreaks, STM will be holding masses in the south (large) 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 are expected to self-quarantine. 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 8/2/20

	Envelopes	Loose	Total
8:00 AM	\$539.00	\$176.00	\$715.00
9:15 AM	\$730.00	\$120.00	\$850.00
10:30 AM	\$400.00	\$133.00	\$533.00
By Mail and Online	\$2,050.00		\$2,050.00
Building Fund	\$840.00		\$840.00
Special Projects	\$25.00		\$25.00
Altar Society	\$135.00		\$135.00
Air Conditioning	\$20.00		\$20.00
School Support	\$15.00		\$15.00
	\$4,754.00	\$429.00	\$5,183.00

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Hello!

Imagine taking a cruise ship during the summer for vacation. When the ship docks at a port, you would go out to explore the location and its people, culture, history, and food while sightseeing and participating in activities. However, what if you were afraid to leave the ship? If you choose to remain on the ship and in your cabin, you will certainly miss a lot.

Today's readings illustrate a similar theme of adventure. The first reading tells the story of the prophet Elijah facing a hurricane, an earthquake, and a fire. However, his reactions are worthy of admiration: Instead of allowing these external cataclysms to control his emotions, he relies on his inner wisdom. From the innermost of his soul, he recognizes God's invitation. Such profound trust enables Elijah to balance his thoughts and govern his response, leading him to entrust his life, faith, and confidence to follow Yahweh's will.

As we follow today's gospel reading, we can imagine Peter being menaced like Elijah. Peter, being subjected to the harsh waves and winds of the sea, is in a dreadful and doubting mood. At first, Peter does not recognize Jesus. After a moment, he does recognize Jesus inviting him to get out of a boat and walk to him. Here we can see the wisdom of both men: When faced by unexpected circumstances, they take the time to *discern* between an authentic call from God and a reactive impulse from within.

Sometimes we see our lives from Peter's perspective. Our Lord is passing by every day and inviting us to follow him, to get out of our *boat* to discover something more significant than our beliefs, luxuries, and comfort. At times, we receive invitations that sound more attractive than the voice of Jesus. It is difficult for us to resist those invitations. In comparison, Jesus' call to us may be scary, challenging, or tedious to follow! What would motivate you to choose to *walk out of your boat*?

Our *boat* is the life we have cultivated so far. Maybe a boat is made of fear: We are afraid of many things such as illness, pain, or failure. Perhaps we fear we will expose our weaknesses to others who will exploit our vulnerabilities and take advantage of us. Fear whispers in our ears, telling us, "The boat is safe - don't go out - the water is cold, dangerous, and there is nothing for you there." The *boat* is our way of life—our comfort, safety, beliefs, and routines. When life gets a little stormy, we feel like the *boat* is our refuge. Thus, getting out of our *boat* and into the *storm* can be the hardest thing we do in life! But if we want to walk on water with Jesus, we need to get out of the *boat*.

During this pandemic, some of us cannot come out physically to participate and receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Yet, we can reach out to Jesus through our prayers, reading the Bible, and sharing our blessings with others. Even small words, gestures, and good deeds symbolize leaving the boat to follow His invitation.

As human beings, our instinct is always to achieve more. Thus, we seek adventure and intrepid expeditions. If we listen to discern His invitation, we will have no issue leaving behind the comfort of our routine existence to follow Jesus. In hindsight, recently, I could see many of our parishioners, workers, and volunteers abandon their places of comfort and safety to come and participate in the Eucharist – even during the summer heat!

Whatever type of boat you've built and are comfortable with, you must one day leave and face the storm, winds, and waves of disappointment, fear, sadness, or injustice. Such *storms* can keep you from seeing Jesus and hearing him calling for you to get out and follow him. The prophet Elijah and Peter remained firm in times of intense tribulation because they trusted in God's promises. If the Word of God centers your bedrock, you will rise and *walk out on the water* where Jesus can catch you.

God bless!

Fr. Thai Le

¡Hola!

Imagine tomar un crucero durante las vacaciones de verano. Cuando el barco atraca en un puerto, saldrías a explorar la ubicación y su gente, cultura, historia y comida mientras haces turismo y participas en actividades. Sin embargo, ¿qué pasaría si tuviera miedo de abandonar el barco? Si elige permanecer en el barco y en su cabina, sin duda echará mucho de menos.

Las lecturas de hoy ilustran un tema similar de aventura. La primera lectura cuenta la historia del profeta Elijah frente a un huracán, un terremoto y un incendio. Sin embargo, sus reacciones son dignas de admiración: en lugar de permitir que estos cataclismos externos controlen sus emociones, confía en su sabiduría interna. Desde lo más profundo de su alma, reconoce la invitación de Dios. Tal profunda confianza le permite a Elijah equilibrar sus pensamientos y gobernar su respuesta, lo que lo lleva a confiar su vida, fe y confianza para seguir la voluntad de Yahweh.

Mientras seguimos la lectura del evangelio de hoy, podemos imaginar a Peter siendo amenazado como Elijah. Peter, sometido a las fuertes olas y los vientos del mar, está de un humor terrible y dudoso. Al principio, Pedro no reconoce a Jesús. Después de un momento, reconoce a Jesús invitándolo a salir de un bote y caminar hacia él. Aquí podemos ver la sabiduría de ambos hombres: cuando se enfrentan a circunstancias inesperadas, se toman el tiempo para discernir entre un llamado auténtico de Dios y un impulso reactivo desde adentro.

A veces vemos nuestras vidas desde la perspectiva de Peter. Nuestro Señor pasa todos los días y nos invita a seguirlo, a salir de nuestro bote para descubrir algo más significativo que nuestras creencias, lujos y comodidad. A veces, recibimos invitaciones que suenan más atractivas que la voz de Jesús. Es difícil para nosotros resistir esas invitaciones. ¡En comparación, el llamado de Jesús a nosotros puede ser aterrador, desafiante o tedioso de seguir! ¿Qué te motivaría a elegir salir de tu bote?

Nuestro bote es la vida que hemos cultivado hasta ahora. Tal vez un bote está hecho de miedo: tenemos miedo de muchas cosas, como enfermedades, dolor o fallas. Tal vez tememos exponer nuestras debilidades a otros que explotarán nuestras vulnerabilidades y se aprovecharán de nosotros. El miedo susurra en nuestros oídos, diciéndonos: "El bote está a salvo, no salgas, el agua está fría, es peligrosa y no hay nada para ti allí". El bote es nuestra forma de vida: nuestra comodidad, seguridad, creencias y rutinas. Cuando la vida se torna un poco tormentosa, sentimos que el bote es nuestro refugio. ¡Por lo tanto, salir de nuestro bote y entrar en la tormenta puede ser lo más difícil que hacemos en la vida! Pero si queremos caminar sobre el agua con Jesús, debemos salir del bote.

Durante esta pandemia, algunos de nosotros no podemos salir físicamente para participar y recibir a Jesús en la Eucaristía. Sin embargo, podemos llegar a Jesús a través de nuestras oraciones, leyendo la Biblia y compartiendo nuestras bendiciones con los demás. Incluso pequeñas palabras, gestos y buenas acciones simbolizan salir del bote para seguir su invitación.

Como seres humanos, nuestro instinto es siempre lograr más. Por lo tanto, buscamos aventuras y expediciones intrépidas. Si escuchamos discernir Su invitación, no tendremos ningún problema en dejar atrás la comodidad de nuestra existencia rutinaria para seguir a Jesús. En retrospectiva, recientemente, pude ver a muchos de nuestros feligreses, trabajadores y voluntarios abandonar sus lugares de comodidad y seguridad para venir y participar en la Eucaristía, ¡incluso durante el calor del verano!

Independientemente del tipo de barco que haya construido y con el que se sienta cómodo, un día debe partir y enfrentar la tormenta, los vientos y las olas de decepción, miedo, tristeza o injusticia. Tales tormentas pueden evitar que vea a Jesús y lo escuche llamarle para que salga y lo siga. El profeta Elías y Pedro se mantuvieron firmes en tiempos de intensa tribulación porque confiaban en las promesas de Dios. Si la Palabra de Dios centra tu lecho de roca, te levantarás y caminarás sobre el agua donde Jesús pueda atraparte.

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai Le

MASS SCHEDULE and INTENTIONS

Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 14 at 5:30 PM

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 Cimatú Jr.†
9:15 AM Fr. Thai Rivaldo Gutierrez† Yu Po Lin†
10:30 AM Fr. Thai Rafael Garcia Sr.†, Conchita Maravel†
12:30 PM No Mass

Monday, August 10, 2020

8:30 AM No Mass Antonio Maravel†

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

8:30 AM No Mass Hilario Camodag†

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

8:30 AM No Mass Christian Luspian†

Thursday, August 13, 2020

8:30 AM No Mass Edna Gutierrez: Healing

Friday, August 14, 2020

8:00 AM Fr. Thai Jenny Yiu: Birthday, Georgiana Auyeung: Birthday

Saturday, August 15, 2020

8:30 AM No Mass
4:00 PM Confessions
5:00 PM No Mass Patrick Yiu†

Sunday, August 16, 2020

8:00 AM Fr. Andrew Teresa Phan† Mariano Cimatú Jr.†
9:15 AM Fr. Thai Yu Po Lin† Tina Camodag: Special Intentions
10:30 AM Fr. Thai Juan Garcia†, Hermelinda Nuguip: Special Intentions
12:30 PM No Mass

PARISH CHURCH CLOSED

Mass will be celebrated outdoors at the Church's large 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!

Please Pray for the Sick

Fr. Jeremiah O'Neill

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| A Lucia Adame | M Christopher Maimone |
| Mary Louise Aluzzi | Danilo Magsino |
| Elias Alvarez | Ruben Magsino |
| Francis Araiza | Evelyn Manza |
| 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 |
| L Anna Lovoy | |

Pray for the Dead

Dr. Jason Hwang

Lynn Sue Chang
Mariano Cimatú Jr.
Simon Darenbourg
Efren Moreno

Paz Peña
Julietta Reta
Mary Rodriguez
Jovencio Ensestan Tayko