

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, September 13, 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

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 answering phone calls.
Sunday	Closed	

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TODAY'S READINGS

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First Reading — Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30 — 28:7).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9).

Gospel — Forgive one another from your heart (Matthew 18:21-35).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday:	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday:	1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday:	1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50
Friday:	1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday:	Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — No podemos fomentar el rencor y esperar que se nos perdonen nuestros pecados (Eclesiástico 27:30 — 28:7).

Salmo — El Señor es bondadoso y misericordioso, lento a la ira y rico en compasión (Salmo 103(102)).

Segunda lectura — Ya sea que vivamos o muramos, lo hacemos en Cristo (Romanos 14:7-9).

Evangelio — Jesús dice que debemos perdonar no sólo siete veces sino setenta veces siete veces (Mateo 18:21-35).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Nm 21:4b-9; Sal 78 (77):1-2, 34-38; Flm 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Martes:	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Sal 100 (99):1b-5; Jn 19:25-27 o Lc 2:33-35
Miércoles:	1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Sal 33 (32):2-5, 12, 22; Lc 7:31-35
Jueves:	1 Cor 15:1-11; Sal 118 (117):1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lc 7:36-50
Viernes:	1 Cor 15:12-20; Sal 17 (16):1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lc 8:1-3
Sábado:	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Sal 56 (55):10c-14; Lc 8:4-15
Domingo:	Is 55:6-9; Sal 145 (144):2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Flm 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray,
your own sins will be forgiven.

Sirach 28:2



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St. Thomas More Eucharistic Celebrations

OUTDOOR TENT MASSES



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

Due to COVID-19, STM will be holding masses in a tent between the church and hall. The church will only remain open for confessions on Saturdays.

REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES

Follow all traffic directions for everyone's safety. Please do not attend if you have tested positive, have any symptoms, or are expected to self-quarantine.

Face coverings are required at all times.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Always maintain six-feet distance from others. Member from the same household may sit close together.

MAXIMUM CAPACITY

The tent's capacity of 60 people at any time. There will be some overflow seating available.

COVID-19 RISKS

COVID-19 (Coronavirus, 2019) is a potentially deadly illness. Attending mass is voluntary and a personal decision. St. Thomas More cannot accept responsibility for your personal choice to attend mass. Please consider the risks, your health, and alternatives before attending any public event.

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

Welcome our new Sunday Religious Director!

The future of every child is not merely teaching them how to read and write with evident fluency, but also able to process life's journey with active inner strength. Children who grow in knowledge will never journey alone—Jesus walks with them! With expertise and encouragement, children can know God and grow in His love. A child's wonderful journey can begin here at St. Thomas More Catholic Parish through Sunday Religious Programs.

Understanding the importance of the Catholic faith in the lives and future of children, I entrust Gabriella Ramos with the position of Director of Catechetical Sunday School.

We pray that God's Spirit will guide her as she prepares and introduces Jesus to your children.

God bless!

Fr. Thai Le

I am very excited to begin my new position of Director of Catechetical Sunday School. In the past 14 years I have taught the Catholic faith and shared my love for Christ with students ages 2-18 years old. I served as Assistant Coordinator of Youth Ministry & Confirmation for the past 7 years. With Christ as our center, we will be diving in together into our faith. I look forward to journeying with you all.

God Bless,

Gabriella Ramos

Director of Catechetical Sunday School

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Thank you!

Collections for 9/6/20

	Envelopes	Loose	Total
8:00 AM	\$640.00	\$108.00	\$748.00
9:15 AM	\$435.00	\$388.00	\$823.00
10:30 AM	\$160.00	\$132.00	\$292.00
By Mail and Online	\$1,400.00		\$1,400.00
Building Fund	\$779.00		\$779.00
Special Projects	\$125.00		\$125.00
Altar Society	\$118.00		\$118.00
Airconditioning	\$17.00		\$17.00
School Support	\$13.00		\$13.00
	\$3,687.00	\$628.00	\$4,315.00

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Hello!

Mothers don't itemize what their children *owe* them. Have you ever heard a mother say to her child, "You owe me one hundred gallons of milk, ten thousand gallons of water, two thousand diapers..." True mothers never record all their sacrifices for their children. If you've ever heard of a mother tracking such expenses, you'd probably think it absurd.

All readings today emphasize the notion of *collectiveness*, *mercy*, and *forgiveness*; they also warn the listeners of the consequences for those who refuse to practice such teachings. The gospel portrays two different people: A king and a servant. The king forgives a considerable debt for his servant. Soon after the servant is acquitted, he refuses to forgive a fellow servant who owed him only a small amount. Why could the servant not show mercy as the king did? The answer is that he has written down all the details: The amount, location, time, and reason for the loan.

The parable illustrates only the aspect of forgiveness for earthly materials. What happens when an individual hurts us? Could we be harmed physically, psychologically, or financially and act as if nothing happened? Because of human nature, we sometimes feel forgiving others is impossible. We might think forgiveness is a sign of weakness or gullibility. However, forgiveness is a path leading us away from anger and pain. Forgiveness helps us stop suffering.

When some conflict unsettles our peace of mind, we may draw a line. We are naturally afraid of being hurt or humiliated. When we experience conflict, we may distance ourselves from others we think might harm us.

There is an allegory of a man standing in the middle of the road and stopping cars. He would then measure the height of every person he stopped. If a person were shorter than him, he would stretch the persons' legs out. If the person were taller, he would cut their legs shorter!

We carry similar attitudes through life with us and measure people according to our standards, and then we want them to be more like us. We become stagnant in our willingness to understand the plights of others. Jesus tells us this parable so we can understand the *measurement-systems* we carry around with us.

Moreover, making others feel indebted to us is the beginning of an obstacle that blocks our ability to forgive. When we conceive someone is in debt to us, we record that transaction deep in our brain. Again, we then expect others to satisfy our demands no matter what. The servant in today's gospel could not show his pity for a fellow servant because his mind focused on what was fair according to his own measurements.

There are three reasons why we need to follow Jesus' teaching regarding forgiveness: Firstly, we recognize that we have been forgiven by the death of Jesus on the cross. Secondly, we acknowledge that when we forgive someone who has wronged us, we show them God's mercy and His presence. Thirdly, we forgive because we want a healthy mind and body: Most of all, *freedom* of heart and mind.

Mothers do not carry ledgers to impose on their children later in life. They never begin each new day with a mindset of doing things for their children so their children can pay back a debt years later. If our mothers did such things, the world would be in chaos. When we struggle to forgive others who have wronged us, we can ponder upon the image of mothers' mercy and forgiveness, even if a child does not merit mercy.

Faith in God reveals that God has canceled our sins and the terrible things we do during this life. God wants us to live in love and flourish in many areas of life. There are many good things about a person we can write down in our memories. Those good thoughts and words refresh our mind and color our soul. Then we will have the courage and strength to believe that even when enduring the worst conflict and hurt, our hearts can be free.

God bless!

Fr. Thai Le

¡Hola!

Las madres no detallan lo que sus hijos les deben. ¿Alguna vez has escuchado a una madre decirle a su hijo: “Me debes cien galones de leche, diez mil galones de agua, ¿dos mil pañales”? Las verdaderas madres nunca registran todos los sacrificios que hacen por sus hijos. Si alguna vez has oído de una madre que realiza un seguimiento de esos gastos, probablemente lo considerarías absurdo.

Todas las lecturas de hoy enfatizan la noción de colectividad, misericordia y perdón; también advierten a los oyentes de las consecuencias para quienes se niegan a practicar tales enseñanzas. El evangelio retrata a dos personas diferentes: un rey y un siervo. El rey perdona una deuda considerable a su siervo. Poco después de que el sirviente es absuelto, se niega a perdonar a un compañero que le debía una pequeña cantidad. ¿Por qué el siervo no pudo mostrar misericordia como lo hizo el rey? La respuesta es que ha anotado todos los detalles: el monto, la ubicación, la hora y el motivo del préstamo.

La parábola ilustra solo el aspecto del perdón por las cosas materiales. ¿Qué pasa cuando un individuo nos lastima? ¿Podríamos sufrir daños físicos, psicológicos o económicos y actuar como si nada hubiera pasado? Debido a la naturaleza humana, a veces sentimos que perdonar a los demás es imposible. Podríamos pensar que el perdón es un signo de debilidad o credulidad. Sin embargo, el perdón es un camino que nos aleja de la ira y el dolor. El perdón nos ayuda a dejar de sufrir.

Cuando algún conflicto perturba nuestra paz mental, podemos trazar una línea. Naturalmente, tenemos miedo de ser heridos o humillados. Cuando vivimos un conflicto, podemos distanciarnos de otras personas que pensamos que pueden dañarnos.

Hay una alegoría de un hombre parado en medio de la carretera y deteniendo autos. Luego medía la altura de cada persona que detenía. Si una persona fuera más baja que él, estiraría las piernas de la persona. Si la persona fuera más alta, ¡le cortaría las piernas!

Llevamos con nosotros actitudes similares a lo largo de la vida y medimos a las personas de acuerdo con nuestros estándares, y luego queremos que se parezcan más a nosotros. Nos estancamos en nuestra voluntad de comprender la difícil situación de los demás. Jesús nos cuenta esta parábola para que podamos entender los sistemas de medición que llevamos con nosotros.

Además, hacer que los demás se sientan en deuda con nosotros es el comienzo de un obstáculo que bloquea nuestra capacidad de perdonar. Cuando concebimos que alguien está en deuda con nosotros, registramos esa transacción en lo más profundo de nuestro cerebro. Una vez más, esperamos que otros satisfagan nuestras demandas sin importar qué. El siervo del evangelio de hoy no podía mostrar compasión por un consiervo porque su mente se concentraba en lo que era justo según sus propias medidas.

Hay tres razones por las que debemos seguir la enseñanza de Jesús sobre el perdón: En primer lugar, reconocemos que hemos sido perdonados por la muerte de Jesús en la cruz. En segundo lugar, reconocemos que cuando perdonamos a alguien que nos ha hecho mal, le mostramos la misericordia de Dios y Su presencia. En tercer lugar, perdonamos porque queremos una mente y un cuerpo sanos: sobre todo, libertad de corazón y mente.

Las madres no llevan libros de contabilidad para imponérselos a sus hijos más adelante en la vida. Nunca comienzan cada nuevo día con la mentalidad de hacer cosas por sus hijos para que puedan pagar una deuda años después. Si nuestras madres hicieran tales cosas, el mundo sería un caos. Cuando luchamos por perdonar a otros que nos han hecho daño, podemos reflexionar sobre la imagen de la misericordia y el perdón de las madres, incluso si un niño no merece misericordia.

La fe en Dios revela que Dios ha cancelado nuestros pecados y las cosas terribles que hacemos durante esta vida. Dios quiere que vivamos en amor y florezcamos en muchas áreas de la vida. Hay muchas cosas buenas de una persona que podemos anotar en nuestra memoria. Esos buenos pensamientos y palabras refrescan nuestra mente y dan color a nuestra alma. Entonces tendremos el coraje y la fuerza para creer que incluso cuando soportamos el peor conflicto y dolor, nuestro corazón puede ser libre.

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai Le

MASS SCHEDULE and INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 12, 2020

8:30 AM Private Mass

4:00 PM Confessions Fr. Thai

5:00 PM Private Mass Ramon Lai† Patrick Yiu†

Sunday, September 13, 2020

8:00 AM Fr. Andrew Yo Po Lin† Eric C. Vilafranca†

9:15 AM Fr. Thai Dr. Jason Hwang†

10:30 AM Fr. Thai Rafael Garcia Sr.†

12:30 PM Private Mass

Monday, September 14, 2020

8:30 AM Private Mass Yu Po Lin† Dr. Jason Hwang†

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

8:30 AM Private Mass Yu Po Lin† Dr. Jason Hwang†

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

8:30 AM Private Mass Yu Po Lin† Dr. Jason Hwang†

Thursday, September 17, 2020

8:30 AM Private Mass Yu Po Lin† Dr. Jason Hwang†

Friday, September 18, 2020

8:00 AM Fr. Andrew Yu Po Lin† Dr. Jason Hwang†

Saturday, September 19, 2020

8:30 AM Private Mass

4:00 PM Confessions Fr. Thai

5:00 PM Private Mass Patrick Yiu† Dr. Jason Hwang†

Sunday, September 20, 2020

8:00 AM Fr. Andrew Yo Po Lin†

9:15 AM Fr. Thai Gabriel Sanchez: Birthday,
Narcisa Verdesot: Birthday

10:30 AM Fr. Thai Juan Garcia: Healing

12:30 PM Private Mass Dr. Jason Hwang†

PARISH CHURCH CLOSED

Mass will be celebrated outdoors in a tent between the church and hall

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

- All attendees and volunteers must wear face masks
- Observe social distancing of six-feet
- Do not have COVID-19, any symptoms, or flu-like symptoms

*Visit the STM website for more information.
God Bless! Fr. Thai Le*

Please Pray for the Sick

Fr. Jeremiah O'Neill

A Lucia Adame	M Christopher Maimone
Mary Louise Aluzzi	Danilo Magsino
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Noreen Arroyo	Ariana Alonso Morales
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Pray for the Dead

Lynn Sue Chang
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