

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, September 20, 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 answering phone calls.
Sunday	Closed	

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TODAY'S READINGS

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First Reading — Turn to the LORD who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).

Psalms — The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).

Gospel — The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13;
Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9;
Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17;
Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5];
Mt 21:28-32

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Así como el cielo está muy alto por encima de la tierra, así son los caminos y los pensamientos de Dios sobre los nuestros (Isaías 55:6-9).

Salmo — El Señor está cerca de todos los que lo llaman (Salmo 145 [144]).

Segunda lectura — Cristo se magnificará a través de mí, sea que yo viva o que muera (Filipenses 1:20c-24, 27a).

Evangelio — Los últimos serán los primeros y los primeros serán los últimos (Mateo 20:1-16a).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Ef 4:1-7, 11-13; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Martes: Prov 21:1-6, 10-13;
Sal 119 (118):1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lc 8:19-21

Miércoles: Prov 30:5-9; Sal 119 (118):29, 72, 89, 101,
104, 163; Lc 9:1-6

Jueves: Eccl 1:2-11; Sal 90 (89):3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lc 9:7-9

Viernes: Eccl 3:1-11; Sal 144 (143):1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lc 9:18-22

Sábado: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Sal 90 (89):3-6, 12-14, 17;
Lc 9:43b-45

Domingo: Ez 18:25-28; Sal 25 (24):4-9; Fil 2:1-11
[1-5]; Mt 21:28-32



The kingdom of heaven
is like a landowner
who went out at dawn
to hire laborers for his vineyard.

Matthew 20:1

September 20, 2020 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Thomas More Eucharistic Celebrations

OUTDOOR TENT MASSES



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

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 9/13/20

	Envelopes	Loose	Total
8:00 AM	\$950.00	\$98.00	\$1,048.00
9:15 AM	\$590.00	\$162.00	\$752.00
10:30 AM	\$107.00	\$190.00	\$297.00
By Mail and Online	\$1,770.00		\$1,770.00
Building Fund	\$209.00		\$209.00
Special Projects	\$35.00		\$35.00
Altar Society	\$5.00		\$5.00
Air Conditioning	\$10.00		\$10.00
	\$3,676.00	\$450.00	\$4,126.00

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Hello!

There is a story about a man who always compared himself with his neighbor. When he measured his neighbor's house, he found out the house was twice as big as his. When he looked on social media, it seemed his neighbors' family was twice as happy as his family. One day he learned the neighbor earned about two-times as much salary as he did. The man couldn't measure up, so one day he wished to go blind in one eye so his neighbor would become blind in both eyes.

Today's gospel underscores the word *jealousy*. The parable tells us about groups of people a landowner hires to work in his vineyard. Each group comes to the vineyard at different times: The first at nine, the second at noon, the third at three, and the fifth at five in the afternoon. Yet, when it is time to receive payment, there is a dispute between the owner and the first group who began their day early in the morning. They do not mind working long hours during the hot day at all. Instead, they have a problem with those who came late, worked only an hour, and received the same wages.

Jealousy is wanting something that others have. Perhaps we wish to have someone's job or position, favor, wealth, or happiness. At the same time, we are dissatisfied with what we have. Regardless of what seems to be missing in our lives, jealousy always begins with a comparison. When we compare ourselves with others, we can feel inadequate! When we dwell on inequities, we may externalize our feelings and show resentment and anger towards anyone we think is better off.

However, how can we calculate our worth via external and earthly possessions and standards that can vanish at any moment? Our value as humans is more profound than what we have, and indeed cannot be measured compared to others. If the *jealous man* plucks his eye out, we know his neighbor will not go blind. Similarly, if the neighbor loses his job, it does not mean the *jealous man* becomes rich. Jesus teaches us to accept our reality in positive ways. By helping us understand our spiritual depths, He helps us overcome feelings of jealousy.

Jealousy is a trigger of division, fear, and anger. Saint James wrote, "For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice" (James 3:16). A jealous person suffers from the heart because they do not feel at peace. If another person has more money, success, or happiness, that does not mean we are broke, a failure, or sad. Only through such comparisons might we feel cheated.

The problem is that a jealous person is self-degrading. To become "equal" or "better," a jealous person might try to improve themselves. However, a jealous person may also want to cause others to lose, suffer, and be miserable: Jealousy can split families and communities.

We can also be jealous of our younger selves. At a young age, some children learn that parents provide everything. However, being an adult isn't that easy. We could end up disappointed because we can't get everything we want, like when we were young. The lens of jealousy distorts our view of our true selves, giving us either a sense of entitlement or inadequacy. Children of God learn the value of achievement untethered to past successes or failures.

Today's gospel reminds us that God, Our Father, does not accept jealousy. Living with negative emotions, including jealousy, leads us to become unhealthy individuals and isolates us from family, friends, and community. Moreover, the gospel teaches that Jesus did not die for a particular group of people; he died for all who believe and follow his teachings. Thus, we must learn to see and accept the beauty of His Creation in each other and everything around us. "Everything has beauty, but not everyone can see it," said Confucius.

Pray that we open our spiritual eyes to see God's unique gifts for each of us and we become filled with goodness and positive attitudes. Help us remember that God created us all, and we all share His blessings!

God bless!

Fr. Thai Le

¡Hola!

Hay una historia sobre un hombre que siempre se comparó con su vecino. Cuando midió la casa de su vecino, descubrió que la casa era dos veces más grande que la suya. Cuando miró en las redes sociales, parecía que la familia de sus vecinos era dos veces más feliz que la suya. Un día se enteró de que el vecino ganaba aproximadamente el doble de salario que él. El hombre no podía estar a la altura, por lo que un día quiso quedarse ciego de un ojo para que su vecino quedara ciego de ambos ojos.

El evangelio de hoy subraya la palabra celos. La parábola nos habla de grupos de personas que un terrateniente contrata para trabajar en su viñedo. Cada grupo llega a la viña en diferentes horarios: el primero a las nueve, el segundo al mediodía, el tercero a las tres y el quinto a las cinco de la tarde. Sin embargo, cuando llega el momento de recibir el pago, existe una disputa entre el propietario y el primer grupo que comenzó su día más temprano en la mañana. No les importa trabajar muchas horas durante el día caluroso. En cambio, tienen un problema con los que llegaron tarde, trabajaron solo una hora y recibieron el mismo salario.

Los celos son querer algo que otros tienen. Quizás deseamos tener el trabajo o la posición, el favor, la riqueza o la felicidad de alguien. Al mismo tiempo, estamos insatisfechos con lo que tenemos. Independientemente de lo que parezca faltar en nuestras vidas, los celos siempre comienzan con una comparación. Cuando nos comparamos con los demás, ¡podemos sentirnos inadecuados! Cuando nos concentramos en las inequidades, podemos exteriorizar nuestros sentimientos y mostrar resentimiento e ira hacia cualquiera que pensamos que está mejor.

Sin embargo, ¿cómo podemos calcular nuestro valor a través de posesiones y estándares externos y terrenales que pueden desaparecer en cualquier momento? Nuestro valor como humanos es más profundo de lo que tenemos y, de hecho, no se puede medir en comparación con otros. Si el celoso se saca el ojo, sabemos que su vecino no se quedará ciego. Del mismo modo, si el vecino pierde su trabajo, no significa que el celoso se vuelva rico. Jesús nos enseña a aceptar nuestra realidad de manera positiva. Al ayudarnos a comprender nuestra profundidad espiritual, nos ayuda a superar los sentimientos de celos.

Los celos desencadenan división, miedo e ira. Santiago escribió: "Porque donde tienes envidia y ambición egoísta, allí encuentras el desorden y toda mala práctica" (Santiago 3:16). Una persona celosa sufre de corazón porque no se siente en paz. Si otra persona tiene más dinero, éxito o felicidad, eso no significa que estemos arruinados, fracasados o tristes. Solo a través de tales comparaciones podríamos sentirnos engañados.

El problema es que una persona celosa se degrada a sí misma. Para volverse "igual" o "mejor", una persona celosa podría intentar mejorarse a sí misma. Sin embargo, una persona celosa también puede querer hacer que otros pierdan, sufran y sean miserables: los celos pueden dividir familias y comunidades.

También podemos estar celosos de nosotros mismos más jóvenes. A una edad temprana, algunos niños aprenden que los padres brindan todo. Sin embargo, ser adulto no es tan fácil. Podríamos terminar decepcionados porque no podemos conseguir todo lo que queremos, como cuando éramos jóvenes. La lente de los celos distorsiona nuestra visión de nuestro verdadero yo, dándonos una sensación de derecho o de insuficiencia. Los hijos de Dios aprenden el valor de los logros sin ataduras a los éxitos o fracasos del pasado.

El evangelio de hoy nos recuerda que Dios, nuestro Padre, no acepta los celos. Vivir con emociones negativas, incluidos los celos, nos lleva a convertirnos en personas enfermizas y a aislarnos de la familia, los amigos y la comunidad. Además, el evangelio enseña que Jesús no murió por un grupo particular de personas; murió por todos los que creen y siguen sus enseñanzas. Por lo tanto, debemos aprender a ver y aceptar la belleza de Su Creación en los demás y en todo lo que nos rodea. "Todo tiene belleza, pero no todos pueden verlo", dijo Confucio.

Ore para que abramos nuestros ojos espirituales para ver los dones únicos de Dios para cada uno de nosotros y nos llenemos de bondad y actitudes positivas. ¡Ayúdanos a recordar que Dios nos creó a todos y todos compartimos Sus bendiciones!

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai Le

MASS SCHEDULE and INTENTIONS

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† Andres Patron† Lydia Hernandez†
 9:15 AM Fr. Thai Claudia Godinez: Healing, Gabriel Sanchez: Birthday,
 Narcisa Verdesoto: Birthday
 10:30 AM Fr. Thai Juan Garcia: Healing, Eli Chavez: Healing,
 Juan Rios: Healing
 12:30 PM Private Mass Dr. Jason Hwang†

Monday, September 21, 2020

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

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

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

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

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

Thursday, September 24, 2020

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

Friday, September 25, 2020

8:00 AM Fr. Thai David Sanchez† Dr. Jason Hwang†

Saturday, September 26, 2020

8:30 AM Private Mass

4:00 PM Confessions Fr. Thai

5:00 PM Private Mass

Patrick Yiu† Beatrice Padilla†

Sunday, September 27, 2020

8:00 AM Fr. Andrew Yo Po Lin† Andres Patron†
 9:15 AM Fr. Andrew Dr. Jason Hwang† Lydia Hernandez†
 10:30 AM Fr. Thai Rafael Garcia Jr. † Adalberto Raigoza†
 12:30 PM Private Mass

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

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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 | Evelyn Manza |
| Kelly Artozgui | Ariana Alonso Morales |
| George Astacio | Barbara Moreno |
| Rosa Astacio | Bertha Moreno |
| Brianna Ayestas | Fred Maroon |
| B Aletha Bailey | Felipe Martinez |
| Carla Baker | Henrietta Martinez |
| Michele Baker | Jean Miceli |
| Harlene Breaux | Arianne Miller |
| Steven Brown | Cheryl Morten |
| Tod and Rose Marie Brown | Betty Murray |
| C Rita Campanella | N Gloria Natividad |
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| Daniel Cerpa | O Rosaleen Ocampo |
| Joan Cervantes | P Arcadio Pablo |
| Eli Chavez | Alebert Pelaez |
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| Leah Grace Cisneros | Ernestina Placencia |
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| Mary Louise Cruz | Salvador Reynoso |
| D Imelda De La Cruz | Laura Rico |
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| Do Duong | Juan Rios |
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| F Donna Finocchio | Mike Romano |
| Louis Finocchio | S Mason Saldaña |
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| G Ramona Garcia | Dylan Silva |
| Claudia Godinez | Nicole Smith |
| Daniel Gonzalez | Lilian Smitter |
| Carolina Guzman | Connie Sotelo |
| I Francisco Ibarra | Angie Stockwell |
| J Gary Jones | T Mike Teong |
| Maria Ivy Lynn Jimenez | Jennies Tiu |
| Raymond Jimenez | V Romeo Villafranca |
| K Erin Kametani | Ricardo & Felicidad Villegas |
| L Jeff Lamb | Therese Huyen-Duong Thi Vu |
| Minoy Lee | W Terry Wilson |
| Andrea Leija | Janny Wong |
| Pauline Lemire | Jennifer Wong |
| Gudalio Lim | Maria Wong Vasquez |
| David Lindsey | Z Christine Zampese |

Pray for the Dead

Mariano Cimat Jr.
 Simon Darenbourg
 Lydia Hernandez
 Dr. Jason Hwang

Adolphus Tages
 Stephanie Ocampo
 Sylvia Rodriguez
 Columba Sanchez