

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, October 4, 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

First Reading — The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel (Isaiah 5:1-7).

Psalm — The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God's peace will guard your hearts and minds (Philippians 4:6-9).

Gospel — The kingdom of God will be given to those who will produce its fruit (Matthew 21:33-43).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday:	Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13
Friday:	Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday:	Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday:	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El Señor busca una cosecha de justicia (Isaías 5:1-7).

Salmo — La viña del Señor es la casa de Israel (Salmo 80 [79]).

Segunda lectura — Mora con pensamientos de pureza y justicia y sabrás lo que es la paz (Filipenses 4:6-9).

Evangelio — La piedra que rechazaron los constructores se ha convertido en la piedra angular (Mateo 21:33-43).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Gál 1:6-12; Sal 111 (110):1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lc 10:25-37
Martes:	Gál 1:13-24; Sal 139 (138):1b-3, 13-15; Lc 10:38-42
Miércoles:	Gál 2:1-2, 7-14; Sal 117 (116):1bc, 2; Lc 11:1-4
Jueves:	Gál 3:1-5; Lc 1:69-75; Lc 11:5-13
Viernes:	Gál 3:7-14; Sal 111 (110):1b-6; Lc 11:15-26
Sábado:	Gál 3:22-29; Sal 105 (104):2-7; Lc 11:27-28
Domingo:	Is 25:6-10a; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Fil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]



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October 4, 2020

Once again,
O Lord of hosts,
 look down from heaven, and see;
 take care of this vine,
 and protect what your
 right hand has planted.

Psalm 80:15-16

St. Thomas More Eucharistic Celebrations

OUTDOOR TENT MASSES



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT THE STM
 WEBSITE AT: stmccatholicalhambra.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-foot 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

My dear friends in Christ,

This year the Church celebrates the 25th anniversary of the landmark pro-life encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*). Written by Pope St. John Paul II, this prophetic document passionately reaffirmed the Church's constant teaching on the value and sacredness of every human life. It remains a foundational text for all our efforts to ensure that the life of every human person is protected and cherished.

This special anniversary is the inspiration behind this year's Respect Life theme, "Live the Gospel of Life," as well as many of the new materials. Thank you for responding to the call to actively live out the Gospel of Christ, which necessarily includes cherishing, serving, defending, and protecting human life. May we always strive to "see in every human face the face of Christ" (EV 81) and treat each person as we would treat Christ Himself.

Sincerely yours in Jesus, the Lord of Life,

Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann
 Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

Thank you!

Collections for 9/27/20

	Envelopes	Loose	Total
8:00 AM	\$632.00	\$90.00	\$722.00
9:15 AM	\$535.00	\$186.00	\$721.00
10:30 AM	\$42.00	\$214.00	\$256.00
By Mail and Online	\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00
Building Fund	\$695.00		\$695.00
Special Projects	\$35.00		\$35.00
Altar Society	\$15.00		\$15.00
School Support	\$40.00		\$40.00
	\$3,194.00	\$490.00	\$3,684.00

Twenty-Seventh

SUNDAY

in Ordinary Time

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Hello!

Sometimes, I hear people say, “Life begins at forty!” In social and political platforms, one question that has been argued for over forty-eight years is: When does life begin? A Harvard University Medical School Professor, Micheline Matthews-Roth, said, “It is scientifically correct to say that an individual human life begins at conception.”

A couple of weeks ago, a young couple asked me to bless their brand-new minivan. I had learned that they were expecting a new infant child so that a new van would provide appropriate space for the baby. I think about this young couple a lot; they love this human being even before their child is born. They could have said similar words: “We’ll just wait a couple of weeks to see how the new infant behaves, how the vaccine for Covid-19 virus progresses, and we will go from there.” Instead, their innate love telling them that a new life will arrive in this family—and they are preparing to welcome that life!

As Catholics, we firmly believe that life is a precious gift from God. This planet, Earth, would be useless if there were no human life. Before God can instill good things in humanity, He must first give us the *gift* of life. Our faith teaches that we must always work to assure a right to life for everyone from the movement of conception until their natural death. Jesus’ followers will never think of a human’s life as a “second choice,” whether healthy or sick, young or old, healthy or disabled; life must be preserved. So, we look at each person as a gift from God, and therefore, we protect and care for the most vulnerable ones in our homes, communities, and society.

In today’s Gospel, tenants thought that a vineyard was theirs to do whatever they want. Instead, it belongs to the landowner who entrusted them with cultivating, caring, and bearing the right produce. Since the landowner had been away for so long, they assume the owner has forgotten the land. Hence, when they see the landowner’s son shows up, it is a threat—they would lose the land and freedom. Such audacity causes them to leave the vineyard.

Once more, life is a precious gift from God, and along this earthly journey, we must borrow everything to preserve our very life. It is an indispensable fact that we borrow air to breathe and water from nature to drink, for we cannot produce them. There are countless things we borrow each day, and we need to return what we borrow! We *return* through our good deeds. We spend time and care for the sick, homeless, homebound, needy, innocent, unborn, and vulnerable life in our home and society.

Each year the Catholic Church dedicates the month of October to observe and celebrate the *Respect Life Month*. During this month, the Catholic Church asks us to reflect upon our definition of human life. With the sanctity and dignity of the human person, we believe that every human person is the image and likeness of God. That is, from the moment of our conception, God has instilled in us the human person’s dignity—the soul that no one has the right to take it away. Hence, we are no longer deceived by the terms *when human life begins*. We then must defend innocent and unborn human beings from the moment of conception until natural death.

We learn to the tenants in today’s Gospel who mistreated the gift of God; they lost their direction in life and they could no longer recognize and accept the landowner. Consequently, they lost everything. We acknowledge that we borrow many things from God. Our faith teaches that God created us in His image and likeness. He has entrusted life to each of us to cultivate, protect, and respect, and to honor. To help us fulfill our duty and tenants, we follow His Son Jesus Christ; we respect our body and all stages of human life. Thus, we promise to respect and place life in the center of our family and society. We pray for all of us to grow deeper in our faith and belief regarding the dignity of human life. When the Landowner’s Son returns, we will have something to return to Him!

God bless!

Fr. Thai Le

¡Hola!

A veces, escucho a la gente decir: "¡La vida comienza a los cuarenta!" En las plataformas sociales y políticas, una pregunta que se ha planteado durante más de cuarenta y ocho años es: ¿Cuándo comienza la vida? Una profesora de la Facultad de Medicina de la Universidad de Harvard, Micheline Matthews-Roth, dijo: "Es científicamente correcto decir que la vida humana comienza en la concepción".

Hace un par de semanas, una joven pareja me pidió que bendijera su nuevo minivan. Me enteré de que estaban esperando un nuevo bebé y una camioneta nueva proporcionara el espacio apropiado para el bebé. Pienso mucho en esta joven pareja; aman a este ser humano incluso antes de que nazca su hijo. Podrían haber dicho palabras similares: "Esperaremos un par de semanas para ver cómo se comporta el nuevo bebé, cómo avanza la vacuna contra el virus Covid-19, y partiremos de ahí". En cambio, su amor innato les dice que llegará una nueva vida a esta familia, ¡y se están preparando para darle la bienvenida a esa vida!

Como católicos, creemos firmemente que la vida es un regalo precioso de Dios. Este Planeta y la Tierra, sería inútil si no hubiera vida humana. Antes de que Dios pueda inculcar cosas buenas en la humanidad, primero debe darnos el regalo de la vida. Nuestra fe enseña que debemos trabajar siempre para asegurar el derecho a la vida de todos, desde el movimiento de la concepción hasta su muerte natural. Los seguidores de Jesús nunca pensarán en la vida de un ser humano como una "segunda opción", ya sea sano o enfermo, joven o viejo, sano o discapacitado; la vida debe ser preservada. Entonces, vemos a cada persona como un regalo de Dios y, por lo tanto, protegemos y cuidamos a los más vulnerables en nuestros hogares, comunidades y sociedad.

En el Evangelio de hoy, los arrendatarios pensaban que tenían un viñedo para hacer lo que quisieran. En cambio, pertenece al terrateniente que les confió cultivar, cuidar y producir los productos adecuados. Dado que el propietario había estado ausente durante tanto tiempo, asumen que el propietario se ha olvidado de la tierra. Por lo tanto, cuando vean aparecer al hijo del terrateniente, es una amenaza: perderían la tierra y la libertad. Tal audacia les hace abandonar la viña.

Una vez más, la vida es un regalo precioso de Dios y, a lo largo de este viaje terrenal, debemos tomar prestado todo para preservar nuestra propia vida. Es un hecho indispensable que tomamos prestado aire para respirar y agua de la naturaleza para beber, porque no podemos producirlos. ¡Hay innumerables cosas que tomamos prestadas cada día, y tenemos que devolver lo que pedimos prestado! Regresamos a través de nuestras buenas obras. Pasamos tiempo y cuidamos a los enfermos, las personas sin hogar, los confinados en el hogar, los necesitados, los inocentes, los no nacidos y la vida vulnerable en nuestro hogar y en la sociedad.

Cada año, la Iglesia Católica dedica el mes de octubre para observar y celebrar el Mes del Respeto a la Vida. Durante este mes, la Iglesia Católica nos pide que reflexionemos sobre nuestra definición de la vida humana. Con la santidad y dignidad de la persona humana, creemos que toda persona humana es imagen y semejanza de Dios. Es decir, desde el momento de nuestra concepción, Dios nos ha inculcado la dignidad de la persona humana, el alma que nadie tiene derecho a quitársela. Por lo tanto, ya no nos engañan los términos cuando comienza la vida humana. Entonces debemos defender a los seres humanos inocentes y no nacidos desde el momento de la concepción hasta la muerte natural.

Aprendemos a los inquilinos en el Evangelio de hoy que maltrataron el don de Dios; perdieron sus direcciones de vida en las que ya no podían reconocer y aceptar al terrateniente. En consecuencia, lo perdieron todo. Reconocemos que tomamos prestadas muchas cosas de Dios. Nuestra fe enseña que Dios nos creó a su imagen y semejanza. Él nos ha confiado la vida a cada uno de nosotros para cultivar, proteger, respetar y honrar. Para ayudarnos a cumplir con nuestro deber e inquilinos, seguimos a Su Hijo Jesucristo; respetamos nuestro cuerpo y todas las etapas de la vida humana. Por eso, prometemos respetar y colocar la vida en el centro de nuestra familia y sociedad. Oramos para que todos crezcamos más profundamente en nuestra fe y creencia con respecto a la dignidad de la vida humana. Cuando regrese el hijo del terrateniente, ¡tendremos algo para devolverle!

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai Le

MASS SCHEDULE and INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 3, 2020

8:30 AM Private Mass

4:00 PM Confessions Fr. Thai

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

Sunday, October 4, 2020

8:00 AM Fr. Andrew Paul Beers: Healing Yo Po Lin† Familia Sanchez-Flores: Healing, Betty Barnett†, Armando Martinez: Healing
 9:15 AM Fr. Thai Anna Zenzola† Dr. Jason Hwang† Familia Rodriguez: Healing, Rogelio Malta† Manuel Pacheco Jr.: Healing
 10:30 AM Fr. Thai Ramona Garcia: Birthday Familia Montañez: Healing, Robert Bracamontes† Francisco Ibarra†

12:30 PM Private Mass

Monday, October 5, 2020

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

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

8:00 AM Fr. Thai Yu Po Lin† Florez Family: Healing

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

8:30 AM Private Mass Dr. Jason Hwang† Rivera Family: Healing

Thursday, October 8, 2020

8:30 AM Private Mass Mariano Cimatu† Dr. Jason Hwang† Gloria O. Arriola†

Friday, October 9, 2020

8:00 AM Fr. Andrew Dr. Jason Hwang†

Saturday, October 10, 2020

8:30 AM Private Mass

4:00 PM Confessions Fr. Thai

5:00 PM Private Mass Patrick Yiu†

Sunday, October 11, 2020

8:00 AM Fr. Andrew Paul Beers: Healing, Manuel Pacheco Jr.: Healing
 9:15 AM Fr. Andrew Altamirano Family: Healing, Betty Barnett†
 10:30 AM Fr. Thai Rafael Garcia Sr† Robert Bracamontes†

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

A Lucia Adame

Mary Louise Aluzzi

Daniel Altamirano

Helio Altamirano

Olivia Altamirano

Elias Alvarez

Francis Araiza

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Kelly Artozgui

George Astacio

Rosa Astacio

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Michele Baker

Paul Beers

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Roman Covarrubias

Rosalba Covarrubias

Catalina Cruz

Mary Louise Cruz

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Gudalio Lim

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M Danilo Magsino

M Ruben Magsino

Christopher Maimone

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Henrietta Martinez

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Jean Miceli

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Pray for the Dead

Ezequiel Alvidrez

Betty Barnett

Robert Bracamontes

Lydia Hernandez

Rogelio Malta

Stephanie Ocampo

Bernal Rivera

Sylvia Rodriguez