

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, October 11, 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

First Reading — On this mountain the LORD will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines (Isaiah 25:6-10a).

Psalm — I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — God will supply whatever you need (Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20).

Gospel — I have prepared my banquet, and everything is ready. Come to the feast! (Matthew 22:1-14 [1-10]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5:1; Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday:	Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1-6; Lk 11:47-54
Friday:	Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday:	Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday:	Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El Señor preparará un banquete y secará las lágrimas de todos los rostros (Isaías 25:6-10a).

Salmo — Viviré en la casa del Señor todos los días de mi vida (Salmo 23 [22]).

Segunda lectura — No importa las circunstancias en las que nos encontremos, nuestras necesidades se resolverán en Cristo Jesús (Filipenses 4:12-14, 19-20).

Evangelio — La invitación se ha enviado; todo está listo; vengan a la fiesta (Mateo 22:1-14 [1-10]).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Gál 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5:1; Sal 113 (112):1b-5a, 6-7; Lc 11:29-32
Martes:	Gál 5:1-6; Sal 119 (118):41, 43-45, 47-48; Lc 11:37-41
Miércoles:	Gál 5:18-25; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 11:42-46
Jueves:	Ef 1:1-10; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Lc 11:47-54
Viernes:	Ef 1:11-14; Sal 33 (32):1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lc 12:1-7
Sábado:	Ef 1:15-23; Sal 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lc 12:8-12
Domingo:	Is 45:1, 4-6; Sal 96 (95):1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Tes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21



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*On this mountain the Lord of hosts
will provide for all peoples a feast
of rich food and choice wines,
juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines.*

Isaiah 25:6



OCTOBER 11, 2020
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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-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

Here I am, Send Me

**NEXT WEEKEND
we will celebrate
World Mission Sunday**

Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

PRAY for the Church's worldwide missionary work. OFFER financial HELP and CHARITY through The Society for the Propagation of the Faith for vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Pacific Islands.

Thank you!

Collections for 10/4/20

	Envelopes	Loose	Total
All Masses	\$1,371.00	\$595.00	\$1,966.00
By Mail and Online	\$1,570.00		\$1,570.00
Building Fund	\$260.00		\$260.00
Altar Society	\$145.00		\$145.00
School Support	\$25.00		\$25.00
	\$3,371.00	\$595.00	\$3,966.00
World Mission Sunday	\$200.00		



Hello!

We are not strangers to the idea of a *dress code*. A *dress code* tells us we need to follow a specific norm to respect and honor the occasion's style, participants, and surroundings. Indeed, no one would wear a swimming suit to attend a wedding. In-depth, a dress code or uniform says a lot about the person who wears it—identity, authority, responsibility, and commitment.

In today's gospel, Jesus tells his listeners the story of a king who is hosting a wedding banquet for his son. After various attempts, the guests eventually have arrived at the party. The king must be pleased. To be sure, the host controls the stage and floor; he walks around the tables to greet and thank the participants. However, the king sees a man who does not wear an appropriate wedding garment and he has him thrown out! It is hard to accept the king's boldness since he has his servants prior, nearly begging the guests to come to the banquet. If we read the passage thoroughly, we will see no trivial instructions that mention a *dress code*. Thus, it seems unfair for the king to have kicked the man out!

Well, nothing happens by accident in this parable from Jesus: He wants to teach us something more profound than the narrative itself. The lesson is that the right to enter a wedding banquet does not grant the right to remain at the feast. Then man probably thought that once admitted, he was entitled to a free ride.

In many education systems, once a college admits students, it does not mean they are guaranteed to remain and graduate. The students still must study and fulfill requirements, such as maintaining a minimum grade-point average. If a student arrives with an entitlement mentality thinking to graduate regardless of their actions, they might be surprised if the college expels them. There's no room for such a privileged mentality. In today's parable, the king throws the man out regardless of the man's assumed entitlement.

Baptized Catholics have two *garments*: A white *garment* vested at our baptism and a second *garment* is the ways we live out our faith. At our baptism, we received the gift of faith, and that faith must be nurtured and grow through active participation in the life of the Church's sacraments. The Bible teaches us that "faith by itself if it does not have works, is dead" (James 2:17). There is a significant gap between our lips and hearts. Some people have no problem professing their faith through words. However, faith cannot stop there. Otherwise, there is no manifestation of *good fruit* through daily good deeds and trust in the righteousness of Jesus.

In today's parable, the man assumes that he is welcome only because he received the king's invitation. Similarly, we need to remind ourselves that to follow Jesus; we need to be both baptized and live a good life. We need to activate God's grace and love through the person of Jesus Christ, worshipping God through the Sacraments of the Church, and our good deeds. In short, faith is not a mere idea, symbol, or belief. Faith is tangible practices throughout life. Human understanding has its limits—the myriad of mysteries that God has created lies beyond our cognitive capacity. Hence, we need faith to transcend our limitations to grow in knowing the mysteries of life and eternal salvation.

To remain at God's *banquet*, we must first acknowledge the gift of faith marked in our souls via our baptism and the Sacraments. Secondly, we must manifest our faith through action. As baptized Catholics, we put on two garments, the uniforms of God's children's and Jesus' disciples' robes. Our faith calls us to reflect upon these garments. We reveal our identity through our faith and daily life. We always remind ourselves that we place our lives in God's protection and share our blessings with those in need of assistance. We pray for those who are sick or have lost loved ones – for those who are homebound or homeless – for those who suffer loneliness or depression – for those who live with physical or mental abuse – and those who are poor or cannot provide for themselves. When we put on these garments, we receive God's invitation and blessing to remain at His *banquet*.

God bless!

Fr. Thai Le

¡Hola!

No somos ajenos a la idea de un código de vestimento. Un código de vestimento nos dice que debemos seguir una norma específica para respetar y honrar el estilo, los participantes y el entorno de la ocasión. De hecho, nadie usaría traje de baño para asistir a una boda. En profundidad, un código de vestimento o uniforme dice mucho sobre la persona que lo usa: identidad, autoridad, responsabilidad y compromiso.

En el evangelio de hoy, Jesús les cuenta a sus oyentes la historia de un rey que organiza un banquete de bodas para su hijo. Después de varios intentos, los invitados finalmente han llegado a la fiesta. El rey debe estar complacido. Sin duda, el anfitrión controla el escenario y el piso; camina alrededor de las mesas para saludar y agradecer a los participantes. Sin embargo, el rey ve a un hombre que no usa un traje de boda apropiado, ¡y lo echa fuera! Es difícil aceptar la osadía del rey, ya que tiene a sus sirvientes antes, casi rogándoles a los invitados que vengan al banquete. Si leemos el pasaje detenidamente, no veremos instrucciones triviales que mencionen un código de vestimento. Por lo tanto, ¡parece injusto que el rey haya echado al hombre!

Bueno, nada sucede por accidente en esta parábola de Jesús: quiere enseñarnos algo más profundo que la narración misma. La lección es que el derecho a participar en un banquete de bodas no otorga el derecho a permanecer en la fiesta. Entonces el hombre probablemente pensó que una vez admitido, tenía derecho a un viaje gratis.

En muchos sistemas educativos, una vez que una universidad admite estudiantes, no significa que tengan la garantía de quedarse y graduarse. Los estudiantes aún deben estudiar y cumplir con los requisitos, como mantener un promedio mínimo de calificaciones. Si un estudiante llega con una mentalidad privilegiada pensando en graduarse independientemente de sus acciones, podría sorprenderse si la universidad lo expulsa. No hay lugar para una mentalidad tan privilegiada. En la parábola de hoy, el rey expulsa al hombre sin importar el derecho asumido del hombre.

Los católicos bautizados tienen dos vestiduras: una vestimenta blanca vestida en nuestro bautismo y una segunda vestimenta es la forma en que vivimos nuestra fe. En nuestro bautismo, recibimos el don de la fe, y esa fe debe nutrirse y crecer mediante la participación en la vida de los sacramentos de la Iglesia. La Biblia nos enseña que "la fe en sí misma, si no tiene obras, está muerta" (Santiago 2:17). Hay una brecha significativa entre nuestros labios y corazones. Algunas personas no tienen problemas para profesar su fe con palabras. Sin embargo, la fe no puede detenerse ahí. De lo contrario, no hay manifestación de buen fruto a través de buenas obras diarias y confianza en la justicia de Jesús.

En la parábola de hoy, el hombre asume que es bienvenido solo porque recibió la invitación del rey. De manera similar, debemos recordarnos a nosotros mismos que seguir a Jesús; necesitamos ser bautizados y vivir una buena vida. Necesitamos activar la gracia y el amor de Dios a través de la persona de Jesucristo, adorando a Dios a través de los sacramentos de la Iglesia y nuestras buenas obras. En resumen, la fe no es una mera idea, símbolo o creencia. La fe es una práctica de enredo a lo largo de la vida. El entendimiento humano tiene sus límites: la miríada de misterios que Dios ha creado se encuentra más allá de nuestra capacidad cognitiva. Por lo tanto, necesitamos fe para trascender nuestras limitaciones y crecer en el conocimiento de los misterios de la vida y la salvación eterna.

Para permanecer en el banquete de Dios, primero debemos reconocer el don de la fe marcado en nuestras almas a través de nuestro bautismo y los sacramentos. En segundo lugar, debemos manifestar nuestra fe a través de la acción. Como católicos bautizados, nos vestimos con dos prendas, los uniformes de los hijos de Dios y los de los discípulos de Jesús. Nuestra fe nos llama a reflexionar sobre estas prendas. Revelamos nuestra identidad a través de nuestra fe y nuestra vida diaria. Siempre nos recordamos a nosotros mismos que ponemos nuestras vidas bajo la protección de Dios y compartimos nuestras bendiciones con aquellos que necesitan ayuda. Oramos por aquellos que están enfermos o han perdido a sus seres queridos, por aquellos que están confinados o sin hogar, por aquellos que sufren soledad o depresión, por aquellos que viven con abuso físico o mental, y por aquellos que son pobres o no pueden mantenerse por sí mismos. Cuando nos ponemos estas vestiduras, recibimos la invitación y la bendición de Dios para permanecer en Su banquete.

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai Le

MASS SCHEDULE and INTENTIONS

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†, Gre-
goria Villanueva†
10:30 AM Fr. Thai Rafael Garcia Sr† Robert Bracamontes†
12:30 PM Private Mass

Monday, October 12, 2020

8:30 AM Private Mass Parishioners of St. Thomas More

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

8:00 AM Fr. Thai Parishioners of St. Thomas More

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

8:30 AM Private Mass Parishioners of St. Thomas More

Thursday, October 15, 2020

8:30 AM Private Mass Parishioners of St. Thomas More

Friday, October 16, 2020

8:00 AM Fr. Andrew Parishioners of St. Thomas More

Saturday, October 17, 2020

8:30 AM Private Mass Parishioners of St. Thomas More
4:00 PM Confessions Fr. Thai
5:00 PM Private Mass Patrick Yiu†

Sunday, October 18, 2020

8:00 AM Fr. Andrew Paul Beers: Healing Manuel Pacheco Jr.: Healing
9:15 AM Fr. Thai Daniel Altamirano†, Altamirano Family: Healing,
Betty Barnett†
10:30 AM Fr. Thai Juan Garcia: Healing, 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	M Christopher Maimone
Mary Louise Aluzzi	Evelyn Manza
Helio Altamirano	Armando Martinez
Olivia Altamirano	Felipe Martinez
Elias Alvarez	Henrietta Martinez
Francis Araiza	Fred Maroon
Noreen Arroyo	Jean Miceli
Kelly Artozgui	Arianne Miller
George Astacio	Familia Montañez-Flores
Rosa Astacio	Ariana Alonso Morales
B Aletha Bailey	Barbara Moreno
Carla Baker	Bertha Moreno
Michele Baker	Cheryl Morten
Paul Beers	Betty Murray
Harlene Breaux	N Gloria Natividad
C Celia Carmona	John Ng
Erik M. Casillas	O Rosaleen Ocampo
Daniel Cerpa	P Arcadio Pablo
Eli Chavez	Manuel Pacheco Jr.
Patricia Cisneros	Fernando Parra
Leah Grace Cisneros	Albert Pelaez
Roman Covarrubias	Ernestina Placencio
Rosalba Covarrubias	R Virginia Reyes
Catalina Cruz	Cheryl Ann Reynoso
Mary Louise Cruz	Ryan Reynoso
D Imelda De La Cruz	Salvador Reynoso
Julio Diaz	Laura Rico
Jesus M. Dulay	Francisco Rios
Do Duong	Juan Rios
E Jan Edwards	Armando Rivera
F Donna Finocchio	Familia Rivera
Louis Finocchio	Domenic Rizzi
Familia Flores	Familia Rodriguez-Flores
Daniel Fuentes	S Mason Saldaña
G Claudia Godinez	Familia Sanchez-Flores
Daniel Gonzalez	Francisco Sanchez
J Maria Ivy Lynn Jimenez	Dylan Silva
Raymond Jimenez	Nicole Smith
Gary Jones	Lilian Smitter
K Erin Kametani	Connie Sotelo
L Jeff Lamb	Angie Stockwell
Andrea Leija	T Mike Teong
Pauline Lemire	Jennies Tiu
Gudalio Lim	V Romeo Villafranca
David Lindsey	Ricardo & Felicidad Villegas
Anna Lovoy	Therese Huyen-Duong Thi Vu
M Danilo Magsino	W Terry Wilson
Ruben Magsino	

Pray for the Dead

Daniel Altamirano	Lydia Hernandez
Ezequiel Alvidrez	Rogelio Malta
Bety Barnett	Bernal Rivera
Robert Bracamontes	Sylvia Rodriguez