

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, October 18, 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.

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 LORD said to Cyrus, his anointed, "I am the LORD, there is no other" (Isaiah 45:1, 4-6).

Psalm — Give the Lord glory and honor (Psalm 96).

Second Reading — Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians: We thank God always for all of you (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b).

Gospel — Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's (Matthew 22:15-21).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday:	Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9ab-14; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday:	Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday:	Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53
Friday:	Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday:	Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9
Sunday:	Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Sólo a Dios debemos adorar; al Dios que nos llama por nuestro nombre (Isaías 45:1, 4-6).

Salmo — Da al Señor gloria y honor (Salmo 96 [95]).

Segunda lectura — Hemos recibido el Evangelio no sólo de palabras sino por el poder del Espíritu Santo (1 Tesalonicenses 1:1-5b).

Evangelio — Devuelve al César lo que es del César y a Dios lo que es de Dios (Mateo 22:15-21).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Ef 2:1-10; Sal 100 (99):1b-5; Lc 12:13-21
Martes:	Ef 2:12-22; Sal 85 (84):9ab-14; Lc 12:35-38
Miércoles:	Ef 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lc 12:39-48
Jueves:	Ef 3:14-21; Sal 33 (32):1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lc 12:49-53
Viernes:	Ef 4:1-6; Sal 24 (23):1-4ab, 5-6; Lc 12:54-59
Sábado:	Ef 4:7-16; Sal 122 (121):1-5; Lc 13:1-9
Domingo:	Ex 22:20-26; Sal 18 (17):2-4, 47, 51; 1 Tes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS PRESENT AN EVENING OF PRAYER

Saturday, October 24, 2020 ✦ 5-7 PM Mass & Adoration
Outdoors ✦ Social Distancing ✦ Face Masks

Contact stmdrealhambra@gmail.com for Live Streaming information



I have called you by your name, giving you a title,
though you knew me not.

I am *the Lord*

and there is no other,
there is no God besides me.

Isaiah 45:4-5

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 10/11/20

	Envelopes	Loose	Total
All Masses	\$1,688.00	\$580.00	\$2,268.00
By Mail and Online	\$2,905.00		\$2,905.00
Building Fund	\$395.00		\$395.00
Special Projects	\$145.00		\$145.00
Altar Society	\$30.00		\$30.00
School Support	\$15.00		\$15.00
	\$5,178.00	\$580.00	\$5,758.00

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

October 18, 2020



Hello!

Why are people still following and believing in Jesus after two thousand years? Is that because of his absence of hardships or his family's wealth and connections; was it his popularity, health, education, or opportunities? No: These are not the reasons people follow Jesus.

The Pharisees had heard about Jesus when he was traveling and interacting with people. The Pharisees were not comfortable with Jesus' teachings, so they took Jesus to the Herodians. The Pharisees hated the Romans, but the Herodians had Rome's favor. So the Pharisees set up Jesus

hoping he would fail and look bad in front of the Herodians and all Jewish people. They asked: "In your opinion, is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" This question was a trap because regardless of his answer, Jesus was sure to look bad. If Jesus disputed paying taxes, Rome would be angry. If he argued in favor of tariffs, everyone else would be mad.

Because the Pharisees wanted Jesus to fail, they developed a plan that did not serve the community, but only their agenda. Jesus responded: "give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and give to God what belongs to God." This brilliant answer revealed their vulnerability and weakness. Jesus acknowledged the duties and responsibilities of the earthly citizens. However, he stressed the importance of what belongs to God—one's spiritual life.

Jesus could have ignored them and said something like, "My Father in heaven sends me, and I do not need to waste my time answering to you." Instead, with honor and respect, Jesus showed he cared for everyone, even those who were plotting to kill him. Such gestures revealed his humility to do the will of God. We learn from Jesus' humility to count on God, who is present in us.

Occasionally we need divine intervention in times of discord and doubt. To put it another way, we don't need water all the time. However, when we walk outside in the hot weather, we might seek a shady tree to keep cool and take a drink to remain hydrated. Spiritually speaking, when we undergo the heat of conflict in life, such as in a relationship, we must find shelter and rest—for peace and consolation. Spiritual people seek Jesus' love, comfort, and healing so they can refresh their inner selves and continue to face new challenges.

As Catholics, we dedicate the month of October to the Most Holy Rosary. The Holy Roman Catholic Church reminds us to honor and pray to the Blessed Virgin Mary that God answers her prayers on our behalf. Indeed, God has responded to our Church and communities in time to trouble and confusion for generations. Mary modeled God's love when she stood firmly with her son in a time of sorrow and death. Such loving sacrifice reflects how the joy and happiness of others are more important than ours. God's grace and love enabled Mary to endure life's most significant challenges, even when she did not comprehend Jesus' sacrifice was to save all of humanity.

God's loving grace is always there whenever and wherever we need. Therefore, this month, pray together with family members to build good habits of praying the rosary. We might feel the rosary is only repeating the same words, is boring, and can get discouraged! However, we must look at the rosary from a contemplative perspective. Our hands and mouths gently work together, helping us get into a reflective mood, reminding us of important memories that are difficult to recall. Repetition gets us into a state of stillness and peace of mind. Indeed, such a peaceful state of mind makes it easier to contemplate and encounter God.

Unlike the religious leaders and Pharisees of the time who become pawns in social games, Our Lord stood firm for His Father. When confronted with hatred, Jesus responds with humility, which shows God's love and power to dispel hatred. Jesus' love and humility are why people continue to listen and follow his teachings to this day! Like Mary, God's grace provides a strong foundation for love. When life looks gloomy, and we don't know what to do, ask God for His grace. The Sacraments of the Church are built upon God's grace and the love of unity you experience in your midst.

God bless!

Fr. Thai Le

¡Hola!

¿Por qué la gente todavía sigue y cree en Jesús después de dos mil años? ¿Es por su ausencia de dificultades o la riqueza y conexiones de su familia? ¿Fue su popularidad, salud, educación u oportunidades? No. Estas no son las razones por las que la gente sigue a Jesús.

Los fariseos habían oído hablar de Jesús cuando viajaba e interactuaba con la gente. Los fariseos no se sentían cómodos con las enseñanzas de Jesús, por lo que llevaron a Jesús a los herodianos. Los fariseos odiaban a los romanos, pero los herodianos tenían el favor de Roma. Así que los fariseos pusieron a Jesús en la esperanza de que fracasara y quedara mal delante de los herodianos y de todo el pueblo judío. Preguntaron: "En su opinión, ¿es lícito pagar impuestos al César o no?" Esta pregunta fue una trampa porque, independientemente de su respuesta, Jesús seguramente se vería mal. Si Jesús disputaba el pago de impuestos, Roma se enojaría. Si argumentara a favor de los aranceles, todos los demás se enojarían.

Debido a que los fariseos querían que Jesús fracasara, desarrollaron un plan que no servía a la comunidad, sino solo a su agenda. Jesús respondió: "Dale al César lo que es del César y dale a Dios lo que es de Dios". Esta brillante respuesta reveló su vulnerabilidad y debilidad. Jesús reconoció los deberes y responsabilidades de los ciudadanos terrenales. Sin embargo, enfatizó la importancia de lo que pertenece a Dios: la vida espiritual de uno.

Jesús podría haberlos ignorado y haber dicho algo como: "Mi Padre que está en los cielos me envía, y no necesito perder el tiempo respondiendo a ustedes". En cambio, con honor y respeto, Jesús demostró que se preocupaba por todos, incluso por aquellos que estaban conspirando para matarlo. Tales gestos revelaron su humildad para hacer la voluntad de Dios. De la humildad de Jesús aprendemos a contar con Dios, que está presente en nosotros.

De vez en cuando necesitamos la intervención divina en tiempos de discordia y duda. Para decirlo de otra manera, no necesitamos agua todo el tiempo. Sin embargo, cuando caminamos al aire libre en un clima caluroso, podemos buscar un árbol con sombra para mantenernos frescos y tomar algo para mantenernos hidratados. Hablando espiritualmente, cuando pasamos por el calor del conflicto en la vida, como en una relación, debemos encontrar refugio y descanso, para la paz y el consuelo. Las personas espirituales buscan el amor, el consuelo y la curación de Jesús para poder refrescarse y seguir enfrentando nuevos desafíos.

Como católicos, dedicamos el mes de octubre al Santísimo Rosario. La Santa Iglesia Católica Romana nos recuerda que debemos honrar y orar a la Santísima Virgen María para que Dios responda a sus oraciones en nuestro nombre. De hecho, Dios ha respondido a nuestra Iglesia y comunidades a tiempo a los problemas y la confusión durante generaciones. María modeló el amor de Dios cuando se mantuvo firme con su hijo en un momento de dolor y muerte. Tal sacrificio amoroso refleja cómo el gozo y la felicidad de los demás son más importantes que los nuestros. La gracia y el amor de Dios le permitieron a María soportar los desafíos más importantes de la vida, incluso cuando no comprendió que el sacrificio de Jesús era salvar a toda la humanidad.

La amorosa gracia de Dios siempre está ahí cuando y donde lo necesitemos. Por lo tanto, este mes, oremos junto con los miembros de nuestra familia para desarrollar buenos hábitos de rezar el rosario. ¡Podríamos sentir que el rosario solo repite las mismas palabras, es aburrido y puede desanimarnos! Sin embargo, debemos mirar el rosario desde una perspectiva contemplativa. Nuestras manos y bocas trabajan juntas suavemente, ayudándonos a entrar en un estado de ánimo reflexivo, recordándonos recuerdos importantes que son difíciles de recordar. La repetición nos lleva a un estado de quietud y paz mental. De hecho, un estado mental tan tranquilo hace que sea más fácil contemplar y encontrar a Dios.

A diferencia de los líderes religiosos y los fariseos de la época que se convierten en peones en los juegos sociales, Nuestro Señor se mantuvo firme por Su Padre. Cuando se enfrenta al odio, Jesús responde con humildad, lo que muestra el amor y el poder de Dios para disipar el odio. ¡El amor y la humildad de Jesús son la razón por la que la gente continúa escuchando y siguiendo sus enseñanzas hasta el día de hoy! Como María, la gracia de Dios proporciona una base sólida para el amor. Cuando la vida se ve sombría y no sabemos qué hacer, pida a Dios su gracia. Los sacramentos de la Iglesia se basan en la gracia de Dios y el amor por la unidad que experimentas en medio de ti.

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai Le

MASS SCHEDULE and INTENTIONS

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 Honorio Manalag† Paul Beers: Healing, Manuel Pacheco Jr.: Healing
9:15 AM Fr. Thai Daniel Altamirano†, Betty Barnett† Altamirano Family: Healing
10:30 AM Fr. Thai Juan Garcia: Healing, Robert Bracamontes†
12:30 PM Private Mass

Monday, October 19, 2020

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

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

8:00 AM Fr. Thai Ruben Alatorre†

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

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

Thursday, October 22, 2020

8:30 AM Private Mass Richard Luna†

Friday, October 23, 2020

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

Saturday, October 24, 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 25, 2020

8:00 AM Fr. Andrew Julietta Reta† Paul Beers: Healing, Manuel Pacheco Jr.: Healing
9:15 AM Fr. Andrew Daniel Altamirano†, Betty Barnett†
10:30 AM Fr. Thai Rafael Garcia Jr.†, Francisca & Domitila Orendian†
12:30 PM Private Mass Parishioners of St. Thomas More

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 Placencia
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
Rosario Pineda Yumul	