

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, October 25, 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 — You shall not oppress an alien, for you yourselves were once aliens in Egypt (Exodus 22:20-26).

Psalms — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

Second Reading — You became imitators of the Lord, so that you became a model for all believers
(1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10).

Gospel — You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself
(Matthew 22:34-40).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Phil 1:1-11; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Dios escucha el llanto de los oprimidos
(Éxodo 22:20-26).

Salmo — Te amo, oh Señor, mi fuerza (Salmo 18 [17]).

Segunda lectura — El pueblo de Dios es conocido por su conversión y amor de Dios (1 Tesalonicenses 1:5c-10).

Evangelio — La ley principal es la ley del amor
(Mateo 22:34-40).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Ef 4:32 — 5:8; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 13:10-17

Martes: Ef 5:21-33; Sal 128 (127):1-5; Lc 13:18-21

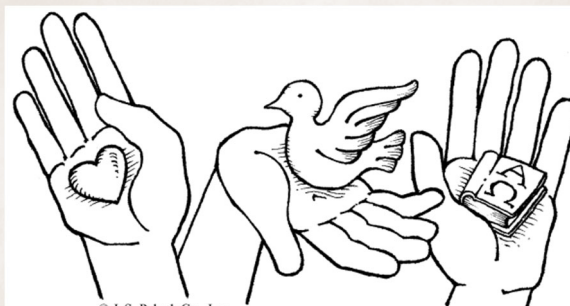
Miércoles: Ef 2:19-22; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Lc 6:12-16

Jueves: Ef 6:10-20; Sal 144 (143):1b, 2, 9-10; Lc 13:31-35

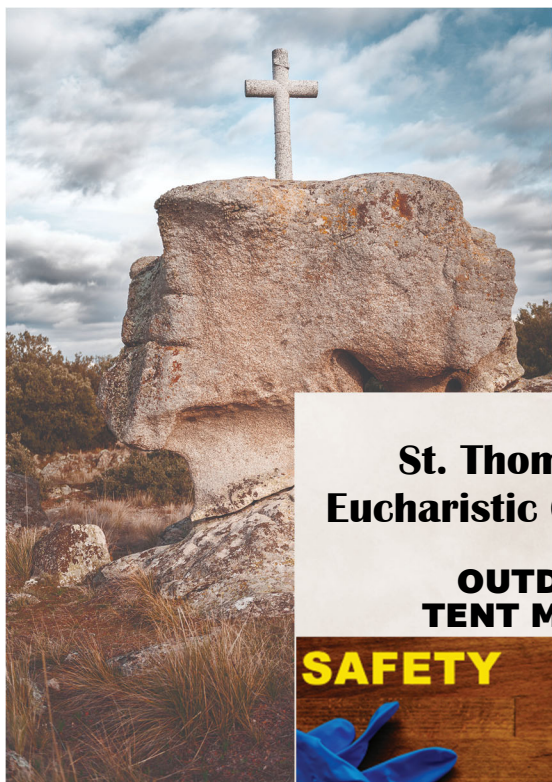
Viernes: Fil 1:1-11; Sal 111 (110):1-6; Lc 14:1-6

Sábado: Fil 1:18b-26; Sal 42 (41):2, 3, 5cdef; Lc 14:1, 7-11

Domingo: Ap 7:2-4, 9-14; Sal 24 (23):1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3;
Mt 5:1-12a



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I love you, O Lord, my strength.
O Lord, my rock,
my fortress, my deliverer.

Psalm 18:2-3

St. Thomas More Eucharistic Celebrations

OUTDOOR TENT MASSES



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

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.

OUTDOOR/TENT LOT MASSES

STM will be holding masses in a tent between the church and hall.

REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES

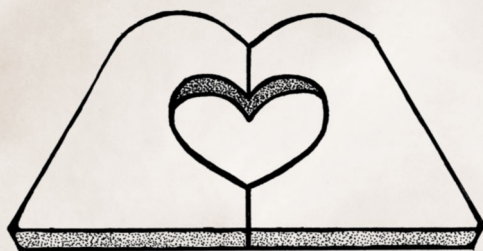
Please do not attend if you have tested positive, have any symptoms, or are expected to self-quarantine.

- * Face coverings are required at all times.
- * Always maintain six-foot distance from others.

MAXIMUM CAPACITY

The tent's capacity is 60 people at any time.

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



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Month of Remembrance

November is the month the Catholic Church commemorates the faithful departed uniquely. The community of St. Thomas More Catholic parish will remember and pray for those who have died, especially during the past seven months.

This November, we ask that you please **email or send** photo(s) of your loved ones, including their names and ten words or fewer, to dear-God@yahoo.com.

The photos will be posted on a board and placed in the tent in the first week of November. Then all photos will remain in the parish hall throughout November.

Mail/email Photos: Starting October 24, 2020

STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS PRESENT

An Evening of Prayer

Saturday, October 24, 2020 ✦ 5-7 PM

Mass & Adoration

Confessions 4:00 to 4:45 PM

Outdoors ✦ Social Distancing ✦ Face Masks

Contact stmdeahambra@gmail.com for Live Streaming information

THANK YOU

Collections for 10/18/20

	Envelopes	Loose	Total
All Masses	\$1,531.00	\$657.00	\$2,188.00
By Mail and Online	\$1,766.00		\$1,766.00
Building Fund	\$245.00		\$245.00
Special Projects	\$155.00		\$155.00
Altar Society	\$40.00		\$40.00
School Support	\$45.00		\$45.00
	\$3,782.00	\$657.00	\$4,439.00
World Mission Sunday	\$455.00		

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Hello!

One human limitation is that sometimes we don't know what's going on inside our heads. Some people show careful thought before they speak or make decisions. No matter how careful we are, we are not always consciously correct. Sometimes we find ourselves acting on our emotions. We might hear someone say, "I can't believe I sent that email," or "I do not know why I reacted that way."

God knows our abilities and our limits. He knows that we are not always practical in our thinking, what we say, or how we act. God sees our daily struggles when we interact with each other regardless of our effort to manage our relations. For that reason, Jesus teaches us many lessons for our lives.

In today's gospel, Jesus responds to the Pharisees, saying, "the greatest commandments are to love God with all your heart, mind, and soul; and second is to love your neighbor as yourself." Why does Jesus emphasize the heart, mind, and soul but nothing else? Universally, the heart is a symbol of love. We adorn written messages with a heart-shape as a sign of love. When we are short of time or space, we use the heart-shaped symbol of love for those dear to us.

The mind is significant because it is the essence of our fundamental nature and is our most profound sense of awareness. Our minds let us know each morning we are still alive – having slept through a night in peace and are ready for a new day. We wake up, and our minds start to think, process, and plan for our day. What is the most important thing on this day? Our answer to this question depends on the foundations of our faith in God. If we are firm in faith and love for God and others, we will plan our days according to God's commandments. Whereas if our faith is not grounded, other influences will guide our hearts, thoughts, and decisions.

Do you spend some time in the morning thinking about God? What thoughts and worries occupy your mind? Perhaps you think about when a vaccine for the Covid-19 virus can prevent infections. Some people are thinking about their jobs in the coming months. Some of us may worry about who will be the next president! Perhaps some of you are thinking about why your teenagers do not answer your calls. Other people may worry about family gatherings this coming Thanksgiving and Christmas.

There are countless worries and thoughts in our minds. However, do we bring God into our fears, thoughts, and plans—into the mulling and worrying and things that occupied our minds? Indeed, we must prioritize our thoughts, worries, and plans for our day. However, we must not separate those thoughts from our faith as we trust in the love and providence of God. When we spend time pondering the mystery of the universe and humanity, we learn that life is unpredictable and terrifying. Nevertheless, God's love for us and His protection goes beyond the causes of suffering and catastrophe.

God has given us so much, our whole being. Because the mind is the depth of our beliefs, feelings, desires, and commitments, and it shapes and reshapes our intentions, choices, and responses to the surroundings. How can we use his gift so to make the moral choice during this time? God has designed our hearts, and its function is to worship God and to love our neighbors. We spend time to pray, think, and remember other people in a positive manner will benefit our lives. If we cannot love God and others, we need to know that God created us out of love, and His love is enough to fill our hearts. The more we love, the more His love will pour upon our hearts. Thus, when we live our lives through our relationship with God and Jesus Christ's love, we are genuinely following His commandments.

God bless!

Fr. Thai Le

¡Hola!

Una limitación humana es que a veces no sabemos qué está pasando dentro de nuestras cabezas. Algunas personas piensan detenidamente antes de hablar o tomar decisiones. No importa que cuidadosos seamos, no siempre somos conscientemente correctos. A veces nos encontramos actuando sobre nuestras emociones. Es posible que escuchemos a alguien decir: "No puedo creer que envié ese correo electrónico" o "No sé por qué reaccioné de esa manera".

Dios conoce nuestras habilidades y nuestros límites. Sabe que no siempre somos prácticos en nuestro pensamiento, lo que decimos o cómo actuamos. Dios ve nuestras luchas diarias cuando interactuamos entre nosotros sin importar nuestro esfuerzo por manejar nuestras relaciones. Por eso Jesús nos enseña muchas lecciones para nuestra vida.

En el evangelio de hoy, Jesús responde a los fariseos diciendo: "Los mayores mandamientos son amar a Dios con todo tu corazón, mente y alma; y el segundo es amar a tu prójimo como a ti mismo". ¿Por qué Jesús enfatiza el corazón, la mente y el alma, pero nada más? Universalmente, el corazón es un símbolo del amor. Adornamos mensajes escritos con forma de corazón como signo de amor. Cuando tenemos poco tiempo o espacio, usamos el símbolo del amor en forma de corazón por aquellos que amamos.

La mente es importante porque es la esencia de nuestra naturaleza fundamental y es nuestro sentido más profundo de conciencia. Nuestras mentes nos hacen saber cada mañana que todavía estamos vivos, habiendo dormido toda la noche en paz y estamos listos para un nuevo día. Nos despertamos y nuestras mentes comienzan a pensar, procesar y planificar nuestro día. ¿Qué es lo más importante en este día? Nuestra respuesta a esta pregunta depende de los fundamentos de nuestra fe en Dios. Si somos firmes en la fe y el amor por Dios y los demás, planificaremos nuestros días de acuerdo con los mandamientos de Dios. Mientras que si nuestra fe no está arraigada, otras influencias guiarán nuestros corazones, pensamientos y decisiones.

¿Pasas algún tiempo por la mañana pensando en Dios? ¿Qué pensamientos y preocupaciones ocupan tu mente? Quizás piense en cuándo una vacuna contra el virus Covid-19 puede prevenir infecciones. Algunas personas están pensando en sus trabajos en los próximos meses. ¡A algunos de nosotros nos preocupa quién será el próximo presidente! Quizás algunos de ustedes estén pensando en por qué sus adolescentes no responden a sus llamadas. Otras personas pueden preocuparse por las reuniones familiares este próximo Día de Acción de Gracias y Navidad.

Hay innumerables preocupaciones y pensamientos en nuestras mentes. Sin embargo, ¿introducimos a Dios en nuestros temores, pensamientos y planes, en las reflexiones, las preocupaciones y las cosas que ocupaban nuestras mentes? De hecho, debemos priorizar nuestros pensamientos, preocupaciones y planes para nuestro día. Sin embargo, no debemos separar esos pensamientos de nuestra fe mientras confiamos en el amor y la providencia de Dios. Cuando dedicamos tiempo a reflexionar sobre el misterio del universo y la humanidad, aprendemos que la vida es impredecible y aterradora. Sin embargo, el amor de Dios por nosotros y su protección va más allá de las causas del sufrimiento y la catástrofe.

Dios nos ha dado tanto, todo nuestro ser. Porque la mente es la profundidad de nuestras creencias, sentimientos, deseos y compromisos, y da forma a nuestras intenciones, elecciones y respuestas al entorno. ¿Cómo podemos usar su don para tomar la decisión moral durante este tiempo? Dios ha diseñado nuestros corazones y su función es adorar a Dios y amar a nuestro prójimo. Dedicamos tiempo a orar, pensar y recordar a otras personas de una manera positiva que beneficiará nuestras vidas. Si no podemos amar a Dios y a los demás, debemos saber que Dios nos creó por amor, y Su amor es suficiente para llenar nuestros corazones. Cuanto más amemos, más su amor se derramará sobre nuestros corazones. Por lo tanto, cuando vivimos nuestras vidas a través de nuestra relación con Dios y el amor de Jesucristo, estamos siguiendo genuinamente Sus mandamientos.

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai Le

MASS SCHEDULE and INTENTIONS

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 & Helio Altamirano†, Betty Barnett†, Rosario Pineda Yumul†
 10:30 AM Fr. Thai Rafael Garcia Jr.†, Francisca & Domitila Orendian†
 12:30 PM Private Mass Parishioners of St. Thomas More

Monday, October 26, 2020

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

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

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

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

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

Thursday, October 29, 2020

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

Friday, October 30, 2020

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

Saturday, October 31, 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, November 01, 2020

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

Pray for the Dead

Daniel Altamirano	Robert Bracamontes
Helio Altamirano	Rogelio Malta
Ezequiel Alvidrez	Bernal Rivera
Bety Barnett	Rosario Pineda Yumul