

# St. Thomas More Catholic Church

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*Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*Sunday, November 15, 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](http://stmccatholicalhambra.org)  
or [facebook.com/lacatholics](https://www.facebook.com/lacatholics).

ALL EVENTS ARE CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Visit our website at [stmccatholicalhambra.org](http://stmccatholicalhambra.org)  
for more information and updates.

## PARISH OFFICE (RECTORY) HOURS

|               |              |                                                                                                |
|---------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday-Friday | 8 AM to 5 PM | <b>**Closed to the Public**</b>                                                                |
| Saturday      | Closed       | Office hours are for staffing only,<br>for responding to emails, and<br>answering phone calls. |
| Sunday        | Closed       |                                                                                                |

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The woman who fears the LORD is to be praised (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).

**Psalm** — Blessed are those who fear the Lord (Psalm 128).

**Second Reading** — Brothers and sisters, you are children of the light (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6).

**Gospel** — Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities (Matthew 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28,  
or (for the memorial of the Dedication)  
Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131;  
Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6;  
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

## LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — Un esposo es capaz de confiar su corazón a su esposa que es como una joya (Proverbios 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).

**Salmo** — Dichoso el que teme al Señor (Salmo 128 [127]).

**Segunda lectura** — El día del Señor vendrá como el ladrón en la noche (1 Tesalonicenses 5:1-6).

**Evangelio** — Porque has sido fiel en lo poco, ven a compartir la alegría de tu Señor (Mateo 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]).

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Ap 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 18:35-43

Martes: Ap 3:1-6, 14-22; Sal 15 (14):2-5; Lc 19:1-10

Miércoles: Ap 4:1-11; Sal 150:1b-6; Lc 19:11-28,  
O (para la memoria de la Dedicación)  
Hch 28:11-16, 30-31; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Mt 14:22-33

Jueves: Ap 5:1-10; Sal 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lc 19:41-44

Viernes: Ap 10:8-11; Sal 119 (118):14, 24, 72, 103,  
111, 131; Lc 19:45-48

Sábado: Ap 11:4-12; Sal 144 (143):1b, 2, 9-10; Lc 20:27-40

Domingo: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Sal 23 (22):1-3, 5-6;  
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46



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All of you are children of the light and children of the day.  
We are not of the night or of darkness.  
Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do,  
but let us stay alert and sober.

1 Thessalonians 5:5-6

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2020  
**15**  
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# Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## St. Thomas More Eucharistic Celebrations

### OUTDOOR TENT MASSES



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT THE STM  
WEBSITE AT: [stmccatholicalhambra.org](http://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.

#### PARKING LOT MASSES

During inclement weather, STM will hold masses in the Parking Lot. Participants will remain in their cars. Please follow all signs and staff/volunteer directions. Tune car radios to 87.9 FM.

The Eucharist will be distributed at the parking lot exits. Put vehicles in PARK to receive the Eucharist. Leave only after completely consuming the Eucharist.

#### 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

## 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](mailto: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.

## THANK YOU

### Collections for 11/08/20

|                    | Envelopes         | Loose           | Total             |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| All Masses         | \$2,083.00        | \$544.00        | \$2,627.00        |
| By Mail and Online | \$2,524.00        |                 | \$2,524.00        |
| Building Fund      | \$440.00          |                 | \$440.00          |
| Special Projects   | \$135.00          |                 | \$135.00          |
| Altar Society      | \$40.00           |                 | \$40.00           |
| School Support     | \$15.00           |                 | \$15.00           |
| All Saints         | \$30.00           |                 | \$30.00           |
| Thanksgiving       | \$230.00          |                 | \$230.00          |
|                    | <b>\$5,497.00</b> | <b>\$544.00</b> | <b>\$6,041.00</b> |





Hello!

Whenever I went to Madrid, I always tried to visit the *Prado Museum*, even just a short time. It impressed me because the gallery has a complete collection of Spanish paintings and masterpieces of universal art dating back from the Middle Ages to the Enlightenment. Equally interesting to me was a tall stele located on the outside of the museum is a passage inscribed in Spanish that contains the phrase, “many things come and go, but good deeds will remain forever.”

The notion of good deeds that one does through life echoed in today’s gospel reading. As we near the end of the Church’s liturgical calendar, the gospel tells us the parable of three men entrusted with talents by their master. The first two men doubled their talents by investing them. Why were these men successful? Because they valued their master’s gifts. They did not passively accept the talents; they used them to show respect for the gifts. More importantly, they knew the talents belonged to the master, and they must return them to him one day. Hence, their view of their gifts defined their actions.

Nonetheless, the third person viewed the gift from his master different from the first two men. Perhaps, he had thought that with his limited talents, there was nothing he could do. His approach was to hide his money in the ground. Hiding our gifts away is like saying, “I wish God has granted me all things that I’ve prayed for all these years.” “I wish I were as smart as other people.” “I wish I could have a happy marriage, family, and life.” We find various reasons to justify our fear and laziness – our unwillingness to *invest* and take action. The master’s plan was to give his servants the gifts to make the best use of those gifts.

God has given each of us many blessings, especially the gift of being human. We have a soul, mind, spirit, and body. God has entrusted this life and our surroundings to us. God expects us to use them in useful ways that spread the Good News to others, even just through simple words and deeds. During this week, the Church invites us to examine and review our blessings and how we can double God’s gifts for His glory in our daily lives. The best way to multiply our talents is through our families.

Our homes are our first school of learning. Home is where parents regularly strive to multiply God’s love in their children through healthy relationships, happiness, faith, and integrity. As parents, an effective way to invest your blessings from God is to teach children to develop a habit of prayer and hope even when life seems grim. A home is a place where children experience the presence of God through their parents’ faith and good deeds. A home is where children can learn to fulfill God’s plan for their future. A home is where love, peace, hope, and generosity overcome hate, conflict, despair, and selfishness.

With our homes as our primary source for learning about love, peace, and kindness, we would have more momentum to practice positive qualities in society. In the past few months, our parish has made several changes in how we celebrate the Sacraments. We moved from inside the Church to the parking lot, then to the tent. Last Sunday, due to the weather, we moved back to the parking lot! Before finalizing any changes, we have to consider many factors – primarily everyone’s health and well-being! I am impressed that many parishioners and participants have adapted to these changes in positive ways. God sometimes leads His children to places we are hesitant to go. Because of your love, faith, and dedicated parish staff and volunteers, we are all making things best for our parish and community. Thus, you all are not Catholics by title or name, but by your behaviors!

Good deeds will remain forever because they reflect the nature of God. Good deeds and words reveal God’s love manifested in our lives, home, and community. Love, faith, integrity, kindness, and hope are gifts that we must invest in and never bury. Double your blessings through good deeds and your children’s spiritual upbringing in loving homes.

God bless!

Fr. Thai Le

¡Hola!

Siempre que iba a Madrid intentaba visitar el Museo del Prado, aunque fuera poco tiempo. Me impresionó porque la galería tiene una colección completa de pinturas españolas y obras maestras del arte universal que se remonta a la Edad Media hasta la Ilustración. Igualmente, interesante para mí fue una estela alta ubicada en el exterior del museo, es un pasaje inscrito en español que contiene la frase, "muchas cosas van y vienen, pero las buenas acciones permanecerán para siempre".

La noción de buenas obras que uno hace a lo largo de la vida tiene eco en la lectura del Evangelio de hoy. A medida que nos acercamos al final del calendario litúrgico de la Iglesia, el evangelio nos cuenta la parábola de tres hombres a quienes su maestro confió talentos. Los dos primeros hombres duplicaron sus talentos invirtiéndolos. ¿Por qué tuvieron éxito estos hombres? Porque valoraban los dones de su amo. No aceptaron pasivamente los talentos; los usaron para mostrar respeto por los regalos. Más importante aún, sabían que los talentos pertenecían al maestro, y debían devolvérselos algún día. Por lo tanto, su visión de sus dones definió sus acciones.

Sin obstante, la tercera persona vio el regalo de su maestro diferente al de los dos primeros hombres. Quizás, había pensado que, con sus talentos limitados, no había nada que pudiera hacer. Su enfoque fue esconder su dinero en el suelo. Ocultar nuestros dones es como decir: "Ojalá Dios me hubiera concedido todas las cosas por las que he orado todos estos años". "Ojalá fuera tan inteligente como otras personas". "Ojalá pudiera tener un matrimonio, una familia y una vida felices". Encontramos varias razones para justificar nuestro miedo y pereza: nuestra falta de voluntad para invertir y tomar medidas. El plan del maestro era darles a sus sirvientes los dones para hacer el mejor uso de esos dones.

Dios nos ha dado a cada uno de nosotros muchas bendiciones, especialmente el don de ser humanos. Tenemos alma, mente, espíritu y cuerpo. Dios nos ha confiado esta vida y nuestro entorno. Dios espera que los usemos de manera útil para difundir las Buenas Nuevas a otros, incluso a través de palabras y hechos simples. Durante esta semana, la Iglesia nos invita a examinar y revisar nuestras bendiciones y cómo podemos duplicar los dones de Dios para Su gloria en nuestra vida diaria. La mejor manera de multiplicar nuestros talentos es a través de nuestras familias.

Nuestras casas son nuestra primera escuela de aprendizaje. El hogar es donde los padres se esfuerzan regularmente por multiplicar el amor de Dios en sus hijos a través de relaciones saludables, felicidad, fe e integridad. Como padres, una manera eficaz de invertir las bendiciones de Dios es enseñar a los niños a desarrollar el hábito de la oración y la esperanza, incluso cuando la vida parece sombría. Un hogar es un lugar donde los niños experimentan la presencia de Dios a través de la fe y las buenas obras de sus padres. Un hogar es donde los niños pueden aprender a cumplir el plan de Dios para su futuro. Un hogar es donde el amor, la paz, la esperanza y la generosidad superan el odio, el conflicto, la desesperación y el egoísmo.

Con nuestros hogares como nuestra fuente principal de aprendizaje sobre el amor, la paz y la bondad, tendríamos más impulso para practicar cualidades positivas en la sociedad. En los últimos meses, nuestra parroquia ha realizado varios cambios en la forma en que celebramos los sacramentos. Pasamos del interior de la Iglesia al estacionamiento, luego a la carpa. El domingo pasado, debido al clima, ¡regresamos al estacionamiento! Antes de finalizar cualquier cambio, debemos considerar muchos factores, principalmente la salud y el bienestar de todos. Me impresiona que muchos feligreses y participantes se hayan adaptado a estos cambios de manera positiva. Dios a veces lleva a sus hijos a lugares a los que dudamos ir. Debido a su amor, fe y personal parroquial y voluntarios dedicados, todos estamos haciendo las mejores cosas para nuestra parroquia y comunidad. Por lo tanto, no todos ustedes son católicos por título o nombre, ¡sino por sus comportamientos!

Las buenas obras permanecerán para siempre porque reflejan la naturaleza de Dios. Las buenas obras y las palabras revelan el amor de Dios manifestado en nuestras vidas, hogar y comunidad. El amor, la fe, la integridad, la bondad y la esperanza son regalos en los que debemos invertir y nunca enterrar. Duplique sus bendiciones mediante las buenas obras y la educación espiritual de sus hijos en hogares amorosos.

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai Le

**MASS SCHEDULE and INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, November 15, 2020**

8:00 AM Fr. Andrew Anna Tran† Diego Palacios†  
 9:15 AM Fr. Thai Helidorio & Daniel Altamirano† Richard Luna†  
 Constante del Castillo†  
 10:30 AM Fr. Thai Juan Garcia: Healing, Manuel Pacheco Jr. : Healing  
 12:30 PM Private Mass Parishioners of St. Thomas More

**Monday, November 16, 2020**

8:30 AM Fr. Andrew Parishioners of St. Thomas More

**Tuesday, November 17, 2020**

8:00 AM Fr. Thai Helidorio & Daniel Altamirano†

**Wednesday, November 18, 2020**

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

**Thursday, November 19, 2020**

8:30 AM Private Mass Richard Luna†

**Friday, November 20, 2020**

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

**Saturday, November 21, 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 22, 2020**

8:00 AM Fr. Andrew Anna Tran† Diego Palacios† Helidorio & Daniel  
 Altamirano†  
 9:15 AM Fr. Thai Elena Garcia Alatorre† Jose Alatorre†  
 Jovie Elegado De Castillo†  
 10:30 AM Fr. Thai Rafael Garcia Jr.† Manuel Pacheco Jr.: Healing  
 12:30 PM Private Mass Parishioners of St. Thomas More

**PARISH CHURCH CLOSED**

*We will celebrate mass outdoors in the large parking lot south of the church.*

**Confessions**

- First and Third Saturdays, or by appointment (meet by the Rectory's garage)

**Masses**

- Tuesday **8:00 am**
- Friday **8:00 am**
- Sunday **8:00 am & 9:15 am in English**
- Sunday **10:30 am in Spanish**

- Everyone 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

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

*Pray for the Dead*

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| Daniel Altamirano | Louie Richard Ortiz  |
| Helio Altamirano  | Diego Palacios       |
| Dominga Holguin   | Rosario Pineda Yumul |
| Orlando A. Dizon  | Armando Martinez Sr. |