

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Sunday, November 22, 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
Sunday	Closed	answering phone calls.

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TODAYS READINGS—PAGE 2

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28

Thanksgiving Day (suggested):

Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7;

Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Ap 14:1-3, 4b-5; Sal 24 (23):1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lc 21:1-4

Martes: Ap 14:14-19; Sal 96 (95):10-13; Lc 21:5-11

Miércoles: Ap 15:1-4; Sal 98 (97):1-3ab, 7-9; Lc 21:12-19

Jueves: Ap 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Sal 100 (99):1b-5;
Lc 21:20-28

Día de Acción de Gracias (sugerencia):

Ecl 50:22-24; Sal 145 (144):2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9;
Lc 17:11-19

Viernes: Ap 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Sal 84 (83):3-6a, 8a; Lc 21:29-33

Sábado: Ap 22:1-7; Sal 95 (94):1-7ab; Lc 21:34-36

Thank You

Collections for 11/15/20

	Envelopes	Loose	Total
All Masses	\$1,491.00	\$623.00	\$2,114.00
By Mail and Online	\$2,465.00		\$2,465.00
Building Fund	\$110.00		\$110.00
Special Projects	\$145.00		\$145.00
Thanksgiving	\$10.00		\$10.00
Christmas Flowers	\$10.00		\$10.00
	\$4,231.00	\$623.00	\$4,854.00

TODAY'S READINGS

Reading 1

EZ 34:11-12, 15-17

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark.

I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly. As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6

R. (1) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS
OUTDOOR MASSES**

SAFETY GUIDELINES

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.

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-feet distance from others.
- * Alternatives to attending mass in-person are available.

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

Advent Schedule-2020

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary	Tuesday, December 8, 8 AM (E), 6 PM (S)
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe	Saturday, December 12, 8 AM (E), 5 PM (S)
Penance Services	Sunday, December 13, Noon
Children's Christmas Eve Mass	Thursday, December 24, 4 PM
Christmas Eve Vigil	Thursday, December 24, 6 PM (Bilingual)
Christmas Day, English	Friday, December 25, 8 AM, 9:15 AM
Christmas Day, Spanish	Friday, December 25, 10:30 AM

TODAY'S READINGS CONTINUED

Reading 2

1 COR 15:20-26, 28

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order:

Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

Alleluia

MK 11:9, 10

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

MT 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?'

And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.'

Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?'

He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."



Hello!

In his book, *Man's Search for Meaning*, Viktor E. Frankl recalls his experiences as a prisoner in Nazi concentration camps during World War II. There was a time when a correctional officer risked his life to give Frankl a piece of bread. Touched by his actions, Frankl wrote, "It was far more than the small piece of bread which moved me to tears at the time. It was the human, "something" that this man gave me—the word and look which accompanied the gift."

Sharing a piece of bread for others when everyone is jovial is prevalent. However, in the unsympathetic and uncertain environment where fear and cynicism dominated prisoners' daily lives, compromise is admirable. So why did the guard do such a thing? What were his reasons? A piece of bread not merely a physical nourishment, but emotional, spiritual, and social nourishment. The sharing of a piece of bread communicates a sense of belonging and relationship, which are important components that foster our existence.

The Church concludes the liturgical calendar with the solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe. The gospel presents the last judgment's story; there will be a separation between the good and bad that all of us must face. Fortunately, the narrative gives us some hints that help us prepare and exert for that day. That is, how to live a life in which we observe things around us and act on it in useful ways. In other words, to pay attention, to care, and share with others, especially the most vulnerable, needy, and lonely human beings. God knew humanity is so fragile and, therefore, could never journey through life alone. Hence, He sent Jesus to be with us. Thus, Jesus' mission on earth was sharing in his whole human identity with humanity because of love.

Furthermore, to reveal his love, he completed his earthly life by death on the cross. That is, he surrendered the fullness of his life for humanity until his last breath. Jesus is our authentic model throughout the ages.

To share is an act of expressing one's love to others. Because when we give someone something, often we also encapsulate our love for that person—we wish what best for the person. Moreover, when we feed the pangs of hunger or do good things for others, we not merely do for them, but also Jesus! To be sure, today's gospel stresses, "For I was hungry, and you gave me food, a stranger, and you welcomed me." However, because of our nature, we may find it difficult to take the initiative to approach others we might feel uncomfortable with. Remember that we are sharing with Jesus, and let this scripture be our guide.

When we share our love and good for others, we cannot wait until we have enough for ourselves or give away the redundancy; but it is our identity. To be sure, from the very beginning of His Creation, God created and infused in each person a capacity to love and to be loved by other humans. For that reason, the correctional officer committed to acts of altruism not merely to feed Frankl but because it made him feel better about himself. Inwardly, he did not feel good enough and worthy enough unless he devoted himself to helping Frankl and other prisoners. That is a human characteristic and nature. If he had ignored it around, he would never have peace of mind.

Externally, we will never satisfy with our possessions, goods, and values for a long time unless we allow ourselves to experience within us a spark of the Divine Love, which makes us innately precious. In the Eucharist, in the Breaking of the Bread, Jesus shares his Natures, presence, love, peace, wisdom, strength, and hope for all faithful participants. He wants to be with us because he loved it, and nothing can stop him.

The motivation was only to connect to other human beings; the corrections officer risked his life to reach out to the prisoner. He did that only because he valued the dignity of the human person in other prisoners. This coming Thanksgiving will be a special one! We do not have many options and customs as in previous years. However, we can share other people with spiritual or emotional food via phone calls, emails, letters, facetime, and other communion types that reveal our love, kindness, and courage.

God bless!

Fr. Thai Le

¡Hola!

En su libro, *El hombre en busca del sentido*, Viktor E. Frankl recuerda sus experiencias como prisionero en los campos de concentración Nazis durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial. Hubo un tiempo en que un oficial penitenciario arriesgó su vida para darle a Frankl un pedazo de pan. Conmovido por sus acciones, Frankl escribió: "Fue mucho más que el pequeño trozo de pan lo que me hizo llorar en ese momento. Fue lo humano," algo "que este hombre me dio, la palabra y la mirada que acompañaron al regalo. "

Es frecuente compartir un trozo de pan para los demás cuando todo es jovial. Sin embargo, en el ambiente insensible e incierto donde el miedo y el cinismo dominaban la vida diaria de los presos, el compromiso es admirable. Entonces, ¿por qué el guardia hizo tal cosa? ¿Cuáles fueron sus razones? Un trozo de pan no es simplemente un alimento físico, sino un alimento emocional, espiritual y social. Compartir un pedazo de pan comunica un sentido de pertenencia y relación, que son componentes importantes que fomentan nuestra existencia.

La Iglesia concluye el calendario litúrgico con la solemnidad de Cristo Rey del Universo. El evangelio presenta la historia del juicio final; Habrá una separación entre lo bueno y lo malo que todos debemos enfrentar. Afortunadamente, la narración nos da algunas pistas que nos ayudan a prepararnos y esforzarnos para ese día. Es decir, cómo vivir una vida en la que observamos las cosas que nos rodean y actuamos sobre ellas de manera útil. En otras palabras, prestar atención, cuidar y compartir con los demás, especialmente con los seres humanos más vulnerables, necesitados y solitarios. Dios sabía que la humanidad es tan frágil y, por lo tanto, nunca podría viajar solo por la vida. Por lo tanto, envió a Jesús para estar con nosotros. Así, la misión de Jesús en la tierra fue compartir toda su identidad humana con la humanidad por amor.

Además, para revelar su amor, completó su vida terrenal con la muerte en la cruz. Es decir, entregó la plenitud de su vida por la humanidad hasta su último aliento. Jesús es nuestro auténtico modelo a lo largo de los siglos.

Compartir es un acto de expresar el amor a los demás. Porque cuando le damos algo a alguien, a menudo también encapsulamos nuestro amor por esa persona: deseamos lo mejor para esa persona. Además, cuando alimentamos los dolores del hambre o hacemos cosas buenas por los demás, no solo lo hacemos por ellos, ¡sino también a Jesús! Sin duda, el evangelio de hoy enfatiza: "Porque tuve hambre, y me diste de comer, un extraño, y me recibiste". Sin embargo, debido a nuestra naturaleza, puede resultarnos difícil tomar la iniciativa para acercarnos a otras personas con las que nos sentimos incómodos. Recuerde que estamos compartiendo con Jesús, y deje que esta escritura sea nuestra guía.

Cuando compartimos nuestro amor y nuestro bien por los demás, no podemos esperar hasta tener suficiente para nosotros mismos o regalar la redundancia; pero es nuestra identidad. Sin duda, desde el comienzo mismo de Su Creación, Dios creó e infundió en cada persona la capacidad de amar y ser amado por otros humanos. Por esa razón, el funcionario penitenciario cometió actos de altruismo no solo para alimentar a Frankl, sino porque lo hacía sentir mejor consigo mismo. Interiormente, no se sentía lo suficientemente bueno y digno a menos que se dedicara a ayudar a Frankl y a otros prisioneros. Esa es una característica y naturaleza humana. Si lo hubiera ignorado, nunca tendría paz mental.

Externamente, nunca estaremos satisfechos con nuestras posesiones, bienes y valores por mucho tiempo a menos que nos permitamos experimentar dentro de nosotros una chispa del Amor Divino, que nos hace innatamente preciosos. En la Eucaristía, en la Partición del Pan, Jesús comparte su Naturaleza, presencia, amor, paz, sabiduría, fuerza y esperanza para todos los fieles participantes. Quiere estar con nosotros porque le encantó y nada puede detenerlo.

La motivación era solo conectarse con otros seres humanos; el oficial de prisiones arriesgó su vida para acercarse al prisionero. Lo hizo solo porque valoraba la dignidad de la persona humana en otros presos. ¡Este próximo Día de Acción de Gracias será especial! No tenemos tantas opciones y costumbres como en años anteriores. Sin embargo, podemos compartir con otras personas con comida espiritual o emocional a través de llamadas telefónicas, correos electrónicos, cartas, facetime y otros tipos de comunión que revelan nuestro amor, bondad y valor.

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai Le

MASS SCHEDULE and INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 21, 2020

4:00 PM Confessions Fr. Thai

Sunday, November 22, 2020

8:00 AM Fr. Andrew Anna Tran† Diego Palacios†
Helidorio & Daniel Altamirano†
9:15 AM Fr. Andrew Elena Garcia Alatorre† Jose Alatorre† Jovie
Elegado De Castillo†
10:30 AM Fr. Thai Rafael Garcia Jr.† Manuel Pacheco Jr.: Healing

Monday, November 23, 2020

Tuesday, November 24, 2020

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

Wednesday, November 25, 2020

Thursday, November 26, 2020 Thanksgiving

9:00AM Fr. Thai Soriano Family

10:00AM Fr. Thai

Friday, November 27, 2020

8:00 AM Fr. Andrew Raquel Sandro Garcia†

8:30 -9:30
AM Adoration

Saturday, November 28, 2020

4:00 PM No Confessions

Sunday, November 29, 2020

8:00 AM Fr. Thai Anna Tran† Helidorio & Daniel Altamirano†
9:15 AM Fr. Andrew Rodolfo Magturo† Sarah Morente†
10:30 AM Fr. Thai Diego Palacios† Manuel Pacheco Jr.: Healing

First Sunday of Advent Mass

Saturday, Nov. 28 at 4:30 pm
South Parking Lot
Remain in vehicles
Tune radios to 87.9 FM

The remaining Advent masses are to be determined

PARISH CHURCH CLOSED

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

Confessions

- First and Third Sundays, 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

A Lucia Adame	M 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 Aletha Bailey	Bertha Moreno
Carla Baker	Cheryl Morten
Michele Baker	Betty Murray
Paul Beers	N Gloria Natividad
Harlene Breau	John Ng
C Celia Carmona	O Rosaleen Ocampo
Erik M. Casillas	P Arcadio Pablo
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Rosalba Covarrubias	R Virginia Reyes
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Mary Louise Cruz	Ryan Reynoso
D Imelda De La Cruz	Salvador Reynoso
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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	Y Teresita Yu
Christopher Maimone	

Pray for the Dead

Daniel Altamirano	Robert Natividad
Helio Altamirano	Louie Richard Ortiz
Orlando A. Dizon	Diego Palacios
Armando Martinez Sr.	Vincent Sotelo