

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, January 17, 2021



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; responding to emails and answering phone calls.
Sunday	Closed	

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Did You Know?

Here are some DOs and DON'Ts of online safety:

- DON'T give out personal information to people you only know online.
 - DON'T agree to meet people in person anyone you have met online.
 - DON'T use the same username on more than one website.
 - DON'T make your email address public and searchable on social media.
 - DON'T check in on social media unless your account is 100% private.
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- DO turn off GPS tracking in your phone and disable it in apps that don't need it.
 - DO tell the children in your care to talk to you or another safe adult about people they meet online.
 - DO check the apps on your child's phone, and work together to use the strongest security and privacy settings.
 - DO monitor the use of technology on all electronic devices for the children in your care—know what apps are downloaded, how they are being used, and who they are communicating with online.
 - DO manually set all social media and cell phone apps to private, as they default always to public.
 - DO report any suspicions of sexual exploitation to the Cybertipline at: <https://report.cybertip.org/>
 - DO research about different [apps targeted for teens](#).
 - DO have frequent conversations with the children in your care about online safety and what they can do to keep themselves safe.

Thank You!

Collections for 1/10/21

	Envelopes	Loose	Total
Sunday Masses	\$1,580.00	\$672.00	\$2,252.00
By Mail and Online	\$4,020.00		\$4,020.00
Building Fund	\$860.00		\$860.00
Special Projects	\$138.00		\$138.00
Altar Society	\$28.00		\$28.00
Christmas Envelopes	\$60.00		\$60.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$20.00		\$20.00
	\$6,706.00	\$672.00	\$7,378.00

Reading I

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep."

So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep." At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time.

Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I have waited, waited for the LORD, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry. And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God.

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Sacrifice or offering you wished not, but ears open to obedience you gave me. Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not; then said I, "Behold I come."

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me, to do your will, O my God, is my delight, and your law is within my heart!"

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I announced your justice in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know.

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Reading II

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Brothers and sisters: The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him.

Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

Alleluia

Jn 1:41, 17b

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Jn 1:35-42

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher —, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon.

Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ —. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" — which is translated Peter.



Hello!

How many times have you been in a conversation with someone who had asked you for something important, only to later realize you couldn't remember what the person was asking for? Alternatively, have you ever had an inadequate sleep because your brain was continually recalling past events or concerned about the future? Our minds are good at alternating between past and future, assaulted by uncertainties, doubts, fears, or memories stockpiled in our minds. Focusing on such thoughts and worries disengages us from the present moment. What resources can help

us to remain calm, most importantly, during months of the pandemic?

Today's readings are compelling stories about living in the "here and now" mode and how we can respond to our immediate surroundings more effectively. The first reading tells us about God calling Samuel in the temple at midnight while Samuel slept, and he was about twelve years old. The gospel's story depicts Jesus calling his first two disciples while they were standing in the street at midday. What were their impressions that lured them to listen to the calls? Both Samuel and the disciples were living "*in the moment*" and not distracted. Therefore, their hearts and minds recognized God's call, and they responded accordingly.

During this earthly life, God's call could come to us many ways, from an unpopular person, during unexpected times, at unwanted places, or under stressful situations. We are currently enduring this virus crisis, and its consequences have played a significant part in our daily activities. Whether we receive terrible news from social media or our loved ones, such knowledge distracts our thoughts and impacts our sense of inner peace. However, fluctuating moods are part of our being created by God! A current mood could be something that our body wants to communicate or something that otherwise, we had never thought of before. It could be a time of forming a new habit that leads us to focus on the mystery of God's presence in our lives and family.

We need to remind ourselves that earthly materials did not create humanity; God created us. Our souls are imbued by God's dignity that enables us to distinguish God's call from the distracting noise of temptations. To illustrate this point, most newborn infants can distinguish their mother's voice from those of strangers. It is because they begin to learn the sound of their mother when they are still in the womb. Such instinct enables newborn babies to identify the voices of their mothers after birth. In a like manner, children of God should not have any issues discerning God's voice because He has instilled in us His image and likeness.

Through stories of Samuel and disciples, we can believe that God is beyond boundaries and limitations. By responding to God's call, they stepped into a relationship that exceeded human capacity to comprehend. For our part, we can achieve a model of trust and faith from them. First, we need to be aware that trust is essential in any relationship. When we sense this is no sign of trust, we withdraw from the relationship. If there is trust, we can connect with an individual or a collective system. Similarly, we learn that God never broke His promises to humanity because God fulfilled His promises in Jesus. So, if we trust God, we will enter His presence in the person of Jesus Christ. However, sometimes we allow the burdens of life to occupy our minds because of our limitations. As a result, we shy away from experiencing His presence. Thus, we need to practice a fashion that frees our minds from blame, worry, anxiety, and doubt so we can trust God's guidance at any moment.

Along the journey, Samuel and Jesus' disciples were growing in their relationships with God because they trusted Him. Therefore, when faced with unexpected events or distracting thoughts, they did not allow those to sit in their minds. God's Spirit transformed them into profound and fearless individuals when confronted by unpleasurable realities. While enduring unwanted experiences, we need to practice focusing our minds *in the moment* so we may experience His presence by listening for His call and words. His Spirit will guide us through any rough time.

God bless!

Fr. Thai Le

¡Hola!

¿Cuántas veces ha estado en una conversación con alguien que le había pedido algo importante y luego se dio cuenta de que no podía recordar lo que la persona estaba pidiendo? Alternativamente, ¿alguna vez ha tenido un sueño inadecuado porque su cerebro recordaba continuamente eventos pasados o se preocupaba por el futuro? Nuestras mentes son buenas para alternar entre el pasado y el futuro, asaltadas por incertidumbres, dudas, miedos o recuerdos acumulados en nuestras mentes. Concentrarnos en esos pensamientos y preocupaciones nos desconecta del momento presente. ¿Qué recursos pueden ayudarnos a mantener la calma, lo más importante, durante los meses de la pandemia?

Las lecturas de hoy son historias convincentes sobre cómo vivir en el modo "aquí y ahora" y cómo podemos responder a nuestro entorno inmediato de manera más eficaz. La primera lectura nos habla de que Dios llamó a Samuel al templo a la medianoche mientras Samuel dormía, y tenía unos doce años. La historia del evangelio muestra a Jesús llamando a sus dos primeros discípulos mientras estaban parados en la calle al mediodía. ¿Cuáles fueron sus impresiones que los atrajeron a escuchar las llamadas? Tanto Samuel como los discípulos vivían "en el momento" y no estaban distraídos. Por lo tanto, sus corazones y mentes reconocieron el llamado de Dios y respondieron en consecuencia.

Durante esta vida terrenal, el llamado de Dios podría llegar a nosotros de muchas maneras, de una persona impopular, en momentos inesperados, en lugares no deseados o en situaciones estresantes. Actualmente estamos soportando esta crisis de virus y sus consecuencias han jugado un papel importante en nuestras actividades diarias. Ya sea que recibamos noticias terribles de las redes sociales o de nuestros seres queridos, ese conocimiento distrae nuestros pensamientos e impacta nuestro sentido de paz interior. Sin embargo, ¡los estados de ánimo fluctuantes son parte de nuestro ser creado por Dios! Un estado de ánimo actual podría ser algo que nuestro cuerpo quiera comunicar o algo en lo que nunca antes habíamos pensado. Podría ser el momento de formar un nuevo hábito que nos lleve a centrarnos en el misterio de la presencia de Dios en nuestra vida y en nuestra familia.

Necesitamos recordarnos a nosotros mismos que los materiales terrenales no crearon a la humanidad; Dios nos creó. Nuestras almas están imbuidas de la dignidad de Dios que nos permite distinguir el llamado de Dios del ruido distractor de las tentaciones. Para ilustrar este punto, la mayoría de los recién nacidos pueden distinguir la voz de su madre de la de los extraños. Es porque comienzan a aprender el sonido de su madre cuando todavía están en el útero. Este instinto permite a los bebés recién nacidos identificar las voces de sus madres después del nacimiento. De la misma manera, los hijos de Dios no deberían tener problemas para discernir la voz de Dios porque Él nos ha inculcado Su imagen y semejanza.

A través de las historias de Samuel y sus discípulos, podemos creer que Dios está más allá de los límites y las limitaciones. Al responder al llamado de Dios, entraron en una relación que excedía la capacidad humana de comprensión. Por nuestra parte, podemos lograr de ellos un modelo de confianza y fe. Primero, debemos ser conscientes de que la confianza es esencial en cualquier relación. Cuando sentimos que esto no es un signo de confianza, nos retiramos de la relación. Si hay confianza, podemos conectarnos con un sistema individual o colectivo. De manera similar, aprendemos que Dios nunca rompió Sus promesas a la humanidad porque Dios cumplió Sus promesas en Jesús. Entonces, si confiamos en Dios, entraremos en Su presencia en la persona de Jesucristo. Sin embargo, a veces permitimos que las cargas de la vida ocupen nuestras mentes debido a nuestras limitaciones. Como resultado, evitamos experimentar Su presencia. Por lo tanto, debemos practicar una moda que libere nuestra mente de la culpa, la preocupación, la ansiedad y la duda para que podamos confiar en la guía de Dios en cualquier momento.

A lo largo del viaje, los discípulos de Samuel y Jesús fueron creciendo en su relación con Dios porque confiaban en Él. Por lo tanto, cuando se enfrentaban a eventos inesperados o pensamientos que los distraían, no permitían que esos se sentaran en sus mentes. El Espíritu de Dios los transformó en personas profundas y valientes cuando se enfrentaron a realidades desagradables. Mientras soportamos experiencias no deseadas, debemos practicar enfocar nuestras mentes en el momento para que podamos experimentar Su presencia al escuchar Su llamado y Sus palabras. Su Espíritu nos guiará a través de cualquier momento difícil.

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai Le

MASS SCHEDULE and INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 16, 2021

4:00 PM No Confessions

Sunday, January 17, 2021

8:00 AM Fr. Andrew Peter Sinh Nguyen† Jonathan Chan†
Victoria Ann Rincon†
9:15 AM Fr. Charlie Carlos Vera† Norma Cuadra† Lisa Tsui†
10:30 AM Fr. Thai Martha Cano† Roberto Natividad†

Monday, January 18, 2021

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

8:30 AM Fr. Thai Jonathan Chan†

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

Thursday, January 21, 2021

Friday, January 22, 2021

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

Saturday, January 23, 2021

4:00 PM No Confessions

Sunday, January 24, 2021

8:00 AM Fr. Andrew Peter Sinh Nguyen† Jonathan Chan†
Roberto Natividad†
9:15 AM Fr. Thai Feliza Dulay† Julietta Reta†
Adolfo Villalobos†
10:30 AM Fr. Thai Lisa Tsui† Martha Cano†
Guillermo Herrera: Healing

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 **8:30 am**
- Friday **8:30 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

Pray for the Dead

Martha Cano Anna Bik Mak
Norma Cuadra Carlos Moya
Sonny Garcia Robert Natividad
Ronnie Paul Guerra Victoria Ann Rincon
Romeo Hernandez Vincent Sotelo
Isaias Hernandez Louis Velasco

Please Pray for the Sick

Fr. Jeremiah O'Neill

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