

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, January 24, 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](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;
Sunday	Closed	responding to emails and answering phone calls.

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In Memory of Reverend Jeremiah O'Neill

With hope and faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, I regret to inform you of the death of Reverend Jeremiah O'Neill.

Reverend O'Neill passed into eternal life on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 88 years old.

Reverend Jeremiah O'Neill, born September 29, 1932, served the faithful St. Thomas More community for 41 years during his 61 years as a priest. Reverend O'Neill continued helping the parish while in retirement—even throughout this last year of 2020.

We will miss his humor, love, and dedication to God, the Roman Catholic Church, and the St. Thomas More Parish community.

Distribution of Ashes During the Coronavirus Pandemic

This year, due to the pandemic, the priests or ministers will sprinkle ashes on the head of faithful. Please note that you will not receive ashes on your forehead as previous years.

Thank You!

Collections for 1/17/21

	Envelopes	Loose	Total
Sunday Masses	\$1,872.00	\$698.00	\$2,570.00
By Mail and Online	\$900.00		\$900.00
Building Fund	\$166.00		\$166.00
Special Projects	\$129.00		\$129.00
Altar Society	\$40.00		\$40.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$10.00		\$10.00
School Support	\$45.00		\$45.00
	\$3,162.00	\$698.00	\$3,860.00

Reading I

Jon 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying: "Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you." So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the LORD'S bidding. Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it took three days to go through it.

Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed, "when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord. Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice and teaches the humble his way.

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Reading II

1 Cor 7:29-31

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out. From now on, let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning, those using the world as not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away.

Alleluia

Mk 1:15

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mk 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen.

Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.



Hello!

Through baptism, we are Christians, believing in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. Being a Christian is a fundamental vocation for all other vocations. The word *vocation* comes from the Latin word for a “call” or “summon.” Life is a call from God. The Church does not see human life as a coincidence or evolution’s product. Instead, human life is a gift, and its journey begins with a call from God. For that reason, our life is a journey in which God is continually inviting us into a relationship with Him. Moreover, His call requires our response.

Today’s readings resonate with aspects of Divine vocations. In the first reading, God calls Jonah to the “great city of Nineveh and announce the message” to its people. When God calls someone to minister to a place and its people, that vocation is exceptionally vital. The people were experiencing a deep crisis, especially spirituality. Jonah responded to His call and preached to the people of Nineveh. They listened, repented, and gave up their wicked ways.

Similarly, in the gospel, Jesus calls the first four disciples while busy with their daily tasks as fishermen to support their families. Immediately, they left their families and routines to follow him. Through Jesus’ call, the disciples were forever changed. They were no longer a group of timid individuals easily bullied by others. They were no longer the kind of people that never traveled beyond the territories of Galilee. When the Spirit-filled their lives, they journeyed out into the open world to preach the Good News. We are Christians today only because of their substantial responses to Jesus’ call. Here we can see the importance of active faith. If faith alone is enough for one’s salvation, there would be no need to do good deeds; and therefore, Jesus would not have needed to call his disciples to follow him.

God called Jonah and Jesus called the four disciples to reveal God’s love and mysteries. God sent His healing power through the vocations of Jonah. To put it another way, God heals us through the humble words, unique talents, and caring works of other people.

Let us think about the following analogy so we can comprehend God’s guidance through our good intentions for His children. As a parish priest, I always attended the parish’s elementary school Christmas concerts. During these celebrations, I could see a teacher or conductor sitting in front of the stage so the performing students can see them. However, not all parents in the audience could see the teacher. While performing, young pupils watched the teacher for words and gestures to guide the group through a good presentation. If some students refused to watch or follow the conductor, the group’s performance was affected.

As baptized Catholics, our vocation is God’s instrument in which we collaborate with His Spirit for the world’s salvation. Thus, when God blesses someone, He always does it through our open willingness. If you are a parent, God uses you to read Bible stories and bless your children before bedtime. As baptized Catholics, God uses our good nature as authentic Christians to deliver His loving message to family, friends, coworkers, and so many more people. If you are a good reader, God uses you to proclaim His word when you open and read the Bible. You can actively follow your vocation at home, work, school, a park, or anywhere. God does not perform a magic show to demonstrate His love for people – He uses your humbly straightforward Christian words and actions.

Of course, you must work hard to earn money to care for your family. However, work does not merely make money to live; there’s more to life than daily survival. Thus, you are called by God to bless others when you approach them with good intentions – a mentality of “I do this for God.” With such a mindset, God has rewarded you with His peace. Like Jonah and the first humble disciples, we should never think that vocations are reserved to priests, religious leaders, or missionaries. All baptized Catholics are called to serve God. Through our faith, we believe that God is active in the world through humble words and deeds. We are all called by Jesus Christ during life’s journey to manifest God’s love and presence for the world.

God bless!

Fr. Thai Le

¡Hola!

A través del bautismo, somos cristianos y creemos en Jesucristo como nuestro Señor y Salvador. Ser cristiano es una vocación fundamental para todas las demás vocaciones. La palabra vocación proviene de la palabra latina para "llamar" o "convocar". La vida es un llamado de Dios. La Iglesia no ve la vida humana como una coincidencia o un producto de la evolución. En cambio, la vida humana es un regalo y su viaje comienza con un llamado de Dios. Por esa razón, nuestra vida es un viaje en el que Dios continuamente nos invita a tener una relación con él. Además, su llamado requiere nuestra respuesta.

Las lecturas de hoy resuenan con aspectos de las vocaciones divinas. En la primera lectura, Dios llama a Jonás a la "gran ciudad de Nínive y anuncia el mensaje" a su gente. Cuando Dios llama a alguien a ministrar a un lugar y su gente, esa vocación es excepcionalmente vital. La gente estaba pasando una profunda crisis, especialmente de espiritualidad. Jonás respondió a su llamado y predicó a la gente de Nínive. Escucharon, se arrepintieron y abandonaron sus malos hábitos.

De manera similar, en el evangelio, Jesús llama a los primeros cuatro discípulos mientras están ocupados con sus tareas diarias como pescadores para mantener a sus familias. De inmediato, dejaron a sus familias y rutinas para seguirlo. A través del llamado de Jesús, los discípulos cambiaron para siempre. Ya no eran un grupo de personas tímidas fácilmente acosadas por otros. Ya no eran el tipo de personas que nunca viajaban más allá de los territorios de Galilea. Cuando el Espíritu llenó sus vidas, viajaron al mundo abierto para predicar las Buenas Nuevas. Somos cristianos hoy solo por sus respuestas sustanciales al llamado de Jesús. Aquí podemos ver la importancia de la fe activa. Si la fe por sí sola es suficiente para la salvación de uno, no habría necesidad de hacer buenas obras; y por lo tanto, Jesús no habría necesitado llamar a sus discípulos para que lo siguieran.

Dios llamó a Jonás y Jesús llamó a los cuatro discípulos para revelar el amor y los misterios de Dios. Dios envió Su poder sanador a través de las vocaciones de Jonás. Para decirlo de otra manera, Dios nos sana a través de las palabras humildes, los talentos únicos y las obras bondadosas de otras personas.

Pensemos en la siguiente analogía para que podamos comprender la guía de Dios a través de nuestras buenas intenciones para Sus hijos. Como párroco, siempre asistí a los conciertos navideños de la escuela primaria de la parroquia. Durante estas celebraciones, pude ver a un maestro o director sentado frente al escenario para que los estudiantes que actuaran pudieran verlos. Sin embargo, no todos los padres de la audiencia pudieron ver al maestro. Mientras actuaban, los alumnos observaban al profesor en busca de palabras y gestos para guiar al grupo a través de una buena presentación. Si algunos estudiantes se negaban a mirar o seguir al director, la actuación del grupo sería afectada.

Como católicos bautizados, nuestra vocación es el instrumento de Dios en el que colaboramos con su Espíritu para la salvación del mundo. Por tanto, cuando Dios bendice a alguien, siempre lo hace a través de nuestra voluntad abierta. Si eres padre, Dios te usa para leer historias bíblicas y bendecir a tus hijos antes de acostarse. Como católicos bautizados, Dios usa nuestra buena naturaleza como cristianos auténticos para entregar su mensaje de amor a la familia, amigos, compañeros de trabajo y muchas más personas. Si eres un buen lector, Dios te usa para proclamar Su palabra cuando abres y lees la Biblia. Puedes seguir activamente tu vocación en casa, en el trabajo, en la escuela, en un parque o en cualquier lugar. Dios no realiza un espectáculo de magia para demostrar su amor por las personas; usa tus palabras y acciones cristianas humildes y directas.

Por supuesto, debe trabajar duro para ganar dinero y cuidar de su familia. Sin embargo, el trabajo no solo genera dinero para vivir; hay más en la vida que la supervivencia diaria. Por lo tanto, eres llamado por Dios para bendecir a los demás cuando te acercas a ellos con buenas intenciones, una mentalidad de "Hago esto por Dios". Con tal actitud, Dios te ha recompensado con Su paz. Como Jonás y los primeros discípulos humildes, nunca debemos pensar que las vocaciones están reservadas a sacerdotes, líderes religiosos o misioneros. Todos los católicos bautizados están llamados a servir a Dios. A través de nuestra fe, creemos que Dios está activo en el mundo a través de palabras y hechos humildes. Todos somos llamados por Jesucristo durante el viaje de la vida para manifestar el amor y la presencia de Dios por el mundo.

¡Dios bendiga!

P. Thai Le

MASS SCHEDULE and INTENTIONS**Saturday, January 23, 2021**

4:00 PM 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

Monday, January 25, 2021**Tuesday, January 26, 2021**

8:30 AM Fr. Thai Maria Ortega: Healing

Wednesday, January 27, 2021**Thursday, January 28, 2021****Friday, January 29, 2021**

8:30 AM Fr. Andrew Jonathan Chan †

Saturday, January 30, 2021

4:00 PM No Confessions

Sunday, January 31, 2021

8:00 AM Fr. Andrew Peter Sinh Nguyen† Lisa Tsui† |
Victoria Ann Rincon†

9:15 AM Fr. Charlie Jonathan Chan† Robert Natividad†
Efren & Bertha Moreno†

10:30 AM Fr. Thai Guillermo Herrera: Healing,
Adardo Merin: Healing, Maria Ortega: 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**

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- 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***Reverend Jeremiah O'Neill**

Norma Cuadra	Anna Bik Mak
Sonia Garcia	Bertha Moreno
Sonny Garcia	Carlos Moya
Ronnie Paul Guerra	Victoria Ann Rincon
Romeo Hernandez	Domenic Rizzi
Isaias Hernandez	Louis Velasco

Please Pray for the Sick

A Lucia Adame	L David Lindsey
Mary Louise Aluzzi	Anna Lovoy
Elias Alvarez	M Danilo Magsino
Francis Araiza	Ruben Magsino
Noreen Arroyo	Christopher Maimone
Kelly Artozgui	Evelyn Manza
George Astacio	Felipe Martinez
Rosa Astacio	Henrietta Martinez
B Aletha Bailey	Fred Maroon
Carla Baker	Edgardo Merin
Michele Baker	Jean Miceli
Paul Beers	Arianne Miller
Harlene Breaux	Familia Montañez-Flores
C Rita Campanella	Ariana Alonso Morales
Celia Carmona	Barbara Moreno
Erik M. Casillas	Cheryl Morten
Ceres Family	Betty Murray
Daniel Cerpa	N Gloria Natividad
Eli Chavez	John Ng
Patricia Cisneros	O Rosaleen Ocampo
Leah Grace Cisneros	Maria Ortega
Roman Covarrubias	P Arcadio Pablo
Rosalba Covarrubias	Manuel Pacheco Jr.
Catalina Cruz	Fernando Parra
Mary Louise Cruz	Thomas Phan
D Imelda De La Cruz	Ernestina Placencia
Julio Diaz	R Cheryl Ann Reynoso
Jesus M. Dulay	Ryan Reynoso
Do Duong	Salvador Reynoso
E Jan Edwards	Laura Rico
F Donna Finocchio	Francisco Rios
Louis Finocchio	Juan Rios
Familia Flores	Armando Rivera
Daniel Fuentes	Familia Rivera
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 Lewia	Therese Huyen-Duong Thi Vu
Gudalio Lim	W Terry Wilson
	Y Teresita Yu