



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mass schedule

Daily

8:00 am Monday to Saturday*
6:00 pm Monday to Friday

Saturday Vigil Mass:

4:00 pm Vietnamese/English

6:00 pm English

Sunday Mass

8:00 am English

9:30 am English*

11:30 am English

1:00 pm Spanish

3:00 pm Chinese

5:00pm English

* Livestreamed Masses

Morning Prayer: Mon, Wed & Fri 7:30am to 7:50am

Adoration: Every Friday at 6:30pm

24 Hour Adoration: on the 22nd of every month

If the 22nd falls on a Saturday, then Adoration will be on Friday.

If the 22nd falls on a Sunday, then Adoration will be on Monday.

Confession: Saturday from 1:00pm to 3:00pm or by appointment

Baptisms and Marriages: contact the office for details

Sacramental preparation and accommodations for people with disabilities: contact Tara in the office



Welcoming all, we, the Spirit-filled parish of St. Thomas More, value our Roman Catholic faith by celebrating the sacraments, breaking open the Scriptures, and joyfully offering ourselves in service to others. Under the inspiration of our patron saint, we seek to build a caring community that embraces the values he modeled of friendship, integrity and courageous love of God.

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Chinese Chaplain
Weekend Assistants

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Rev. Francis Li
Rev. Joseph Horn, O Praem
Rev. Joseph Justice
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Deacon Leonard & Mrs. Nancy Sun

†Rev. John E. Janze

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February 1, 2026

HE WENT UP THE
MOUNTAIN AND BEGAN
TO TEACH.

MATTHEW 5:1

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME to STM!



Prayers for Healing

Racquel Aguinaldo
 Flory Aguilar
 Sal Baldomar
 Bob Bowcock
 Douglas Boyette
 Felicia Carazo
 Kelly Carter
 Michael Collins
 Thomas Conner
 Cristina Crouth
 Kathy Cummins
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 Cecelia Duzynski
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 Joseph Manglona
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 Rosie Muñoz

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 Susan Navarrete
 Ernie Natividad
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 Katie Pancoe
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 Ben Pataray
 Sharon Pataray
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 Armando Peña
 Jacqueline Claire Poznoski
 Sandra Quezada
 Ryan Quinn
 George Quitoriano
 Al & Elizabeth Rangitsch
 Matilda Reyna
 Maryhelen Rios
 Guadalupe Rivas
 Magdalena Rivera
 Celsa Roberti
 Donna Rohrer
 Jimmy Rocha
 Norma Santiago
 Deacon John Selig
 Richard Stock
 Donny Stoufus
 Hisashi Taniuchi
 Lisa Turner
 Bishop Kevin Vann
 Pete Villanueva
 Jesus Villanueva
 Raymund Villanueva
 Linda Vito
 Bill Whiteside
 Andy Zelinko
 Joe & Judy Zwertow

Email bulletin@stmirvine.org to add a name to be included for one month

Funeral Mass

Feb 5 at 10:00am Kesanee Ronchetto



February 1
after all morning Masses



Mass Intentions

Sat 1/31	4:00pm	†Lan Thi Nguyen
	6:00pm	†Fred Luvisi
Sun 2/1	8:00am	PRO- POPULO
	9:30am	Judi Costello
	11:30am	†Omar Yamar
	1:00pm	Sera Lemire
	5:00pm	Marcia Noonan Jesus Esteban Hernandez †Oscar Reyes †Sue Alcaraz †Dr. Jesus Bernal †Tommy Lee Marcum †Peter Park †Teresa Lee †Teresa Park †Jorge Mora
Mon 2/2	8:00am	Janette Maurer
	6:00pm	†Theresa Kreyche
Tues 2/3	8:00am	Thu-Hein Majkoski
	6:00pm	†Fred Marquez
Wed 2/4	8:00am	†Judy Clarke
	6:00pm	Janet San Juan
Thurs 2/5	8:00am	†Edward Andrade
	6:00pm	†Remedios Quintos
Fri 2/6	8:00am	Marc and Haruka Lemire
	6:00pm	The Majkoski Nguyen Family
Sat 2/7	8:00am	Teresa Tran Christopher Nguyen Mary Nelson Norai Setian Julio Lostao Sergio Leon †All Souls in Purgatory †David Karnes †Clarita Araw †Cezar Epifania Castillanes †Nancy Medina †Michele Wills †Pedro Juanco Jr. †Naidette Juanco †Jesus Galvez †Lingsley Kabalican †Melodia Damaso

Collection Report

1/5/2026 – 1/11/2026

Sunday/Christmas	\$ 35,991.00
Believe & Build, BGT, BGT2	\$114,401.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 810.00
Misc Income (Mass Intentions, etc)	\$11,148.00
Church in Africa/Latin America/Europe	\$ 7,959.00

1/12/2026 – 1/18/2026

Sunday/Christmas Collection	\$ 50,835.00
Believe & Build, BGT, BGT2	\$ 90,473.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 370.00
Misc Income (Mass Intentions, etc)	\$ 5,016.00

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH
LENTEN SEASON

Ash Wednesday | February 18th

Masses: 8:00 AM
 12:00 PM (LITURGY OF THE WORD)
 3:30 PM | 5:30 PM
 7:30 PM (MULTILINGUAL)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Lenten Penance Service:
 Wednesday, March 25th at 7:00 PM
 Weekly Confessions:
 Saturdays from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Thursdays in Lent

EUCARISTIC ADORATION AFTER 6:00 PM MASS
 Holy Hour | Feb. 19th, Feb. 26th, March 19th
 Taizé Adoration | Mar. 5th, Mar. 12th, Mar. 26th

Fridays in Lent

6:00 PM | Mass
 6:30 PM | Dinner (SERVED 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM)
 Soup and Scripture:
 Feb 20th | March 13th | March 20th
 Friday Fish Dinners:
 Feb 27th | March 6th | March 27th
 *NO FRIDAY FISH DINNER ON GOOD FRIDAY
 7:30 PM | Stations of the Cross
 (Living Stations: March 27th)



Feast of St. Blaise



Newly Baptized

Elvin Augustine
 Russell Minko
 Theo Nguyen



Blessed Candles

February 7 & 8

Sponsored by:

Young Ladies Grand Institute

Suggested donation: \$5.00

**FOOD PANTRY
 will collect donations
 Sunday, February 8**

Please consider donating: pasta, canned vegetables & fruits, canned tuna in water, canned chicken, and canned salmon. Please keep in mind that you are purchasing for individuals, so no family-sized cans, boxes or packages. We **cannot** accept perishable food, bread and bread products, dairy products and liquids.

Thank you very much for your support!

Food Pantry Open: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays: Noon to 1pm

2025 contribution statements are now available by request. Please contact the parish office at (949) 551-8601 to request your statement. We do not keep a record for those who are not registered at St. Thomas More Catholic Church.

Please be ready to provide your envelope number.

STM CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Next Classes:

C2– Wed, Feb 4 at 7:00pm

C1– Wed., Feb 11 at 7:00pm

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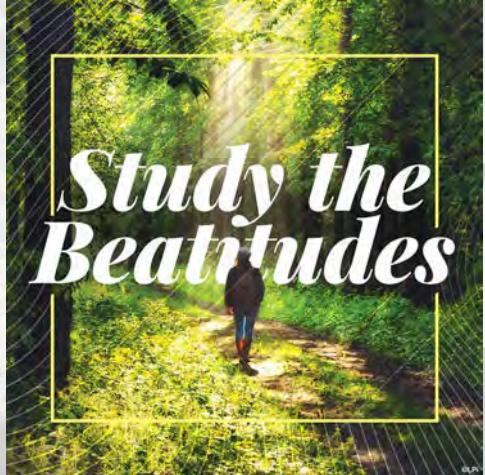
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Youth Night

Sunday, Feb 8 after the 5:00pm Mass

Bible Study:

Mondays: 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Fireside Room



R.E.P. CORNER



ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOLERS



Don't forget—we have an EDGE Meeting THIS Tuesday (1/24) at 7PM. We hope to see you there!



FIRST RECONCILIATION RETREAT REMINDER



To all of our FC2 families—

SAVE THE DATE!

Our First Reconciliation Retreat is on Monday, February 2nd at 6:30PM.

This retreat is for students & parents and will be a great boost for all of our students preparing for their First Reconciliation.



ATTENTION 6th, 7th & 8th Graders!!!

It's not too late to sign-up for Middle School Youth Day at Knott's Berry Farm! Come join us on for fun, faith & fellowship with hundreds of other Middle Schoolers on:

Saturday, February 7th

8:15AM-7PM!

Please contact Lisa Busch at lisa@stmirvine.org or call the REP Office to register.

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THERE ARE 5 PATRON SAINTS OF NURSES! ST. AGATHA, ST. CAMILLUS, ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, ST. JOHN OF GOD, AND RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL.



FEAST OF THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS

Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday.

This year it is celebrated on February 17, 2026.



*"Seek
My Face"*

Psalm 27:8

THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS

"By offering My Face to My Eternal Father, nothing will be refused, and the conversion of many sinners will be obtained.

— Our Lord to Sr. Mary of St. Peter



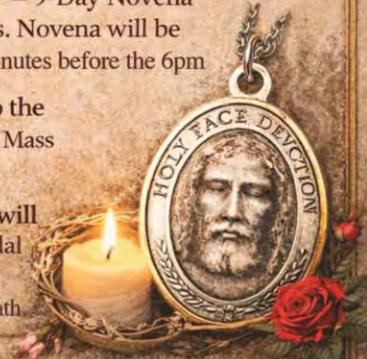
Prepare for the FEAST of the HOLY FACE OF JESUS

January 31st & February 1st — Prayer card and information will be distributed at the Church. Learn more about the promises Jesus gives to those who honor His Holy Face.

February 8th thru February 16th — 9-Day Novena for the Holy Face of Jesus begins. Novena will be recited after the 8am Mass and 10 minutes before the 6pm

February 17th — Consecration to the Holy Face of Jesus. After the 6pm Mass during Adoration.

Medal of the Holy Face of Jesus will be distributed. Please use this medal especially during Lent as we journey through His passion, crucifixion and death.



BLESSED

"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me."

MATTHEW 5:11

BLESSED ARE
THE POOR IN
spirit;
THE KINGDOM
OF HEAVEN
IS THEIRS!

Psalm 146



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Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic or completing your sacraments?

Thursdays 7:00 PM

Contact Marie:
OCIA@stmirvine.org



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE

BIBLE READING MARATHON



We did it AGAIN!!

We read the entire Bible cover-to-cover in about 100 hours!

We are truly blessed by Fr. Eugene for the inspiration and direction on this event, and by everyone who supported, and who read during the wee hours of the night!

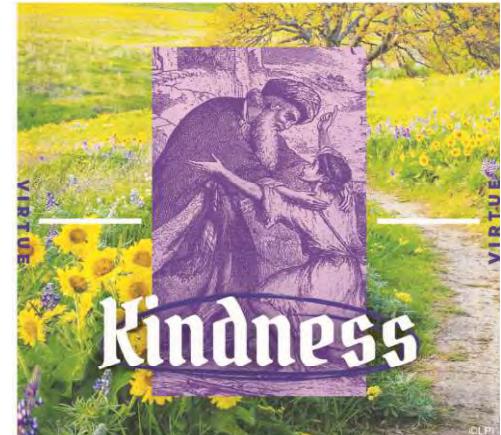
Thank you to all who organized and participated in
sharing the beautiful readings of our Holy Bible!



Winter Bible Studies Registration is OPEN!

Choose your Bible adventure!

- Bible Basics
- Genesis
- Romans
- Jesus
- Spanish



Virtues, Explained!

Also known as benevolence or beneficence and derived from the theological virtue of charity, kindness is a way of seeing others through the eyes of God, who has adopted us as His own.

Bless Us, Lord

Jesus,
You are good and gracious, every moment of every day. You invite us to be meek, merciful, clean of heart, peacemakers. Give us the grace to seek these virtues, and to seek you. May your blessing accompany us on our way.
Amen.



LOVE CATHOLIC BOOKS?

Our church library is looking for a few volunteers who would be willing to help for just a couple of hours a month.

This is a simple and rewarding way to serve—helping keep our library organized and accessible so others can continue to grow in faith through good Catholic reading.

If you're interested or would like more information, contact denyse@stmirvine.org.

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STM SFC
STM Small Faith Communities



Questions of the Week

First Reading:

Zephaniah speaks of a "remnant" of Israel who will live humbly and seek justice. Are there people in your life who live this way?

Second Reading:

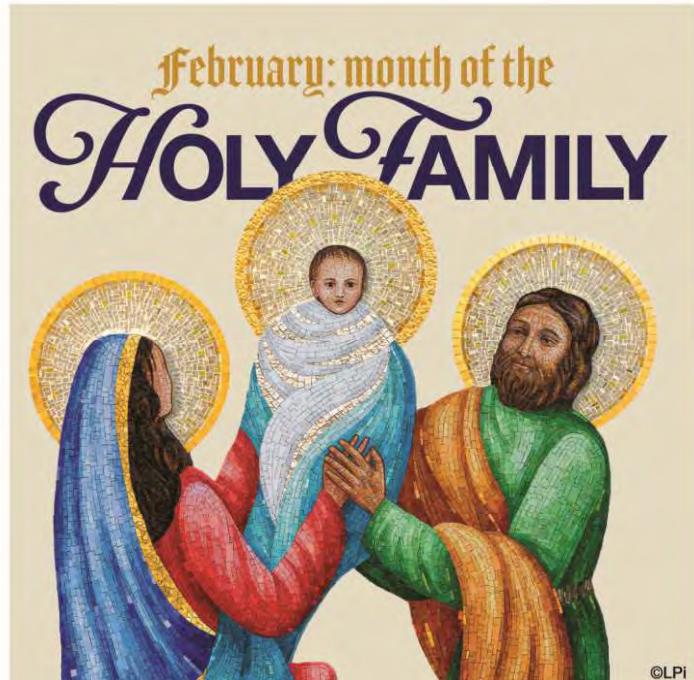
Paul describes members of the Corinthian church as foolish, weak and despised. How would you characterize your faith community?

Gospel:

Jesus begins his "Sermon on the Mount" with the many ways that people are blessed. What do you consider your biggest blessing?

Observances for the week of February 1, 2026

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life
- Tuesday:** St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
- Thursday:** St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
- Friday:** St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
- Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day



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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Blessed are the poor, the meek, the persecuted. These are radical words in a world that insists the opposite: blessed are the wealthy. Blessed are the forceful. Blessed are the comfortable. Do we have what it takes to be radical?

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Men's Weekend

Sat & Sun March 14th - 15th
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Women's Weekend

Sat & Sun March 21st – 22nd
St. Thomas More Church, Irvine

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GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE A



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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Presentation of the Lord • Luke 2:22-32

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with Prayer



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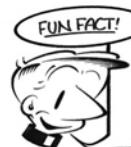
Become a Prayer Partner – Pray for the Intentions once a week

"What do you call the lettering on an invitation to a baby's first Sacrament?"



theFAITHFULFUNNIES

"The Baptismal font."



Inside of every Catholic church, there is a Baptismal font. The Baptismal font is typically a pedestal that holds holy water in it, and it's used for the Sacrament of Baptism.

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Young Ladies Institute	Ann Johnson	(9) 374-1547

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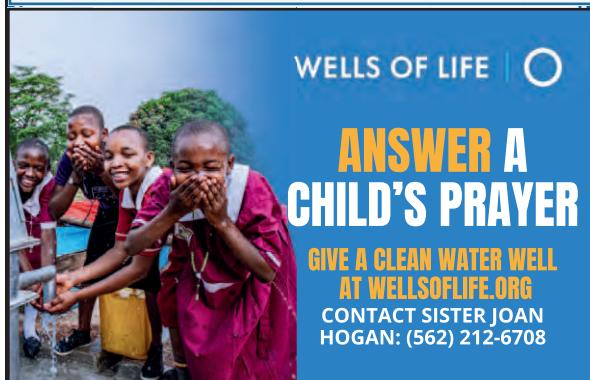


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Beginning-experience-of-orange-county.iny.canva.site or BEDC2015@gmail.com




The Restore Retreat is open to all moms, not only those with young children. Moms with children 18 and younger are welcome. A limited number of spots are still available for nursing mothers (babies must be 6 months or younger), and scholarships are available.

Additional details and registration information can be found here:
<https://announce.rcbo.org/restoreretreat/>

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Saturday, Feb 28 9:30am-12:30pm
Cultural Center, Christ Cathedral
Reservations: \$43 per person by check, must be postmarked by February 19, 2026 to Magnificat P.O. Box 6545 Laguna Niguel, CA 92607 or **\$46**
PayPal: Magnificat-ministry.net/ ca-orange-county
\$49 at the door (cash/check only)
For registration information contact:
Lourdes Carroll 714-624-6561

May the Mother of God keep you close to Our Lord Jesus Christ!
Be assured of our Intercessory Prayers for your service to OC Magnificat!



NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK

Diocesan Wedding Anniversaries Mass

Saturday, February 7 at 11AM
Arboretum at Christ Cathedral

Join us for the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversaries Mass with the blessing of couples and renewal of consent. This event is extra special in 2026 since it coincides with the 50th anniversary of the Diocese of Orange. Bishop Thanh Thai Nguyen will be presiding at Mass at 11 a.m. with reception in the Cultural Center Lobby to follow!

RSVP by scanning the QR code or visiting rcbo.org/marriage-week



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