



# 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



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**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.

### Pastor

Parochial Vicar  
Chinese Chaplain  
Weekend Assistants

### Deacons

### Founding Pastor

### Rev. Eugene J. Lee

Rev. Thomas Tran  
Rev. Francis Li  
Rev. Joseph Horn, O Praem  
Rev. Joseph Justice  
Deacon Tony & Mrs. Mary Patronite  
Deacon Tin & Mrs. UyenLan Nguyen  
Deacon Leonard & Mrs. Nancy Sun  
Deacon Bernie & Mrs. Pam Ocampo  
†Rev. John E. Janze

### Office Information

Office hours:  
Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm  
Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm  
[frontdesk@stmirvine.org](mailto:frontdesk@stmirvine.org)  
Office: 949-551-8601  
After-hours emergency: 949-551-8601 ext. 7  
Fax: 949-551-5879  
Religious Education: 949-551-8029  
Youth Ministry: 949-551-8602  
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## 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

They left everything and followed him.  
- Lk 5:11

February 9, 2025



**Welcome**  
to St. Thomas More!



**Have you registered yet?**

Stop by the office or go online to register  
and become part of the STM Family!



# MASS INTENTIONS



- Sat 2/8 4:00pm Joonsik Peter Kang
- Sun 2/9 8:00am †Cora Torres  
Kenneth Phung  
†Teresa Yeng Pak  
†Aurora Lazaro  
†Jorge Rodriguez  
9:30am Luis Sarmiento  
11:30am †Mary Catherine Hanmer  
1:00pm †Jose Santos Serna & Maria De Jesus Mendoza  
5:00pm PRO POPULO
- Mon 2/10 8:00am Fr. Daniel Patricio Castellano  
6:00pm †Maria Jirwanto
- Tues 2/11 8:00am †Lourdes Garcia  
6:00pm †Pilar Fabio
- Wed 2/12 8:00am Ailyn Grace Maristela  
6:00pm †Jason Speare
- Thurs 2/13 8:00am Joyce Lui  
6:00pm †Ann Fernandez
- Fri 2/14 8:00am Del Villar Family  
6:00pm †Donald Forlenza
- Sat 2/15 8:00am †Jose Robles Llana  
Armentina Light  
Glenda Mortenson  
Han Soo Kim



## Collections and Expenses

1/27/2025- 2/22/2025

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$36,017	\$20,580	\$56,597
Maintenance Fund	\$508	\$420	\$928
Other income	\$515	\$3,029	\$3,544
National Needs	\$7,949	\$285	\$8,234
Total income	\$44,989	\$24,314	\$69,303

Regular Expenses \$57,691

Capital Campaign \$54,310 \$17,636 \$71,947

Campaign Expenses \$0

If you would like to give online, please click on the e-giving link in the top corner of the STM website.

All donations to the capital campaign will be used exclusively to pay for the construction costs to build the new church. Moreover, maintenance fund donations can be used to pay for the construction costs to build the new church and for the maintenance and repairs of the existing buildings and property. If you have questions, please call the office. Thank you for your generosity!

## Pray for the Sick

- Flory Aguilar
- Baby Dean Catherine Beeny
- Froy Becerra
- Daniel Bernabe
- Kelly Carter
- Bob & Sandy Catiller
- Lou and Nancy Chereny
- Paul Cook
- Victor Cota
- Paul Curran
- Chaz Decoteau
- Mary Rose Del Mundo
- Cecelia Duzynski
- Jamael Edwards
- Nina Leones Espino
- Maria Fernandes
- Tony Galati
- Marco Gama
- Anthony Gaona
- Lisa Greubel
- CJ Hassett
- Doug & Kathie Hibbard
- Drew Hoang
- Cristeta Jaropillo
- Angela Judy
- Natalie and Warren Julian
- Miriam Kasperowicz
- Tiesha Kelley
- Vivian Knisely
- Ashly Leal
- Lauren Leal
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- Deirdre Morley
- Susan Navarrete
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- Sharon Pataray
- Armando Peña
- Liz Pennington
- Jacqueline Claire Poznoski
- Donna Publico
- Sandra Quezada
- Ryan Quinn
- George Quitariano
- Paula Jane Ramirez
- Al & Elizabeth Rangitsch
- Guadalupe Rivas
- Jose Guadalupe Rivera
- Pauline Rocha
- Donna Rohrer
- Norma Santiago
- John Selig
- Richard Stock
- Donny Stoufufus
- Sally-Ann Thomas
- Lisa Turner
- Pete Villanueva
- Jesus Villanueva
- Raymund Villanueva
- Bill Whiteside
- Kristine & Brandon Williams
- Michele Wills
- Andy Zelinko

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## Why should I become a registered member of STM?

If you are attending Mass on a regular basis at St. Thomas More, we invite you to engage with us. Registered parishioners enjoy these benefits:

- STM offers opportunities and support as you journey in faith, through praying, serving, giving, learning and belonging.
- Registered parishioners receive important updates throughout the year so that you can keep up-to-date on important parish news.
- Registered parishioners receive preference when choosing dates for celebrations such as weddings or funerals.
- Other parishes often request verification of a person's status as a practicing Catholic, attendance at Mass, etc., when that person has been asked to be a Godparent or Sponsor. Without registration, no such verification can be made.
- Your Sunday offerings are confidentially recorded by parish staff for proof of donation for tax purposes.

Registering with St. Thomas More Catholic Church is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.

Register today online at [www.stmirvine.org](http://www.stmirvine.org) or call the parish office at 949-551-8601.

# Happy Retirement



Stephanie Miller has decided to retire from St. Thomas More. Stephanie has worked in the St. Thomas More Parish Office since 2010, starting as the Front Desk Receptionist and Baptism Coordinator. She served in her most recent role as Business

Manager since 2019. We thank Stephanie for all she has done for St. Thomas More throughout the years and we wish her well as she starts her next chapter. She will continue to be involved in parish life here at STM, serving as a lector and sacristan. If you see her around, make sure and congratulate her! God bless you, Stephanie!

## Year of the Snake

### LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

新年快樂

*Chúc Mừng Năm Mới*

새해 복 많이 받으세요

Sunday, February 9, 2025

10:30 AM - Chinese Lion Dance

12:30 PM - Vietnamese Dragon and Cultural Dances

Face Painting

Egg Rolls - Sesame Balls - New Year Candies - Hot Tea

ALL ARE WELCOME



# STM CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

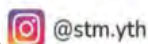


Next classes:  
C1 Class: 2/19  
C2 Class: 2/12

Upcoming Youth Night: 3/30

Join us Mondays at 7pm for Youth Bible Studies in the Fireside Room! We'll go over the readings for the upcoming Sunday's Mass and grow with one another in fellowship & community!

Follow us



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HAVE A  
BLESSED  
*Valentine's*  
DAY!

## REP. CORNER



### FIRST RECONCILIATION CONGRATULATIONS



to the young people who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this Saturday. Please keep all of these young people and their families in your prayers as they continue on their journey toward First Eucharist.



### MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH DAY

A big THANK YOU to Lisa Busch & the rest of her team that led our EDGE students to Middle School Youth Day at Knott's Berry Farm this weekend.

Everyone in attendance had a fun & spiritual experience. They all came back "on fire" and ready to spread the word of God throughout the parish.



For any questions, call the REP Office at (949) 551-8029 or email [rep@stmirvine.org](mailto:rep@stmirvine.org).



Intertwined between  
the pages of God's  
word is a love story.

Join Us!!



# STM SFC

STM Small Faith Communities





Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend experience for married couples and the next one will be here at STM in the MPR on Feb 15-16. Whether you've been married for a few years or been married for a long time, find new meaning in your marriage and discover new ways to face challenges and thrive together in your life-long journey. Apply at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org)



## A Day of Family Reflection: Proclaiming Christ's Victory in the midst of Spiritual Battles

Saturday, February 22, 9am - noon  
@ St Thomas More Parish Hall

Featured speaker

**Kathleen Beckman**, author & evangelist



Fellowship and refreshments during intermission and after the event

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Family Nurse Practitioner

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## YOUNG ADULT

# MISSION EXPERIENCE TO JAMAICA

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Steven Debolt  
[sdebolt@stmirvine.org](mailto:sdebolt@stmirvine.org)

- ◇ Join with the Missionaries of the Poor (a religious order of consecrated brothers and sisters) for this powerful spiritual encounter with Christ in the poorest of the poor.
- ◇ See flyer around the parish for full information, or contact mission coordinator. INFO SESSION: March 2, 6:30 pm over Zoom. Email Steven Debolt for link. (Not obligatory but informative.)
- ◇ Mandatory Prep & Prayer Meetings: SUNDAYS, July 13, 20, & 27. 6:30 pm at STM.
- ◇ Space is very limited! Apply asap!



## St. Thomas More's 2025 PSA Kicks off Next Weekend!



PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL

### Questions of the Week

#### First Reading:

Isaiah eagerly accepted God's call to serve once his sin was removed. What helps you be open to serve others?

#### Second Reading:

Paul reminds the Corinthians of the Gospel message he proclaimed to them about Jesus's death and resurrection appearances. What do you think makes preaching successful?

#### Gospel:

In Jesus' call of the first disciples, we see Peter's obedience and humility. How might you put these virtues into practice this week?

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Rooms 1 & 2  
Noon to 1:00pm

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Join Diaconate Candidate Rick Cabral for a three-part Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke.  
**Monday at 7:00 PM in Room 2**

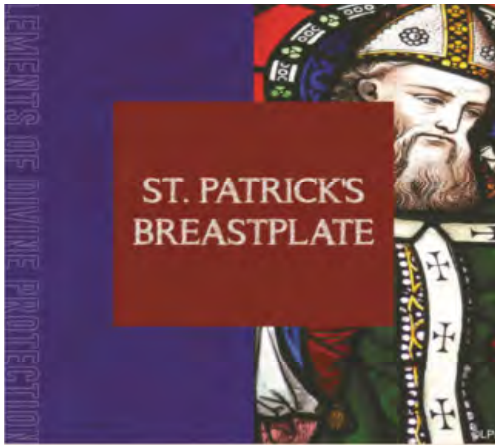
Last session:  
**Feb 10 - Luke: Chapters 19:45 – 24:53**  
*The Passion and Resurrection of Jesus*

February is the Month of The Holy Family

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Supporting Others with Prayer

On [stmirvine.org](http://stmirvine.org)  
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Pray for the Intentions

"I am a sinful man," says Simon Peter as he falls to his knees before Jesus. He had doubted the Lord, had hesitated to follow his instructions. How often can the same be said of us? Remember that God knows the outcome. He knows our nets will be filled. Do not be afraid.



## Devotions, Explained!

St. Patrick's Breastplate is an ancient Irish prayer attributed to St. Patrick. Its eleven sections call upon different elements of divine protection, beseeching Christ to surround the physical and spiritual reality of those who say it.

## Prayer When Facing the Unknown

Dear Jesus,  
When you call me to places where I am unfamiliar, be with me. When you invite me to a mission I feel ill-equipped to handle, give me your strength. Help me to leave everything and follow you.

Amen.

LET'S *Build* THE HOUSE OF THE Lord

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## Christ Renews His Parish

**Men's Weekend**

Sat & Sun, March 1-2, 2025

St. Thomas More Church, Irvine

**Women's Weekend**

Sat & Sun, March 8-9, 2025

St. Thomas More Church, Irvine



Register today at  
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## Safety Training

15 minute sessions after Mass:

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February 9

After the 11:30 AM Mass

February 16

After the 1:00 PM, 3:00 PM, & 5:00 PM Masses

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**HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER MEETING**

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## ST. THOMAS MORE MINISTRIES

### Liturgy Support

Altar Servers	Mary Jane Rin	(9) 627-7125
Art & Environment	Amee Cuevas	(9) 551-8601
Eucharist to the Homebound	Fran Necikowski	(7) 505-4816
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Nico Pagone	(7) 269-9989
Lectors	Ed Ferguson	(951) 313-4942
Music Director, Including Wedding Music	Keith Rattay	(9) 551-8601
Sacristans	Pam Ocampo	(9) 468-6704
Ushers	Frank Ornelas (9) 857-9044	Joe Martin (9) 385-3741

### Parish

Believe and Build Capital Campaign	Lisa VanDorpe	(7) 357-3080
Bulletin Editor	Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Deacons	Tony Patronite, Tin Nguyen, Leonard Sun & Bernie Ocampo	(9) 551-8601
Facilities Manager	Ed Ferguson	(9) 551-8601
Hospitality/Donut Ministry	Deacon Tony Patronite	(9) 307-6215
Parish Business Manager	Stephanie Miller	(9) 551-8601
Parish Office Manager	Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Welcoming Committee	Vince Salico	(7) 389-7726

### Sacraments

Baptism Coordinator	Maggy Gall	(9) 551-8601
Confirmation	Gerry Ordiano, Jr.	(9) 551-8602
First Communion	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
First Reconciliation	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)	Deacon Bernie & Pam Ocampo	(9) 468-6604
Marriage Case Support	Contact office	(9) 551-8601
Marriage Encounter	Mike & Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Wedding Coordinator	Marcella Maurer	(9) 551-8601

### Service

Bereavement	Rosie Muñoz	(9) 551-8601
Chinese Ministry	Deacon Leonard Sun	(7) 932-1689
Corazon	Norma Jean Womack	(9) 903-1472
Filipino Ministry	Mernie Empalmado	(9) 551-8601
Grief Share Ministry	K.C. Riley	(7) 875-8126
Hispanic Ministry	Victor Cota	(9) 400-7743
Homeless Lunch Ministry	Jessica Silva & Kim Lee	(9) 294-2875 (7) 293-8987
Knights of Columbus Council #13111	Vincent Smith	(9) 551-8601
Respect Life	Chris Gonzales	(9) 551-8601
Safety Ministry	Franck Reynaud	(7) 906-7569
STM Veterans	Sgt. Bob Kohler	(9) 552-1895
St. Vincent de Paul	Rick Lamoreux	(9) 331-1020
Vietnamese Ministry	Huan Le	(7) 261-9893
Young Ladies Institute	Rhonda Kersting	(7) 292-8251

### Spiritual Development

Adult Faith Formation	Tara Reynaud	(7) 925-9992
Bible Study (Bible Focused Formation)	Margaret Cunningham	(7) 552-8711
Christ Renews His Parish	Tony Patronite	(9) 307-6215
Cursillo	Susan Navarrete	(9) 345-9130
Devotional Life Committee	Julie Whiteside	(7) 615-7205
FOCUS	Steven Debolt	(9) 382-4324
Holy Spirit Prayer Team	John Moran	(7) 401-4728
Legion of Mary	Trisha Smith and Janeth Ostowari	(7) 473-3714 (9) 307-2716
Library	Suzanna Lathrum & Romali De Souza	(9) 551-8601
Life Teen – High School & Young Adults	Bella Magetti & Hayley Moore	(9) 551-8602
More Moms	Rosanna Iseri Novia	(9) 354-2547
Prayer Partners	Mary Cope	(7) 900-0632
Religious Education	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Small Faith Communities	Denyse Gagnon	(7) 501-7848
Spanish Bible Study (Bible Focused Formation)	Teresa LeMire	(7) 832-1770
When Women Pray	Paula Hines	(7) 746-1802

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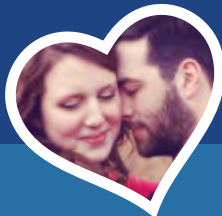
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St.Cecilia Church, 1301 Sycamore, Tustin  
8:30 AM Mass followed by continental breakfast.  
Reflection by Fr. Smith from 9:45 AM - 12:30 PM  
Contact Beverly at 714-642-6455 for reservation.  
Reservation deadline 2/26. \$20 per person



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