



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mass schedule

Daily– Monday to Saturday: 8 am*

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 6:00pm

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

TEXT TO GIVE: (949) 919-5494



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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.

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Chinese Chaplain

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Rev. Francis Li

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February 11, 2024



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 Celia Herrin Light
 Jerry Pilkington
 Paul Pursell



Emily Connor & Guillermo Alcantar



Special Collection: Feb 10 & 11



Make checks payable to: Concern America
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Collections and Expenses

1/29/2024 – 2/4/2024

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$16,215	\$21,783	\$37,998
Maintenance Fund	\$365	\$405	\$770
Other Income	\$2,431	\$1,410	\$3,841
National Needs	\$8,277	\$105	\$8,382
Total Income	\$27,288	\$23,703	\$50,991
	Regular Expenses		\$42,473
Believe & Grow Capital Campaign	\$1,405	\$3,830	\$5,235

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MASS INTENTIONS

- Sat 2/10 4:00pm †Jonh Baticita
6:00pm Renee Sison
- Sun 2/11 8:00am †Michael Haley
9:30am †Teresita Basilio
Ernie and Gary
Elaine Danaher
Vito Liddi
†Ambie Ronquillo
†Otto Widera
11:30am PRO POPULO
1:00pm Maria Angeles
5:00pm †Juan Manuel Garcia
- Mon 2/12 8:00am Beladino Family
- Tues 2/13 8:00am †Anna Nguyen
- Wed 2/14 8:00am Naim Isaac Aguilar
12:00pm Armentina Light
3:30pm †Jerry Pilkington
- Thurs 2/15 8:00am Ailyn Grace Maristela
- Friday 2/16 8:00am †Jose Robles Llana
- Sat 2/17 8:00am
Steven Tran †Agnes Q Sinocruz
Johanna Harris †Teresa Short
†Rolando Sy
†Jose Gimenez, Sr.



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LENTEN SEASON



LETTER FROM THE PASTOR | Lent + Easter 2024

Suffering. Sin. Death. These are experiences that we often work hard to avoid but they are entrenched into our lives. Lent is a time to take a deep dive into the spirituality of suffering. But why would we want to? Because there indeed is a treasury of wisdom, virtue, power, and grace that is to be gained through our faithful and humble attendance at the School of the Cross of Jesus Christ. The Cross serves as a bullseye, the sure target of all our spirituality, for it is only in and through the Cross that we enter into salvation. Ultimately the Cross is about mercy. Mercy that forgives. Mercy that heals. Mercy that saves. Let us take our sufferings and our sins to the foot of the Cross, offering them humbly and prayerfully to our Savior. Let us faithfully pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday. Let us truly take to heart the sacrifice of refraining from meat on Fridays and fasting certain meals during the week. Let us make a resolve to explore how to pray more deeply – to see how *sacrifice* plays a crucial role within prayer. And then let us strive to imitate the mercy shown upon the Cross. 40 days with Jesus in the desert. 40 days to contemplate the Lord's Cross. Then we will launch into 50 days relishing in the victory of Jesus Christ over suffering, sin, and death. May you truly have a prayerful Lent so you may have a truly fulfilling and joyful Easter season.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Eugene J. Lee
Fr. Eugene J. Lee,
Pastor

Ash Wednesday, February 14th

Mass Times: 8:00am, 12:00pm, 3:30pm,
5:30pm & 7:30pm

Lenten Fridays

Soup and Scripture: 6:00pm
February 16th, March 1st, March 15th

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry:
Serving from 4:30pm to 6:30pm
February 23rd, March 8th, March 22nd

Stations of the Cross & Adoration:
Begins at 7:00pm every Friday
+ Taizé Adoration on March 1st & 15th
+ Living Stations on March 22nd

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Penance Service:
Tuesday, March 12th at 7:00pm

Weekly Confessions:
Saturdays from 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Lenten Nights of Reflection

Two different talks featuring
Fr. Augustine Wetta, O.S.B.

Sunday, March 10th at 6:00pm
(including Lenten XLT)

Monday, March 11th at 7:00pm

Come to one or both. All are welcome!

STM CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Upcoming Confirmation Classes
C2 Classes: Feb 28

No class on Feb 14 due to Ash
Wednesday. See you at Mass!

YTH Nites: Sunday at 6PM
High school teens, join us on
March 17th after the 5pm Mass

Monday Night Bible Study
Join us Mondays at 7pm in the Parish
Hall for a Bible study on the
upcoming Sunday's readings. Get to
know God's voice in the Bible so you
can discern the voice of God out in
the world.

LENTEN XLT
With Fr. Augustine Wetta, O.S.B.
Sun, March 10th at 6PM
All are welcome!



R.E.P. CORNER



ATTENTION REP FAMILIES!!

Just a reminder that our first ever
Fat Tuesday Potluck & Family Service
Project is coming up THIS Tuesday,
February 13th at 6:00PM.

Come join us for this fun event!
To RSVP or for further information,
please contact the REP Office.



Please note there will be no REP
classes this week due to Ash
Wednesday. Therefore, all students are
strongly encouraged to
attend Mass on Ash Wednesday.



First Communion Families:

First Reconciliations are set for
THIS Saturday, February 17th.

Please keep reviewing prayers (especially the
Act of Contrition) & steps to Reconciliation
with your children.

Please check with the REP Office for
any questions.

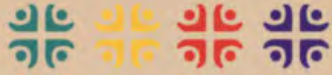


The Library Corner

The St Thomas More Parish Library staff would like
to wish all our parishioners a Happy Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time. The Parish Library will not be open
today.

As a Catholic, have you ever thought what your purpose in life is?
The divine master has a plan for each one of us, and each of us is
part of this plan. If you ever had a question about your purpose
then the STM Parish Library has the book for you titled, 'A Map of
Life,' authored by a great Catholic apologist, Frank J. Sheed.
Sheed touches on topics that are at the core of the Catholic faith
and shows a broad view of the comprehensive beauty of the truth
of Catholicism. To attain heaven, we need to live a holy life here
on earth.

Being part of the Mystical Body of Christ, we can experience life
when we break through to heaven on earth through the Holy
Sacrifice of the Mass. Sheed shares many details about faith in
order to highlight the main features of: who we are, where we
came from and where we are going. Our happiness can only be
realized when we understand the purpose for which we were
created. (PRG)



PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL

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Please prayerfully consider supporting the 2024 PSA!

Our goal this year is 100% participation! No gift is too great or too small.

The PSA provides an opportunity for us to join together as one Diocesan church family.



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New to St. Thomas More Parish?

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to register and become part of the STM Parish Family!

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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 or call the parish office at 949-551-8601.

Week at a glance @ STM:

- **Concern America** in courtyard this weekend. Thank you for your generosity!
- Tues, Feb 13th: St. Vincent de Paul **Food Pantry** at 1pm in Rooms 1 & 2
- Wed, Feb 14th is **Ash Wednesday**: check Mass times on opposite page
- Fri, Feb 16th: **Soup and Scripture** at 6pm followed by Stations of the Cross & Adoration
- Be sure to check the calendar on stmirvine.org for all upcoming events!



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Sunday, February 18, 2024

10:30 AM - Chinese Dragon Dance
12:30 PM - Vietnamese Traditional Drum Performance

Dragon Face Painting
Egg Rolls - Cookie Candy Bags - Hot Tea

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Question:

Is Ash Wednesday a holy day of obligation?

Answer:

Despite the often packed churches, you may be surprised to hear that the answer is no! Holy days of obligation commemorate a particular event (such as the birth of Christ at Christmas) or celebrate particular people (such as Mary's Immaculate Conception or the feast of All Saints). Ash Wednesday is a day of penance, fasting, and abstinence to begin the season of Lent. In a sense, it focuses on a *concept* rather than something particular and concrete.

Of course, repentance ought to be reflected in particular, concrete ways! That's one of the reasons that attending Mass on Ash Wednesday is a very good idea. It marks the beginning of a solemn season of penance. Despite all its comparisons to the desert, Lent can be very fruitful for our spiritual growth! Beginning this season with the celebration of Mass and the reception of ashes is a sign of our commitment to God and to spiritual growth.

Ash Wednesday, February 14th

Mass Times: 8:00am, 12:00pm, 3:30pm, 5:30pm & 7:30pm (multi-lingual)

FASTING

In the dioceses in the United States, Catholics aged 18 through 59 are bound to fast on both Ash Wednesday (**February 14, 2024**) and Good Friday (**March 29, 2024**). To *fast* means a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Food and drink between meals (excepting water and medicine) is not permitted on fast days.

Since Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day this year, some have been asking if there is a special dispensation from fasting and abstinence. The Bishops have not granted any special dispensations for Ash Wednesday this year. So, make sure to enjoy your Valentine's dinner and chocolates one day early on Fat Tuesday!

ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

Catholics aged 14 and up are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday. To abstain means refraining from eating beef, veal, pork, or poultry at least, although eggs and milk products are acceptable. The consumption of fish and shellfish is permitted, though the penitential character of the abstinence should be kept in mind.

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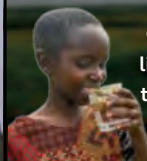
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Around the Diocese...

2024 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA YOUTH CHORAL FESTIVAL & MASS *for Treble Choirs (grades 4-12)*



Saturday, March 9, 2024 • 10:30 a.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Christ Cathedral

13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840

Bishop Kevin W. Vann, Celebrant
Dr. Bryan Zaros, Guest Conductor

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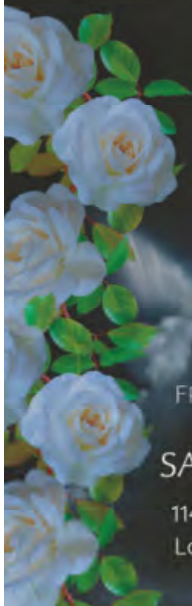


MP3 rehearsal tracks of the Festival repertoire are available for participating choirs.

SCIENCE AND MARIAN MIRACLES

From the Tilma of Guadalupe
to the Sun of Fatima

Friday, February 16, 2024
at 7 PM in the Church.



GUEST SPEAKER
FR. ROBERT SPITZER, S.J., PH.D.



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Los Alamitos, CA 90720



Orange Diocese Magnificat Prayer Breakfast

Hosted by Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapter

Saturday, March 2, 2024

9:30am to 12:30p

Cultural Center, Christ Cathedral
Guest Speaker: Alma Reyes



"I will sprinkle clean water over you to make you clean; from all your impurities and from all your idols I will cleanse you. I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh." -Ezekiel 36:25-26



Orange Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (ODCCW)

invite all women of Orange County to our February general gathering. Our keynote speaker is **Megan Morris from Life Center of Santa Ana**. Join us on Tuesday, February 20th @ St. Polycarp in Stanton, starting with 8:30 Mass (optional) Registration opens at 9am followed by a continental breakfast and lunch ending at noon. The suggested donation is \$25.00. Advanced registration is required. **Registration closes on Saturday, February 17 at 4pm.** For reservations or questions, visit: www.ocdcccw.org or contact Susan Navarrete, at snavarrete150@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you!



Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

It was pity that moved the heart of Jesus to heal the leper. He worked this miracle because the leper, in his faith, boldly asked him to. Have that same courage in approaching God with your needs. Have that same faith in His power to heal.