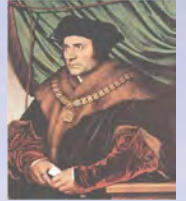




SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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: 949-344-2801



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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

Parochial Vicar Emeritus

Weekend Assistants

Deacons

Founding Pastor

Rev. Eugene J. Lee

Rev. Kiet Ta

Rev. William Krekelberg

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:

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949-551-8601

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Fax:

949-551-5879

Religious Education:

949-551-8029

Youth Ministry:

949-551-8602

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm



February 12, 2023 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Again you have heard
that it was said to your
ancestors, Do not take
a false oath, but make
good to the Lord all
that you vow.”
- Mt 5:33



Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

No one does he command to act unjustly,
to none does he give license to sin. (Sir 15:20)

Psalm:

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Ps 119)

Second Reading:

Rather, we speak of God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden,
which God predetermined before the ages for our glory.
(1 Cor 2:7)

Gospel:

"I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses
that of the scribes and Pharisees,
you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:20)

MASS+ INTENTIONS

Sat 2/11	4:00pm 6:00pm	†All Souls in Purgatory †Micaela Ira Bautista Tangonan The Curtis Family
Sun 2/12	8:00am 9:30am 11:30am 1:00pm 5:00pm	†Florencio Paredes †Virginia Camero Pro Populo Fr. Angelus Echeverry Elizabeth & Richard Kulas
Mon 2/13	8:00am	Rachel Cinco & Family
Tues 2/14	8:00am	†Ruben Monton Olaes
Wed 2/15	8:00am	Ailyn Grace Maristela
Thurs 2/16	8:00am	Abraham Villela
Fri 2/17	8:00am	Fr Kiet Ta
Sat 2/18	8:00am	Baby Johanna Harris



World Marriage Day



Collections and Expenses

1-30-23 to 2-5-23

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$18,599	\$13,257	\$31,856
Maintenance Fund	\$330	\$769	\$1,099
Other income	\$1,976	\$477	\$2,453
National Needs	\$8,430	\$0	\$8,430
Total income	\$29,335	\$14,504	\$43,839

Regular Expenses	\$41,489
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Believe & Grow Capital Campaign	\$1,145	\$4,234	\$5,379
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We appreciate your continued financial support of the parish during these challenging times. If you would like to give, please click on the e-giving link in the top corner of the STM website to set up or update your e-giving. If you have questions, please call the office. All donations to the *Believe & Grow Together Campaign* will be used exclusively to pay for the construction costs to build the new Parish church. Moreover, Maintenance Fund donations can be used to pay for the construction costs to build the new Parish church and for the maintenance and repairs of the existing Parish buildings and property.

Thank you for your generosity!



Maria Nhuong Thi Le



PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING



Flory Aguilar
Carole Caplett
Marietta Charbonneau
Ellen Chang
Beata Durdovic
Kathy Ellis
Merrie French
Marco Gama
Susie Giannantonio
Alina Gram
Tina Halberg
CJ Hassett
Doug & Kathie Hibbard
Julissa Huerta
Brooke Huismans
Sharon Jones
Natalia Julian
Richard & Elizabeth Kulas
Kevin Lee
Patrick Lee
Jack Light
Kathy Meals
Shella Arciaga Mercado
Jim Miller

Elena Monico
Linda Moore
Sharon Morley
Ernie Natividad
James Natividad
Susan Nakagama
Cathal O'Regan
Jerry & Evie Pilkington
George Quitoriano
Paula Jane Ramirez
Donna Rohrer
Eileen Rossi
Ann Rupp
Norma Santiago
Jack Scharff
Susan Shadley
Devon Sherwood
Boyd Siddaway
Tara Summers
Victor & Sharon
Jesus Villanueva
Raymund Villanueva
Roger Wells
Kristine and Brandon Williams
Michele Wills

Please email bulletin@stmirvine.org to add a name.
Names will be included for one month, if requested.

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

LENTEN SEASON



My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Many people find Lent to be a meaningful time of the year. Perhaps it is because suffering is a big part of our lives, and our spiritual instinct urges us to lean on the Cross of our Savior. The Cross has true power - the power to motivate us through our tribulations - the power to heal us as we are battered by reality - the power to bring us to redemption. Therefore, let us not run away from the Cross, rather let us turn to it, with courage and trust.

During Lent, I urge you to take advantage of the following: 1. Stations of the Cross - participate in them, at least a few times, if not every week of Lent. 2. Eucharistic Adoration - spend time with Jesus in adoration, which takes place every Friday at 7pm. 3. Go to confession. 4. If you do not regularly attend Sunday Mass, make a commitment to participate every week. Other worthy Lenten practices include: fasting (maybe one meal a week), and abstaining from meat on Fridays. At STM we will have a special Lenten meal of just bread and water while listening to a spiritual reflection. Other great opportunities abound, so please keep an eye on our bulletin, our social media, and our website.

The true meaning and splendor of Easter cannot be known without the Cross. So, allow Lent to be a time a faithful learning from the School of the Cross, that ultimately we may be an EASTER PEOPLE who shine the light of our Lord's resurrection in our daily lives.

In Christ,

Fr. Eugene J. Lee
Rev. Eugene J. Lee.
Pastor

Ash Wednesday, February 22nd

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

Lenten Fridays

February 24th, March 10th & March 17th
4:30pm - 6:30pm
Knights of Columbus Fish Fry followed
by Stations of the Cross and Adoration
at 7:00pm

March 3rd & March 24th | 6:30pm
Spiritual Lenten Meal, a silent meal of
bread & water with a reflection from Fr.
Eugene on the 3rd and by Fr. Jerome
Molokie, O Praem on the 24th followed
by Stations of the Cross and Taizé
Adoration at 7:00pm

March 31st | 4:30pm - 6:30pm
Multi-cultural soup supper and multi-
lingual Stations of the Cross

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Weekly Confessions
Saturdays 1:00pm - 3:00pm
(except for Holy Saturday, April 8th)

Lenten Penance Service
Tuesday, March 21st at 7:00pm

Extra Confessions:
March 20th-24th at 7:00pm
March 27th-31st at 8:30am

Lenten XLT

Wednesday, March 1st | 7:00pm
A special night of Eucharistic Adoration
and praise music

Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary

February 20th | 7:00pm
Commencement Mass

March 25th | 6:00pm
Mass of Consecration

See bulletin and website for other
important info.



CONFIRMATION

WED 7PM

Sponsor Forms & Saint Reports Are Due

Attention C2 families! Sponsor forms and Saint reports were due December 17th. Please turn in sponsor forms in person to the youth ministry office and please email saint reports to Confirmation@stmirvine.org. If you have any questions, please let us know.



YOUTH MINISTRY

SAT 8AM

Steubenville West Youth Conference

This high-energy youth conference where thousands of high school teens are invited to encounter Jesus Christ through dynamic speakers, engaging music, the Sacraments, small group discussions, and fellowship with other teens. The conference is being held July 14-16 in Tucson, Arizona. For more information please contact abraham@stmirvine.org



CONFIRMATION

WED 7PM

Confirmation Class Schedule.

C1: Wed 2/15, Wed 3/1, Wed, 3/15, Wed 3/29, Wed 4/19

C2: Wed 3/1, Wed 3/8, Wed 3/29, Wed 4/12, Wed 4/29



YOUTH MINISTRY

SUN 6PM

YTH NITE

Join us on Sunday (2/19) for YTH NITE! YTH NITES are for High School teens to come together in community, have dinner, and learn how to apply their Catholic faith to their lives. We can't wait to see you! YTH NITE begins after the 5PM Mass and ends at 8:00PM!



R.E.P. CORNER



The REP Office would like to wish all of our teachers, students and families a real "sweetheart" of a Valentine's Day!



First Communion (2nd year) Parents:
Please remember to register for the First Communion Retreat by Friday, February 17th.



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



It's not too late to sign up for Middle School Youth Day at Knott's Berry Farm on Saturday, February 18th! If you want to spend the day at Knott's Berry Farm with hundreds of other students for fun, faith & fellowship, contact Lisa Busch right away at lisa@stmirvine.org or call the REP Office.



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 be open today from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Are we truly intimate with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ? You know that God is constantly calling us to an intimate friendship with Him. If you would like to find out how you can develop or strengthen your friendship with God, then the STM Parish Library has an excellent book for you. The book is entitled, *'Awakening Your Soul to the Presence of God'*, authored by Father Kilian J. Healy. Father Healy with clarity and warmth, explains the ways in which you can fall deeply in love with God and shows how God is constantly calling us to an intimate fellowship with Him. Father Healy explains to us practical ways to think of God continuously and to converse with Him intimately and to please Him at all times. In this way, we can raise our hearts exultantly to God, helping us to welcome Him more fully into our souls. This book is highly recommend for anyone who is trying to bring themselves more deeply into God's presence.



Our 2023 PSA is underway!

A huge thank you to all who have already pledged to our Pastoral Service Appeal, PSA!

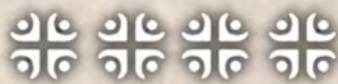
We are on our way, but still need your help.
It is not too late to pledge and every dollar helps.

The PSA supports Catholic Charities, Catholic Restorative Justice and Detention Ministry, Catholic Deaf Community, Catholic Education, Seminarians Education, Diaconate Formation/Support, Clergy Continuing Education, Priest Pension Funding, Retired Priest Housing and Parishes in Need.

Our goal this year is to have every parish family donate in some form.
In addition, once we have met our assessment of \$137,000,
all donations will be returned to enhance our Parish Life here at STM.
No gift is too great or too small.

PSA envelopes are available at the tables outside after Mass.
You can place your completed envelopes in the offertory baskets during Mass.
Or you can donate directly using this QR code or going to www.rcbo.org/psa.

Thank you so much!!!



PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL

More Information
www.rcbo.org/psa



SAINT THOMAS MORE CHURCH



February 20 - March 25, 2023

33 Day Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

- 1 WATCH FATHER EUGENE'S VIDEO.** Go to STM's Youtube page. <https://www.youtube.com/@STMIRvine>
- 2 READ OTHER SIDE OF THIS PAGE.** On the opposite page you will read about what this "Total Consecration" is, its historical backdrop, and spiritual significance.
- 3 BUY THE BOOK.** There are several different versions of the book for Total Consecration. For continuity within the whole community we ask that you use the book from Catholic Way Publishing entitled *True Devotion to Mary with Preparation for Total Consecration*. The book will be sold for \$6 outside in the courtyard on Sundays, February 5, 12, and 19. Or you can come anytime during office hours to purchase inside the office. You can also purchase this online.
- 4 ATTEND THE OPENING MASS & COMMUNAL COMMENCEMENT.** The Total Consecration process starts 33 days before our day of consecration which will be on the Feast of the Annunciation, March 25. So, **we will all be gathering on Monday, February 20, at 7:00 pm.** We will begin with Mass, hear a talk from Fr. Eugene, and do prescribed prayers and readings for day one.
- 5 DO PRESCRIBED READING AND PRAYERS EACH DAY.** This is the heart of the preparation process! Try your best. Do it out of love. 33 days of prayer and preparation. Try also to pray the rosary everyday. Starts on page 127 and 128.
- 6 JOIN THE 3 ZOOM COMMUNAL GATHERINGS.** On **March 6, 13, and 20 at 7:00 pm** we will all gather on Zoom. Go to our parish website at www.stmirvine.org and select the box for Total Consecration.
- 7 WRITE OUT YOUR CONSECRATION PRAYER.** This prayer can be found on page 170 and 171 of the book. Do not sign the prayer! We will all sign it together at our Mass of Consecration.
- 8 ATTEND THE MASS OF CONSECRATION.** We will gather on **Saturday, March 25 at 6:00 pm** at STM. This will be a beautiful day. We will all say the consecration prayer together, and everyone will receive a blessing and a scapular to symbolize your commitment.



Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary Explained

What is Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary?

Total Consecration to Jesus is an absolutely beautiful exercise to increase your spirituality and ability to truly serve our Lord Jesus Christ. The premise set forth by St. Louis Marie de Montfort is simply that Jesus came into the world through Mary and that for us to be closer to Jesus, we should go through Mary.

Initially, this idea may seem strange to some. Why consecration? And why consecration through Mary? What does that even mean? Consecration means to set aside for a sacred purpose. Mary's life was set aside for the sole purpose of serving our Lord. By following her example, we, too, can completely give ourselves to Christ in a fundamental way that consecrates us to Him. We give our lives to Him in service and love.

Consecration to Jesus through Mary according to the method of St. Louis Marie de Montfort is a method used by St. Pope John Paul II. His papal motto of "Totus Tuus" (totally yours) is directly derived from St. Montfort's Latin prayer for total consecration.

Why do this?

We consecrate ourselves in order to be more devoted to the Lord and His Blessed Mother. It helps us grow in holiness and increases our faith, hope, and love. It is a prayerful and focused method of drawing closer to Jesus.

Where do I get a book?

You can purchase copies at most Catholic book stores and from Amazon.com. (See on opposite page, step #3.)

Who is this for?

Consecration to Jesus is for anyone, Catholic or not, who is old enough to understand the love of Jesus and Mary.

**"True devotion to Mary leads us
closer to Jesus"**

- St. Louis Marie de Montfort



When does it begin and end?

In our parish, we have selected the Lenten period to emphasize the solemn nature of this endeavor.

We start on February 20, 2023 and end with consecration on March 25, 2023, the Feast Day of the Annunciation.

How does it work?

The method of consecration set forth by St. Louis Marie de Montfort, as well as in the 34-part MP3 podcast series are freely available for download from the website below. Consecration consists of a 33-day period of prayerful preparation followed by the actual act of consecration itself (also described on this site).


Website: totalconsecration.newevangelizers.com

- **33 day preparation:** The 33-day preparation includes a preliminary period of twelve days during which we endeavor "to free our-selves from the spirit of the world." This initial 12-day period is followed by a second period of three weeks. The first of these three weeks is devoted to the knowledge of ourselves, the second to that of the Blessed Virgin and the third to that of Jesus Christ.
- **Consecration:** The object of this consecration is to cast off the spirit of the world, which is contrary to that of Jesus Christ, in order to acquire fully the spirit of Jesus Christ through the Blessed Virgin. Hence the practices suggested by St. Louis De Montfort: renouncement of the world and knowledge of self, of the Blessed Virgin and of Jesus Christ.

What if I miss a day?


If you miss a day, you may just catch up by combining with next day's prayers. The most important part is to set aside a quiet period to pray and contemplate. The cycle of preparation of daily prayers and meditations takes approximately 15 minutes per day.

**24-HOUR
ADORATION
OF THE EUCHARIST**



Tuesday, February 21st
after 8:00am Mass and
will end before Mass the following day

ASH WEDNESDAY
MASS TIMES



February 22nd

8:00 am
3:30 pm
5:00 pm
7:00 pm (multi-lingual)



February 22 - April 02
40 DAYS FOR LIFE

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Wedding Banns
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ARE YOU THE ONE?
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Work for STM,
where what you do is
more than just a job.
It's a faith-filled
opportunity to serve
others in a meaningful
way. Contact Lisa Bergler
to find out more at
(949) 551-8601 ext. 213 or
email her at
Lbergler@stmirvine.org.

NEW BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM!



Matthew
The King and His Kingdom

Saturdays at 9:00 AM

To register, contact Deacon Tony
deacontony@stmirvine.org



JEFF CAVINS and SARAH CHRISTMYER





**FRIDAY
FISH FRY**

Feb 24, Mar 10, Mar 17

4:30pm - 6:30pm





For the menu, visit: stmirvine.org



Feb. 14 & 28



**Food
Pantry** at **STM**



2nd and 4th Tuesdays every month
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

**Our food pantry is available to anyone who needs it
during these challenging times.**

St. Thomas More Ministries



Liturgy Support

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Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Jerry Donaldson	(9) 552-5485
Lectors	Ed Ferguson	(951) 313-4942
Music Director, Including Wedding Music	Keith Rattay	(9) 551-8601
Sacristans	Pam Ocampo	(9) 468.6704
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Parish

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Parish Office Manager	Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
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First Reconciliation	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
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Marriage Encounter	Mike & Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Wedding Coordinator	Marcella Maurer	(9) 551-8601

Service

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Corazon	Norma Jean Womack	(9) 903-1472
Filipino Community	Mernie Empalmado	(9) 307-7479
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Hispanic Ministry	Victor Cota	(9) 400-7743
Homeless Lunch Ministry	Jessica Silva	(9) 294-2875
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Young Ladies Institute	Cathy Wachtel	(9) 857-5037

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Devotional Life Committee	Julie Whiteside	(7) 615-7205
Cursillo	Susan Navarrete	(9) 345-9130
Legion of Mary	Trisha Smith	(7) 473-3714
Library	Sam & Diana Adams	(7) 321-2405
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More Moms	Krystal Padley	(9) 551-8601
Religious Education	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Spanish Bible Study	Teresa LeMire	(7) 832-1770
When Women Pray	Paula Hines	(7) 746-1802

If you are feeling called to serve in one or more of our ministries, please email: serve@stmirvine.org