



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

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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

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Chinese Chaplain

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Parochial Vicar Emeritus

Rev. Eugene J. Lee

Rev. Thomas Tran

Rev. Francis Li

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Office Information:

Office:

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949-551-8601 ext. 7

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 18, 2024

**1st SUNDAY
OF LENT**



Alvin D. Cabrera



Welcome to God's Family
Audrey Belle Woods

HAPPY PRESIDENTS' DAY

The offices will be closed on Monday, Feb 19th

In case of emergency, please call (949) 551-8601 ext. 7

Collections and Expenses

2/5/2024 – 2/11/2024

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$16,202	\$10,555	\$26,757
Maintenance Fund	\$410	\$85	\$495
Other Income	\$965	\$1,761	\$2,726
Total Income	\$17,578	\$12,400	\$29,978

Regular Expenses	\$58,404
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Believe & Grow Capital Campaign	\$1,045	\$2,960	\$4,005
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We appreciate your continued financial support of the parish. If you would like to give online, 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!

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 2/17	4:00pm	†Joachim Hoanh Tran
	6:00pm	†Kathleen Mosko
Sun 2/18	8:00am	PRO POPULO
	9:30am	†Albina Soriano
	11:30am	Jennifer Buntich
		Lionel & Faye Ng
		Susanna and David Lu
		Edward (†) and Renee Andrade
		†Marilyn Reed
		†Ruben M. Olaes
		†Geraldine Fabio Abdon
		†Tam and Nhuong Nguyen
		†Chi Nguyen
		†Jim Lewis
	1:00pm	Steve and Teresa Lemire
	5:00pm	†Nick Victoriano Jr.
Mon 2/19	8:00am	Fr Thomas Tran
Tues 2/20	8:00am	Tony and Hermi Gonzalez
Wed 2/21	8:00am	Teresa Tran
Thurs 2/22	8:00am	George Rebujo
Friday 2/23	8:00am	Walt Mieszerski
Sat 2/24	8:00am	Paquito De Quiroz
		Ryan James Ramirez
		Paula Jane Ramirez
		Pete Villanueva
		Hirigi Family
		Deirdre Morley
		Georgina Arca
		†Pius



PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Flory Aguilar	Christy Miller
Eddie Anderson	Jim Miller
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LENTEN SEASON

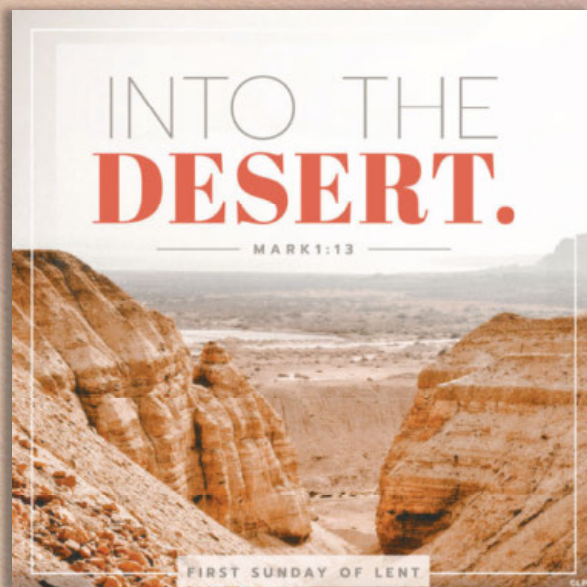


LETTER FROM THE PASTOR | Lent + Easter 2024

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



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



Congratulations to Gerry Ordiano, our new Director of Confirmation and Youth Ministry!

Most of our teens already know Gerry as he has been a valuable team member of our youth ministry for five years as well as our music director for

our Sunday 5 pm Mass. Before coming to STM, Gerry served in youth ministry teams at La Purisima Catholic Church and Saint John the Baptist Church for about seven years combined. He brings a calm, warm, and personable nature that has gained the admiration of our teens and team members. His faithfulness to our Lord and the Church will be the guiding force in his ministry. Gerry will be joining an awesome team already in place. A special shout out to Isabella Maggetti (Assistant Youth Minister) and Hayley Moore (Confirmation Admin Assistant) and for their calm cool leadership during this time of transition. We are grateful to the awesome youth ministry leadership team and to all the parents who help with food! Finally, much gratitude to Barbara Catiller, our Director of Faith Formation for her hard work in supervising the whole program and to Fr. Thomas Tran for his consistent presence and spiritual guidance. Let us pray sincerely for Gerry, his team, and our youth.

Upcoming Confirmation Classes C2 Classes: Feb 28

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



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 our young people and their families in your prayers.



MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

Our very first Fat Tuesday Potluck & Family Service Project was a great success! Thank you to the STM Homeless Lunch Ministry for this great opportunity! A very special thank you to all of the families that joined us.

Our parish community was well represented with people from age 4 to 93! We all had a lot of fun working in community.



WELCOME BACK!!

All REP Kindergarten—8th grade classes return **THIS** week.

For any questions, call the REP office
at (949) 551-8029.



The Library Corner



The St Thomas More Parish Library staff would like to wish all our parishioners a Happy First Sunday of Lent. The Parish Library will be open today from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Have you ever found yourself in the position where you felt your faith might be dwindling? Are you looking to put a new spark back into your Catholicism? If you would like to be enlightened and inspired to work harder at your relationship with the Church then the STM Parish Library has a great book that will be beneficial to restore your Catholic faith. The name of this book is, *'Ordinary Lives Extraordinary Mission,'* authored by Dr. John R. Wood. The author points to the problem we face as we have forgotten our mission to become saints. He goes on to say we need to hold each other accountable in accepting responsibility and must start walking, start sweating and start realizing we are saints in the making. Everything we need to accomplish our mission is in the Church. The saints and their many real-life experiences, light a path to help us become saints ourselves in our modern society. (INS)

Week at a glance @ STM:

- Thurs, Feb 22: **24-Hour Adoration** from 8:30am –all day & night until Mass the next day
- Fri, Feb 23: **Knights of Columbus Fish Fry:** serving from 4:30p to 6:30pm followed by **Stations of the Cross & Adoration** which begin at 7pm
- Be sure to check the calendar on stmirvine.org for all upcoming events!



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 LENTEN FRIDAYS AT STM
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Feb 23, Mar 8th & 22nd



4:30-6:30	Fish Fry
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross & Adoration


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 **FASTING** In the dioceses in the United States, Catholics aged 18 through 59 are bound to fast on both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, March 29th. 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.

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.

 **HOMELESS LUNCH Ministry**
BY THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

You are invited to pack sack lunches in the multipurpose room for our homeless neighbors

**Monday, Feb 26th
5:00pm**



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"When I was hungry you gave me food..." Matthew 25:35

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Parish

Believe and Grow Together Campaign	Lisa VanDorpe	(7) 357-3080
Bulletin Editor	Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
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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) 307-7479
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	Jake Lowe	(657) 363-7281
Respect Life	Chris Gonzales	(9) 551-8601
Safety Ministry	Fred Simon	(310) 508-5053
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	Gloria Glenn	(9) 294-9175

Spiritual Development

Adult Faith Formation / Bible Study	Tara Reynaud	(9) 551-8601
Christ Renews His Parish	Tony Patronite	(9) 307-6215
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
Life Teen – High School & Young Adults	Bella Magetti & Hayley Moore	(9) 551-8602
More Moms	Krystal Padley	(9) 551-8601
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	Teresa LeMire	(7) 832-1770
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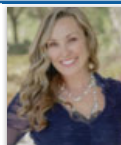
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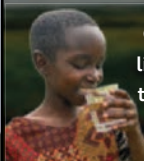


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LENTEN MORNING REFLECTION

Monsignor John Urell
Return, Rend, Repent, Rejoice

Saturday, March 2, 2024
8:15 AM - 12:30 PM
Holy Family Parish Hall
566 S. Glassell St., Orange, CA 92866

Schedule:
8:15 AM MASS
8:50 AM - Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:30 AM - Lenten Presentation by Msgr. Urell
15 minute break
11:00 AM - Adoration in Church
11:30 AM - Return to hall and share at tables
on reflection questions about the presentation.
12:00 noon - Wrap up morning & Closing Prayer

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A Eucharistic Revival Program

Saturday, March 9, 2024
8AM TO 6PM



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Donna Lee

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(Inside the church)

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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

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