



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.

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Office Hours:

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

Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm



February 25, 2024

2ND SUNDAY
OF LENT

And he was transfigured
before them, and his clothes
became dazzling white,
such as no fuller on earth
could bleach them.

- Mk 9:2-3



John Acuña



Collections and Expenses

2/12/2024 – 2/18/2024

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$20,084	\$13,640	\$33,724
Maintenance Fund	\$235	\$150	\$385
Other Income	\$4,513	\$1,515	\$6,028
Ash Wednesday	\$8,993	\$244	\$9,237
Total Income	\$33,825	\$15,549	\$49,374

Regular Expenses	\$43,540
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Believe & Grow Capital Campaign	\$540	\$5,970	\$6,510
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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 2/24 4:00pm †Mr. and Mrs. Vu Huu Chuong
6:00pm †John Lawrence Haley

Sun 2/25 8:00am †Irene & Julio Sinocruz
9:30am †Maria Van Pham
11:30am †Anita Ramos Biscocho
1:00pm Fr. Angelus Echeverry
3:00pm PRO POPULO
5:00pm Elizabeth Flick
Irene Reyno
†Hanh Nhon Thi Duong
†Polly So
†Jose Eduardo Galindo

Mon 2/26 8:00am †Miriam Diaz

Tues 2/27 8:00am Amelita Navarro

Wed 2/28 8:00am Megan Lui

Thurs 2/29 8:00am Christopher Gonzales

Friday 3/1 8:00am †Reynaldo Santiago

Sat 3/2 8:00am Johanna Harris
Steve & Teresa LeMire
Chris Jensen
†All Souls in Purgatory



PRAYERS FOR HEALING

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LETTER FROM THE PASTOR REGARDING UPDATE ON THE NEW CHURCH BUILDING CAMPAIGN

February 25, 2024

Dear Parishioners of Saint Thomas More Church,

I have been working diligently the past year to get the big pieces in place to begin our final push towards the building of a new church. I believe we are in a good place, and we are ready to move earnestly forward. It took some time, but we have assembled a dream team of highly competent professionals in the fields of architecture, construction, fundraising, and the liturgical arts, and they have been working to develop a beautiful yet feasible scope for our building project. In addition, I have been in consultation with a campaign advisory committee comprised of parishioners who have been immensely helpful. The tremendous sacrifices of so many people have resulted in raising \$10,400,000 to date. This gives me great inspiration and presents a crucial responsibility (and pressure!) to carry forth this mission with all my heart.

While we have had to scale back the scope of the original concept of the building to fit our fundraising potential, we will still build a beautiful house for the Lord. The size of the church will be larger than our current hall. None of the plans are set in stone yet and the details of the building will be directly tied to the success of our capital campaign. In case you don't know, we currently celebrate Mass in our hall. It is a very nice building, but we need a new church that glorifies the majesty of Christ. Our church will be constructed on the large lawn. Look for the cross that shows the location of the future altar. Also, after building a new church we will be able to create in the hall much needed meeting spaces.

We are currently in an assessment phase being conducted by our capital campaign consulting firm, and it seems that we are on an exciting trajectory. We will soon be updating you about the findings of this assessment and how we all can take part in creating history. We hope that by June of this year, we will be launching the public phase of our the new campaign. If all goes well, perhaps we can break ground in the Fall of 2025! It will not be without sacrifice from every person.

Finally, allow me to share from my heart that it never ceases to amaze me to see the spirit, the sacrifices and the faithfulness of the people of God. I join with you in expressing our deep love for Jesus Christ. Let us join together to build a place that exults and glorifies the most precious gift of the Holy Eucharist – a house for his tabernacle. We build for the Eucharist, the greatest sign of God's love for his people.

May God bless our beautiful community of Saint Thomas More Church.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Eugene Lee.
Pastor

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!



R.E.P. CORNER



LENTEN FAMILY ACTIVITY

REP 1st-5th Grade Families

Just a reminder, please make sure to take time each day of Lent to work on the Totally Lent activity booklet sent home with your child.

We look forward to seeing their progress on the "Path Through Lent".



During Lent, we invite our 3rd-8th Grade REP classes and their families for Reconciliation on Saturdays



starting at 1:00 PM in the Priests' Offices. Call the REP Office for more information.



First Communion (2nd year) Parents:

SAVE THE DATE!!



Our meeting of parents with second year students preparing for First Holy Communion this Spring is scheduled for Monday, March 4th at 6:30 PM. At least one parent must attend.



The Library Corner

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

Today the Catholic Church will celebrate the Second Sunday of Lent. Lent is observed for 40 days from Ash Wednesday, which coincides with the time Jesus spent fasting in the desert and enduring the temptations of Satan. The tradition of Lent was established at the Nicene Council in 325. Catholics are encouraged to pray, fast and give alms during this season. The STM Parish Library has an excellent book that covers the entire Lenten season, and Easter through Pentecost Sunday. The name of this book is, '*Lent and Easter with the Church Fathers*,' and the author is Marco Pappalardo. Filled with daily selections, from the writings of the Fathers of the Church, we are provided with prayerful meditations for this Holy Season. The author has provided this daily companion to help us reflect on the Paschal Mystery from the Church's greatest teachers. Now, what will you abstain from or sacrifice for this Lenten season? (SAC)

Questions of the Week

First Reading

Abraham passed God's test to offer his beloved son, Isaac, as a sacrifice. Have you ever felt tested by God?

Second Reading

Paul speaks of God's generous love and affection for us, ever willing to defend and protect us. As we continue the Lenten journey, to whom might you offer some comfort and care this week?

Gospel Reading

After witnessing Jesus' transfiguration, hearing God's voice, and commanded to silence, Peter, James, and John must have been spiritually and emotionally drained. What helps energize you spiritually?

LENTEN NIGHTS OF REFLECTION

Fr. Augustine Wetta, O.S.B.

Sunday, March 10th at 6:00 PM

—INCLUDING XLT—

"FAIL! HOW TO HAVE A WONDERFUL TERRIBLE LENT"

Monday, March 11th at 7:00 PM

"THE END IS NEAR! HOW TO TAKE LENT SERIOUSLY,"

Come to one or both. All are welcome!



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Week at a glance @ STM:

- Tues, Feb 27th @ 1pm SVDP Food Pantry in Rooms 1 & 2
- Tues, Feb 27th @ 6:30pm-8:30pm: **Hispanic Ministry Night of Reflection**
- Fri, March 1st: **Soup and Scripture** at 6pm followed by **Stations of the Cross & Adoration** which begin at 7pm (Holy Spirit Prayer Group will resume on Friday, April 5th)
- Sat, March 2nd: **Bi-lingual Vietnamese Lenten Retreat**



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Saint of the week

Blessed Carlo Acutis was born in 1991 and is the first millennial to be beatified. Despite dying of leukemia at age 15, he developed a website that showcases Eucharistic Miracles around the world, demonstrating that holiness knows no age.

Prayer of Trust

Dear Lord,
Your ways confuse me sometimes. Often, I don't fully understand what You are doing. But I believe that You are working in a way that will one day make sense. Until then, keep me close to You, trusting blindly in the ways You lead me. Amen.

Observances for the week of February 25, 2024

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Tuesday: St. Gregory of Narek,
Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

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LENTEN RETREATS
NEXT SATURDAY, MARCH 2nd, 5-6:30 PM

IN ENGLISH Fear of the Lord at Mass Fr. Eugene Lee St. Nicholas Room	IN VIETNAMESE Hãy Trở Về Bishop Thomas Nguyễn Multipurpose Room
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PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL



LENTEN FRIDAYS AT STM

March 1st & 15th

6:00 PM	Soup & Scripture
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross & Adoration



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.



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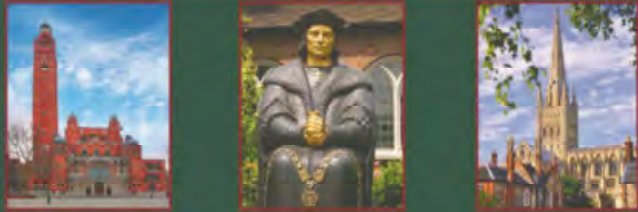
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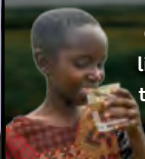
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Saturday, March 9, 2024

8AM TO 6PM



FR. Robert Spitzer, SJ, Ph.D.



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Lunch information can be found on the website.



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<https://beginning-experience-of-orange-county.my.canva.site/>



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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