

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 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



* Livestreamed Masses

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

Deacons

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Weekend Assistants

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

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Office Information:

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Office Hours:

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm

Founding Pastor



February 26, 2023

1st SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9



Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life. (Gn 2:7)

Psalm:

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. (Ps 51)

Second Reading:

For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners,

so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous. (Rom 5:19)

Gospel:

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.

He fasted for forty days and forty nights. (Mt 4:1-2)



Lara Farhadi Bishop David O'Connell

| <u>Collections and Expenses</u> 2-13-23 to 2-19-23 | | | | | |
|---|------------------|----------|----------|--|--|
| | Collection | E-Giving | Total | | |
| Sunday Collection | \$17,339 | \$14,168 | \$31,507 | | |
| Maintenance Fund | \$809 | \$100 | \$909 | | |
| Other income | \$2,187 | \$558 | \$2,745 | | |
| Earthquake Relief | \$14,597 | | \$14,597 | | |
| Total income | \$34,932 | \$14,827 | \$49,759 | | |
| | Regular Expenses | | \$9,949 | | |
| Believe & Grow Capital Campaign | \$589 | \$11,651 | \$12,240 | | |

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!*



| Sat 2/25 | 4:00pm 6:00pm | Huy & Thi Tran †Eileen Mescall |
|-----------|-----------------------------|---|
| Sun 2/26 | 9:30am 11:30am 1:00pm | Pro Populo Trixie Vitanzos †Lilia Cachola †Uvaldo and Theresa Armijo †Cathy Armijo †Richard Armijo †Andronico & Luz Morales †Angelo Peckson †Georgina Arca †William G. Uhl Sr. †John & Gloria Ostis The Nguyen-Majkoski Family †Salvador Orozco |
| | 5:00pm | Carole Caplett |
| Mon 2/27 | 8:00am | Rachel Cinco & Family |
| Tues 2/28 | 8:00am | †Jose Eduardo Galindo |
| Wed 3/1 | 8:00am | Victor Cinco & Family |
| Thurs 3/2 | 8:00am | Shirley Parke Gregory |
| Fri 3/3 | 8:00am | †Anna Nguyen |
| Sat 3/4 | 8:00am | †Bienvenido Del Rosario †All Souls in Purgatory |



PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING

*†*Christine Almeida

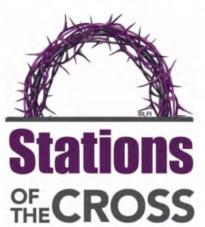
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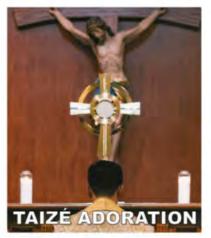
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Please email <u>bulletin@stmirvine.org</u> to add a name. Names will be included for one month, if requested.

LENTEN FRIDAYS AT STM







6:30pm

7:00pm

after Stations



FASTING

✤ In the dioceses in the United States, Catholics aged 18 through 59 are bound to fast on both Ash Wednesday (February 22, 2023) and Good Friday (April 7, 2023).

✤ 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.

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-

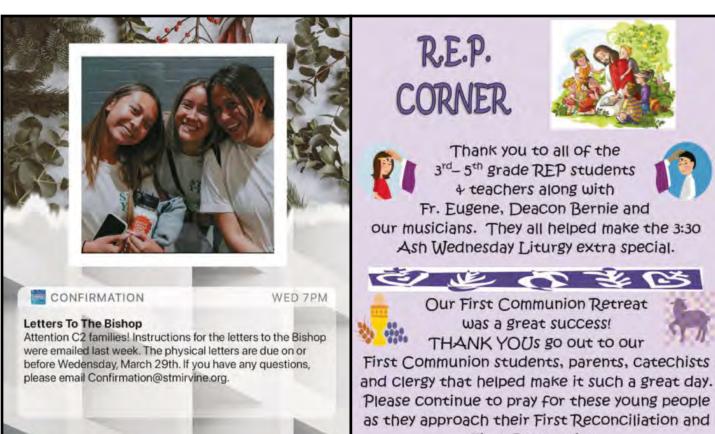
Wednesday, March 1st | 7:00pm A special night of Eucharistic Adoration and praise music

- 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.



First Communion.

CO F CO F CS 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 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Lent will be observed for 40 days starting with Ash Wednesday coinciding 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, Easter and Pentecost Sunday, entitled, 'Lent and Easter with the Church Fathers', authored by Marco Pappalardo. These daily selections are from the writings of the Fathers of the Church that provide 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?



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 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 (3/5) 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!







- 1. Use your smart phone camera
- 2. Focus camera lens on this QR code
- 3. Touch the text box that appears
- 4. A form will appear on your phone
- 5. Touch line for Name and enter your Name
- 6. Repeat for email address and phone
- Touch the box for the time under each month that you wish to pledge.
- 8. Scroll left for months Jul & Aug.
- 8. When finished press Submit



If you wish to sign up using a paper form, they can be found on the tables in the back of Church. Place Church copy in the box provided



The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, "It is written: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."

- Mt 4:3-4 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass #2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Reverence at Mass

Mass is deeply sacred. Let us deepen our devotion to the Eucharist.

- RESS to meet the King of Kings
- ARLY to Mass
- NGAGE in Mass with your heart
- PARTICIPATE actively
- ND. Stay to the end of the FINAL HYMN

N EIGHBOR-MINDED. Help make Mass a sacred time for you and your brothers and sisters.

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Liturgical Life

Questions of the Week

First Reading

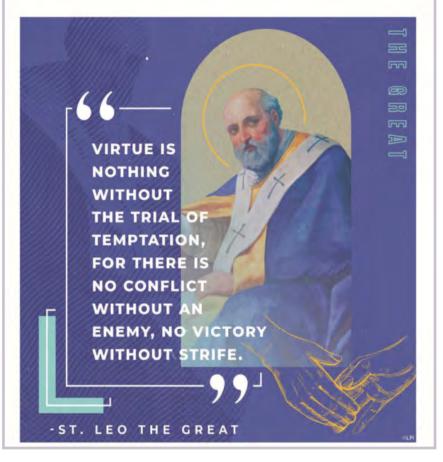
Genesis teaches us that humanity's first sin against God was that of disobedience — they listened to the voice of the snake (the devil) rather than God's voice. What are some ways we can avoid the sin of disobedience in this first week of Lent?

Second Reading

Paul teaches us that through Jesus' obedience to his Father (as opposed to Adam's "transgression"), believers receive the gift of God's grace and "acquittal" from condemnation. How can we all be more mindful of this divine reversal of fortunes during Lent?

Gospel Reading

Each year the Gospel reading for the season of Lent begins with the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert by the devil. What temptations are you willing to confront during the forty days of Lent?





Please prayerfully consider supporting the 2023 PSA!

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.

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 <u>www.rcbo.org/psa</u>.

Thank you so much!!!

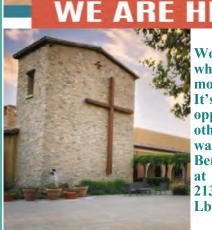
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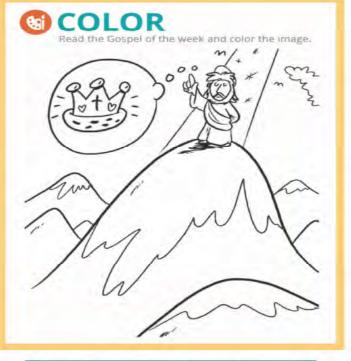
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Work for STM, where what you do is more than just a job. It's a faith-filled opportunity to serve others in a meaningful way. Contact Lisa Bergler to find out more at (949) 551-8601 ext. 213 or email her at Lbergler@stmirvine.org





1st Sunday of Lent • Matthew 4:1-11



1:00 PM to 2:00 PM Our food pantry is available to anyone who needs it during these challenging times.

SEE'S CANDY SPRING FUNDRAISER Help us achieve our seminarian education and charitable donation goals!

Young Ladies Institute



GRIEF SUPPORT New for 2023 GROUP

Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

Mondays 7-8:30 pm January 9 - April 3, 2023 OR Tuesdays 10-11:30 am January 10 - April 4, 2023 St. Thomas More Parish Register at GriefShare.org

GRIEF

February 22 - April 02

Get involved in a worldwide mobilization through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, that has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results:

Over 20,000 babies saved from abortion Over 200 abortion workers converted Over 100 abortion centers closed



Help save lives in our community here's how:

Sign up for a one hour slot or a weekly slot to pray outside of abortion mill Planned Parenthood. Scan QR code to sign up to be a prayerful witness to save precious babies' lives.

Vigil location: Public Right of Way outside of 700 S. Tustin St. Orange, CA

40daysforlife.com/orange





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| Baptism Coordinator |
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| Confirmation |
| First Communion |
| First Reconciliation |
| Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) |
| Marriage Case Support |
| Marriage Encounter |
| Wedding Coordinator |
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Service

| Service | | |
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| Chinese Community | Deacon Leonard Sun | (7) 932-1689 |
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