



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Saint Thomas More Welcomes All



*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 27, 2022

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



#### **JESUS SAID:**

“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit,  
nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.  
For every tree is known by its own fruit.”

~ Luke 6:43 - 44



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IRVINE, CA

## New Mass Schedule

DAILY -- Monday to Saturday: 8am

### SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm Vietnamese/Eng  
6:00 pm English

### SUNDAY MASS

8:00 am English 1:00 pm Spanish/Eng  
9:30 am English 3:00 pm Chinese/Eng  
11:30 am English 5:00 pm English

### LIVESTREAM

Daily at 8:00 am and Sunday at 9:30 am



Welcome!

*Morning Prayer:* Wed & Fri 7:30am to 7:50am

*Adoration:* Every Friday 6:00pm to 7:00pm

*24 Hour Adoration:* on the 22nd of every month

*Saturday Confessions:* 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Mass will be available online for the sick and homebound on Sundays at 9:30am & Monday-Saturday at 8:00am. For spiritual advisement, please contact the priest to schedule an appointment.

*Baptisms and Marriages:* contact the office for details

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — One's speech shows the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he or she speaks (Sirach 27:4-7).

**Psalm** — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

**Second Reading** — We are given victory over death through Jesus. In the Lord our labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:54-59).

**Gospel** — A good person produces good, an evil person produces evil. The mouth speaks from the goodness of the heart (Luke 6:39-45).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c; Mk 10:17-27

**Tuesday:** 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31

**Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

**Sunday:** Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 2/26	4:00pm	Tuong Nguyen
	6:00pm	†James Baer
Sunday 2/27	8:00am	†Helen Brogan
	9:30am	†Geraldine Fabio Abdon
	11:30am	†John Conti
	1:00pm	Beatriz and Ronald Dela Riva
	3:00pm	Pro Populo
	5:00pm	Anita Maria Delariva
		Dr Vivian Mendoza
Fr. Ed Broom		
†Frank Giannantonio		
†Heavenly Angels of the Strom Family		
Aiylyn Grace Maristela		
Monday 2/28	8:00am	†Bob Gibson
	†Benigno Alvarez	
	†Nguyen Family	
	†Souls in Purgatory	
	Christopher Gonzales	
Wednesday 3/2	8:00am	Kim Vu
Thursday 3/3	8:00am	Shirley Gregory
Friday 3/4	8:00am	†Bill D'Andrea
Saturday 3/5	8:00am	Baby Johanna Harris
	All Priests & Deacons	
	†Calogero Modicamore	
	†Joseph Nguyen	
		†Alice Greene



# LENTEN SEASON

40 Days of Personal Renewal in Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving

## Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 2

8:00 AM | 3:30 PM | 5:00 PM | 7:00 PM

"Remember that You Are Dust  
& to Dust You Shall Return."



## Lenten XII

*A Special night of Eucharistic Adoration  
& praise music.*

Wednesday, March 9

7:00 PM

## Lenten Fridays

Friday, March 4	4:30 PM to 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	- K of C Lenten Fish Fry - Stations of the Cross & Adoration
Friday, March 11	4:30 PM to 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	- K of C Lenten Fish Fry - Stations of the Cross & Adoration
Friday, March 18	<b>6:00 PM</b>  7:00 PM	- <b>SPIRITUAL LENTEN MEAL</b> A silent meal of bread & water with a reflection by Fr. Eugene - Stations of the Cross & Taizé Adoration
Friday, March 25	4:30 PM to 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	- K of C Lenten Fish Fry - Stations of the Cross & Adoration
Friday, April 1	4:30 PM to 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	- K of C Lenten Fish Fry - <b>Living Stations of the Cross &amp; Adoration</b>
Friday, April 8	<b>6:00 PM</b>  7:00 PM	- <b>SPIRITUAL LENTEN MEAL</b> A silent meal of bread & water with a reflection by Fr. Eugene - Stations of the Cross & Taizé Adoration



## Confessions & Lenten Penance Service

Confessions every Saturday from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

**STM Lenten Penance Service Tuesday, March 29 @7:00 PM**

Extra Confessions: Monday, March 28th to Friday, April 1st at 7:00 PM

Extra Confessions: Monday, April 4th to Friday, April 8th after 8:00 AM Mass



**Today's theme on the readings: WE ARE KNOWN BY OUR FRUIT**

This week, Jesus tells us that we must examine our own inner selves, our attitudes and dispositions, virtues and faults, rather than judging others. What is in our hearts comes out in what and how we speak. If our hearts are filled with kindness and compassion, those qualities will be evident in our speaking, just as beautiful, wholesome fruit comes only from healthy trees. And vice-versa. The Wisdom writer Sirach in the first reading agrees with this concept—that we will be judged by our words. Paul reminds us that the reward of discipleship is eternal life. Today's psalm of thanksgiving and praise reminds us of God's kindness and faithfulness, which we are to emulate in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We are known, each of us, by our own fruit.

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**Collections and Expenses**

2-14-22 to 2-20-22

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$15,271	\$12,139	\$27,411
Maintenance Fund	\$255	\$199	\$454
Other income	\$3,711	\$1,262	\$4,973
Total income	\$19,237	\$13,602	\$32,839

Regular Expenses \$38,391

Believe & Grow Capital Campaign	\$10,800	\$3,029	\$13,829
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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!**



***Eucharistic Adoration***

**Every Friday During Lent after 7pm Stations of the Cross**

*Let us adore the King of Kings*

*Be still, and know that I am God -Psalm 46:10*



**Wednesday, March 2nd**

Mass Schedule:

**8:00 am**

**3:30 pm**

**5:00 pm**

**7:00 pm**

Not a Holy Day of Obligation



**Welcome to God's Family**

Madeline Mai Nguyen  
Autumn Ramirez  
Genevieve Ava Riturban



**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Tuesday:** Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday  
**Wednesday:** Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving  
**Thursday:** St. Katharine Drexel  
**Friday:** St. Casimir; First Friday; Abstinence; World Day of Prayer  
**Saturday:** First Saturday



**PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING**



Susan Bertoglio      Bob Catiller      Ken Hughes      Jack Light

**Please email [bulletin@stmirvine.org](mailto:bulletin@stmirvine.org) to add a name. Names will be included for one month, if requested.**



**Rest in the Love of Christ**  
Ruben Olaes



LIFE TEEN

Now

### YOU Theology Of The Body Small Groups

YOU. Life, Love, and the Theology of the Body introduces teens to the truth that life is not, in fact, all about them; it is about going out of themselves to be a sincere gift for others. YOU meets Mondays at 7pm in room 3.

LIFE TEEN

Thu 7:00 PM

### By Land The Vocation to Marriage YTH NIGHT

All High School Students are invited to our High School YTH Night on 2/27 at 6:30pm. The goal of this YTH Night is to understand that the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony requires spouses to become a self-gift to one another, and in doing so, they become witnesses of sacrificial love to others.

CONFIRMATION

WED 6:00 PM

### Confirmation Class Schedule



C1 Dates: Feb 2, Feb 16, Mar 9, Mar 16, Mar 30, April 27.

C2 Dates: Feb 9, Feb 23, Mar 9, Mar 23, Apr 20, May 4.



# R.E.P. CORNER



 **ALL ARE WELCOME** to the  **Ash Wednesday Children's**

**Liturgy on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30 PM** here at the church. Please note there will be no REP classes the week of Ash Wednesday.

**All students are strongly encouraged to attend Mass on Ash Wednesday.**



## FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

Our First Communion retreat is coming up on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Please make sure to use this link:

**[bit.ly/FCRETREAT](https://bit.ly/FCRETREAT)**

by Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup> to reserve your spot. Also, if your child has not yet received their banner fabric, please contact the REP Office to arrange pick up.



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



## The Library Corner

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The St. Thomas More Parish Library staff would like to wish all our parishioners a Happy 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Parish Library will be open today from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

A book that I would like to recommend today centers around a new reverence for the Eucharistic mystery. The book that I am talking about is titled, *'God is Near Us'*, authored by Pope Benedict XVI. This collection of articles shows us the biblical, historical and theological dimensions of the Bread of Life. Pope Benedict XVI beautifully illustrates how the celebration of eternal life is there whenever we come face to face with God in the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Also, this week we will celebrate Ash Wednesday on March 2nd, starting our 40 days of Lent before Easter.

# SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

Learn from the experts!

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR A  
SPECIAL SAFETY PRESENTATION BY:

FRED SIMON, FBI AGENT & PARISHIONER

OFFICER RICK GRAMER, IRVINE POLICE DEPT.

KATHLEEN KOOIMAN, OC INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENT CENTER



**TUESDAY, MARCH 1ST**  
**7:00 PM**

*followed by refreshments  
in the courtyard*



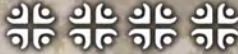
# XLT


Prayer. Worship. Adoration  
March 9 | 7pm

## Christ Renews His Parish *A Special Opportunity at STM*



- Who:** Any parishioner over the age of 18.
- What:** These are faith-filled weekends where you develop a closer relationship with Jesus, spend time in prayer and in the scriptures, and get to know more of your fellow parishioners of various backgrounds and faith levels. Your level of participation in activities is up to you.
- When:** **Men's Weekend: March 26-27, 2022**  
– Call Steve with Questions (714) 319-9947  
**Women's Weekend: April 9-10, 2022**  
– Call Patty with Questions (714) 390-9626
- Why:** Most people who have participated in the weekend experience say, **"you can't explain what happens; you have to experience it."** This is your invitation to that "experience."
- RSVP:** Register online or to learn more go to [www.ChristRenewsOC.com](http://www.ChristRenewsOC.com)



  
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## SUGGESTED PLENARY INDULGENCE OF THE MONTH MARCH 2022

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

A PLENARY INDULGENCE is granted the Christian faithful who devoutly make the Stations of the Cross. The norms of obtaining this plenary indulgence are the following:

1. This devout exercise must be performed before stations of the cross that have been lawfully erected.
2. Fourteen crosses are required in order to erect the Stations of the Cross. As an aid to devotion these crosses are customarily attached to fourteen tableaux or images representing the Jerusalem stations.
3. In accord with the more common custom, this devout exercise consists of fourteen pious readings to which are joined some vocal prayers. But in order to perform this devout exercise it is required only that one devoutly meditate upon the passion and death of the Lord. It is not required that one meditate upon each of the individual mysteries of the stations.
4. Movement from one station to the next is required. If this devout exercise is carried out publicly and such movement by all present cannot be done without some disorder, it is sufficient that the person who is leading the exercise move from station to station while the others remain in their places.
5. Persons who are legitimately prevented from fulfilling the above requirements can obtain this indulgence if they at least spend some time, e.g., fifteen minutes, in devout reading and meditation upon the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.
6. Equivalent to this devout exercise of the Stations of the Cross — even with regard to obtaining the indulgence — are those other devout exercises which have been approved by competent authority and which call to mind the remembrance of the Lord's passion and death in a manner similar to the Stations of the Cross.
7. In order to obtain this indulgence, the patriarchs can establish some other devout exercise in memory of the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ for those Eastern Christian faithful whose usages do not include this exercise of the Stations.

### FR. EUGENE'S COMMENTARY & SUGGESTION

Here at St. Thomas More Catholic Church we will be doing communal Stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent beginning at 7:00 pm. However, you can come into the church anytime it is open and pray the Stations on your own. Remember, the prescription above requires that you move from station to station if possible. There are plenty of phone apps and online sites offering various ways of praying the Stations. The parish will be offering a booklet as well. The cross of Jesus is our source of salvation, the doorway to the Kingdom of Heaven, and his path he took with the Cross is our path to healing, redemption, and eternal life.

### CONDITIONS FOR RECEIVING A PLENARY INDULGENCE

1. Do the prescribed work.
2. Receive Holy Communion within several days (before or after) of the indulgenced act.
3. Go to confession within several days (before or after) the indulgenced act
4. Pray for the Pope. An Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be can suffice.
5. Be free from attachment to all sin, even venial sin.
6. OTHER NOTES: • In order to be capable of gaining indulgences one must be baptized, not excommunicated, and in the state of grace (free of mortal sin) at least at the completion of the prescribed works. • To gain an indulgence, one must have at least the general intention of doing so and must carry out the enjoined works at the stated time and in due fashion, according to the sense of the grant. • Plenary indulgences can be applied to one's self, or to a person who has died. • Only one plenary indulgence may be obtained per day. • A single sacramental confession suffices for gaining several plenary indulgences; but Holy Communion must be received and prayer for the intention of the Holy Father must be recited for the gaining of each plenary indulgence. • Special exceptions can always be made for those who are sick or disabled in which case please inquire with the priest.

# St. Thomas More Ministries



## Liturgy Support

Altar Servers	Tina Le	(7) 356-7607
Eucharist to the Homebound	Fran Necikowski	(7) 505-4816
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Sacristans	Pam Ocampo	(9) 468.6704
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## Sacraments

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Confirmation	Abraham Villela	(9) 551-8602
First Communion	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
First Reconciliation	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
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Marriage Case Support	Michael Michalek	(9) 551-2304
	Mary Patronite	(9) 551-8601
Marriage Encounter	Jim & Cheryl Skudlarski	(9) 551-9156
Marriage In The Lord	Meredith & Keith Rattay	(9) 559-6464
Wedding Coordinator		

## Service

Bereavement	Rosie Muñoz	(9) 551-8601
Children's Homeless Lunch Ministry	Kim Lee	(7) 293-8987
Chinese Community	Deacon Leonard Sun	(7) 932-1689
Corazon	Norma Jean Womack	(9) 903-1472
Filipino Community	Charlie Torres	(9) 551-8601
Grief Share Ministry	K.C. Riley	(7) 875-8126
Hispanic Ministry	Frank Ornelas (9) 857-9044	Patty Trujillo (7) 270-5073
Homeless Lunch Ministry	Jessica Silva	(9) 294-2875
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St. Vincent de Paul	Bill Chacon	(9) 331-1020
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Young Ladies Institute	Mary O'Leary	(9) 305-6810

## Parish

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Deacons	Tony Patronite, Tin Nguyen, Leonard Sun & Bernie Ocampo	(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

## Spiritual Development

Adult Faith Formation / Bible Study	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Life Teen – High School & Young Adults	Abraham Villela	(9) 551-8602
Religious Education	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Christ Renews His Parish	Tony Patronite	(9) 307-6215
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Library	Sam & Diana Adams	(7) 321-2405
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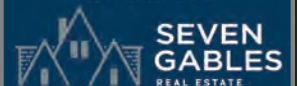
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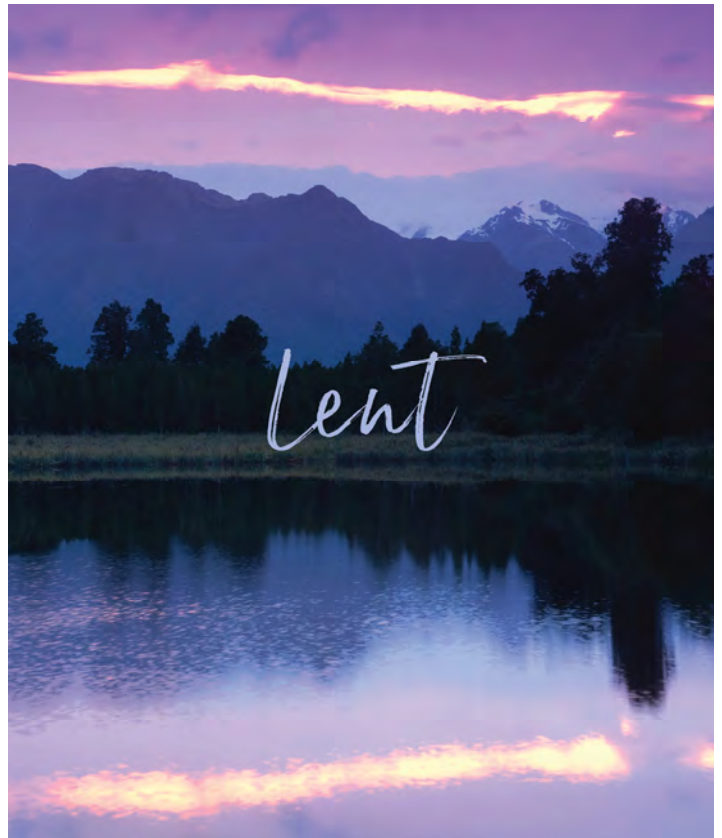
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- St. John Newmann:** Mon, March 7 @7PM
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- Our Lady Queen of Angels:** Wed, April 13 @7PM



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