



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Mass schedule

Daily

8:00 am Monday to Saturday*
6:00 pm Monday to Friday

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 6:30pm

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

Sacramental preparation and accommodations for people with disabilities: contact Tara in the office



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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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Weekend Assistants

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Rev. Joseph Justice
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HIS FACE SHONE LIKE
THE SUN.

— MATTHEW 17:2 —

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 1, 2026

WELCOME to STM!



Prayers for Healing

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Sal Baldomar
Bob Bowcock
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Deirdre Morley
Rosie Muñoz

Marisol Muro
Susan Navarrete
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Katie Pancoe
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Pete Villanueva
Jesus Villanueva
Raymund Villanueva
Linda Vito
Roger Lynn Witherspoon
Andy Zelinko
Joe & Judy Zwetow

Mass Intentions

Sat 2/28 4:00pm Cau Binh An
6:00pm PRO- POPULO

Sun 3/1 8:00am †Jose Eduardo Galindo
†Isidrolito Sulapas
†Michael Pham
†Jacqueline Stevenson
†Mazie Bonfiglio
†Tran Long
†Melchor Dela Cruz
†Daniel and Maura Ciridon
†Leon Ancheta
9:30am †Donald Forlenza
11:30am Isabel Adibi
1:00pm †Juana Dominguez
5:00pm †Thomas N.E.

Mon 3/2 8:00am Cecilia Santiago
6:00pm Yvonne Huiras

Tues 3/3 8:00am †Calogero Modicamore
6:00pm †Emiteria M. Bartolome

Wed 3/4 8:00am Jacinda Tran
6:00pm †Shouyu Lu

Thurs 3/5 8:00am †Edward Andrade
6:00pm †Eduardo Mier Y Teran

Fri 3/6 8:00am †Ramon Almeda Yu
6:00pm †Carmen Colmenares

Sat 3/7 8:00am Sarah Shelly
Joshua Shelly
Le Thi Nam
†Alberto Reyes
†Cesar Obnial
†Meynardo Bay
†All Souls in Purgatory



Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him.
- Matthew 17:1-3

Collection Report

2/9/2026 – 2/15/2026

Sunday Collection	\$ 22,894.00
Believe & Build, BGT, GT2	\$ 12,253.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 720.00
Misc Income (Mass Intentions, etc)	\$ 7,796.00

THANK YOU!

2025 contribution statements are now available by request. Please contact the parish office at (949) 551-8601 to request your statement. We do not keep a record for those who are not registered at St. Thomas More Catholic Church. Please be ready to provide your envelope number. Thank you for your generous support of St. Thomas More!

Email bulletin@stmirvine.org to add a name to be included for one month

Join us for Friday Fish Dinner
This Friday, March 6
6:30pm to 7:30pm



Lenten Meals

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LENTEN SEASON

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Lenten Penance Service:
Wednesday, March 25th at 7:00 PM

Weekly Confessions:
Saturdays from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Thursdays in Lent

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AFTER 6:00 PM MASS

Holy Hour:
February 19th, February 26th, March 19th

Taizé Adoration:
March 5th, March 12th, March 26th

Fridays in Lent

6:00 PM | Mass
6:30 PM | Dinner (SERVED 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM)

Soup and Scripture:
Feb 20th | March 13th | March 20th

Friday Fish Dinners:
Feb 27th | March 6th | March 27th

*NO FRIDAY FISH DINNER ON GOOD FRIDAY

7:30 PM | Stations of the Cross
(Living Stations: March 27th)

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Upcoming Penance Services:

All penance services start at 7 pm

St. Kilian: Wednesday, March 4

Santiago de Compostela: Monday, March 9

St. John Neumann: Wednesday, March 11

St. Cecilia: Monday, March 16

Our Lady Queen of Angels: Wednesday, March 18

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: Monday, March 23

St. Nicholas: Wednesday, March 25

St. Thomas More: Wednesday, March 25



STM CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Next Classes:

C1- Wed., Mar 4 at 7:00pm
C2- Wed., Mar 11 at 7:00pm

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Bible Study:

Mondays: 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Fireside Room



R.E.P. CORNER



 **FIRST RECONCILIATION CONGRATULATIONS** to the young people who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this Saturday. Please keep all of these young people and their families in your prayers as they continue on their journey toward First Eucharist.



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.



SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, March 27th

Please join us for our family friendly Living Stations of the Cross. For any questions, call the REP Office at (949) 551-8029.



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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Go forth," God told Abram. We hear that message again in the Transformation: go forth. We cannot always remain where we are comfortable. We cannot always remain where things are simple. We must go forth.

Observances for the week of March 1, 2026

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent
Tuesday: St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
Wednesday: St. Casimir
Saturday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent;
Daylight Saving Time begins

Year of the Horse

LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

新年快樂

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새해 복 많이 받으세요

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Following the 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM Masses

Cultural Dances • Festive Refreshments • New Year Favors

Hosted by the Vietnamese and Chinese Ministries

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Welcome

Christ Renews His Parish 2.0

Men's Weekend

Sat & Sun March 14th - 15th
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St. Therese of Lisieux - Thursday 10am



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Questions of the Week

First Reading:

Trusting in the Lord, Abram is obedient to the directive to leave his land and home. When have others had to place their trust in you?

Second Reading:

Paul instructs Timothy to draw on the strength God gives us when facing hardships. Can you think of a difficult time when you relied on God's strength to help you?

Gospel:

In the transfiguration of Jesus, Peter, James, and John are fearful when they hear God's voice speak from the cloud. As the season of Lent continues, what are some fears you are facing?

Prayer
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with Prayer

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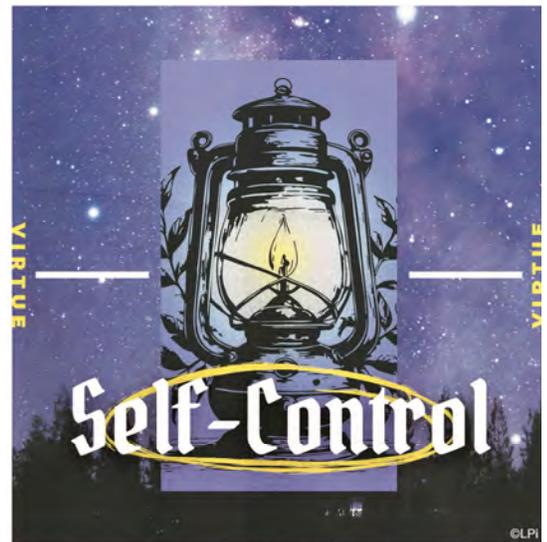
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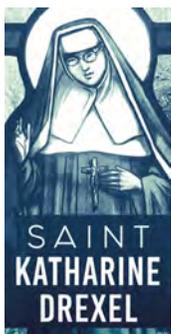


Virtues, Explained!

Self-control flows from the cardinal virtue of temperance, and it's really all about boundaries. Through self-control, a gift of the Holy Spirit, we avoid surrendering too much of ourselves to our passions.

Blessing of Hope

In Your goodness Lord, bless us.
Help us to know Your abundance
and Your gifts.
Help us to hear Your voice and
know Your assurance.
Help us remember what You have
done,
and look forward to what You will
do.
Amen.



St. Katharine Drexel | March 3

Born in Philadelphia, St. Katharine Drexel (November 26, 1858 – March 3, 1955), grew up to become one of the first American-born saints. Her mother passed away when she was only five weeks old. Her father, a renowned banker, remarried a wonderful woman, and together they raised St. Katherine Drexel and her two sisters in a life of privilege. Both financially and spiritually well-endowed, the Drexels were devout Catholics and set an excellent example of true Christian servitude with prayer and care for the poor. At 77, she suffered a heart attack and was forced to retire from active ministry. She spent the next 20 years of her life in quiet yet intense prayer. She died at the age of 96 and was canonized in 2000 by Pope John Paul II. St. Katharine Drexel, pray for us!

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Young Ladies Institute	Ann Johnson	(9) 374-1547

Spiritual Development

Adult Faith Formation	Tara Reynaud, Denyse Gagnon, Mary Jane Rin	(7) 925-9992
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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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- Dispelling common misconceptions about discernment
- Seeing your life through God's eyes
- Identifying obstacles that keep you from clarity
- Spending time with others on the same path
- Spiritual direction and vocation testimonies
- Small, intimate retreat setting

QUESTIONS?

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