



# 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.

### Pastor

Parochial Vicar  
Chinese Chaplain  
Weekend Assistants

### Deacons

Founding Pastor

### Rev. Eugene J. Lee

Rev. Thomas Tran  
Rev. Francis Li  
Rev. Joseph Horn, O Praem  
Rev. Joseph Justice  
Deacon Tin & Mrs. UyenLan Nguyen  
Deacon Leonard & Mrs. Nancy Sun  
Deacon Bernie & Mrs. Pam Ocampo

†Rev. John E. Janze

### Office Information

Office hours:  
Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm  
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**A GOOD TREE DOES NOT BEAR ROTTEN FRUIT.**

— LUKE 6:43 —

**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**March 2, 2025**



Welcome  
to STM!



Deacon Tony Patronite



## MASST INTENTIONS

- Sat 3/1 4:00pm Huyen Sylvia Dang  
6:00pm †Deacon Tony Patronite
- Sun 3/2 8:00am Chau Nguyen  
9:30am Fr. Eugene Lee  
11:30am PRO POPULO  
3:00pm †Deacon Tony Patronite  
5:00pm The McGill Family  
Rick Barnes  
†Deacon Tony Patronite  
†Pete Trejo
- Mon 3/3 8:00am Teresa Tran  
6:00pm †Lauren Jayne Jose-Balboa
- Tues 3/4 8:00am †Deacon Tony Patronite  
6:00pm †Samuel Devera
- Wed 3/5 8:00am Special Intention  
12:00pm Special Intention  
3:30pm Special Intention  
5:30pm Special Intention  
7:30pm Special Intention
- Thurs 3/6 8:00am †Feliciana De La Cruz  
6:00pm †Edward Andrade
- Fri 3/7 8:00am †Anna Nguyen  
6:00pm †Carmen Colmenares
- Sat 3/8 8:00am †Ester Malapas



### Collections and Expenses

2/17/2025– 2/23/2025

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$18,379	\$12,943	\$31,322
Maintenance Fund	\$	\$170	\$170
Other income	\$767	\$700	\$1,467
Total income	\$19,147	\$13,793	\$32,940

Regular Expenses	\$41,155
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Capital Campaign	\$62,311	\$8,054	\$70,366
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Campaign Expenses	\$0
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If you would like to give online, please click on the e-giving link in the top corner of the STM website.

All donations to the capital campaign will be used exclusively to pay for the construction costs to build the new church. Moreover, maintenance fund donations can be used to pay for the construction costs to build the new church and for the maintenance and repairs of the existing buildings and property. If you have questions, please call the office. Thank you for your generosity!

### PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Sam Adams	Ron Merse
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Tiesha Kelley	Pete Villanueva
Vivian Knisely	Jesus Villanueva
Ashly Leal	Raymund Villanueva
Lauren Leal	Bill Whiteside
Brielle LeMire	Kristine & Brandon Williams
Joseph Manglona	Michele Wills
Nilda A. Medalle	Andy Zelinko

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# LENTEN SEASON



## LETTER FROM THE PASTOR | Lent + Easter 2025

Dear fellow Christians! As a priest, I am gifted daily by God in watching you suffer. Now, hear me out!! In confession, in spiritual counseling, in home visits, sick calls, and just daily interactions, I am pierced to the heart seeing you sharing in the Cross of Christ. At the same time, I am deeply touched by your faith—the faith that gives you the perseverance, strength, and purity of heart to keep going. The people of God are indeed a bright city on a hill. You all radiate Easter, even when you are personally experiencing Lent.

Fridays of Lent are especially poignant opportunities to explore the meaning of suffering, to grapple with the sadness and horror of sin, to better integrate sacrifice and discipline into our spirituality, and to ultimately ponder, why did our Lord have to suffer so much and die so horribly? So, I urge all of you to take full advantage of the six Fridays of Lent. See our Lenten calendar and make a resolution to engage in these opportunities.

My brothers and sisters, our faith does not deny suffering; it transforms it. St. John Paul II reminds us: “We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song!” The power of the Resurrection is not something distant or abstract; it is alive in our everyday lives. Every act of forgiveness, every moment of perseverance, every choice to love in the face of hardship—these are glimpses of the risen Christ at work in us. And I see it in you all the time! Let us place our hope in Him, knowing that beyond every Good Friday is an Easter Sunday.

May the peace of the Risen Christ fill your hearts and homes.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Fr. Eugene J. Lee*  
Fr. Eugene J. Lee.  
Pastor

### Ash Wednesday, March 5th

Mass Times: 8:00am, 12:00pm, 3:30pm,  
5:30pm & 7:30pm (multi-lingual)

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Penance Service:  
Wednesday, April 2nd at 7:00pm

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

### Every Friday in Lent

6:00pm Mass

6:30pm Dinner (SERVED 6:30PM – 7:00PM)

Soup and Scripture:  
March 7th, 21st, April 4th

Fish Fry:  
March 14th, 28th, April 11th

7:30pm Stations of the Cross  
(Living Stations: April 11th)

8:15-9:15pm Eucharistic Adoration  
(Taizé Adoration: March 14th & April 4th)



# STM CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

No Confirmation class this Wednesday (3/5)! Please be sure to get to Mass for Ash Wednesday!

Upcoming Youth Nights: 3/30

Join us Mondays at 7pm for Youth Bible Studies! We'll go over the readings for the upcoming Sunday's Mass and grow with one another in fellowship & community! The C1 Retreat was awesome! Thank you, Jesus!



The C2 students will be on their retreat next weekend, March 7-9! Please keep them and our leaders in your prayers!

Heavenly Father, God of power and of love. We pray for all the teens who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. May your Holy Spirit help them to grow in faith, hope and love and may they come to know you as the one true God who loves them without limit. May their hearts welcome you gladly. May their ears hear your voice in the scriptures. May their eyes see you in all things. And may they proclaim your glory as they walk in the ways of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Bl. Carlo Acutis, pray for us!



## REP. CORNER



Please note there will be no REP classes this week due to Ash Wednesday. All students & their families are strongly encouraged to attend Mass on Ash Wednesday.



### ATTENTION REP FAMILIES!!

Just a reminder that our Fat Tuesday Potluck & Family Service Project is coming up **THIS** Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. We hope you can join us for this fun event! Please RSVP by Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. For further information, please contact the REP Office.

### ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

Mark your calendars!



Our *EDGE Sunday Funday* at BOOMERS is coming up on Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Join us for three hours of fun & fellowship. Tickets are only \$25. Permission slips are **DUE NO LATER** than Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the REP Office for information on registering for this fun event!



Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

*Let's Pray Together!*

# STM SFC



STM Small Faith Communities





## Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained



### Question:

Why do we place ashes on our forehead each Ash Wednesday?

### Answer:

Ashes are rich in spiritual symbolism. We recall in the second chapter of Genesis, when the human person is fashioned "out of the dust of the ground" and receives the breath of life (Genesis 2:7). In death, a person returns to the ground from which we came. The ancient Hebrews used ashes as a sign of repentance, reminding themselves that God is God and we are not.

As the minister places ashes on our forehead, we hear either "remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return" or "turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." When we receive ashes, we remember our own mortality. We're reminded that we have limited time on this earth and we ought to make the best use of it that we can! People are in need of love, care, and compassion. We all need to continually rediscover the love of God. The Gospel invites every person in every stage of life to encounter and imitate Jesus here and now. The forty days of Lent are the perfect time to assess our own awareness of these realities.

## Prayer for Interior Life

Dear Jesus,  
Fill my heart so full of goodness that it produces your goodness.  
Let my thoughts, words, and actions reflect you.

Amen.

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS!

The Feast Day of the Holy Face of Jesus is on Shrove Tuesday which is the day before Ash Wednesday. This year it is celebrated on March 4, 2025.



### THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS

(After the Holy Shroud of Turin)

"By offering My Face to My Eternal Father, nothing will be refused, and the conversion of many sinners will be obtained."

~Our Lord to Sr. Mary of St. Peter

Devotion to the Holy Face was revealed by Jesus to Sr. Marie of St. Peter (1816-1848) a Carmelite nun of Tours in France. The primary purpose of the devotion is to make reparation for sins against the first three commandments:

- Denial of God which includes Freemasonry that has infiltrated our Church,
- Blasphemy - using God's name in vain,
- Profanation of Sundays and Holy Days which are all greatly prevalent today.

Pickup a prayer card which will be available at the Church on March 4th to learn more about the Promises Jesus gives to those who honor His Holy Face.

## Sleeping St. Joseph



"Sleeping St. Joseph" is a devotion in which we offer our petitions to Joseph, who received God's messages through angelic visions as he slept. When Joseph awoke from these visions, he immediately took action.

Place your personal intentions with St. Joseph while he is sleeping and entrust that he will present them before God in his dreams.

(Sleeping St. Joseph will be displayed Beginning March 1st thru 31st near the statue of Mother Mary on the left side of the Altar)

## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Remove the beam from your own eye, Jesus reminds us, before removing the splinter from your brother's. This doesn't mean we should not help each other to be holy. But holiness must come from within. If we don't have it, we can't share it. Are we looking hard enough at our own souls?



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 You can place your completed envelopes in the offertory baskets during Mass.

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PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL

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 Pray for the Intentions

**MEN'S SILENT RETREAT**

The men's retreat has been rescheduled!  
**April 25-27, 2025**  
**Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center**  
 For more info contact: Mark Kreyche  
 714-914-2689 or [mgkreyche@gmail.com](mailto:mgkreyche@gmail.com)

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 Come and see! Rest and be renewed!



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Scan code to apply



**SCAM ALERT**

**BEWARE OF SCAMMERS USING FR. EUGENE LEE'S NAME!**

There have been numerous reports of parishioners receiving scam texts and emails using the name, Fr. Eugene Lee. If the email address does not end with "[stmirvine.org](http://stmirvine.org)" it is NOT legitimate. If you happen to have his cell phone number, please double check to see if the number for the text message matches the number you have in your cell phone contact list. Fr. Eugene will never personally ask you for gift cards, or your bank account information! If you have ANY suspicion about a request or text or email coming from Fr. Eugene, please be sure to call the office and double check. Never respond to any email or text that you find suspicious.

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# March 5 - April 13 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

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



## PRAY TO END ABORTION!

**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

**Be Bold! Come pray with us!** [40daysforlife.com/orange](http://40daysforlife.com/orange)



## RESPECT LIFE - A CALL TO ACTION

*Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong. -1 Corinthians 16:13*

The Pro-Life movement is unique. It demands a sense of commitment and fortitude. Every thirty seconds a baby is lost to abortion. While this is discouraging, we need to view this as a call to action. Whether we have young kids, no kids, or grown kids, we must respond to the call to defend life.

When you commit to doing something to oppose abortion, you are different. Being different requires the courage and tenacity to overcome the objections that may follow. Commit to doing something for the unborn. Consider praying at an abortion facility, participating in a March for Life, or volunteering at a local pregnancy center. And, most importantly, pray daily to end abortion.

Our future and the future of our children and our families depend on our actions to defend those who have no voice but ours!

*Adapted from "To the Heart of the Matter" by Shawn D. Carney*

**STM Respect Life Ministry**



LORD,  
I GIVE  
THANKS.  
-Psalm 92

**Christ Renews His Parish**

**Pray for the Men's Weekend**  
this weekend!  
Sat & Sun, March 1-2, 2025

**Women's Weekend**  
Sat & Sun, March 8-9, 2025  
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DISCOVER NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

**Saturday, March 22nd 10am-12pm**  
**St Thomas More Church Room 3**

*before I formed you in the womb  
I knew you  
Jer 1:5*

speaker:  
**Thao Lai**  
Family Nurse Practitioner

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### Parish

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### Sacraments

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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
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### Service

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St. Vincent de Paul	Rick Lamoreux	(9) 331-1020
Vietnamese Ministry	Huan Le	(7) 261-9893
Young Ladies Institute	Rhonda Kersting	(7) 292-8251

### Spiritual Development

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Christ Renews His Parish		
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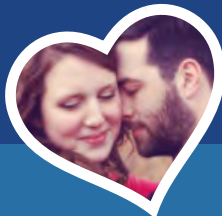
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