



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

Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm

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CONSUME ME.

— JOHN 2:17 —

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 3, 2024



Newly Baptized

Logan Busch



Collections and Expenses

2/19/2024 – 2/25/2024

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$23,793	\$10,404	\$34,197
Maintenance Fund	\$182	\$40	\$222
Other Income	\$1,495	\$1,408	\$2,903
Total Income	\$25,471	\$11,852	\$37,323

Regular Expenses	\$50,672
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Believe & Grow Capital Campaign	\$20,149	\$8,476	\$28,625
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THANK YOU!

The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill would like to thank the parishioners of St. Thomas More for the concern, prayers and thoughtful donations from the 2023 Missionary Cooperative Appeal. Together we donated \$24,088.50 to help further their missionary work in China, Ecuador and Korea.

Please remember their community in your prayers!



Sat 3/2	4:00pm	†Francis Xavier Tran Manh Hung
	6:00pm	Kim Vu
Sun 3/3	8:00am	†Personna Fajardo
	9:30am	Betty Clopton
		Baby Clarice Gigandet
		Lara Gigandet
		†Deceased YLI Members
		†Angelo Peckson
		†Rogelio Saldana, Sr.
		†Jerry Pilkington
		†Jose Navarro Jr.
	11:30am	PRO POPULO
	1:00pm	Avelino Paz
	5:00pm	†Richard Kulas
Mon 3/4	8:00am	Norma Peckson
Tues 3/5	8:00am	†Gene O'Toole
Wed 3/6	8:00am	†Edward Andrade
Thurs 3/7	8:00am	The Nguyen-Majkoski Family
Friday 3/8	8:00am	†Patrick Thornton
Sat 3/9	8:00am	Steven Tran
		Betty Cotton
		†Glen Cope
		†Antonio Vergel de Dios, Jr.



PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Flory Aguilar	Christy Miller
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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**

Thank you to all who donated supplies and volunteered for the Confirmation 2 Retreat last weekend! We appreciate all the support and prayers from our STM family!

Upcoming Confirmation Classes

C1 Classes: March 6

C2 Classes: March 13

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**



First Communion (2nd year) Parents:

The MANDATORY 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/guardian must attend.

This meeting is FOR PARENTS ONLY.



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

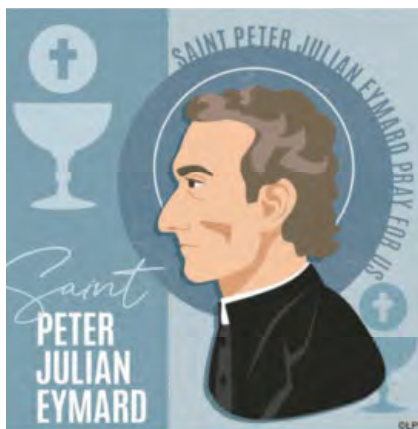
starting at 1:00 PM in the Priests' Offices. Call the REP Office for more information.



The Library Corner

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

Have you ever thought about how to live the Catholic life, or how to understand the Catholic Church and the Sacraments? Maybe you have questions about how to read and understand the sacred scripture or questions about the roots of our Catholic faith. The STM Parish Library has a great book that addresses these questions and more, titled, *'The Fathers of the Church,'* and the author is Mike Aquilina. Mike gives a great overview of many of the Church Fathers and a few Mothers and their part in the formation of the Catholic religion, traditions and its Biblical testament. It is very helpful to have one book where most of the Church Fathers are included and differentiated by time periods so that you can grasp their context better. The writings of the Church Fathers are an unbreakable chain of apostolic succession that has been preserved for future generations so that their voices can be heard today. Gaudete Patres Ecclesiae (CTA)



Saint of the week

St. Peter Julian Eymard, known as "Apostle of the Eucharist," founded the Society of the Blessed Sacrament and the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament. He promoted perpetual adoration, inspired those estranged from the Church to return, and worked to educate all about Christ.

Prayer of Surrender

Dear Lord,
Help me to place You in the center of my plans for the future, my dreams for my life, my goals for the time ahead. Be my God and my guide. Amen.

LENTEN NIGHTS OF REFLECTION

Fr. Augustine Wetta, O.S.B.

Sunday, March 10th at 6:00 PM

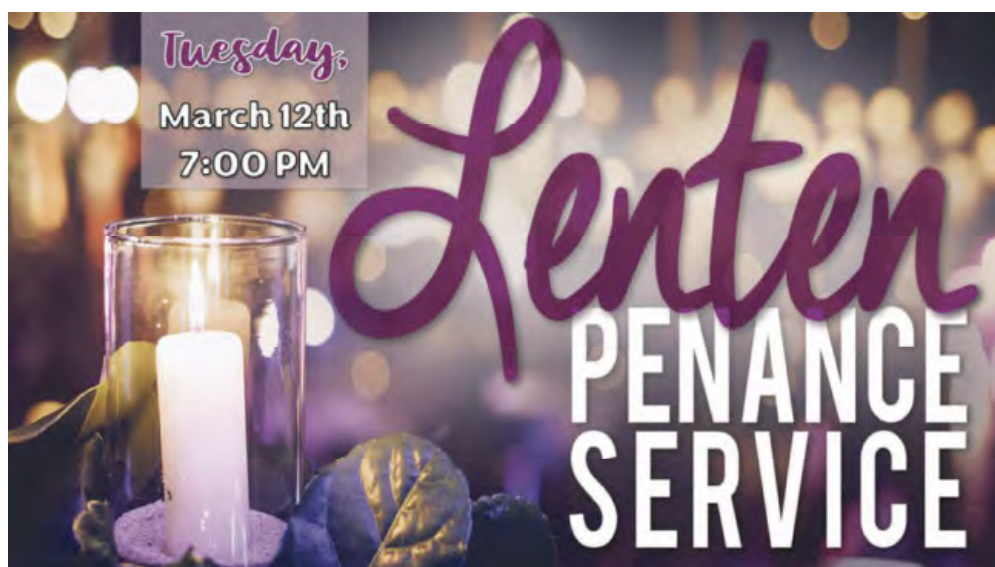
—INCLUDING XLT—

"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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PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL



**ST. THOMAS MORE
ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY**




Who can be an Altar Server?

- Children 4th Grade and above
- Received First Holy Communion
- Adults are welcome to join

Please register for Training using the QR Code 


**Altar Server Training
Saturday, March 9
10:00AM - 11:30AM**

Please contact:
Mary Jane Rin (Altar Server Coordinator) at
maryjanearin@gmail.com






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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Daylight Saving Time begins March 10th!

SPRING FORWARD





Third Sunday of Lent

Paul reminded the Corinthians, "We proclaim Christ crucified." Christ's weakness is stronger than any human strength. The power of the cross is greater than anything the world or evil has to combat it.

The Lenten season is one of repentance, self-denial, almsgiving, and prayer. Many in our modern world do not see any wisdom in denying themselves anything. Those swept away in a consumer culture want more and they want it faster, bigger, and better. They also are looking for easy and quick satisfaction, unwilling to wait long.

Paul speaks of the "foolishness of God" and how it is wiser than any human wisdom. Lent is a time to put aside that which we feel and think as humans and put on the attitude of Christ. The cross of Christ is neither easy nor fleeting, and it will ask us to deny our very selves for him. To the human mind it makes no sense. However, by putting on Christ and seeing with his eyes, we see reality with clarity. Our sacrifice can lead to riches that only a "foolish" man would covet. But it is exactly there that we are satisfied and fulfilled.




LENTEN FRIDAYS AT STM

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Mar 8th & 22nd



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Sacraments

Baptism Coordinator	Maggy Gall	(9) 551-8601
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First Communion	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
First Reconciliation	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
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Young Ladies Institute	Gloria Glenn	(9) 294-9175

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Religious Education	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
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 Santiago de Compostela (Lake Forest): Monday, March 11
 St. Thomas More (Irvine): Tuesday, March 12
 St. Cecilia (Tustin): Wednesday, March 13
 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Irvine): Wednesday, March 13
 St. Nicholas (Laguna Niguel): Wednesday, March 20
 Our Lady Queen of Angels (Newport Beach): Wednesday, March 27





February 14 - March 24

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!



PRAY TO END ABORTION

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

23,525 LIVES SAVED
 251 ABORTION WORKERS QUIT
 142 ABORTION CENTERS CLOSED

Help save lives in our community here's how:

Sign up to pray a one hour shift or five or six one hour shifts on the sidewalk. God will use your generosity. Invite a friend.

Vigil location: Outside 700 S. Tustin St. Orange, CA



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St. Irenaeus Church

Invites You to Our

LENTEN MISSION

with Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

7:00 p.m. in the Church

Book Signing and Refreshments to Follow


Before Fr. Calloway's conversion he was a high school dropout who had multiple run-ins with the law and spent time in jail.

His story will not only help us realize that no sin is too great, but also fill us with hope and understanding that God is always there for us.

MAN UP!

BECOME THE MAN GOD CREATED YOU TO BE

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024
 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
 IN QUINN HALL



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