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



March 6, 2022



First Sunday
of

Jesus was led by the Spirit
into the desert for forty days,
to be tempted by the devil.

Luke 4:1-2

Lent



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH
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



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 — The Israelites show their faith by offering the LORD first fruits of the products of their new land (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

Psalm — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

Second Reading — All who express faith in the risen Christ and confess that he is Lord will be saved (Romans 10:8-13).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and was tempted (Luke 4:1-13).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 3/5	6:00pm	Jennifer Paredes
Sunday 3/6	8:00am	†Florencio Paredes Nguyen Children Conversion Ethan De la Riva †Barbara Quinn
	9:30am	†Benigna Dycok
	11:30am	Pro Populo
	1:00pm	†John McAllister
	5:00pm	Anita Maria De la Riva
Monday 3/7	8:00am	Esther Dionisio
Tuesday 3/8	8:00am	†Anna Nguyen
Wednesday 3/9	8:00am	†All Souls in Purgatory
Thursday 3/10	8:00am	Amelia Wren
Friday 3/11	8:00am	†Eduardo De la Cruz
Saturday 3/12	8:00am	†Sean McGuinness Stephen Tran †Glen Cope Matt Lewis Laura Melgoza †Michael Lacsamana †Bartholomew Michael Pham



Spring Forward
next weekend!



LENTEN SEASON

40 Days of Personal Renewal in Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving



Lenten XII

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

**Wednesday, March 9
7:00 PM**

Lenten Fridays

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	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	- SPIRITUAL LENTEN MEAL 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 - Living Stations of the Cross & Adoration
Friday, April 8	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	- SPIRITUAL LENTEN MEAL 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

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

First Sunday of Lent

Grant, almighty God,
through the yearly observances of holy Lent,
that we may grow in understanding
of the riches hidden in Christ
and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Today's theme on the readings: IN THE DESERT

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, and then the devil tested him. Moses and the Israelites had been in the desert for forty years before being led to the land of milk and honey. There were times when they called out to God, sure that, as Saint Paul wrote to the Romans, "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." We sometimes spend time in the desert as well. Not a literal desert most of the time, but a desert in which it seems difficult to perceive God's presence, times when we face difficulty and are tempted to leave God's ways behind. On this First Sunday of Lent, Jesus shows us what to do in these moments: stand firm and trust in God. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Collections and Expenses

2-21-22 to 2-27-22

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$17,622	\$6,985	\$24,608
Maintenance Fund	\$145	\$821	\$966
Other income	\$16,925	\$3,368	\$20,293
Total income	\$34,692	\$11,176	\$45,868

Regular Expenses	\$32,130
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Believe & Grow Capital Campaign	\$4,419	\$5,360	\$9,780
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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!

Second Collection Next Weekend



for the Church in Africa, Latin America and Eastern Europe

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(special collections)

Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry

March 11th, 25th & April 1st

4:30pm to 6:30pm



We look forward to sharing Lenten Fridays with you!

Fridays during Lent
Stations of the Cross
at 7:00pm
followed by Eucharistic Adoration



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



Make a Lenten promise to pray for an END TO ABORTION!

40 Days for Life is a worldwide mobilization of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach that has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers! **Please stop by the table outside for more info.**

Walking with Moms in Need:
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Rest in the Love of Christ

Otto Widera



PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING



- Bob Catiller
Athena Dorr & family
- Ken Hughes
Fr. John Janze
- Elena Monico
Eileen Rossi
- Michele Wills

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

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

You Are Invited To XLT

XLT is short for "exalt" and is an experience of Eucharistic Adoration, praise & worship, and prayer. You are invited to join us this Wednesday March 9th at 7pm.

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



Thank you to all of the 3rd-5th grade REP students & teachers along with



Fr. Eugene and our musicians. They all helped make the 3:30 Ash Wednesday Liturgy extra special.



During Lent, we invite our 3rd-8th Grade REP classes and their families for Reconciliation on Saturdays from 3:00-4:00 PM in the Fireside Room. Call the REP Office for more information.



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

First Sunday of Lent

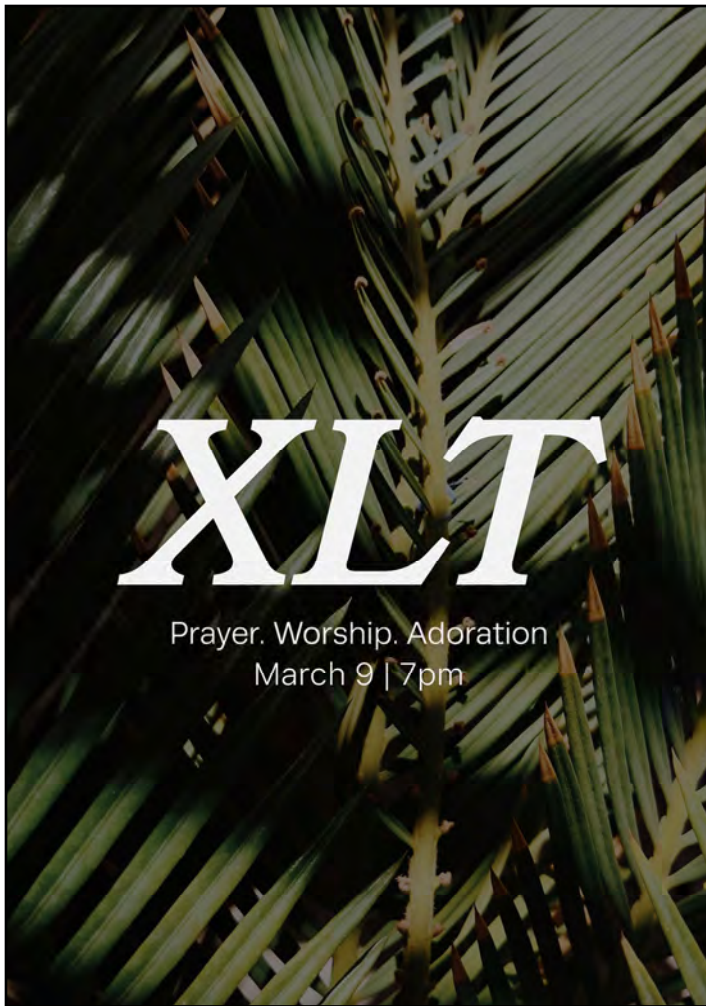


The St. Thomas More Parish Library staff would like to wish all our parishioners a Happy First Sunday of Lent. The Parish Library will be open today from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Today I would like to introduce you to a book about the Sacrament of Penance. Confession, Penance and Reconciliation are all names which describe our God's rite for the forgiveness of sins. The book that I am referring to is titled, 'Go in Peace', authored by Father Mitch Pacwa. The Sacrament of Penance is God's gift to us so that any sin committed after Baptism can be forgiven. Father Mitch helps us to put all the confusion and anxiety to rest by answering the most common questions and objections to this indispensable sacrament. Catholics desire to be at peace. Sin destroys this peace, leaving the soul in a weak and deprived state. This book demonstrates that through the power of confession, one is freed from this burden of sin and is brought to peace with our Lord.

If you have any overdue books or DVDs from the parish library, please return them so others may enjoy them.





XLT

Prayer. Worship. Adoration
March 9 | 7pm





You are invited to attend
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Monday, March 14 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Thursday, March 17 9:00 am - 10:30 am
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Sessions will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room
Reservations appreciated, but not required.

For any questions, please email PlannedGiving@OrangeCatholicFoundation.org



Dear Ladies, you are cordially invited to attend the Young Ladies Institute monthly meeting to be held on Monday, March 14th in Room 3 at St. Thomas More. We would love to have the opportunity to tell you more about our organization. It is a Catholic women's organization dedicated to the principles of unity, sisterly love, and protection. These are the Christian values that we seek. For more information, please contact Carol Warpeha at 949-280-5791.

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.”

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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



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First Reconciliation	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
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Wedding Coordinator		

Service

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Chinese Community	Deacon Leonard Sun	(7) 932-1689
Corazon	Norma Jean Womack	(9) 903-1472
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