



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

TEXT TO GIVE: (949) 919-5494



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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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949-551-8602

Office Hours:

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

Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm

March 10, 2024

LIGHT
CAME INTO
THE WORLD.

— JOHN 3:19 —

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Jeanne Ellen Martinez



Collections and Expenses

2/26/2024 – 3/3/2024

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$18,181	\$19,879	\$38,060
Maintenance Fund	\$155	\$405	\$560
Other Income	\$2,823	\$4,065	\$6,888
Total Income	\$21,160	\$24,349	\$45,509

Regular Expenses	\$15,022
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Believe & Grow Capital Campaign	\$276	\$3,545	\$3,821
Believe & Build Capital Campaign	\$5,750	\$0	\$5,750
Total:	\$6,026	\$3,545	\$9,571

We appreciate your continued financial support of the parish. If you would like to give online, 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* or *Believe & Build Capital Campaign* will be used exclusively to pay for the construction costs to build the new church building. Thank you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 3/9	4:00pm	Joon Sik Peter Kang	
	6:00pm	†Doug Barrett	
Sun 3/10	8:00am	PRO POPULO	
	9:30am	†Lourdes Guadamor	
	11:30am	Irene Reyno	
		Usaffe Costa	
		Kris Aquino	
		Jose Valerio	
		†Peter Chau Nguyen	
		†Carol Haley	
		†Felicitas F. Padre	
		†Alvin Cabrera	
		†Bob Nadal	
		†Cynthia Araullo	
	3:00pm	†David Sean	
	5:00pm	†Numeriano Sison	
Mon 3/11	8:00am	†Jim Lewis	
Tues 3/12	8:00am	†Bill Edmundson	
Wed 3/13	8:00am	Kaitlyn Lucia Majkoski	
Thurs 3/14	8:00am	Robert Andrade	
Friday 3/15	8:00am	†Peter Nguyen	
Sat 3/16	8:00am	Elizabeth Kulas	†Msgr. Colm Conlon
		Matt Lewis	†Ligaya Sibal
			†Gordon Maurer
			†Ramon Martin
			†Carlos Ximenes



PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Sam Adams	Desmond McMahon Family
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Lauren Leal	Maria Guadalupe Vasquez
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Please email bulletin@stmirvine.org to add a name. Names will be included for one month, if requested.

LENTE 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!



Tuesday,

**March 12th
7:00 PM**

Lenten

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March 16 & 17

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GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

Mondays 7pm-8:30pm OR Tuesdays 10am-11:30am

through mid April at St. Thomas More

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GRIEF SHARE

Palms needed for decorating

Drop off behind church

Wed, Mar 20th

9:00am—5:00pm

Prayer Partners Supporting Others with Prayer

On stmirvine.org

- Enter Prayer Intentions
- Enter Answered Prayer Testimonials
- View and Pray for the Online Intentions
- Become a Prayer Partner — Pray for the Intentions once a week

**STM
CONFIRMATION
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YOUTH MINISTRY**

Upcoming Confirmation Classes
C2 Classes: March 13
C1 Classes: April 10

YTH Nites: Sunday at 6PM
High school teens, join us on March 17th after the 5pm Mass for the "Cross My Heart" YTH Nite!

Monday Night Bible Study
Join us Mondays at 7pm in the Youth Room for Bible Studies! We'll go over the readings for the upcoming Sunday.

Lenten XLT: Sun, March 10th at 6pm with Fr. Augustine Wetta, O.S.B.
Required parent/student session for C1 & C2. All are welcome!



**R.E.P.
CORNER**



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".



REP EASTER BREAK

March 17 through April 6

Due to Spring Break schedules of our local school districts, the Religious Education Program will be on Easter Break the from March 17th through April 6th.



SAVE THE DATE!

Please join us on Friday, March 22nd at 7PM for our family friendly living Stations of the Cross.



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



The Library Corner

The STM Parish Library staff would like to wish all our parishioners a Happy 4th Sunday of Lent. The Parish Library will be open today from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Have you ever had an interest in, questions of or doubts about the Catholic faith? Are you a Catholic who wants to reaffirm, renew and reconfirm your Faith? By hearing the testimony of different conversion stories to the Catholic Church we can learn more about our own Catholicism. The STM Parish Library has a great book that explains this conversion path to full communion with the Catholic Church. The name of this book is, *'Born Fundamentalist, Born Again Catholic,'* written by David B. Currie. David addresses the main doctrines that separate Protestants and Catholics and he explains some of the major obstacles that help support Protestant biases. The author illustrates his inner burning for a closer relationship with Christ and where the Truth led him to a one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church. (CTA)

Today, the Catholic Church will celebrate Laetare Sunday which marks the half-way point of Lent. Laetare means to Rejoice, expressing our belief in the hope of the resurrection and to inspire us as we continue our Lenten commitments of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Traditionally, priests will celebrate this joy by wearing the pink/rose colored vestments.

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, March 24th

Vigil Mass, March 23rd — 4:00pm (Vietnamese/English), 6:00pm
Sunday Mass, March 24th — 8:00am, 9:30am (LIVESTREAMED), 11:30am,
1:00pm (Spanish), 3:00pm (Chinese), 5:00pm

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday, March 28th

8:00am Morning Prayer
7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (LIVESTREAMED)
8:30pm — 7:30am (next day) — Simple Adoration
*All are welcome to come throughout the night
to pray and keep vigil with our Lord.*
9:00pm Seven Churches Visitation to begin at 9:00pm

Good Friday, March 29th

8:00am Morning Prayer
2:00pm Stations of the Cross
3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross
6:00pm Stations of the Cross
7:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross (LIVESTREAMED)

Holy Saturday, March 30th

8:00am Morning Prayer & Divine Mercy Novena*
9:00am Blessing of Baskets & Easter Egg Hunt

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Saturday, March 30th
8:00pm Easter Vigil (Multi-lingual)

Sunday, March 31st
6:00am Sunrise Mass Outdoors
8:00am Mass in the Parish Hall

TWO MASSES WILL BE DONE SIMULTANEOUSLY AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES:
10:00am Mass in the Parish Hall & Mass Outdoors* (LIVESTREAMED)
12:00pm Mass in the Parish Hall & Mass Outdoors

2:00pm Spanish/English
4:00pm Vietnamese/English
6:00pm Chinese/English

*Divine Mercy Novena will continue on Easter Sunday in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel following 10:00am Mass. The Novena will be in the hall following 8:00am Masses on Easter Monday - Saturday.



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.



FINDING THE CHURCH IN THE BIBLE



Have you ever been approached by someone trying to use the Bible to criticize the Church?

Would you like to learn more about the teachings of the Catholic Church?

Join us to explore Biblical Apologetics

Saturday, March 23

9:00 am - 10:30 am

STM – Multipurpose Room

Bring a Bible (New American Bible edition) and some topics you would like to explore!

STM's Annual Easter Egg Hunt Holy Saturday, Mar 30th @ 9:00 AM

Donations needed:

Candy * Pre-made baskets * Cash

Please make donations by March 22nd in one of the collections bins

Volunteers needed:

3/26 - Egg stuffing & 3/30 - Event set-up

Contact rep@stmirvine.org for more information



Homeless Lunch Ministry is hosting a

Spring Sale

Cookies, cupcakes, crafts, & more

Saturday, March 30th

At the STM Easter Egg Hunt

All proceeds will help the less fortunate in our community

If you would like to donate baked goods and/or crafts, please drop off on 3/30 starting at 7am (STM Courtyard)

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7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross & Adoration

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First Reconciliation	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
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Wedding Coordinator	Marcella Maurer	(9) 551-8601




Service

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Library	Sam & Diana Adams	(7) 321-2405
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Prayer Partners	Mary Cope	(7) 900-0632
Religious Education	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
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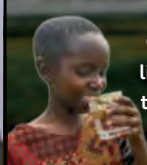
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APRIL 6, 2024 - 7PM


Join us for an unforgettable evening with Adriana Acutis, Vice President of the Carlo Acutis Foundation, and Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J., as they discuss the relationship between the Holy Shroud, the Divine Mercy Image, and the Eucharistic Miracles.

This event is sponsored by the Diocese of Orange and the Shroud Center of Southern California with the support of the Carlo Acutis Foundation.

Lecture begins at 7:00 pm in Freed Theater on the campus of the Christ Cathedral located at 13280 Chapman Ave. Garden Grove, CA 92840. Free and open to the public, but tickets for entry will be required. Available beginning March 1, 2024.



  **SHROUD CENTER OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**
AT SANTIAGO RETREAT CENTER

 **CARLO ACUTIS FONDAZIONE**



DISCERNMENT NIGHT
Join us for an encounter with the living God!
PRAYER METHOD: TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

Adoration | Exposure | Confessions | Community | Food
"Begone, Satan! You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve." - Mt. 4,10

Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2024
Time: 8:15 PM - 10:00 PM
Location: Christ Cathedral
13280 Chapman Ave
Garden Grove, CA 92840
Who: Young Adults - Ages 18+

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Now is the time. He is Waiting for You!
Please RSVP via www.ephphathaoc.com
We'll see you soon - You're in our prayers!

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:

23,329 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

40daysforlife.com/orange



Upcoming Penance Services:
All penance services start at 7 pm

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



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