



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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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Office Hours:

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



March 13, 2022

Second Sunday

of

Lent

The Lord God said to Abram,
"Look up at the sky and
count the stars, if you can.
Just so shall your descendants be."

Genesis 15:5



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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord made a covenant with his faithful servant, Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land” (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18).

Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — We await the Lord Jesus, who will change us to conform with his glorified body (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

Gospel — Peter, James, and John witness the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain (Luke 9:28b-36).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Alternate readings (Year A):

Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;

Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]



Welcome!

Morning Prayer: Wed & Fri 7:30am to 7:50am

Adoration: Every Friday after 7pm Stations of the Cross

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 3/12	4:00pm 6:00pm	The Majkoski-Nguyen Family Jim Miller
Sunday 3/13	8:00am 9:30am 11:30am 1:00pm 5:00pm	†Clarito Marayag †Bill D'Andrea †Tony Andico †Angela Andrade Pro Populo
Monday 3/14	8:00am	The Lopes Family
Tuesday 3/15	8:00am	†Carlos Jimenez
Wednesday 3/16	8:00am	Priscilla Vu
Thursday 3/17	8:00am	†Gilbert Lopes
Friday 3/18	8:00am	†Susana Ontiveros
Saturday 3/19	8:00am	Baby Johanna Harris For Those Needing Healing Ali Cayaba Fr John Janze †Visitacion Alberto †Bartholomew Michael Pham †Mary Matuska †Ramon Martinez †Gordon Maurer †Souls in Purgatory



Reflection question:

How can I be more attentive to God's word?

LENTEN SEASON

40 Days of Personal Renewal in Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving



Friday, March 18 6:00 PM

- **SPIRITUAL LENTEN MEAL**
A silent meal of bread & water with a reflection by Fr. Eugene
- Stations of the Cross & Taizé Adoration

7:00 PM

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

- **SPIRITUAL LENTEN MEAL**
A silent meal of bread & water with a reflection by Fr. Eugene
- Stations of the Cross & Taizé Adoration

7:00 PM



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



As Jesus fasted for 40 days in the desert, the Church traditionally fasts during Lent. A form of bodily prayer, fasting and abstinence in union with other Christians reminds us of our utter dependence on and love for God. A gesture of repentance, fasting is symbolic of a change of heart as we turn away from sin to live in fidelity to the Gospel.

Lenten Regulations:

Fasting: Ages 18-59 fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day, with no snacking between meals.

Abstinence: Catholics age 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?

— Psalm 27:1

Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry

March 25th & April 1st

4:30pm to 6:30pm



We look forward to sharing Lenten Fridays with you!

Today's theme on the readings: A GLIMPSE OF GOD

Have you ever had a glimpse of God? Perhaps you perceived God's presence in a quiet moment of prayer, a tender conversation with a loved one, or a difficult situation that was resolved unexpectedly. Peter, James, and John in today's Gospel were given a glimpse of Christ's glory on the mountain, as Jesus was transfigured before them. Abram put his faith in God and saw God's power in a wondrous sign of covenant love. We have the promise of eternal life with God in heaven. This promise brings with it responsibility, as people who are called to live as Christ's very own in the world. Lent is the perfect time to resolve to listen more attentively to the Lord and follow God's ways, assured that in doing so, we put our faith in the one, true, and faithful God.

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Collections and Expenses

2-28-22 to 3-6-22

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$23,096	\$15,597	\$38,694
Maintenance Fund	\$395	\$989	\$1,384
Other income	\$7,214	\$1,762	\$8,977
Ash Wednesday	\$11,331	\$65	\$11,396
Total income	\$42,037	\$18,414	\$60,451

Regular Expenses \$40,466

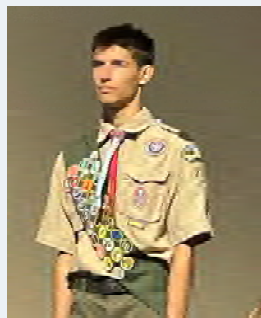
Believe & Grow Capital Campaign	\$1,595	\$3,661	\$5,256
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We appreciate your continued financial support of the parish during these challenging times. If you would like to give, please click on the e-giving link in the top corner of the STM website to 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!

Thank you to Andrew Nazareth who built six banner boxes for St. Thomas More for his Eagle Scout project. These boxes add such beauty to our courtyard! Andrew is a Senior at Beckman High School and is a parishioner and former altar server at St. Thomas More. His Eagle Court of Honor was finally rescheduled on Saturday, February 26, 2022 with Troop 235.

Congratulations Andrew!



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!

Rest in the Love of Christ
Sean McGuinness



PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING



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Eileen Rossi

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

LIFE TEEN

Now

The Summit

Want to grow deeper in the study of Scripture? Join us Mondays at 7pm in the Youth Ministry office! The Summit is a study of the following Sunday's Mass readings. All High School Students are welcome!

LIFE TEEN

Thu 7:00 PM

C2 Confirmation Retreat!

Please say a prayer for our Confirmation 2 class this weekend while they are on retreat. Please pray for open hearts and that our young people would have an encounter with the Holy Spirit.

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



FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

Our First Communion Retreat was a huge success thanks to the help of Fr. Eugene, Fr. Kiet, our staff & volunteers and especially the students and their parents that attended this beautiful day! Please keep all of our First Communion families in your prayers as they journey ever closer to receiving Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist!



During Lent, we invite our 3rd-8th Grade REP classes and their families for Reconciliation on Saturdays from 1:00-3:00 PM in the Priests' Offices. Call the REP Office for more information.



SAVE THE DATE!

Please join us on Friday, April 1st 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

Second Sunday of Lent



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

On this Saturday, the 19th, the Catholic Church will be celebrating the feast of Saint Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

During these challenging family times, we may ask ourselves: What makes a successful parent, Do you realize that your children are in the middle of a culture war and What are your priorities of your family life? To learn more about this topic, I have a great book titled, *'Building Better Families'*, authored by Matthew Kelly. Kelly shares with us remarkable insight and sensible everyday strategies for transforming the family into what it should be, a place where each of us can become the best version of ourselves. This book is filled with many examples that apply to your daily experience of parenting while helping your family and our society and the future of humanity.

If you have any overdue parish library books or DVD's, please return them to the library so our other parishioners may enjoy them. Have a Happy St Patrick's Day!



WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT IMMIGRATION?

Rev. Văn Thanh Nguyễn will take us on a journey of Christian response to migration, that speaks to our history and current events.

Opening Prayer by The Most Reverend Thanh Thai Nguyen, Auxiliary Bishop, Orange, Vicar for Catholic Charities.



Rev. Văn Thanh Nguyễn

Remarks and Updates on local immigration work from Ellen Roy, Executive Director of Catholic Charities of Orange County

MARCH 21

7:00 PM

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Rev. Văn Thanh Nguyễn, SVD, is Professor of New Testament Studies and the holder of the Francis X. Ford, M.M., Chair of Catholic Missiology at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, IL.



THE ORANGE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION PRESENTS ESTATE PLANNING SEMINARS



You are invited to attend Estate Planning Seminars at St. Thomas More Church

51 Marketplace, Irvine, CA 92602

Monday, March 14
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Thursday, March 17
9:00 am - 10:30 am

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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You can place your pledge in the collection basket, in the mail, or donate online at rcbo.org/psa

THANK YOU!!



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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Confirmation	Abraham Villela	(9) 551-8602
First Communion	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
First Reconciliation	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)	Michael Michalek	(9) 551-2304
Marriage Case Support	Michael Michalek	(9) 551-2304
	Mary Patronite	(9) 551-8601
Marriage Encounter	Jim & Cheryl Skudlarski	(9) 551-9156
Marriage In The Lord	Meredith & Keith Rattay	(9) 559-6464
Wedding Coordinator		

Service

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Children's Homeless Lunch Ministry	Kim Lee	(7) 293-8987
Chinese Community	Deacon Leonard Sun	(7) 932-1689
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Filipino Community	Charlie Torres	(9) 551-8601
Grief Share Ministry	K.C. Riley	(7) 875-8126
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Homeless Lunch Ministry	Jessica Silva	(9) 294-2875
Knights of Columbus Council #13111	Ed Francis	(858) 229-2490
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STM Veterans	Sgt. Bob Kohler	(9) 552-1895
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Young Ladies Institute	Mary O'Leary	(9) 305-6810

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