



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



51 Marketplace Irvine, CA 92602 • 949-551-8601 • www.stmirvine.org

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

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Chinese Chaplain
Weekend Assistants

Deacons

First Pastor

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Rev. Francis Li
Rev. Joseph Horn, O Praem
Rev. Joseph Justice
Deacon Tin & Mrs. UyenLan Nguyen
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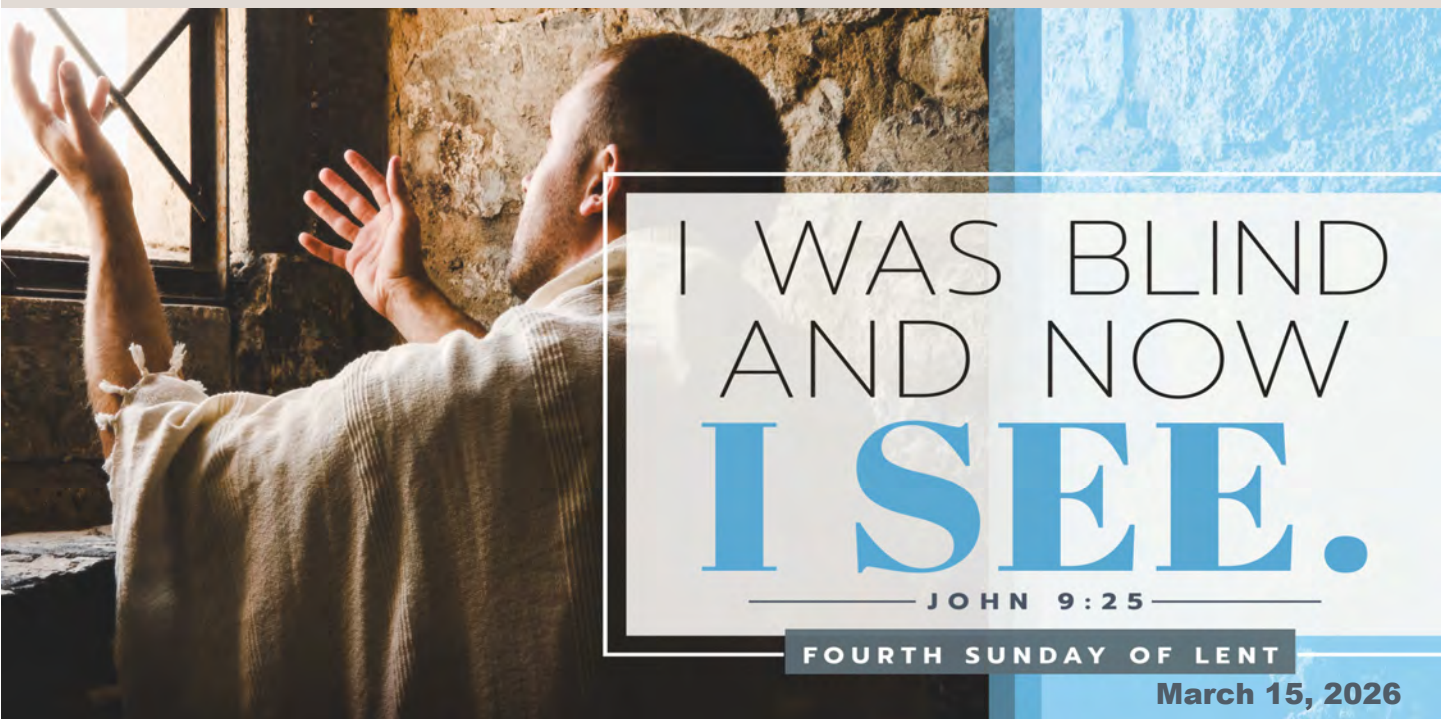
Office hours:
Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm
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I WAS BLIND
AND NOW
I SEE.

JOHN 9:25

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 15, 2026



WELCOME to STM!

Newly Baptized

Adrian Cabrera
Lyla Hummel



Wedding Banns

Luis Salgado & Enelida Hernandez

Prayers for Healing

Racquel Aguinaldo
Flory Aguilar
Sal Baldomar
Bob Bowcock
Douglas Boyette
Felicia Carazo
Kelly Carter
Michael Collins
Thomas Conner
Cristina Crouth
Cristina Dulce
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Ted Filler
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Marco Gama
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Valendox Heredia
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Drew Hoang
Gay Joyce
Natalie and Warren Julian
Chris Kasko
Tiesha Kelley
Mr. Jean Soo Kim
Vivian Knisely
Brielle LeMire
Nancy-Ellen Magdits
Joseph Manglona
Janette Maurer
Nilda A. Medalle
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Deirdre Morley

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Marisol Muro
Susan Navarrete
Ernie Natividad
Lisa Nelson
Baby Luca Pancoe
Katie Pancoe
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Sharon Pataray
Norma Peckson
Armando Peña
Jacqueline Claire Poznoski
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Magdalena Rivera
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Jimmy Rocha
Norma Santiago
Deacon John Selig
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Bishop Kevin Vann
Pete Villanueva
Jesus Villanueva
Raymund Villanueva
Roger Lynn Witherspoon
Andy Zelinko
Joe & Judy Zwetow

Mass Intentions

Sat 3/14	4:00pm	†Charles Thai
	6:00pm	†Jose Ramirez
Sun 3/15	8:00am	Ardi Sami
	9:30am	PRO-POPULO
	11:30am	Alma Lising Daniel & Robin Rings Paul & Kathy Nguyen Maria Tran Duc Nguyen †Colleen Watson †Nilo Lantin †Jorge Pulido †Mary Vercesi †Carlos Jimenez
	1:00pm	†Damian Diaz Bahena & Sara Rojas Morales
	3:00pm	Mike & Arlene Sanjuan
	5:00pm	†Linda Rede
Mon 3/16	8:00am	†Lydia Orpilla
	6:00pm	†Gilbert Lopes
Tues 3/17	8:00am	†Elizabeth Lezama Marin
	6:00pm	†Theresa Nguyen
Wed 3/18	8:00am	†Gene O'Toole
	6:00pm	Megan Lui
Thurs 3/19	8:00am	Teresa Tran
	6:00pm	†Antonius Hermanto
Fri 3/20	8:00am	Susana Espinoza
	6:00pm	†Hortensia Ibarra
Sat 3/21	8:00am	James and Deborah Portzer Susan Gonzalez Ali Cayaba Jennifer Natividad Derick Andreus Sweeten Santarosa Phan Joanne Phan Christopher Nguyen †Louise Cecilia Frum †Beng Koh †George Hsu †James Dulebohn †Jim O' Donnell †Ken Freund †Ramon Martin †Gordon Maurer

Email bulletin@stmirvine.org to add a name to be included for one month

LENTEN FRIDAYS AT STM

March 20



6:00pm



6:30pm-7:30pm



7:30pm

Collection Report

2/23/2026 – 3/1/2026

Sunday Collection	\$ 35,905.00
Believe & Build, BGT, BGT2	\$ 41,048.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 596.00
Lenten Meals	\$ 999.00
Misc Income (Mass Intentions, etc)	\$ 1,736.00

2025 contribution statements are now available by request. Please contact the parish office at (949) 551-8601 to request your statement. We do not keep a record for those who are not registered at St. Thomas More Catholic Church. Please be ready to provide your envelope number.
Thank you for your generous support of St. Thomas More!

JAMAICA '26

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July 1-10
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'Truly I tell **you**, whatever **you did** for one of the **least** of these brothers and sisters of **mine**, **you did** for me.'

STM HLM Lenten Service Project

Thank you for your overwhelming support, especially with your Angel Tree donations!

This Lenten season, join us in making "blessing bags," or small care packages for the homeless. HLM will provide the basic items each family will need to start filling their own bag.

We will be hosting this event after all Sunday morning Masses on March 15, 2026.



Young Ladies Grand Institute #247 (Holy Angels)

See's Easter Candy Fundraiser

March 8 and March 15

8:00 am to 2:30 pm

Credit cards will be accepted.



EASTER FLOWERS

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March 14-15

\$20 SUGGESTED DONATION

CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

MARCH 19, 2026

after the
8AM and 6PM Masses

(If you have already done the consecration to St. Joseph, then renew your consecration to him.)




STM CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Next Classes:

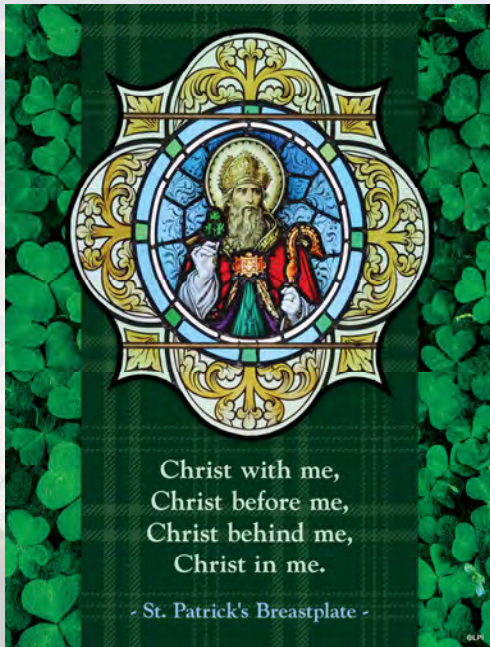
C1- Wed, Mar 18 at 7:00pm
C2- Wed, Mar 25 at 7:00pm

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Bible Study:

Mondays: 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Fireside Room



R.E.P. CORNER



EASTER EGG HUNT DONATIONS

Please make donations of candy & pre-filled prize baskets for our Egg Hunt in the donation bins by **Saturday, March 21st.**



LIVING STATIONS

Friday, March 27th

Please join us for our family friendly Living Stations of the Cross. For any questions, call the REP Office at (949) 551-8029.



RAINFOREST FALLS VBS— Exploring the Nature of God is coming to STM the week of **July 13th—July 17th.**

We really need some creative adults who can help us transform our parish into a beautiful, lush rainforest!

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APRIL 4, 2026
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Questions?
Contact Lysa (714) 873-7597

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH
LENTEN SEASON

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Lenten Penance Service:
Wednesday, March 25th at 7:00 PM

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

Thursdays in Lent

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AFTER 6:00 PM MASS

Holy Hour:
February 19th, February 26th, March 19th

Taizé Adoration:
March 5th, March 12th, March 26th

Fridays in Lent




6:00 PM | Mass
6:30 PM | Dinner (SERVED 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM)

Soup and Scripture:
Feb 20th | March 13th | March 20th

Friday Fish Dinners:
Feb 27th | March 6th | March 27th

*NO FRIDAY FISH DINNER ON GOOD FRIDAY

7:30 PM | Stations of the Cross
(Living Stations: March 27th)

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Upcoming Penance Services:

All penance services start at 7 pm



St. Cecilia: Monday, March 16
Our Lady Queen of Angels: Wednesday, March 18
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: Monday, March 23
St. Nicholas: Wednesday, March 25
St. Thomas More: Wednesday, March 25

STM's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Holy Saturday, April 4 @ 9:00am

Donations needed:

Candy, Pre-made baskets or Cash

Return by Saturday, March 21

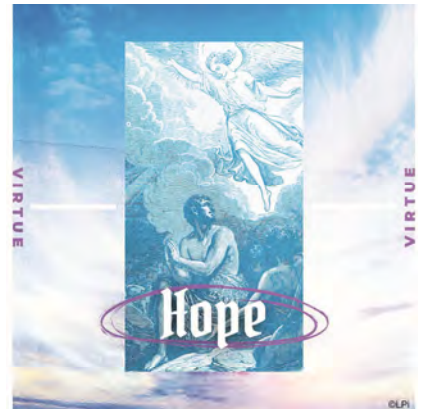
in one of the collection bins

Volunteers needed for

egg stuffing, event set-up & clean-up

Contact rep@stmirvine.org

for more information



Virtues, Explained!

Christian hope "is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness" (CCC 1817), even as we recognize that our own strength and merit can never achieve this. Hope, simply, is remembering that God keeps His promises.

Blessing to See

Bless us, Lord, to see as You see.
Remind us that heartbeats and hopes can outshine outward show.
That quiet witness can overcome violence and darkness.
That Your Light can break like the dawn.
Amen.

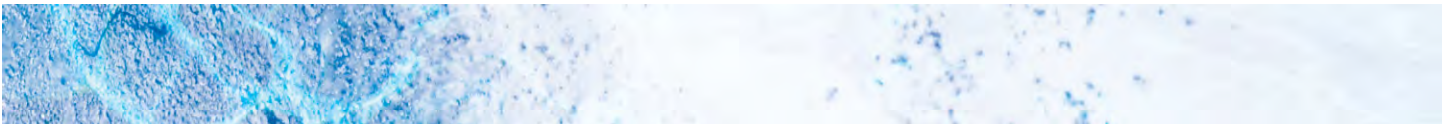
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Mandatory Prayer & Prep Meetings:
6:15 pm. Sundays, Sept 27, Oct 4, & 11



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STM Small Faith Communities



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Questions of the Week

First Reading:

Samuel does not expect the Lord to anoint the young David as Israel's next king. When have you been surprised by God doing something unexpected in your life?

Second Reading:

Paul expects the believers in Ephesus to live as children of light and learn what is pleasing to the Lord. What could you do this week that is pleasing to the Lord?

Gospel:

Jesus' healing of the blind man causes confusion and even anger to those who do not see him as the Christ. Have you seen or felt God's presence in this season of Lent?

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Pharisees refused to see what was in front of them. Their blindness was stronger than that of the man born without sight, because it was a blindness they chose for themselves. So what will it be for us? Do we choose blindness, or do we choose sight?

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Sacraments

Baptism Coordinator	Maggy Gall	(9) 551-8601
Confirmation	Mike Fahey	(9) 551-8602
First Communion	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
First Reconciliation	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)	Sonny & Marie Obillos	(9) 668-5201
Marriage Case Support	Contact office	(9) 551-8601
Marriage Encounter	Mike & Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Wedding Coordinator	Mary Jane Rin	(9) 551-8601

Service

Bereavement	Rosie Muñoz	(9) 551-8601
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Grief Share Ministry	K.C. Riley	(7) 875-8126
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Homeless Lunch Ministry	Jessica Silva & Kim Lee	(9) 294-2875 (7) 293-8987
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Safety Ministry	Franck Reynaud	(7) 906-7569
STM Veterans	Sgt. Bob Kohler	(9) 552-1895
St. Vincent de Paul	Rick Lamoreux	(9) 331-1020
Vietnamese Ministry	Huan Le	(7) 261-9893
Young Ladies Institute	Ann Johnson	(9) 374-1547

Spiritual Development

Adult Faith Formation	Tara Reynaud, Denyse Gagnon, Mary Jane Rin	(7) 925-9992
Bible Study (Bible Focused Formation)	Margaret Cunningham	(7) 552-8711
Christ Renews His Parish	Steve Hastert & Stacey Howmann (7) 319-9947	(9) 939-0998
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Pilgrim Virgin	Sue Robertson	(7) 315-8671
Prayer Partners	Mary Cope	(7) 900-0632
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Small Faith Communities	Denyse Gagnon	(7) 501-7848
Spanish Bible Study (Bible Focused Formation)	Teresa LeMire	(7) 832-1770
When Women Pray	Paula Hines	(7) 746-1802

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Please send us your video of any event that took place at St. Thomas More since our inception! It could be a parishioner/family wedding; sacrament; Mass or celebration. It might be a dinner, BBQ, or party event. We would like to see what you have and include it in our video project.

For digital film, upload to:
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For any physical film - like VHS; cassette or DVD - please clearly label with your name and phone number and drop them off at the front desk, between 9am and 5pm daily! If you have any questions, please contact - Tara Reynaud at 714.925.9992



FASTING:

In the dioceses in the United States, Catholics aged 18 through 59 are bound to fast on both **Ash Wednesday, February 18** and **Good Friday, April 3.**

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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— Psalm 116:12



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