



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.

Pastor

Parochial Vicar

Chinese Chaplain

Weekend Assistants

Deacons

Founding Pastor

Parochial Vicar Emeritus

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949-551-8602

Office Hours:

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

Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm



March 17, 2024

5TH SUNDAY
OF LENT

“And when I am lifted up
from the earth, I will draw
everyone to myself.”

- Jn 12:32



MASS INTENTIONS		
Sat 3/16	4:00pm	†Sloan Mattingly
	6:00pm	†James O'Donnell
Sun 3/17	8:00am	†Patrick McGuinness
	9:30am	PRO POPULO
	11:30am	U.S Military Deployed
	1:00pm	Fr. Angelus Echeverry
	5:00pm	Natalie Bergler
		Robert & Glenda Mortenson
		Isabella Maggetti
		Rodney Reyes
		Jung Chung
		†Lourdes Morallo
		†Jeanette O'Connor
		†Gloria Gutierrez
		†Dina Mercado
		†Carmen Melgoza
		†RJ Lazo
Mon 3/18	8:00am	Rick and Lulu Fabio
Tues 3/19	8:00am	†John Nguyen
Wed 3/20	8:00am	†Ken Freund
Thurs 3/21	8:00am	†Visitacion Alberto
Friday 3/22	8:00am	†Rodolfo Maristela
Sat 3/23	8:00am	†Leonora Felipe & Family
		†Leonora Olaes and Family
		†Felix Navarro
		†Lagrimas Sing
		†Mazie Bonfiglio
		†Joseph Bonfiglio
		†Jacqueline Stevenson

Collections and Expenses
3/4/2024 – 3/10/2024

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$17,901	\$13,938	\$31,839
Maintenance Fund	\$754	\$135	\$889
Other Income	\$4,771	\$1,735	\$6,506
Total Income	\$23,427	\$15,808	\$39,235
	Regular Expenses		\$73,684
Believe & Grow Capital Campaign	\$210	\$3,255	\$3,465

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 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!

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Jack Light	Jesus Villanueva
Richard & Jackie Lombardi	Raymund Villanueva
Joseph Manglona	Kristine & Brandon Williams
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Desmond McMahon Family	

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

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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.



**STM
CONFIRMATION
&
YOUTH MINISTRY**

Upcoming Confirmation Classes

C1 Classes: April 10

C2 Classes: April 17

YTH Nites: Sunday at 6PM

High school teens, join us this weekend, 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.



**R.E.P.
CORNER**



REP EASTER BREAK

March 17 through April 6

The Religious Education Program will be on Easter Break from March 17-April 6 (starting THIS WEEK). There will be NO classes and the REP Office will be closed.



LIVING STATIONS

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.



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".

The Library Corner



The St. Thomas More Parish Library staff would like to wish all our parishioners a Happy Fifth Sunday of Lent.

The STM Parish Library has another excellent book that can be a great tool for Catholics who want to know more about how to defend their faith. This book is instrumental in explaining the core doctrines of the Catholic faith in plain language. The name of this book is, *'The Faith of our Fathers,'* and the author is James Cardinal Gibbons. Cardinal Gibbons was the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Baltimore from 1877 until his death. The Cardinal delves into the historical background of virtually everything people find hard to understand about our Catholic faith. This book can answer every question you can think of in a logical, easy to understand and in a well-supported manner. Let Cardinal Gibbons help confirm your faith in the truth of the Catholic Church. (CTA)

Have a Happy St. Patrick's Day!



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.

LENTEN FRIDAYS AT STM

MARCH 22



4:30pm - 6:30pm: Fish Fry
7:00pm: Living Stations of the Cross & Adoration

Easter Season Series

The Lamb on the Throne

5-Week Bible Study with Fr. Eugene Lee



How the whole Bible really is about the Eucharist!

FRIDAYS: April 5, 12, 19, 26 & May 3

6:00 pm—Prayerful reflection on the Eucharist during Eucharistic Exposition
 7:00 pm—Bible Study



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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!

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER MEETING

Will resume on Friday, April 5th

Please join us every Friday of Lent for
Eucharistic Adoration &
Stations of the Cross at 7 pm.

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

Designated areas for:

3 years & under

4-7 years

8-12 years



Please be on time,
as the Easter eggs seem to
disappear quickly!

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

Create a clean HEART in me.

PSALM 51

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)

Questions? Contact Lysa 714-873-7597



Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

- Jn 12:23-24

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March 23 & 24

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Pamphlet available this weekend with prayers of the 7 joys & 7 sorrows of St. Joseph

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Nos hablará sobre los peligros que atentan la fe y cómo defenderla con amor.

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Saturday April 6, 2024
Holy Mass: 8:00am Talk: 9:00 am

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Baptism Coordinator	Maggy Gall	(9) 551-8601
Confirmation	Gerry Ordiano, Jr.	(9) 551-8602
First Communion	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
First Reconciliation	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)	Deacon Bernie & Pam Ocampo	(9) 468-6604
Marriage Case Support	Contact office	(9) 551-8601
Marriage Encounter	Mike & Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Wedding Coordinator	Marcella Maurer	(9) 551-8601

Service

Bereavement	Rosie Muñoz	(9) 551-8601
Chinese Ministry	Deacon Leonard Sun	(7) 932-1689
Corazon	Norma Jean Womack	(9) 903-1472
Filipino Ministry	Mernie Empalmado	(9) 307-7479
Grief Share Ministry	K.C. Riley	(7) 875-8126
Hispanic Ministry	Victor Cota	(9) 400-7743
Homeless Lunch Ministry	Jessica Silva & Kim Lee	(9) 294-2875 (7) 293-8987
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Respect Life	Chris Gonzales	(9) 551-8601
Safety Ministry	Fred Simon	(310) 508-5053
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	Gloria Glenn	(9) 294-9175

Spiritual Development

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Library	Sam & Diana Adams	(7) 321-2405
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More Moms	Krystal Padley	(9) 551-8601
Prayer Partners	Mary Cope	(7) 900-0632
Religious Education	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Small Faith Communities	Denyse Gagnon	(7) 501-7848
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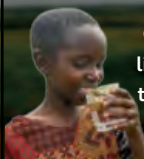
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Our Lady Queen of Angels (Newport Beach): Wednesday, March 27



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SPRING INTO ACTION & ENRICH YOUR MARRIAGE!

APRIL 27-28, 2024

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

San Antonio de Padua Catholic Church
 Anaheim, CA

OCWWME.org

Questions? Call: 714-873-5136

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
 253 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. Justin St. Orange, CA

40daysforlife.com/orange

JOIN US APRIL 6TH
 CHRIST CATHEDRAL CULTURAL CENTER

ADRIANA ACUTIS AND FR. ROBERT SPITZER, S.J.
 THE HOLY SHROUD, THE DIVINE MERCY IMAGE, & EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES

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.

