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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 20, 2022

Third Sunday

of

Lent

God called out to Moses from the burning bush and said, "Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground."

Exodus 3:4, 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



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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD God appears to Moses and directs him to go and deliver the Israelites from Egypt (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) or Exodus 17:3-7.

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) or Psalm 95.

Second Reading — We are not to grumble like the people with Moses in the desert (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.

Gospel — If you do not repent, you will all perish (Luke 13:1-9) or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Alternate readings (Year A):

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;

Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 3/19	6:00pm	†Alice Greene †Norberto Clavio †Lourdes Morallo
Sunday 3/20	8:00am 9:30am 11:30am 1:00pm 5:00pm	Anthony Cervantes †Jim O'Donnell †Bill D'Andrea Monica de Laguna Anita Maria De La Riva
Monday 3/21	8:00am	†Joppa Abraham
Tuesday 3/22	8:00am	†Rodolfo Maristela
Wednesday 3/23	8:00am	†Patrick Thorton
Thursday 3/24	8:00am	†Juliet P Regis
Friday 3/25	8:00am	Alfonso Famly
Saturday 3/26	8:00am	Teresa Harris †Gloria Ruta and Family †Reuben M. Olaes †Leonora M. Felipe †Walt Bergler †Joe Maguire †Jim Baumgarten †Joseph Dunn



LENTEN SEASON

40 Days of Personal Renewal in Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving



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

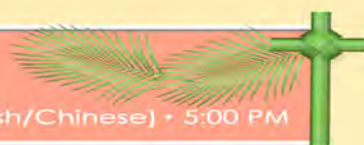
Extra Confessions: Monday, March 28th to Friday, April 1st at 7:00 PM

Extra Confessions: Monday, April 4th to Friday, April 8th after 8:00 AM Mass

Holy Week

Palm Sunday

Vigil, April 9	4:00 PM (English/Vietnamese) - 6:00 PM
Sunday, April 10	8:00 AM - 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM 1:00 PM (English/Spanish) + 3:00 PM (English/Chinese) + 5:00 PM



The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 14

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

7:00 PM MASS OF LORD'S SUPPER

8:30 PM to 7:30 AM (next day) Simple Adoration

All are welcome to come throughout the night to pray and keep vigil with our Lord.



Good Friday, April 15

8:00 AM Morning Prayer & Divine Mercy Novena begins

2:00 PM Stations of the Cross

3:00 PM CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

4:00 PM Veneration of the Cross

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Holy Saturday, April 16

8:00 AM Morning Prayer & Divine Mercy Novena (**)

9:00 AM Blessing of Baskets and Easter Egg Hunt

(**) Divine Mercy Novena will be continued on Easter Sunday in the Blessed Sacrament

Chapel after the 9:30 AM Mass & from Monday through Saturday in the hall after the 8:00 AM Mass.

Easter Sunday

EASTER VIGIL, APRIL 16

8:00 PM (Multi-lingual)

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17

6:00 AM (Sunrise Mass/Outdoors)

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

1:00 PM (Spanish/English)

3:00 PM (Chinese/English)

5:00 PM (Vietnamese/English)



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH
 INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT
 July 1, 2021 – February 28, 2022
 Note: Figures rounded to thousands

CASH ON HAND	2/28/2022
Checking – Operating Fund	\$ 622,000
Savings – Believe & Grow Fund (Capital Campaign)	\$ 7,688,000
Savings – Building Fund (for building maintenance)	\$ 101,000
TOTAL CASH ON HAND	\$ 8,411,000
<i>Note: Monies in the Believe & Grow Fund are to be used solely for our new church buildings and cannot be moved from this fund.</i>	

OPERATING FUND ACTIVITIES	7/1/2021 – 2/28/2022
Revenues	
Ordinary Collections – Masses	\$ 986,000
Ordinary Collections – Special Liturgical Celebrations & Religious Goods	\$ 57,000
Apostolic Ministries	\$ 150,000
Other Income (includes pledges for capital campaign)	\$ 874,000
Total Revenues	\$ 2,067,000
Expenses	
Salaries & Benefits & Taxes (and related expense)	\$ -610,000
General Parish Administration (non-payroll)	\$ -434,000
Apostolic Ministries Expenses	\$ -93,000
Diocesan Parish Assessment	\$ -105,000
Total Expenses	\$ -1,242,000
Subtotal	\$ 825,000
Estimated Noncash End of Year Adjustments	
Estimated Depreciation	\$ -170,000
Estimated Adjustment for Receivables	\$ -414,000
Estimated Net Income	\$ 241,000

BUILDING FUND ACTIVITIES	7/1/2021 – 2/28/2022
Balance as of June 30, 2021	\$ 6,811,000
Incoming Funds:	
Cash Contributions	\$ 833,000
Account Interest	\$ 44,000
Total Incoming Funds:	\$ 877,000
Total Funds Usage:	\$ 0
Balance as of February 28, 2022	\$ 7,688,000

Today's theme on the readings: HOLY GROUND

Moses met God in a most astounding way in the bush that was burning but not consumed by fire. Moses clearly had a powerful encounter with the Lord. He even felt bold enough to ask God's name, something unheard of among his people at the time—God's name was unspeakable. Moses stood on holy ground. Do we not also stand on holy ground? As people who are created in God's image and drawn to Christ through the waters of Baptism, we have been filled with God's grace and goodness. The ground of our lives is holy. Lent is a time when we are called to open our minds and hearts to Christ, rely on God's patient mercy, and to grow as God's holy people. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Collections and Expenses

3-7-22 to 3-13-22

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$15,708	\$9,510	\$25,218
Maintenance Fund	\$662	\$206	\$868
Other income	\$4,052	\$2,369	\$6,421
2nd Collection	\$10,598	\$0	\$10,598
Total income	\$31,020	\$12,086	\$43,107

Regular Expenses	\$37,759
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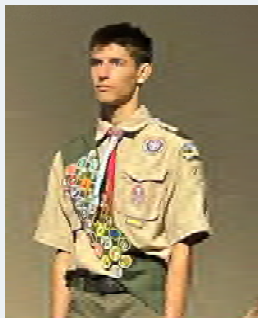
Believe & Grow Capital Campaign	\$5,961	\$5,734	\$11,695
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We appreciate your continued financial support of the parish during these challenging times. If you would like to give, please click on the e-giving link in the top corner of the STM website 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



Walt Bergler
Lilia Cachola
Benjamin del Rosario
Sean McGuiness



PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING



Bob Catiller
Athena Dorr & family
Baby Johanna Harris

Ken Hughes
Fr. John Janze
Elena Monico

Eileen Rossi
Norma Santiago
Michele Wills

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 room 3! The Summit is a study of the following Sunday's Mass readings. All high school students are welcome!

LIFE TEEN

Thu 7:00 PM

YTH NITE This Sunday!

Did you know that the Sacraments of Healing are always available to you and Jesus is always present in your pain and brokenness? Wounds are real and hurt is inevitable. Don't miss this Sunday's YTH NITE! We start at 6:30pm and end at 8:30pm.

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 Families:



First Reconciliations are set for March 28th & April 4th.



Please keep reviewing prayers (especially the Act of Contrition) & steps to Reconciliation with your children.

Please check with your student's REP teacher for any further details.



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

Third Sunday of Lent



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

On this Friday, March 25th, the Catholic Church will celebrate the solemnity of the Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary when Saint Gabriel the Archangel announced to the Virgin Mary that she would be the mother of God, Jesus. I would like to recommend a book titled, *'The life of the Blessed Virgin Mary'*, authored by Ven. Anne Catherine Emmerich. She was beatified by Pope John Paul II on October 3, 2004. The scope of this book ranges from the Immaculate Conception, through the Annunciation, to the Assumption. As Catholics, how can we ever thank her for her love and service to all mankind? That is why we need to spread the news that She is our Mother and the Mother of our Lord. Hail Mary, Full of Grace.



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THANK YOU!!

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."

RSVP: Register online or to learn more go to www.ChristRenewsOC.com



Children's Homeless Lunch Ministry

You are invited to pack sack lunches for our homeless neighbors in the MPR on

Monday, March 21st

5:30pm

Who should attend: Children 14 and younger (elementary and jr high) with a parent, guardian, and/or REP teacher.

Any questions can be directed to Kim at kimmievu@gmail.com or 714-293-8987

"When I was hungry you gave me food..." Matthew 25:35

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT IMMIGRATION?

Rev. vãnThanh 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. vãnThanh 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. vãnThanh 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.



Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry

March 25th & April 1st

4:30pm to 6:30pm



We look forward to sharing Lenten Fridays with you!

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

Bereavement	Rosie Muñoz	(9) 551-8601
Children's Homeless Lunch Ministry	Kim Lee	(7) 293-8987
Chinese Community	Deacon Leonard Sun	(7) 932-1689
Corazon	Norma Jean Womack	(9) 903-1472
Filipino Community	Charlie Torres	(9) 551-8601
Grief Share Ministry	K.C. Riley	(7) 875-8126
Hispanic Ministry	Frank Ornelas (9) 857-9044	Patty Trujillo (7) 270-5073
Homeless Lunch Ministry	Jessica Silva	(9) 294-2875
Knights of Columbus Council #13111	Ed Francis	(858) 229-2490
Respect Life	Chris Gonzales	(9) 551-8601
STM Veterans	Sgt. Bob Kohler	(9) 552-1895
St. Vincent de Paul	Bill Chacon	(9) 331-1020
Vietnamese Ministry	Huan Le	(7) 261-9893
Young Ladies Institute	Mary O'Leary	(9) 305-6810

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Parish Business Manager	Stephanie Miller	(9) 551-8601
Parish Office Manager	Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Welcoming Committee	Vince Salico	(7) 389-7726

Spiritual Development

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Life Teen – High School & Young Adults	Abraham Villela	(9) 551-8602
Religious Education	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Christ Renews His Parish	Tony Patronite	(9) 307-6215
Cursillo and When Women Pray	Susan Navarrete	(9) 345-9130
Legion of Mary	Trisha Smith	(7) 473-3714
Library	Sam & Diana Adams	(7) 321-2405
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puts on ADVERTISED clothes
drinks a cup
of ADVERTISED coffee
drives to work
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and then
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WHY IS IT?



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