



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## 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

Parochial Vicar  
Chinese Chaplain  
Weekend Assistants

### Deacons

First Pastor

### Rev. Eugene J. Lee

Rev. Thomas Tran  
Rev. Francis Li  
Rev. Joseph Horn, O Praem  
Rev. Joseph Justice  
Deacon Tin & Mrs. UyenLan Nguyen  
Deacon Leonard & Mrs. Nancy Sun  
Deacon David Wang

†Rev. John E. Janze

### Office Information

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

[frontdesk@stmirvine.org](mailto:frontdesk@stmirvine.org)

Front Office: 949-551-8601  
After-hours emergency: 949-551-8601 ext. 7  
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Youth Ministry: 949-551-8602

**TEXT TO GIVE:**

949-919-5494

# I AM

## THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE.

— JOHN 11:25 —

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 22, 2026



# WELCOME to STM!



## Wedding Banns

Luis Salgado & Enelida Hernandez

## Funeral Mass

Diego Pineda: Sat, March 28 at 12:00pm



## Prayers for Healing

Racquel Aguinaldo	Rosie Muñoz
Flory Aguilar	Marisol Muro
Sal Baldomar	Susan Navarrete
Daniel Bernabe	Ernie Natividad
Bob Bowcock	Lisa Nelson
Douglas Boyette	Baby Luca Panceo
Felicia Carazo	Katie Panceo
Kelly Carter	Jocelyn Pandes
Michael Collins	Ben Pataray
Thomas Conner	Sharon Pataray
Cristina Crouth	Norma Peckson
Cristina Dulce	Armando Peña
Cecelia Duzynski	Jacqueline Claire Poznoski
Jamael Edwards	Sandra Quezada
Chantelle Fausto	Ryan Quinn
Ted Filler	George Quitorian
Tony Galati	Al & Elizabeth Rangitsch
Daniel Pedro Galla	Matilda Reyna
Marco Gama	Maryhelen Rios
Anthony Gaona	Guadalupe Rivas
Lisa Greubel	Debbie Rivera
Katherine H.	Magdalena Rivera
Regina Hager	Pat Robertson
Valendox Heredia	Donna Rohrer
Doug & Kathie Hibbard	Jimmy Rocha
Drew Hoang	Norma Santiago
Gay Joyce	Deacon John Selig
Natalie and Warren Julian	Richard Stock
Chris Kasko	Donny Stoufus
Tiesha Kelley	Hisashi Taniuchi
Vivian Knisely	Lisa Turner
Brielle LeMire	Bishop Kevin Vann
Debbe Lowden	Pete Villanueva
Nancy-Ellen Magdits	Jesus Villanueva
Joseph Manglona	Raymund Villanueva
Janette Maurer	Roger Lynn Witherspoon
Nilda A. Medalle	Andy Zelinko
Susan McCaffrey	Joe & Judy Zwetow
Deirdre Morley	

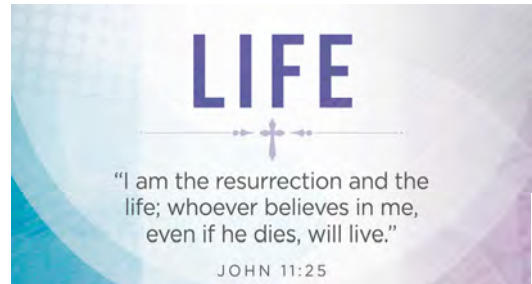
Email [bulletin@stmirvine.org](mailto:bulletin@stmirvine.org) to add a name to be included for one month

Join us for our final Friday Fish Dinner!  
March 27  
6:30pm to 7:30pm



## Mass Intentions

Sat 3/21	4:00pm	Joonsik Peter Kang
	6:00pm	†Mario Abasolo Gomez
Sun 3/22	8:00am	Victor and Katheryne Cinco
	9:30am	†Michelle McGill
	11:30am	PRO-POPULO
	1:00pm	Refugio and Magdalena Sanchez
	3:00pm	Deacon David Wang
	5:00pm	Jeannie G. Kim
		Susana Espinoza
		Natalie Bergler
		Janet and Jayson Allam
		†Paul Tri Nguyen
		†Anna Khanh Nguyen
		†Paul Tan Nguyen
		†Pedro Luis Astorga
Mon 3/23	8:00am	Monica R. de Laguna
	6:00pm	Vincent C. Chan
Tues 3/24	8:00am	†Anna Nguyen
	6:00pm	Joseph Gonzalez
Wed 3/25	8:00am	Fr. Angelus Echeverry
	6:00pm	Cheryl Cory
Thurs 3/26	8:00am	†Jackson Scharff
	6:00pm	†Monica Vanessa Aranda
Fri 3/27	8:00am	The Majkoski-Nguyen Family
	6:00pm	†Ruperto Jugueta
Sat 3/28	8:00am	Linda Fajardo
		Reydina Sy
		Kim Scott
		Josefina Arendain
		The Tran Family
		The Phan Family
		Wilfredo Clemente
		John Thai
		†Jonathan Mandegari
		†Teresa and Joseph Phan



## Collection Report

3/2/2026 – 3/8/2026

Sunday Collection	\$ 37,339.00
Believe & Build, BGT, BGT2	\$ 9,752.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 135.00
Lenten Meals	\$ 1,133.00
Misc Income (Mass Intentions, etc)	\$ 1,202.00

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!

# HOLY WEEK | EASTER SEASON

## **Palm Sunday | March 29<sup>th</sup>**

Vigil Mass, March 28th	4:00 PM (Vietnamese/English)   6:00 PM
Sunday Mass, March 29th	8:00 AM   9:30 AM (LIVESTREAMED)   11:30 AM 1:00 PM (Spanish)   3:00 PM (Chinese)   5:00 PM

## *The Sacred Paschal Triduum*

### **Holy Thursday | April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:00 AM	Morning Prayer (LIVESTREAMED)
7:00 PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper (LIVESTREAMED) Followed by Simple Adoration & Seven Churches Visitation Simple Adoration will continue until 7:30 AM the next day <i>ALL ARE WELCOME TO PRAY AND KEEP VIGIL WITH OUR LORD IN THE MPR</i> Seven Churches Visitation (BUS REGISTRATION: <a href="http://STMIRVINE.ORG">STMIRVINE.ORG</a> (FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED))

### **Good Friday | April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

8:00 AM	Morning Prayer
2:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
3:00 PM	Celebration of the Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross
6:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM	Celebration of the Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross

### **Holy Saturday | April 4<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 AM	Morning Prayer and Divine Mercy Novena
9:00 AM	Blessing of Baskets and Easter Egg Hunt

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

## **EASTER SUNDAY AND EASTER SEASON**

Saturday, April 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 PM	Easter Vigil (multilingual)
Sunday, April 5 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 AM	Sunrise Mass Outdoors
	8:00 AM	Mass in the Parish Hall
	TWO MASSES WILL BE DONE SIMULTANEOUSLY AT 10:00 AM & NOON:	
	10:00 AM	Mass in the Parish Hall* & Mass Outdoors
	12:00 PM	Mass in the Parish Hall & Mass Outdoors
	2:00 PM	Spanish/English
	4:00 PM	Vietnamese/English
	6:00 PM	Chinese/English

**Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Easter Celebration Concert**  
Gather to celebrate the Risen Lord with music, singing, and joy.

**May 10<sup>th</sup> & May 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**"Pray-Overs on the Grass"**  
(after all Morning Masses)  
This year, in preparation for Pentecost, Fr. Eugene, Fr. Thomas, and the Holy Spirit Prayer Team will pray over anyone who desires it!

**May 15<sup>th</sup> - May 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Novena to the Holy Spirit**  
Pray the novena with us daily at 8:00 pm on Zoom. Link: [stmirvine.org](http://stmirvine.org).

**Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**Mass of the Cenacle: Special Pentecost Mass of the Holy Spirit**  
Join us for dynamic praise and worship music, pray-overs for healing and empowerment, and a special talk. Concelebrant/Homilist: Fr. Ben Tran.

\*LIVESTREAMED



## STM CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

### Next Classes:

C2- Wed, Mar 25 at 7:00pm  
C1- Wed, Apr 8 at 7:00pm

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 @stm.yth

### Bible Study:

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

**Youth Night:** Sunday, March 22 after 5pm Mass

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 | 6-8:00 PM

# YOUTH night

*Walk with Him*

Moving Beyond the Story and Into the Passion

## R.E.P. CORNER



### ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOLERS



Don't forget—we have an EDGE Meeting THIS Tuesday (3/24) at 7PM. We hope to see you there!



### LIVING STATIONS

Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>



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



### EASTER EGG HUNT DONATIONS



Please make donations of candy & pre-filled prize baskets for our Egg Hunt in the donation bins by Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.



For any questions, call the REP Office at (949) 551-8029 or email [rep@stmirvine.org](mailto:rep@stmirvine.org).



## Grief Support Group

Come join us!

Tuesdays 10:00-11:30 AM  
January 13 - April 7

St. Thomas More  
Multipurpose Room

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[griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org)

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## BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER COOKIES, CUPCAKES & EGG HUNT!

All proceeds will go to the less fortunate in our community

APRIL 4, 2026  
9:00 AM-12:00 PM  
STM COURTYARD

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Contact Lysa (714) 873-7597



**STM SPRING Bible Studies!**  
**Registration is OPEN! Scan here**



**Course List**

COURSE	DESCRIPTION	START DATES	FACILITATOR	CLICK TO REGISTER!
<p><b>Song of Songs and the Spiritual Life</b></p> <p>5 Sessions</p>	<p>Explore Bible wisdom through the eyes of St. John of the Cross</p>	<p><b>Monday, April 20</b> 7:00-8:30 PM</p> <p>Multi-Purpose Room</p>	<p>Br. Mark Charlesworth O.Praem</p>	
<p><b>When You Pray</b></p> <p>7 Sessions</p>	<p>Dr. Edward Sri's latest Spiritual path to pray like the Saints!</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, April 8,</b> 9:30-11:00 AM</p> <p>Multi-Purpose Room</p>	<p>Janice LaVelle</p>	
<p><b>El Evangelio de Marcos</b></p> <p>10 Sesiones</p>	<p>El relato más temprano de la vida de Jesús enfoca a los eventos pascuales y lo atraería a una investigación de lo que significa decir seguir a Jesús, aun en su sufrimiento.</p>	<p><b>Lunes, 13 de abril</b> 7:00 – 8:30 PM</p> <p>St. Nicolas Room</p>	<p>Victor Cota</p>	
		<p><b>Miércoles, 15 de abril</b> 10:00-12:00 PM</p> <p>St. Nicolas Room</p>	<p>Teresa LeMire</p>	

**For more info, please visit [www.stmirvine.org/BFF](http://www.stmirvine.org/BFF)**  
**To Register: [www.stmirvine.org/BFFregister](http://www.stmirvine.org/BFFregister)**

## First Saturday Devotion For April 4, 2026

Because April 4th falls on Holy Saturday during the Triduum and Holy Communion is not available in the morning, Fr. Eugene has permitted the reception of Holy Communion on Easter Sunday to fulfill this month's First Saturday Devotion.

If you are unable to attend the Devotion this month, please visit [stmirvine.org](http://stmirvine.org) for the First Saturday devotional prayers.

# 24 – Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



**begins on Monday, March 23 after 8:00am Mass  
and will end before Mass the following day**

Small Faith Communities are where hearts are opened, Scripture comes alive, and faith is strengthened through genuine relationships.



*St. Lorenzo Ruiz – Wednesday 7pm*



## STM SFC

STM Small Faith Communities





### ***Virtues, Explained!***

The virtue of faith is “man’s response to God, who reveals himself and gives himself to man.” (CCC 26). Faith is encouraged by the complementary virtues of hope and love, and through the gift of understanding our faith grows and strengthens.

### **Blessing for New Life**

God, in Your goodness, restore our hope.  
 Where we feel imprisoned, break our chains.  
 Where we feel discouraged, bring us light.  
 Where the ground feels dry, break through with life anew.  
 Amen.

## Upcoming Penance Services:

All penance services start at 7 pm



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: Monday, March 23

St. Nicholas: Wednesday, March 25

St. Thomas More: Wednesday, March 25

# *Holy Spirit, You are welcome here!*

An STM Faith Conversion Journey  
from Easter to Pentecost

— April 5 - May 24, 2026 —

Join us for a 7-week faith-filled  
journey to know more about the  
Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life.  
*Activate the Fire of the Holy Spirit*  
in your life.

Know the fruits and gifts, the  
charisms of the Holy Spirit —

**Luke 24:49**

Scan QR Code for more details.



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As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10).

## WE NEED YOUR VIDEOS!

Calling all home movie buffs! Our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary team is looking for your memories!

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:  
[stmirvine.org/30thvideos](http://stmirvine.org/30thvideos)



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

  
 PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL


## For Jesus. For STM.

"How can I make a return to the Lord *for all He has done for me.*"  
— Psalm 116:12

**Share Christ's Love with Others**  
 Please prayerfully consider supporting the 2026 PSA!



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**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.



**Prayer Partners** Supporting Others with Prayer



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- **Enter** Prayer Intentions
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- **Become a Prayer Partner** – Pray for the Intentions once a week

**STM's Annual Easter Egg Hunt**  
**Holy Saturday, April 4 @ 9:00am**  
**Donations needed:**  
**Candy, Pre-made baskets or Cash**  
**Return deadline extended to Sat, March 28**  
**in one of the collection bins.**

**Volunteers needed for**  
**egg stuffing, event set-up & clean-up**

**Contact [rep@stmirvine.org](mailto:rep@stmirvine.org)**  
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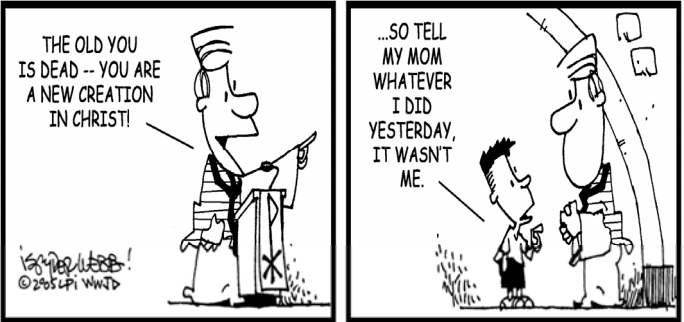


**Easter flowers for your home**  
**March 21 & 22**



 **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**\$20 - \$25 suggested donation**

**5TH SUNDAY IN LENT**




**Live The Liturgy**  
**Inspiration of the Week**

"Lazarus, come out!" Jesus calls into the tomb. These same words he cries into the depths of our hearts. "Come out!" God is calling you. Come out from the sleep of your indifference. Easter is near. Now is the time. Come out!

**Observances for the week of**  
**March 22, 2026**

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Lent
- Monday:** St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
- Wednesday:** The Annunciation of the Lord
- Next Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Holy Week begins

The Knights of Columbus thank you for your support of this year's drive to support people with Intellectual Disabilities. With your support we raised over \$6,000! Use the flyer below to give additional support with our fundraiser at BJ's Restaurant all day on March 31st.



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**When ordering online:** Enter the 6-digit fundraiser code below at the time of checkout.  
**When placing a take-out order:** Present this flyer to a BJ's team member upon your arrival.



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