



# 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

### Founding 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 Bernie & Mrs. Pam Ocampo

†Rev. John E. Janze

### Office Information

Office hours:  
Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm  
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IT MAY BEAR  
FRUIT IN THE  
**FUTURE.**

— LUKE 13:9 —

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 23, 2025

# Welcome to STM!



Zoe I. Layton  
Nolan A. Wong



Thomas Brunson

### PRAYERS FOR HEALING

- |                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sam Adams                 | Deirdre Morley              |
| Flory Aguilar             | Susan Navarrete             |
| Froy Becerra              | Ernie Natividad             |
| Daniel Bernabe            | Eileen Ohlander             |
| Kelly Carter              | Ben Pataray                 |
| Bob & Sandy Catiller      | Sharon Pataray              |
| Lou and Nancy Chereny     | Armando Peña                |
| Paul Cook                 | Liz Pennington              |
| Paul Curran               | Pierette Senoski Powell     |
| Chaz Decoteau             | Jacqueline Claire Poznoski  |
| Mary Rose Del Mundo       | Donna Publico               |
| Cecelia Duzynski          | Sandra Quezada              |
| Jamael Edwards            | Ryan Quinn                  |
| Nina Leones Espino        | George Quitariano           |
| Maria Fernandes           | Paula Jane Ramirez          |
| Tony Galati               | Al & Elizabeth Rangitsch    |
| Marco Gama                | Guadalupe Rivas             |
| Anthony Gaona             | Jose Guadalupe Rivera       |
| Lisa Greubel              | Pauline Rocha               |
| Alex Hannes               | Donna Rohrer                |
| Doug & Kathie Hibbard     | Norma Santiago              |
| Drew Hoang                | Deacon John Selig           |
| Cristeta Jaropillo        | Richard Stock               |
| Angela Judy               | Donny Stoufus               |
| Natalie and Warren Julian | Sally-Ann Thomas            |
| Miriam Kasperowicz        | Lisa Turner                 |
| Tiesha Kelley             | Pete Villanueva             |
| Vivian Knisely            | Jesus Villanueva            |
| Ashly Leal                | Raymund Villanueva          |
| Lauren Leal               | Bill Whiteside              |
| Brielle LeMire            | Kristine & Brandon Williams |
| Joseph Manglona           | Michele Wills               |
| Nilda A. Medalle          | Andy Zelinko                |
| Ron Merse                 |                             |

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



- Sat 3/22 4:00pm †John and Charlie Schulte  
6:00pm †Linda Rede
- Sun 3/23 8:00am †Filomena V. Arreza  
9:30am Margaret Cunningham  
Rick and Lourdes Fabio  
Chau and Long Nguyen  
Allen Chiou and Family  
†Pauline Rocha  
†Deacon Tony Patronite  
†Lou Oddo  
†Anna Erhard  
†Leonora Felipe and Family  
11:30am †Rudolfo Maristela  
1:00pm †Jesus Ambriz  
3:00pm †Shou-Yu Lu  
5:00pm PRO POPULO
- Mon 3/24 8:00am Megan Lui  
6:00pm Fr. Angelus Echeverry
- Tues 3/25 8:00am †Remedios Ventulan  
6:00pm Andrea Gabrielle Maristela
- Wed 3/26 8:00am †Jackson Scharff  
6:00pm †Greg Lombardi
- Thurs 3/27 8:00am †Corazon Grist  
6:00pm †Patricia Clifton
- Fri 3/28 8:00am Majkoski-Nguyen Family  
6:00pm †Deacon Tony Patronite
- Sat 3/29 8:00am Linda Nash  
†Michael Leyden  
†Margaret Mahon  
†Joppa Abraham  
†Antonio De Vera

### Online Giver?

Follow these tips to ensure your donation SYNCs are seamless!

- Create an account in ParishSOFT giving by going to [www.stmirvine.org](http://www.stmirvine.org) > E-Giving> St. Thomas More E-giving> sign in> create an account.
- Register using the name and email address you provided to the parish when registering at St. Thomas More.

**Why is this important?** The online platform uses your name and email to sync your donations to our database. The system cannot locate your information if you use a different name or email.



### Collections and Expenses 3/10/2025– 3/16/2025 Thank you for your generosity!

TOTALS			EGIVING TOTALS		
COLLECTION		\$ 29,414.00	COLLECTION		\$ 22,695.51
MAINTENANCE FUND		\$ 170.00	MAINTENANCE FUND		\$ 860.00
OTHER INCOME		\$ 2,466.00	OTHER INCOME		\$ 3,461.96
	TOTAL	\$ 32,050.00		TOTAL	\$ 27,017.47

**CAMPAIGN COLLECTION \$ 68,565.88**

Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,535.83
Weekly Campaign Expenses	\$ 0

# LENTEN SEASON



## LETTER FROM THE PASTOR | Lent + Easter 2025

Dear fellow Christians! As a priest, I am gifted daily by God in watching you suffer. Now, hear me out!! In confession, in spiritual counseling, in home visits, sick calls, and just daily interactions, I am pierced to the heart seeing you sharing in the Cross of Christ. At the same time, I am deeply touched by your faith—the faith that gives you the perseverance, strength, and purity of heart to keep going. The people of God are indeed a bright city on a hill. You all radiate Easter, even when you are personally experiencing Lent.

Fridays of Lent are especially poignant opportunities to explore the meaning of suffering, to grapple with the sadness and horror of sin, to better integrate sacrifice and discipline into our spirituality, and to ultimately ponder, why did our Lord have to suffer so much and die so horribly? So, I urge all of you to take full advantage of the six Fridays of Lent. See our Lenten calendar and make a resolution to engage in these opportunities.

My brothers and sisters, our faith does not deny suffering; it transforms it. St. John Paul II reminds us: "We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song!" The power of the Resurrection is not something distant or abstract; it is alive in our everyday lives. Every act of forgiveness, every moment of perseverance, every choice to love in the face of hardship—these are glimpses of the risen Christ at work in us. And I see it in you all the time! Let us place our hope in Him, knowing that beyond every Good Friday is an Easter Sunday.

May the peace of the Risen Christ fill your hearts and homes.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Fr. Eugene J. Lee*  
Fr. Eugene J. Lee.  
Pastor



### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Penance Service:  
Wednesday, April 2nd at 7:00pm

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

### Every Friday in Lent

6:00pm Mass

6:30pm Dinner (SERVED 6:30PM - 7:00PM)

Soup and Scripture:  
March 7th, 21st, April 4th

Fish Fry:  
March 14th, 28th, April 11th

7:30pm Stations of the Cross  
(Living Stations: April 11th)

8:15-9:15pm Eucharistic Adoration  
(Taizé Adoration: March 14th & April 4th)

# STM CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY



## Next class:

C2: 3/26 (Bishop Letter due, printed & signed)

C1: 4/9

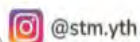
## Upcoming Youth Nights:

3/30, 4/13, 5/4

We're back! Join us for the Youth Night next Sunday, 3/30 after the 5pm Mass! Dinner & dessert will be provided and the night will end at 8:15pm. Invite a friend!

Join us Mondays at 7pm for Youth Bible Studies! We'll go over the readings for the upcoming Sunday's Mass and grow with one another in fellowship & community!

Follow us



# KNOW THE MERCY OF

# God



## R.E.P. CORNER



### ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOLERS



Don't forget—we have an EDGE Meeting  
THIS Tuesday (3/25) at 7PM.

We hope to see you there!

Our EDGE trip to the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles is coming up Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Join us for a moving and inspirational experience. Tickets are only \$12 person. Please make sure to RSVP to reserve your spot **NO LATER** than Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact the REP Office for further information on this event.



### LENTEN FAMILY ACTIVITY

REP 1st-5th Grade Families

Just a reminder, if your child brought home a copy of the *Totally Lent* activity booklet, please make sure to

take time each day of Lent to work on the activities with your child. We look forward to seeing the progress on their "Journey to Easter".



"Praying together  
is one of the great  
ways we can care  
for one another  
as Christians."

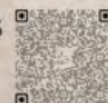
AUBREY COLEMAN

## Let's Pray Together!

# STM SFC



STM Small Faith Communities



This Sunday!


**BURRITOS & BUBBLES**

YOUNG FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO CONNECT AND ENJOY BREAKFAST WITH OTHER YOUNG FAMILIES.

AFTER THE 9:30 & 11:30 MASSES ON SUNDAY, MARCH 23RD.



SATURDAY 7:30PM MARCH 29TH, 2025



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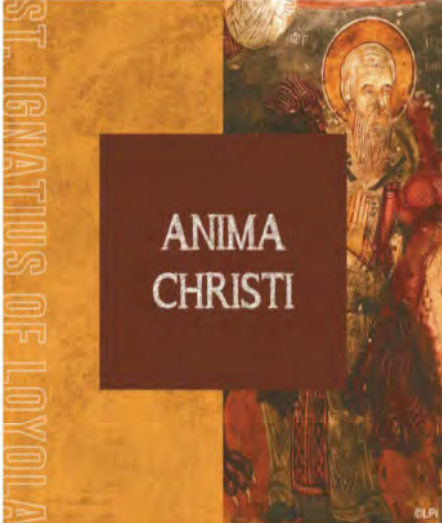


Presentador:  
Rev. Erialdo Ramirez Alfaro  
Vicario Parroquial - San Norberto,  
Orange CA

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Para más información: Blanca Bermúdez (949) 254-0543  
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**ANIMA CHRISTI**

Filipino Ministry

**LENTEN Retreat**

**SUNDAY MARCH 30**  
11:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.  
**STM MPR**

FOR QUESTIONS  
TEXT MERNIE  
AT 949-807-7479



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Rosary  
Reflection  
Potluck  
Meeting  
Call for Leaders

YOU'RE INVITED TO SHARE WITH YOUR KAIBIGANS



A-F: FISH DISH  
G-L: BEEF OR PORK DISH  
M-R: VEGGIE DISH  
S-Z: CHICKEN DISH

**Devotions, Explained!**

Traditionally said after or before receiving the Eucharist, the Anima Christi dates to the 14th century and was a favorite prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

**Prayer of Lent**

Dear God,

As I fast, may Your presence be my sustenance.  
As I pray, continue to reveal Yourself to me.  
As I give to others, may I know You even more deeply.

Amen.

**Upcoming Penance Services:**  
*All penance services start at 7 pm*



Tue, March 25		Santiago de Compostela
Wed, March 26		St. John Neumann
Mon, March 31		St. Cecilia
Wed, April 2		St. Thomas More
Wed, April 9		St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Wed, April 9		Our Lady Queen of Angels

Young Ladies Grand Institute #247 (Holy Angels)  
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**PRE-ORDER PICKUP & PATIO TABLES: March 22-23 & March 29-30**



**Sleeping St. Joseph**



"Sleeping St. Joseph" is a devotion in which we offer our petitions to Joseph, who received God's messages through angelic visions as he slept. When Joseph awoke from these visions, he immediately took action.

Place your personal intentions with St. Joseph while he is sleeping and entrust that he will present them before God in his dreams.

(Sleeping St. Joseph will be displayed Beginning March 1st thru 31st near the statue of Mother Mary on the left side of the Altar)

*Prayer*  
**Partners** Supporting Others with Prayer



On [stmirvine.org](http://stmirvine.org)

- Enter Your **Prayer Intentions**
- Enter Answered **Prayer Testimonials**
- Become a **Prayer Partner** - Pray for the Intentions



**GriefShare**

*Grief* Support Group

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Tuesdays 10:00-11:30 AM  
 January 14 - April 8, 2025

St. Thomas More Multipurpose Room

Please Register At [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org)



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 Donate directly using the QR code!

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Or go to [www.rcbo.org/psa](http://www.rcbo.org/psa) Thank You!




PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL

**Food Pantry**

2nd & 4th  
 Wednesdays  
 every month

STM  
 Rooms 1 & 2  
 Noon to 1:00pm

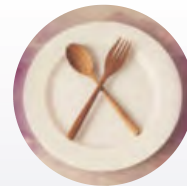


**ADULT & YOUTH  
 ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED**



**Weekday Masses  
 8am / 6pm**

For more information:  
 Contact Mary Jane Rin - [maryjanearin@gmail.com](mailto:maryjanearin@gmail.com)



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

**Question:**

What is the difference between mortal and venial sin?

**Answer:**

Sin is a deliberate thought, word, action, or omission contrary to God's law. Since the beginnings of the Church, sin has been distinguished by its gravity. "Grave matter" is traditionally defined by the Ten Commandments. If a person commits a grave sin with full knowledge of the action's evil and with the complete consent of their will, this is a mortal sin. The effects of mortal sin are grave - the loss of sanctifying grace, which can be restored by a fresh outpouring of God's mercy in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Venial sin does not fit one or more of these conditions (for example, a less serious matter still freely chosen or grave matter committed while under force or ignorance of God's law). The effects of venial sin - while still damaging to the human heart and human society - are less severe. Even so, smaller sins build habits, which can obstruct our growth in virtue. When we are serious about following Jesus, we should do our best to avoid all sin, whether large or small!

**Questions of the Week**

**First Reading:**

God reveals to Moses that He has heard the cry of His people, and He is coming to rescue them from slavery in Egypt. What prayer do you need answered from God?

**Second Reading:**

Paul believed the mistakes of the Israelites in the desert serve as an example and a warning of what to avoid in our journey with God. How might you show gratitude to God this upcoming week of Lent?

**Gospel:**

Jesus taught one must repent to bear good fruit in life. Can you think of some good fruit you have borne from repenting?

And he told them this parable: "There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?'"

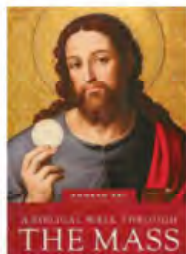
- Lk 13:6-7

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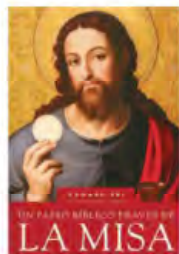
**Spring 2025 Bible Studies**

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5 Sessions (English and Spanish)



8 Sessions (English)

Study Descriptions on [stmirvine.org/BFF](http://stmirvine.org/BFF)

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Or meet at the Fireside Room on Tuesdays at 8:30am

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## ST. THOMAS MORE MINISTRIES

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### Sacraments

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Young Ladies Institute	Rhonda Kersting	(7) 292-8251

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Christ Renews His Parish		
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Spanish Bible Study (Bible Focused Formation)	Teresa LeMire	(7) 832-1770
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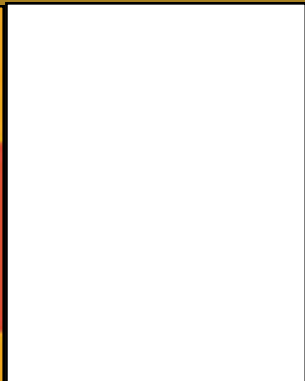


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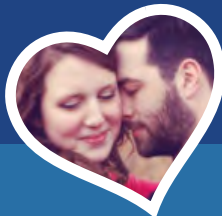
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