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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.

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Rev. Francis Li
Rev. Joseph Horn, O Praem
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Deacon Leonard & Mrs. Nancy Sun
Deacon David Wang

†Rev. John E. Janze

Office Information

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Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm
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March 29, 2026

• PALM SUNDAY OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD •

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IN THE
HIGHEST.”



LETTER FROM THE PASTOR AND CONSTRUCTION BEGINS!!



My dear parishioners,

We did it! We have reached a historical moment for our parish. Some of you have been waiting for 30 years for this moment. Although our groundbreaking ceremony to launch the construction of our new church building is **April 25th at 11:00 am**, you will see significant activity beginning **the day after Easter, April 6th!** Our approvals and permitting process with the City of Irvine has run exceptionally smooth, our fundraising has been on pace, and we are on schedule. Construction is expected to last about **18 months**, and I am being told that there is great confidence that we will stay on schedule and on budget.

I warmly invite all those who have not yet made a pledge to our capital campaign to help us push to the finish line. Don't miss out on this opportunity to play an integral part in this milestone for our parish family.

We are planning a joyful and meaningful groundbreaking ceremony, and I sincerely hope you will join us for this beautiful day. I cannot adequately express how inspired, impressed, and grateful I am for all who have sacrificed so much to make this all possible.

Let us remain truly united in **faith, hope, and love** as we push on towards creating a sacred space worthy of housing the Holy Eucharist. We are an amazing community and this accomplishment is a testament to the strength of our unity and devotion!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Eugene.

Prayers for Healing

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Flory Aguilar | Ernie Natividad |
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| Daniel Bernabe | Charles Oh |
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| Susan McCaffrey | Joe & Judy Zwetow |
| Marisol Muro | |
| Susan Navarrete | |

Mass Intentions

| | | |
|-----------|---------|-------------------------------|
| Sat 3/28 | 4:00pm | †All Souls in Purgatory |
| | 6:00pm | Rick and Lourdes Fabio |
| | | †Diego Rochin Pineda |
| | | †Celia de Guadalupe Ortega |
| | | †Carol Haley |
| | | †Joppa Abraham |
| | | †Allan Uyesugi |
| | | †Robert Owiesny |
| Sun 3/29 | 8:00am | Lucrecia Olaes |
| | 9:30am | †Visitacion Alberto |
| | 11:30am | †Eduardo Hernandez |
| | 1:00pm | Marco Gutierrez and Family |
| | 5:00pm | PRO-POPULO |
| Mon 3/30 | 8:00am | †Francisco Javier Lozoya |
| | 6:00pm | Arlyn Pandes |
| Tues 3/31 | 8:00am | †Ken Freund |
| | 6:00pm | †Bret Eadie |
| Wed 4/1 | 8:00am | †Peter Donnelly |
| | 6:00pm | Sara Shelly |
| Sat 4/4 | 8:00pm | OCIA Candidates & Catechumens |

Funeral Masses

Amado Amante: Wed, April 1 at 12:00pm
Fabio Aldana: Sat, May 23 at 12:00pm (Memorial Mass)



HOLY WEEK | EASTER SEASON

Palm Sunday | March 29th

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 2nd

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

ALL ARE WELCOME TO PRAY AND KEEP VIGIL WITH OUR LORD IN THE MPR

Seven Churches Visitation (*BUS REGISTRATION: STMIRVINE.ORG (FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED)*)

Good Friday | April 3rd

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 4th

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 4th

8:00 PM Easter Vigil (multilingual)

Sunday, April 5th

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 16th

Easter Celebration Concert

Gather to celebrate the Risen Lord with music, singing, and joy.

May 10th & May 17th

"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 15th - May 23rd

Novena to the Holy Spirit

Pray the novena with us daily at 8:00 pm on Zoom. Link: stmirvine.org.

Sunday, May 24th

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



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Next Classes:

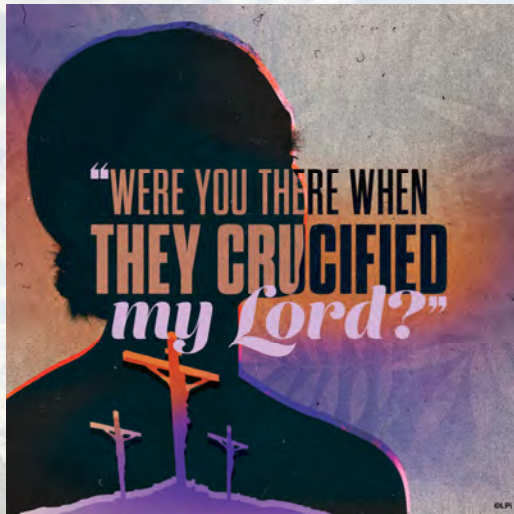
C1- Wed, Apr 8 at 7:00pm
C2- Wed, Apr 15 at 7:00pm

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Bible Study:

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



REP. CORNER



REP SPRING BREAK March 30 through April 3



The Religious Education Program will be on Easter Break this week (March 30th—April 3rd). There will be no REP classes and the REP Office will be closed. All classes return the week of April 6th.



EASTER EGG HUNT Saturday, April 4 at 9AM



Please join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Holy Saturday. Make sure to be on time, as the hunt goes FAST! It will be lots of fun for children of all ages!



A special THANK YOU goes out to the entire team of adults and young people that worked so hard to create an amazing & moving Family Friendly Living Stations this past Friday



Please keep all of our young people and adults receiving sacraments this coming Easter season in prayer as they continue their preparation.

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Isaiah speaks of his obedient response to God's call despite his suffering. Have you ever suffered for your faith?

Second Reading:

Paul recounts how Jesus' life was characterized by humility and obedience. In what ways do you live by these virtues?

Gospel:

There are numerous unique features to Matthew's account of the passion of the Lord, including the details of Judas' suicide. What parts of the passion narrative do you find most engaging?

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

This week, we see things that break our heart — God betrayed. This week, we see things that shake our faith — God bleeding on a cross. This week, this Holy Week, with all its difficult moments, can change us, if we let it. Are we ready?

Observances for the week of March 29, 2026

- Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Holy Week begins
- Wednesday:** April Fools' Day
- Thursday:** Holy Thursday
- Friday:** Good Friday
- Saturday:** Holy Saturday
- Next Sunday:** Easter Sunday

Prayer
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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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STM SPRING Bible Studies!
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Course List

| COURSE | DESCRIPTION | START DATES | FACILITATOR | CLICK TO REGISTER! |
|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| <p>Song of Songs and the Spiritual Life</p> <p>5 Sessions</p> | <p>Explore Bible wisdom through the eyes of St. John of the Cross</p> | <p>Monday, April 20 7:00-8:30 PM</p> <p>Multi-Purpose Room</p> | <p>Br. Mark Charlesworth O.Praem</p> |  |
| <p>When You Pray</p> <p>7 Sessions</p> | <p>Dr. Edward Sri's latest Spiritual path to pray like the Saints!</p> | <p>Wednesday, April 8, 9:30-11:00 AM</p> <p>Multi-Purpose Room</p> | <p>Janice LaVelle</p> |  |
| <p>El Evangelio de Marcos</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>Lunes, 13 de abril 7:00 – 8:30 PM</p> <p>St. Nicolas Room</p> | <p>Victor Cota</p> |  |
| | | <p>Miércoles, 15 de abril 10:00-12:00 PM</p> <p>St. Nicolas Room</p> | <p>Teresa LeMire</p> | |

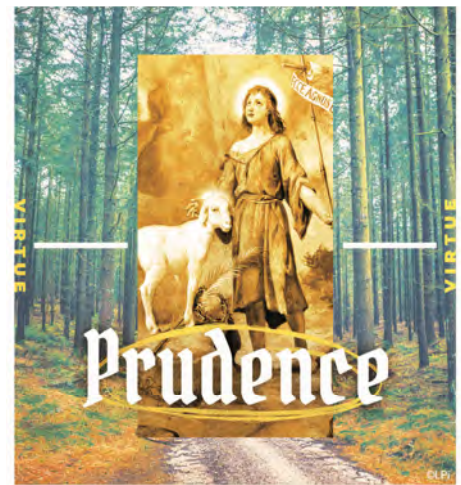
For more info, please visit www.stmirvine.org/BFF
To Register: www.stmirvine.org/BFFregister



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 for the First Saturday devotional prayers.



Virtues, Explained!

The virtue of prudence is like glasses for a soul made nearsighted by original sin. Prudence disposes our practical reason to not only discern what is good, but to choose the right way of achieving that good.

Blessing for Holy Week

Be with us this week, Lord, journeying closer and closer to Your pierced and Sacred Heart. Immerse us in Your intense and undying love. Help us to encounter Your passion in new ways that inform, surprise, and inspire us. Amen.

Divine Mercy Novena



Chaplet Times here at STM:

Good Friday, April 3: after Morning Prayer

Holy Saturday, April 4: after Morning Prayer

Easter Sunday, April 5: after 10:00am Mass and every day this week after 8:00am Mass

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12:

Chaplet will be recited after all Masses

Brochure on Explanation of the Extraordinary Grace on Divine Mercy Sunday will be available at STM beginning on March 28th

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EASTER TO PENTECOST SUNDAY
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April 24, May 1 and May 8

Pray Over at the Lawn

8:00am/9:30am/11:30am

May 10 & May 17

WALL OF FLAMES

All Masses

April 19 & April 26



HS Novena Prayers

8:00pm via Zoom

May 15 to May 23

EASTER CONCERT

7:00 pm to 10:00pm

April 16

PENTECOST "CENACLE" MASS

7:00pm to 10:00pm

May 24

As the soul is the life of the body,
so the Holy Spirit is the life of our souls.

— St. Peter Damian

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"If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet" (John 13:14).



WE NEED YOUR VIDEOS!

Calling all home movie buffs! Our 30th 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:
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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

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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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JOIN MATER DEI HIGH SCHOOL HONOR CHOIR

Register Today!

LOCATION: MATER DEI HS CHOIR ROOM
ICE CREAM SOCIAL: MARCH 18 | 7-8PM
REHEARSALS: APRIL 15, 22, 28 | 7-8:30PM

- Receive instruction from MD Choir faculty & student leadership
- Learn four fantastic pieces to sing at the concert
- Join with your friends!
- **NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!!**

FREE to all 5th-8th Graders!!

CONCERT April 29, 2026
Seegerstrom Concert Hall