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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

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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:
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SHOWED
THEM HIS HANDS
AND HIS SIDE.

— JOHN 20:20 —

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 12, 2026



**WELCOME
to STM!**



Funeral Masses

Camile Simon: Fri, April 17 at 10am
 Debra Kay Rodriguez: Tues, April 28 at 10am
 Anthony DiLisa: Sat, May 16 at 10:00am
 Fabio Aldana: Sat, May 23 at 12:00pm (Memorial Mass)

Prayers for Healing

Flory Aguilar
 Lourdes Barnachea Balaoing
 Sal Baldomar
 Daniel Bernabe
 Douglas Boyette
 Felicia Carazo
 Kelly Carter
 Michael Collins
 Thomas Conner
 Cristina Crouth
 Cristina Dulce
 Cecelia Duzynski
 Jamael Edwards
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 Ted Fliller
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 Tiesha Kelley
 Vivian Knisely
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 Joseph Manglona
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 Raymund Villanueva
 Roger Lynn Witherspoon
 Andy Zelinko
 Joe & Judy Zwetow

Mass Intentions

Sat 4/11 4:00pm Helen Barbeau
 6:00pm The Majkoski-Nguyen Family

Sun 4/12 8:00am PRO-POPULO
 9:30am Justina B. Dorado
 Tim Dear
 Fr. Eugene Lee
 Fr. Thomas Tran
 Fr. Michael Fitzpatrick
 Fr. Quyen Troung
 Jennifer Natividad
 Ruben Olaes Jr. and Family
 Joeline Ojea
 Janet and Jayson Allam
 11:30am †Eduardo Hernandez
 1:00pm †Romana Cañedo Molina
 3:00pm Naim Isaac Aguilar
 5:00pm Joyce Lui

Mon 4/13 8:00am †Tuyen Quang Dinh
 6:00pm Connor Brown

Tues 4/14 8:00am Jacinda Tran
 6:00pm Amapola Cruz

Wed 4/15 8:00am Barbara Catiller
 6:00pm Dalen Martin

Thurs 4/16 8:00am †Josefina De La Cruz
 6:00pm Shelly Ettiyl

Fri 4/17 8:00am †Shirley Martinez-Mendoza
 6:00pm †John Koczcodan

Sat 4/18 8:00am Johanna Harris
 †Christopher Guerrero
 †Sara and Sam Bellavia
 †Julio and Irene Sinocruz
 †Fabio Aldana
 †Louise Colin
 †Diego Alejandro Pineda Rochin



Thank you!

The Young Ladies Grand Institute
 wishes to thank everyone for their generous support of
 our See's Candy Fundraiser! Even with reduced hours
 and inventory we raised over \$1000 to support our
 charities and the education of our seminarians.
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Collection Report

3/23/2026 – 3/29/2026

Sunday / Easter	\$ 43,808.00
Believe & Build, BGT, BGT2	\$ 31,127.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 270.00
Misc Income (Mass Intentions, etc)	\$ 15,133.00



LETTER FROM THE PASTOR 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 might have seen activity last week. 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.

Welcome Deacon Tim!

Hello Everyone! My name is Deacon Tim O'Donoghue and I am thrilled to be able to walk alongside you on your faith journey.

I was ordained as a deacon for the Diocese of Orange, on October 17, 2015. For the past 10 years I have had the good fortune of serving the people of La Purisima Church in Orange.

I have been married to my wife, Michelle, for 32 years and we have 2 grown children.

Matthew is 28 and lives with his wife in Missoula, Montana. Haley is 31 and lives in Nashville, Tennessee.

Working with young people has always been a passion for me. In June of 2025, I retired from the Tustin Unified School District after serving more than 40 years as an educator. I worked as a teacher, head varsity baseball coach, and both a middle school and high school principal.

My hobbies include reading, jogging, and volunteering as a youth baseball and football coach, which I have done since 1978....and I still love it!

I am also the owner/director of Tim O'Donoghue's Orange County Baseball Camp and have been for the past 28 years.

Hospitality and availability are very important to me. I am almost always outside the church before and after Mass. Please introduce yourself. I am looking forward to meeting you and your family!

God bless, Deacon Tim



STM CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Next Classes:

C2- Wed, Apr 15 at 7:00pm
C1- Wed, Apr 22 at 7:00pm

Follow us

 @stm.yth

Bible Study:

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

Thank you to the young people who took time out of their spring break to help clean our church for the Easter Masses and set up for the Easter Egg Hunt!



REP. CORNER



CONGRATULATIONS!!

We would like to congratulate & welcome

Ellianna Abdo, Alison Alcaraz, James Cho, Katherine Cho, Aaliyah Escalera, Luke Feliciano, Mackenzie Feliciano, Lael Morales, Seoeun Park, Arielle Ponce, Naomi Ponce, Emiley Rosas, Luis Rosas, Santiago Saldaña, Mia Sarkaria, Max Sarkaria, Angelo Villareal & Vincent Villareal who were fully initiated into our Church over the last two weekends! May God continue to bless them and all of our newly initiated as they continue their faith journey!

 Please keep all of our young people and adults receiving sacraments this Easter season in prayer as they continue their journey, especially our First Communicants who will be receiving Jesus for the first time in the beginning of May.

 For any questions, call the REP office at (949) 551-8029 or email rep@stmirvine.org 



Saint Thomas More Holy Spirit Events

— 51 Marketplace, Irvine, CA 92602 —



EASTER TO PENTECOST SUNDAY
APRIL 5 - MAY 24, 2026



Holy Spirit Talks

7:30 to 9:00 pm in the MPR

April 24, May 1 and May 8

Pray Over on the Lawn

After all Morning Masses

May 10 & May 17

WALL OF FLAMES

All Masses

April 19 and April 26



Holy Spirit Novena

8:00pm via Zoom

May 15 to May 23

EASTER CONCERT

7:00 pm to 9:00pm

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



Society of St. Vincent de Paul – Thank You for Your Generosity!

The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Thomas More would like to thank all parishioners and ministries for your generous support in the fourth quarter. Because of you, we were able to keep families in their homes, prevent water, gas, and electricity shutoffs, and provide food through our pantry, which is open the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 12:00 to 1:00 pm behind the church.

Impact This Quarter:

- **\$9,261.37** in rental assistance for eight families
- **\$1,925.82** in utility assistance for four families
- Served an average of **40 – 45 families per pantry**, and we had approximately **50 families** at the pantry preceding Easter, where we gave each family a \$25 Target card to buy an Easter ham.
- Thanks to the food drive, and a large food donation from a parishioner, monthly pantry expenditures averaged **\$258** per month, down significantly from an average of **\$1,239** per month in the third quarter.

We are humbled and grateful. This quarter, parishioner donations totaled **\$20,770**, including a profoundly generous **\$10,000** gift from the Lam Charitable Trust. God is good — and so are you.

One Family's Story:

Last quarter, two of our members met with Brittany at a coffee shop near UCI—a simple setting for a conversation that represented anything but a simple journey. Brittany is a survivor of domestic violence. Since last November, she and her young son had been living at a shelter in Irvine, taking things one day at a time. In that time, she did not stand still. She re-entered the workforce, rebuilt her confidence, and secured a new apartment where she and her son will finally have a place to call their own. She was asking for help with her deposit and move-in costs—the last obstacle between her family and a fresh start. Our members came away from that meeting struck by her resilience and clarity of purpose. She knew exactly where she had been and exactly where she was going. Because of your generosity, we were able to help her get there.

This is what your donations do—they bring hope when families feel hopeless. They keep the lights on, food on the table, and dignity intact. Every dollar you give writes a new chapter of hope for someone in need.

Sacred Scripture reminds us:

"She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs at the days to come." — Proverbs 31:25

Your gift today can change a life tomorrow.

To donate, visit the e-giving portal on the church website. To volunteer, call **949-331-1020** or email volunteer@svdpstm.org. Thank you for being the hands and heart of Christ in our community!

Rick Lamoreux, President
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
St. Thomas More Conference

STM MUSIC MINISTRY PRESENTS

EASTER CONCERT

Thursday, April 16, 2026
7 pm – 8 pm in Church

Featuring
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"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." (John 11:25-26)

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Sunday, April 19
10:00am-12:00pm
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Presenter: Thao Lai | Family Nurse Practitioner

FAREWELL DEACON DAVID!

Message from Dcn. David:

Dear FRIENDS,
I have been deeply moved by your many messages. At my diaconate ordination, the Bishop told me: proclaim what you believe, and practice what you proclaim. In my recent homilies, I have said that we are not only to say "Thy will be done," but to live it, as our Lord Himself did. Obedience is part of my vocation, and to follow the direction of the Bishop is my duty. It is difficult, but it is also sacred. Please pray that I may live this sincerely and faithfully. You are truly good disciples of Christ. You are like the sheep at the right hand of the Son of Man. As the Lord says in the Gospel, when I was hungry, you gave me food; when I was thirsty, you gave me drink; when I was a stranger, you welcomed me; when I was troubled, you comforted me; when I was in need, you cared for me. You have been like the Good Samaritan to me, caring for me when I felt alone and uncertain. God will surely reward you abundantly. As our Lord says, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." I thank God that we met and became friends. As Jesus teaches us, "Love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." You have truly lived out His teaching. Although I will be leaving, these past two months have made us true friends. **Please remember that you have a friend in Philadelphia!** Please continue to pray for me, that everything may go smoothly toward my ordination in Philadelphia on May 16.

With gratitude and prayers,
Dcn. David Wang





BEWARE OF SCAMMERS
 using Fr. Eugene's or Fr. Tom's names!

There have been numerous reports of parishioners receiving scam texts and emails using the name, Fr. Eugene Lee or Fr. Thomas Tran.

If the email address does not end with "stmirvine.org" it is NOT legitimate. If you happen to have their cell phone numbers, please double check to see if the number for the text message matches the number you have in your cell phone contact list. They will never personally ask you for gift cards, or your bank account information!

If you have ANY suspicion about a request or text or email coming from them, please be sure to call the office at 949-551-8601 to double check.

Never respond to any email or text that you find suspicious.

Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, April 26
after all morning Masses!

Suggested Donation

\$5.00 Adult

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\$25.00 Maximum per Family



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July 14-18, 2026

Registration opening soon!

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- When You Pray
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“How can I make a return to the Lord *for all He has done for me.*”

— Psalm 116:12



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Virtues, Explained!

The virtue of fortitude actually requires, first and foremost, the feeling of fear. In order to grow in fortitude, one must face a thing which frightens him, doing so specifically *in pursuit of the good.*

Divine Mercy Blessing

Dear Jesus,
May your mercy flow over us,
filling our gaps and healing our
wounds.
Open our hearts more deeply
with knowledge of your love for us,
understanding of the depth of your
passion,
and trust in your never-ending mercy.
Amen.

Observances for the week of April 12, 2026

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
- Monday:** St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr
- Wednesday:** Tax Day
- Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Easter

How does Christ prove himself to Thomas? Not by his face or his words, but by his wounds. So, when we look for God to show Himself in relief or in triumph, we must remember the wounds of Christ. This is where we find our salvation.

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Mass & Prayer Breakfast
Saturday, April 25

8:15 AM Mass | 9:00 AM Prayer Breakfast
Saints Simon and Jude Community Center

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Deacon Eric Summerfield

Serving God with our Time, Talent & Treasure

Join us as Deacon Eric shares his story and challenges us to give our time, talent and treasure in service to Our Lord.

Santa Clara de Asis in Yorba Linda
Tuesday, April 21, 2026
10:00 am (check in 9:45)
12:00 pm Lunch
\$30 includes lunch



This meeting will also be a baby shower for moms in need. All gifts will be donated to The Life Center of Santa Ana. They are in particular need of the following items: new or gently used clothing sizes 9 months to 5T, diaper bags, new born and size 6 diapers, board books, and baby bottles for newborns. Thank you for your generosity!

RSVP by April 17

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Magnificat Meal

Hosted by Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapter

Saturday, May 2, 2026
9:30am to 12:30pm
Cultural Center, Christ Cathedral

Guest Speaker: Father Sy Nguyen

“I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord.” Psalm 116:12



Father Sy served in many parishes and is currently the pastor at Holy Family Church in Orange. He is a holy priest and says that “he is just an instrument of the Lord. It is the Lord Jesus who works through him.”

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