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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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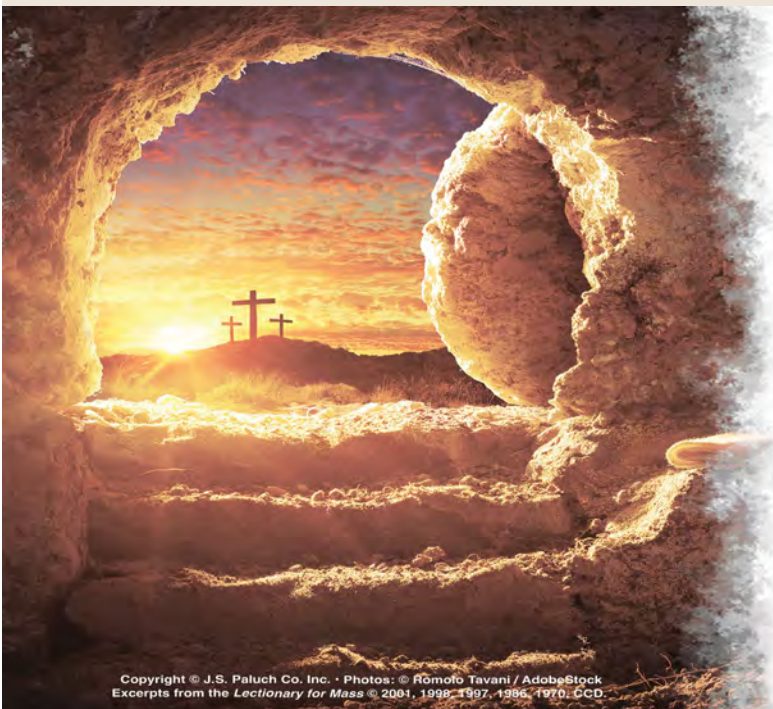
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Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm



APRIL
17
2022

On the first day of the week,
Mary of Magdala came
to the tomb early in the morning,
while it was still dark,
and saw the stone
removed from the tomb.

John 20:1

Easter

SUNDAY



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH
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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



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 — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalms — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) or

(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) or Luke 24:1-12 (or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;

Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 4/16	8:00pm	Pro Populo
Sunday 4/17	6:00pm	Craig Regener
	8:00am	Barbara Catiller
	9:30am	†Patricia Freyer
	11:30am	Emilia Dela Cruz
Monday 4/18	8:00am	†Trevor Torres
Tuesday 4/19	8:00am	John Mottles
Wednesday 4/20	8:00am	†Kathleen Filler
Thursday 4/21	8:00am	Elma Nazareno
Friday 4/22	8:00am	Judy and Joe Sullivan
Saturday 4/23	8:00am	Baby Johanna Harris
		Virginia Miller
	8:00pm	For the Vu and Nguyen Family
		Ryan Herzog & Family
		Nancy & Daniel Zotti
	Thomas Moore	
	†Ken Freund	
	†Angelita Almazan	
	†Scott Gjersvold	
	†Sean McGuinness	
†All the souls in Purgatory		



Easter SUNDAY



PASTOR'S EASTER 2022 MESSAGE

Fr. Eugene Lee



ALLELUIA! Our Lord Jesus Christ has conquered sin and death and has risen that we might have eternal life.
I see Easter whenever I see such amazing sacrifice from our parishioners.
I see Easter in the many parents who strive to bring their children to the parish and lead them in the faith.
I see Easter in the hundreds of thousands of people gathering for Mass every Sunday in our Diocese.
I see Easter whenever I bless the extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion who go out to give Communion to the Sick.
I saw Easter whenever I saw people come back to Jesus after years and years away.
I see Easter in our newly baptized.
I see Easter whenever I get ready for Mass and see our altar servers so responsible and attentive.
I see Easter in the staff here at STM work so diligently for the people of God.
I see Easter when I peek in the meeting room window and see people gathered for prayer or Bible study.
I see Easter whenever I celebrate Confession.
I see Easter in the crowd that gathers for our Friday Holy Hour.
I see Easter in the beautiful flowers that grow all around.
I see Easter when our parishioners go to feed the poor.
I see Easter in story after story of story of our parishioners overcoming great struggles.
I see Easter in the young couples who choose to be chaste.
I see Easter in our elderly who smile so well and demonstrate such amazing perseverance and calmness.
I saw Easter when a young unmarried lady withstood scandal and immense pressure to keep the baby in her womb.
I see Easter in the playfulness of our children.
I see Easter in my adorable Mocha.
I see Easter in the messiness of love.
I see Easter in the hundreds of parishioners who sacrificed their money for the Church.
I see Easter in the quiet parishioners who bless us by simply showing up.
I see Easter in the person running to Mass because he is late.
I see Easter in the person who fails and fails and fails but tries and tries and tries.
I see Easter every day here at STM, in every person, in every act of service, in every effort of the faithful people of God.
I thank all of you for showing me every day the glory of Easter of Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

Fr. Eugene Lee.

On the first day of the week,
Mary of Magdala came to the tomb
early in the morning, while it was still dark,
and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

John 20:1

Today's theme on the readings: EVERYTHING IS CHANGED

Easter changes everything. Having been raised from the dead, Jesus shatters the frightful images that haunt humanity. Betrayal, torture, crucifixion, death, burial—these terrors pale in the brilliant glory of Jesus resurrected. Today's psalm guides our response to God's power: "it is wonderful in our eyes." Today is indeed a day for wonder, for gasping in astonishment at Jesus' resurrection. For all of human history, death had been final. In the Acts of the Apostles, though, Peter testifies that Jesus, who was publicly executed, was raised to life by God. John's Gospel admits that the disciples "did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." Even Jesus' closest friends were not expecting this innovation: life after death. In response to the Easter miracle, Paul tells us to become "a fresh batch of dough." Everything, even our very selves, must become new. Easter changes everything.
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Collections and Expenses

3-28-22 to 4-3-22

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$19,833	\$10,391	\$30,224
Maintenance Fund	\$1,492	\$568	\$2,060
Other income	\$1,567	\$3,012	\$4,579
Total income	\$22,893	\$13,972	\$36,865

Regular Expenses \$16,913

Believe & Grow Capital Campaign	\$525	\$3,726	\$4,251
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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.

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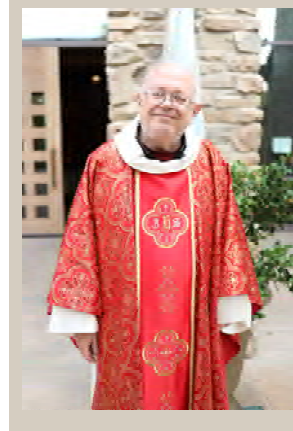


St. Vincent de Paul Update

Your generous donations allowed St Vincent de Paul's bi monthly food pantry at STM to assist a total of 33 families with their food needs. Additionally, we were able to assist 2 families with their utility bills. Thank you parishioners and thank you to all the SVdP volunteers for your service!



Please remember, we begin our monthly 24-hour Eucharistic Adoration this Friday, April 22nd after the 8:00 am Mass and will end before the 8:00 am Mass the next day.



Kindly keep Father John Janze in your daily prayers. He has been hospitalized for several days and is struggling with serious health issues. He is not able to have any visitors at this time. Please also pray for Fr. Janze's family and caregivers during these difficult days.

Rest in the Love of Christ

Benjamin del Rosario
Ken Freund
Scott Plutko

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING

Bob Catiller Javier Dominguez Athena Dorr & family	Cindy Gamboa Gage Gamboa Ken Hughes Fr. John Janze	Chui Wong Mar Elena Monico Eileen Rossi	Norma Santiago Michele Wills Mike Winchester
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Please email bulletin@stmirvine.org to add a name. Names will be included for one month, if requested.

Devotion to the Divine Mercy

In the Jubilee Year of 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter be call "Divine Mercy Sunday". He also strongly encouraged the whole, universal Church, to heed the messages and revelations Jesus has given to St. Faustina in *The Diary of St. Faustina*. This special call for our time is to turn back to God and the "F.I.N.C.H" are helpful means to that end.

When we approach to receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday, we are approaching the divine floodgates where He will give us the "Extraordinary Graces" of complete forgiveness (remission) of sins and punishment, if we are in a state of grace. Jesus promised us this "Extraordinary Grace" to emphasize the infinite value of **Confession and Communion** as miracles of mercy.

The Eucharist is the divine floodgates where all graces flow.

Remember F.I.N.C.H

F = Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus promised to give "Extraordinary Graces" on this day, which is equivalent to the *complete renewal of baptismal grace* or complete forgiveness of sins and punishment, in addition to the plenary indulgence (Diary #699).

I = Image. Venerate the image of Jesus with the signature: "Jesus, I trust in You." The more a soul trusts in His Mercy, the more it will receive (Diary #1578).

N = Novena. The nine days of the Divine Mercy Novena has specific set of intentions to offer and *begins on Good Friday* (Diary #1209-1228, #796).

C = Chaplet. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed on ordinary Rosary beads. Jesus promised that those who pray the Chaplet will receive great mercy at the hour of death (Diary #474-476, #687).

H = Hour. Jesus died on the Cross for us at 3 pm, every day between 3 and 4 in the afternoon is known as the Hour of Great Mercy. At this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and for others for the asking (Diary #1572).

Divine Mercy Novena



Chaplet Times here at STM:

Easter Sunday—after all Masses

April 18th thru 23rd-8:30am

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24th:

Chaplet will be recited after all Masses and sung after the 9:30am Mass.

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 APRIL 24TH

You're invited to our Last YTH NITE of the Confirmation Year! Join for our Unfair Trivia Game Night! Don't miss YTH NITE Sunday, April 24! We start at 6:30pm and end at 8:30pm.

CONFIRMATION

WED 6:00 PM

Confirmation Schedule:

C1 Classes: Wed 4/27. C1 Retreat: Sat 4/23

C2 Classes: Wed 4/20, Wed 5/4

Confirmation Rehearsal: Sun 5/15 at 6:30pm

Confirmation Mass: Wed 5/18 at 5pm.

R.E.P. CORNER



HAPPY EASTER!!!

The REP staff wishes all of our students, teachers and families a happy, holy and joyous Easter! God bless you all!



CONGRATULATIONS!!

We would like to congratulate & welcome Jayden Hayes



who was fully initiated into our Church at the Easter Vigil! May God continue to bless him and all of our newly initiated as they continue their faith journey!



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

The Library Corner

Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection

The St. Thomas More Parish Library staff would like to wish all our parishioners a Happy Easter Sunday! The Parish Library will not be open today.

Today, let us rejoice and be glad, 'Alleluia, Alleluia', for Christ has risen, 'Alleluia'. Alleluia is the Greek translation of the Hebrew 'hallelu-yah', meaning 'Praise the Lord'.

Christ's resurrection means to every Catholic that redemption is obtained. Our sin is destroyed, death is overcome, divine life brought back to us, and our body is promised for immortality. This is the divine plan of God, through Jesus Christ, the new Adam, that mankind would be made worthy of divine sonship. We are no longer mere humans living on this planet for a few short years, but are citizens of heaven, made children of God, the Father by Jesus Christ in the Holy Family.

Have a blessed Easter Sunday! Alleluia!





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but we still need your help!

Our goal is to increase **Parish Participation!**

At this point, less than *10%* of our parishioners have made a pledge. Any \$ amount helps!

Let's help Fr. Eugene create new and exciting opportunities in **Adult Faith Formation** and events here at STM!

You can place your pledge in the collection basket, in the mail, or donate online at rcbo.org/psa

THANK YOU!!

*To him all the prophets bear witness,
that everyone who believes in him
will receive forgiveness of sins
through his name.
— Acts 10:43*

**SUGGESTED PLENARY INDULGENCE
OF THE MONTH
APRIL 2022**



ADORATION OF THE CROSS

A PLENARY INDULGENCE is granted the Christian faithful who devoutly take part in the adoration of the cross during the solemn liturgy of Good Friday.

FR. EUGENE'S COMMENTARY & SUGGESTION

Here at St. Thomas More Catholic Church we will have Good Friday liturgy on April 15 at 3:00 pm and at 7:00 pm. There is hardly any other day on our calendar that holds more significance than this solemn day in which we remember the awful price that was paid for our salvation.

CONDITIONS FOR RECEIVING A PLENARY INDULGENCE

1. Do the prescribed work.
2. Receive Holy Communion within several days (before or after) of the indulgenced act.
3. Go to confession within several days (before or after) the indulgenced act
4. Pray for the Pope. An Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be can suffice.
5. Be free from attachment to all sin, even venial sin.
6. OTHER NOTES: · In order to be capable of gaining indulgences one must be baptized, not excommunicated, and in the state of grace (free of mortal sin) at least at the completion of the prescribed works. · To gain an indulgence, one must have at least the general intention of doing so and must carry out the enjoined works at the stated time and in due fashion, according to the sense of the grant. · Plenary indulgences can be applied to one's self, or to a person who has died. · Only one plenary indulgence may be obtained per day. · A single sacramental confession suffices for gaining several plenary indulgences; but Holy Communion must be received and prayer for the intention of the Holy Father must be recited for the gaining of each plenary indulgence. · Special exceptions can always be made for those who are sick or disabled in which case please inquire with the priest.

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Marriage In The Lord	Meredith & Keith Rattay	(9) 559-6464
Wedding Coordinator		

Service

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Chinese Community	Deacon Leonard Sun	(7) 932-1689
Corazon	Norma Jean Womack	(9) 903-1472
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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	Susan Navarrete	(9) 345-9130
Legion of Mary	Trisha Smith	(7) 473-3714
Library	Sam & Diana Adams	(7) 321-2405
Spanish Bible Study	Teresa LeMire	(7) 832-1770
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puts on ADVERTISED clothes
drinks a cup
of ADVERTISED coffee
drives to work
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