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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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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 Tim O'Donoghue

†Rev. John E. Janze

Office Information

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

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JESUS

HIMSELF DREW
NEAR AND WALKED
WITH THEM.

— LUKE 24:15 —

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 19, 2026



**WELCOME
to STM!**



Funeral Masses

Debra Kay Rodriguez: Tues, April 28 at 10am
 Gildo Guerrero: Fri, May 1 at 12:30pm
 Patricia Laubach: Fri, May 15 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
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 Sharon Pataray
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 Magdalena Rivera
 Pat Robertson
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 Norma Santiago
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 Binh Tran
 Lisa Turner
 Pete Villanueva
 Jesus Villanueva
 Raymund Villanueva
 Roger Lynn Witherspoon
 Andy Zelinko
 Joe & Judy Zwetow

Mass Intentions

Sat 4/18 4:00pm Joonsik Peter Kang
 6:00pm Florita Cruz
 Sun 4/19 8:00am Cleo Leary
 9:30am †Fr. John Janze
 11:30am Kwang Nguyen
 Dina Mercado
 Chong Ung Kim
 Fr. Angelus Echeverry
 Steve Cory
 Logan Stanley
 †Benjamin Dichosa
 †Hung Nguyen
 †Cesar Goco
 †Gloria del Rosario
 1:00pm †Ramon Perez
 3:00pm Abbott Damian
 5:00pm PRO-POPULO
 Mon 4/20 8:00am Raymund Joseph Ramirez
 6:00pm Andrew Scharff
 Tues 4/21 8:00am †Emilio De La Cruz
 6:00pm Allen Chiou and Family
 Wed 4/22 8:00am †Greg Martin
 6:00pm †Fabio Aldana
 Thurs 4/23 8:00am †Patrick Thornton
 6:00pm †Norberto Bacani
 Fri 4/24 8:00am †Alejandro Diaz Rojas
 6:00pm †Ray Santiago
 Sat 4/25 8:00am Lourdes Ramirez
 Sarahi Zepeda
 Elma Nazareno
 Polo Andres Peña Reyes
 †Charles and Joan Pavonarius
 †Barbara Spriggs



Collection Report

3/30/2026 – 4/5/2026

Easter Sunday	\$ 72,316.00
Believe & Build, BGT, BGT2	\$ 25,229.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 611.00
Misc Income (Mass Intentions, etc)	\$ 5,517.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 5,954.00
Holy Land (Good Friday)	\$ 6,482.00
Easter Vigil	\$ 3,991.00



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.

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Next Classes:

C1– Wed, Apr 22 at 7:00pm
C2– Wed, Apr 29 at 7:00pm

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C2 Retreat Reunion

Saturday, April 25
After the 6pm Mass
Look for the Evite
Open to non-C2 families. If interested, contact the YM office.

Thank you to everyone for praying for our C2 teens who were on their retreat last weekend. It was a weekend filled with the Holy Spirit. Special thanks to the volunteers who make a weekend like this possible!



R.E.P. CORNER



First Communion are coming!!!



We are so very excited that our parish will once again have a large group of young people (130+) receiving their First Communion during Masses on May 2nd & May 9th.

Please keep all of our First Communicants in your prayers during this special time!



First Communion families: A reminder that your child's First Communion banner should have already been turned into the REP Office. If you have not yet turned it in, please contact the REP Office right away.



SUMMER VBS NEWS— RAINFOREST FALLS—

Exploring the Nature of God is coming to STM the week of July 13th—July 17th.

Hope to see you all at this fun-filled, action-packed week!



Registration will begin soon. Stay tuned for details.



LORD,
SHOW
US THE
PATH OF
LIFE.

PSALM 16

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Like Cleopas, we make our way through this world with weary feet and disappointed hearts. Christ falls into step beside us. He can open our eyes. Will we let him?

Observances for the week of April 19, 2026

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Easter
- Tuesday:** St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday:** *Administrative Professionals' Day; Earth Day*
- Thursday:** St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
- Friday:** St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr; *Arbor Day*
- Saturday:** St. Mark, Evangelist
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Wall of Flames

Set our hearts—and our parish— with the fire of Your love.

1. Take a colored flame outside.
2. Write your prayer to the Holy Spirit
3. Return your flame to the prayer box outside.

Your flame will be added to the Wall of Flames.

Come, Holy Spirit!

EASTER TO PENTECOST SUNDAY
APRIL 5 - MAY 24, 2026

Holy Spirit Talks



Talk 1:
Who is the Holy Spirit?

Speaker John Thai
Apr 24



Talk 2:
*Gifts and Fruits of
the Holy Spirit*

Speaker Jean Jereza
May 1



Talk 3:
Life in the Holy Spirit

Speaker Annette Hills
May 8

Multi-Purpose Room
Time: 7:30–9 pm



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.

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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.



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 Únete a una Pequeña Comunidad de Fe este abril.

San Juan Bautista - Miércoles 7pm

STM LIBRARY – NEW HOURS!

We are excited to open the doors of the St. Thomas More Library more often and invite you to come explore very soon...

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Blessing for Spring

Dear Lord,
As this new season begins,
bring new life to our hearts as well.
Prune what has grown despondent,
brush back that which darkens and clouds.
As the flowers bud and bloom,
bless us with new wonder, new hope, new promise, new joy.
Amen.



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Welcome Deacon Tim!

Spring Bible Studies Registration is OPEN!

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- When You Pray
- El Evangelio de Marcos



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

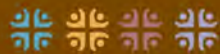


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Tuesday, April 21, 2026

10:00 am (check in 9:45)
12:00 pm Lunch
\$30 includes lunch

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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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