



# 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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## EASTER SUNDAY

They found the  
stone rolled away  
from the tomb.  
- Lk 24:2

April 20, 2025



WELCOME  
to STM!



### PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Flory Aguilar	Nilda A. Medalle
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Tiesha Kelley	Jesus Villanueva
Vivian Knisely	Raymund Villanueva
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Joseph Manglona	Andy Zelinko

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Sun 4/20	8:00am	†Deacon Tony Patronite †All Souls †Long Tran Jack and Teresa San Diego Chris Jensen Schmid Family Robert Jensen †Lee Rodriguez †Julio and Irene Sinocruz †Benita Milagros Cerdeno
Inside	10:00am	PRO POPULO
Outside	10:00am	†Jesse N. Rullda
Inside	12:00pm	†Mercedes Acosta
Outside	12:00pm	†Johann Klausen
	2:00pm	†Lissette Valenzuela
	4:00pm	Amie Pham
	6:00pm	†Shouyu Lu
Mon 4/21	8:00am	Teresa Tran
	6:00pm	†Erlinda Flor Gonzales
Tues 4/22	8:00am	†Pauline Rodela Rocha
	6:00pm	†Sylvia Sicut
Wed 4/23	8:00am	†John II and Ella Majkoski
	6:00pm	†Dich Quach
Thurs 4/24	8:00am	†Joanne Sergott
	6:00pm	†Arturo Samcam
Fri 4/25	8:00am	†Patrick Thornton
	6:00pm	†Braden Escota
Sat 4/26	8:00am	†Dan Van Dorpe †Nick Victoriano Jr. †Joseph Bonfiglio †Mazie Bonfiglio †Jacqueline Stevenson



*Due to early bulletin deadlines,  
collections and expenses  
will be reported later.*







## EASTER 2025 LETTER FROM THE PASTOR | Fr. Eugene Lee

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

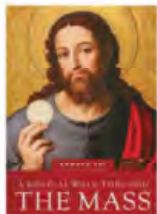
HEAVEN! Do you have any idea how beautiful you are, how radiant this community is? I think as pastor and priest in this parish, I see this community in ways that nobody else can or does, like parents who see their own children like no one else could. Although I see flaws and can be deeply dispirited by the meanness that can sometimes flare out, the preponderance of my experience in this community is *heavenly*. The Catholic Church is established by Jesus Christ to make manifest the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth. No doubt that the human side of the church is flawed but at her essence, the Church is the beautiful and mystical bride of Christ, sanctified and consecrated. We worship, have fun, serve, and support one another with Jesus as our King, and his love pervading within our hearts. At every Mass, we are stepping into the perpetual wedding banquet of the Lamb where heaven and earth converge and where we are at our best. EASTER is a time to remember more intensely and intentionally that heaven is manifested by the Church, and that the fullness of heaven is our destiny! Jesus radiates his light in the Kingdom, showing forth such splendid beauty, and uplifting all our hearts so that each of us can realize in a real and personal way how much he loves us. Let us rejoice in the Easter graces that abound in our community.

Sincerely in Christ,

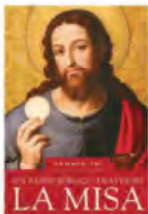
Fr. Eugene J. Lee  
Pastor

### Spring 2025 Bible Studies

Offered by Bible Focused Formation Ministry starting this April.  
*Everyone is invited to Join!*



5 Sessions (English and Spanish)



8 Sessions (English)

Study Descriptions on [stmirvine.org/BFF](http://stmirvine.org/BFF)  
Questions? [BibleStudy@stmirvine.org](mailto:BibleStudy@stmirvine.org)

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### Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

There is an invitation in the empty tomb and the abandoned burial cloths. What great things could we accomplish, if we only believe that Christ has conquered death? Go forth this Easter season, boldly embracing the hope of the resurrection.

### Prayer for Easter

Blessed be God who has triumphed over the grave!  
Our Lord is victorious!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the joy of Easter fill every part of our lives!  
Amen.

## ANNIVERSARY MASS

### SAVE THE DATE!

Giving thanks and praise to Almighty God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**50th Anniversary of the Ordination to the Priesthood of  
Rev. Joseph C. Justice**  
**Sunday, May 25th, 2025 at 5:00pm**  
**Solemn Eucharistic Celebration**  
*Reception to follow in the courtyard.*





# NEW CHURCH CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

As of Easter 2025

## LETTER FROM FR. EUGENE LEE, PASTOR

My dear brothers and sisters.

Thank you all so much! We continue to make significant progress in our construction planning. The principal players continue to meet frequently and regularly, ensuring that every detail is of the best quality. Our fundraising is on track, but we are still a bit tight on achieving our goals. We are earnestly seeking new pledges and that ALL will fulfill their current pledges. I cannot express how grateful I am to the people of STM. We are so close. At the heart of this campaign is LOVE: love for Jesus Christ, love for his precious gift of the Eucharist, love for his beautiful Catholic Church, love for our community, and love for our children. If all goes smoothly, we will break ground in March of next year.

In Christ,

Fr. Eugene J. Lee  
Pastor

### TIMELINE OF KEY CONSTRUCTION MILESTONES (APPROXIMATE)

- Complete Detailed Design: June 2025
- Complete Construction Documents: October 2025
- Obtain Building Permits: October 2025 - January 2026
- Bid & Award Construction Contract: Nov 2025 - Jan 2026
- Mobilize Contractor and Break Ground: March 2026
- Approximate completion: October 2027

*(Subject to change)*

### TOGETHER WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS!



As of  
3/2025



### TAX ADVANTAGED GIVING

Benefit from personal tax savings by exploring strategic options for making non-cash donations, such as stocks, real estate, or retirement plans.

For more information, please contact

Glenda Mortenson  
at [glenda@stmirvine.org](mailto:glenda@stmirvine.org)

### CONSTRUCTION OF RECTORY PLANNED

In keeping with the long-standing tradition of the Catholic Church, we will be building the rectory (house where the priests live) on the grounds of STM.

The majority of the funding for the construction of the new rectory will come from the sale of the current house (which is in a neighborhood nearby STM) with some supplemental funding from current savings within operating funds, and from the Diocese of Orange.

Construction expected to begin: June 2026



## VISION FOR THE CHURCH DESIGN - FROM FR. EUGENE LEE, PASTOR

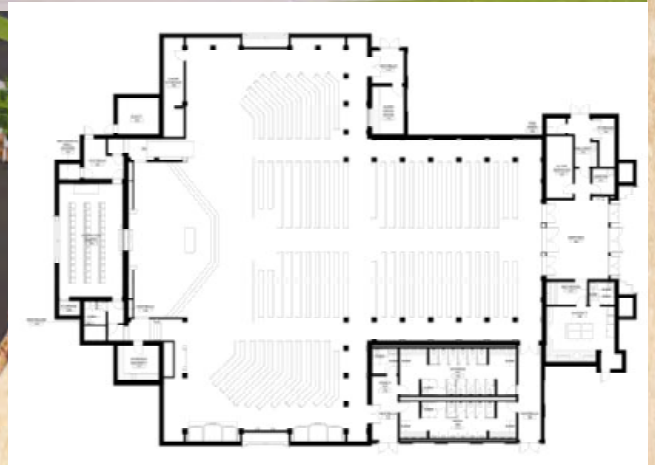
**The three driving principles for the design of the church building are:**

- † The Kingship of Christ
- † The sacredness and centrality of the Holy Eucharist
- † The beauty of the Church as the Mystical Body of Christ

**Preliminarily some highlights and features of the church interior include:**

- Cruciform church, which will seat approximately 950 seats
- Beautiful reredos creating the setting for the tabernacle as the true center of the church.
- Double-sided tabernacle: visible from both the main sanctuary and the enclosed Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- Central mosaic mural exalting the kingship of Christ
- Holy Spirit relief in the ceiling at the intersection of the nave and transept
- Arches with ambulatory (walkway on the sides of the church)
- Decorative coffered ceiling
- Shrine to the Blessed Mother
- Confessionals with screens
- Acoustical treatment to make the spoken word easily understandable

*All renderings are preliminary*



### **PRINCIPAL PLAYERS:**

Architect | LPA Design Studios  
Liturgical Design Consultants | Evergreene Architectural Arts  
Construction Manager | Eric Flynn, Flynn Construction Mgmt, LLC.  
Construction Consultant | Daniel Douglas, Douglas Construction Mgmt, LLC.  
Diocese of Orange Director of Property Operations | Deacon Javier H. Rodriguez  
(head of construction department)

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### **CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

Tom VanDorpe, Chair	Mark Hulme
Patrick Burcher	Steve Luchetta
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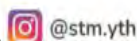


C1: 4/23 (Last class)  
C2: 4/30 (Last class)

Upcoming Youth Night: 5/4  
Join us for the Youth Night on Sunday (5/4)  
after the 5pm Mass! Dinner & dessert will  
be provided and the night will end at  
8:15pm. We can't wait to see you there!  
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



## 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!



### THANK YOU!!



A special THANK YOU goes out to all of  
our volunteer "bunnies" and other helpers that  
made this year's STM Easter Egg Hunt a great  
event for all of our families. From those who  
donated candy and baskets, to those who set up  
the hunt and hid the Easter Eggs, to the  
families that attended with their "skillful  
egg hunters," everyone had a fantastic time!



Our First Spring VBS "Eggs"travaganza  
was a great success! Thank you to all of  
those that participated in this fun, new  
event. We can't wait until next year!




## HE is RISEN!

# STM SFC



STM Small Faith Communities





SATURDAY 7:30PM    APRIL 26TH, 2025

## ANCHOR NIGHT

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## Divine Mercy Sunday

Jesus promised to give the following if one participates in a Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday and receive Holy Communion in a state of grace:

- (1) Extraordinary Grace - The complete forgiveness of sins and punishment or a *Renewal of Baptismal Grace*
- (2) A Plenary Indulgence - remission of all the temporal punishment due to sins that have already been forgiven through confession.



To receive the **Extraordinary Grace** on Divine Mercy Sunday, one must receive Holy Communion in a state of grace.

The Apostolic Penitentiary granted the following Indulgences (which is in addition to the Extraordinary Grace):

a **plenary indulgence**, granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honour of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!);

A partial indulgence, granted to the faithful who, at least with a contrite heart, pray to the merciful Lord Jesus a legitimately approved invocation.

Chaplet Times here at STM:

**Easter Sunday, April 20th:** after 10:00am Mass and every day this week after 8:00am Mass  
**Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27th:** Chaplet will be recited after all Masses

## 15 DAYS : Poland, Czechoslovakia, Medjugorje & Croatia

(TRIP 1: SEPTEMBER 23- OCTOBER 6, 2025) 15 DAYS: POLAND, CROATIA, MEDJUGORJE with Fr. THOMAS QUOC TRAN

(TRIP 2: SEPTEMBER 1-17, 2025) 17 DAYS: PORTUGAL, SPAIN, FRANCE, ITALY with Fr. PHAM CHRISTOPHER TUAN

(TRIP 3: OCTOBER 9-25, 2025) 17 DAYS: PORTUGAL, SPAIN, FRANCE, ITALY

→ **Spiritual Journey:** Fr. Thomas Quoc Tran **09/22-10/16/2025**

- Register early for special airline ticket price as airline tickets are subject to price increase.
- Package price of \$5,350 + Tip: 1<sup>st</sup> payment of \$2350 due on 05/01/2025.  
2<sup>nd</sup> payment due: \$3,000 on 06/10/2025
- Package included: hotels 4-5 star, breakfast, lunch and dinner  
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**ATTENTION:** we can't control the weather, bus driver, foods, and places.



Rev. Thomas Quoc Tran | Parochial Vicar  
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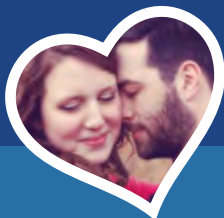
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