



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### Mass schedule

**Daily**– Monday to Saturday: 8 am\*

### 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 6:00pm

**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

**TEXT TO GIVE:** (949) 919-5494



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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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### Office Hours:

**Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm**

**Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm**



April 28, 2024

# REMAIN IN ME.

JOHN 15:4

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Gail Tierney



Trevor Hyman & Sabrina Alonso

**Parishes in Collaboration  
Second Collection**

May  
4th & 5th

By participating in this collection, all people of the Diocese of Orange are helping one another support the works of our parishes that struggle financially. Scan code to give to this fund.  
*Thank you for your generosity!*

**Collections and Expenses**

4/15/2024- 4/21/2024

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$18,104	\$13,471	\$31,575
Maintenance Fund	\$250	\$285	\$535
Other income	\$38,173	\$625	\$38,798
Total income	\$56,258	\$14,381	\$70,909

Regular Expenses	\$56,060
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Believe & Grow Capital Campaign	\$129	\$5,150	\$5,279
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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.

***Thank you for your generosity!***

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Sat 4/27 4:00pm People of Viet Nam  
6:00pm †Dennis Huiras  
†Virginia Camero  
†Alice Burton  
†Frank Vo  
Gina Maniego  
Shawn Thatcher  
†Bill Susslow  
Michael Scheuermann  
Anita De La Riva
- Sun 4/28 8:00am †Dan Van Dorpe  
9:30am Victor Cinco  
11:30am PRO POPULO  
1:00pm Blanca Enit Santillan  
5:00pm †Kwei Ying Wong  
†Nick Victoriano, Jr.
- Mon 4/29 8:00am My Dinh
- Tues 4/30 8:00am Viet Nam
- Wed 5/1 8:00am Maddie Vucich
- Thurs 5/2 8:00am †Dervida De Quiroz
- Friday 5/3 8:00am †Anna Nguyen
- Sat 5/4 8:00am Karena Martin  
Nathan and Tina Le  
†Sekiko  
†Souls in Purgatory  
†Joseph Tuong Cao  
†James Augustin Ho

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING**

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Flory Aguilar             | Christy Miller              |
| Baby Dean Alvero          | Jim Miller                  |
| Eddie Anderson            | Linda Moore                 |
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# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him. (Acts 9:27)

### Psalm:

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. (Ps 22)  
Or: Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. (1 Jn 3:23)

### Gospel:

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." (Jn 15:5)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Every Christian is a vine awaiting the loving attention of our gardener to prune and perfect us, to remove the parts of ourselves that are dead so that the fruitful parts burst forth with life. Trust the wisdom of the gardener. He alone can make us bloom.

## Questions of the Week

### First Reading:

The disciples were unwilling to trust that Saul (Paul) was a true believer until Barnabas offered support for Saul. How easily do you trust people you don't know well?

### Second Reading:

John speaks of the importance of knowing in your heart that you believe in Jesus and truly love others. How does anyone know what is in their heart?

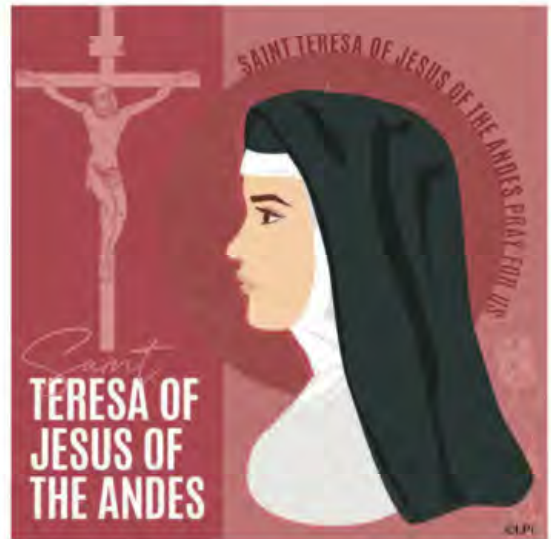
### Gospel Reading:

Using the metaphor of a vine and branches, Jesus speaks of the importance of staying connected to him and the Father. When do you feel close to Jesus?



## Newly Baptized Welcome to God's Family!

Joshua Días | Emilia Ng | Finley Tran | Jameson Torres



## Saint of the week

St. Teresa of Jesus of the Andes was a teenage Chilean Carmelite novitiate. Although she died of typhoid when she was 19, she proved that one's life doesn't have to be particularly long and filled with lofty accomplishments to be an amazing example of the love of Christ.

## Prayer of Fruitfulness

God in Heaven,  
Your grace surrounds us every day as we seek to live and move and grow in You. Prune the spaces in our lives that distract us from You! Plant Your word more deeply within us!  
Amen.



**STM  
CONFIRMATION  
&  
YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Upcoming Confirmation Classes**

**C1 Classes: May 8**

**C2 Classes: May 1**

**YTH Nites: Sunday at 6PM**

**High school teens, join us for Adoration YTH Nite on May 5th!**

**Monday Night Bible Study**

**Join us Mondays at 7pm in the Youth Room for Bible Studies! We'll go over the readings for the upcoming Sunday.**



**R.E.P.  
CORNER**



**First Communions are coming!!!**



We are so very excited that our parish will once again have a large group of young people (160+) receiving their First Communion during Masses on **May 4<sup>th</sup> & May 11<sup>th</sup>.**

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



**First Communion families:** Some of the First Communion rehearsals are coming up this week. Make sure to confirm your day and time for rehearsal with your REP teacher.



**SUMMER VBS NEWS—  
SCUBA—**



**Diving Into Friendship with GOD**

is coming to STM the week of **July 8<sup>th</sup>—July 12<sup>th</sup>.**

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

Registration will begin soon.

Stay tuned for details.



**The Library Corner**

The St. Thomas More Parish Library staff would like to wish all our parishioners a Happy Fifth Sunday of Easter. The Parish Library will be open today from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Do we know what the New Evangelization is and what it means to Catholics? New

Evangelization was first coined by Saint John Paul II, and Bishops from all over the world were called to Rome by Pope Benedict XVI to discuss it. This term was defined by Cardinal Donald Wuerl as: 'to share the great gift we have been given, the gift of our Catholic faith and so as to renew the face of the earth.' The STM Parish Library has the book by Cardinal Donald Wuerl that defines this topic, titled, '*New Evangelization*.' Cardinal Wuerl explains what it is, where it began, why it is important and what we can do to spread the Gospel to everyone. As Catholics, we are all called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, not just with strangers but with our family and friends, as well. The message of the New Evangelization takes into account the changing cultural and social realities of contemporary society and seeks to engage with those who are disconnected with the Church. This New Evangelization calls every member of the Church to make their life a proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ. (M/E)



“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.” - Jn 15:1-2

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## STM Calendar of Events



**Monday, April 29th: 1pm to 7pm**  
**Knights of Columbus Blood Drive** in MPR  
 Thank you for making a difference to those in need!

**Friday, May 3rd: 6pm to 8:15pm**  
**Lamb on the Throne**  
 Join us for the final talk by Fr. Eugene in the 5-Part Series in the church

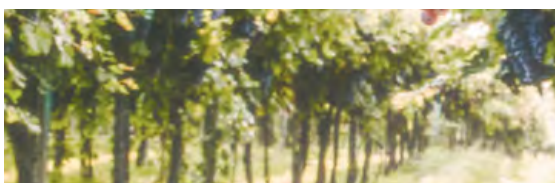
**Second Collection May 4th & 5th**  
**Parishes in Collaboration:** this collection supports parishes in need within the Diocese of Orange

**Sunday, May 5th**  
**Spring Boutique** in parking lot - 9am-4:30pm  
**May Crowning:** inside church before the 9:30am Mass



## Observances for the week of April 28, 2024

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter
- Monday:** St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:** St. Pius V, Pope
- Wednesday:** St. Joseph the Worker
- Thursday:** St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; National Day of Prayer
- Friday:** Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
- Next Sunday:** 6th Sunday of Easter



To speak of the Blessed Sacrament is to speak of what is most sacred.

- ST. EUPHRASIA

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Legion of Mary &  
 The Devotional Life Committee  
 invite you to the  
**May Crowning**  
 before the 9:30am Mass  
**Sunday, May 5th**  
 All are welcome!

*You will be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord,  
 and a royal diadem in the hand of God. - Isaiah 62:3*

**April 28, 2024**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, "Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you."

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week's Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, **"He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit"** (John 15:2) I don't mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I'd wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God's love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn't it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it's not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ's body. Jesus' rising is the brand-new growth. It is God's promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

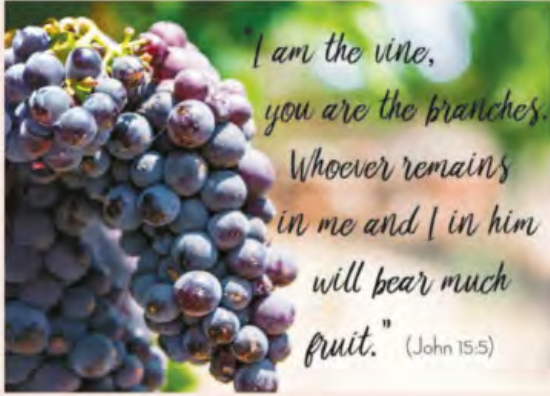
— Father John Muir



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**HOLY SPIRIT MINISTRY**

**POWER from on HIGH**  
LUKE 24:49

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@ ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH HALL

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**Donna Lee** / *Worship Leader*

*Continue to follow the Holy Spirit...*

**HOLY SPIRIT ENCOUNTERS @ 7PM**  
MAY 24 | MAY 31 | JUNE 7

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Fr. Al Ray, Episcopal Vicar for Sacraments, Diocese of Orange

Fr. Bob Trice, Chaplain for Justice, Catholic U.S. House

Fr. John Swamy, Pastor of the Holy Spirit, Business Bay

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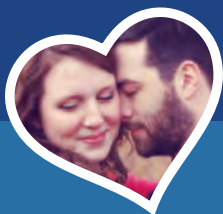


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### HEALING MASS WITH FR. DAVE KLUNK

Friday, May 3, 2024

6 PM - 7 PM refreshments in Courtyard

7 PM - 9 PM Healing Mass in the Church

Jesus preached, taught, and healed and he continues to do the same. Please come to experience the healing touch of Jesus.

### Pentecost Prayer Service

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SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

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and hope for youth at risk,  
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Mass at Christ Cathedral  
And blessing with relics of St. Peregrine  
Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> | 12:30pm



### Orange Diocese Magnificat Prayer Breakfast

Hosted by Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapter

Saturday, May 11, 2024

9:30am to 12:30pm

Cultural Center, Christ Cathedral

Guest Speaker:  
Katie Hughes

"Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart". -Psalm 37:4



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## Remain in my love

John 15:9

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### BREAKOUT SPEAKERS



Kelly Klaus, LMFT & Sergio Turcutto



Sandy Possehl



Ingrid Murrle, LMFT



Dr. Elizabeth Kim, PhD

SAT, MAY 4, 2024 at 9 AM-4 PM  
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- ✓ Facilitator Training
- ✓ Single Parent Parenting
- ✓ Emotional & Spiritual Healing

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