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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

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 & Mrs. Michelle 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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**IN MY FATHER'S
HOUSE THERE ARE
MANY DWELLING PLACES.**

JOHN 14:2

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 2026



Funeral Masses

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

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| Flory Aguilar | Deirdre Morley |
| Lourdes Barnachea Balaoing | Marisol Muro |
| Sal Baldomar | Susan Navarrete |
| Daniel Bernabe | Ernie Natividad |
| Douglas Boyette | Lisa Nelson |
| Charlene Burian | Charles Oh |
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| Michael Collins | Sharon Pataray |
| Thomas Conner | Norma Peckson |
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| Cristina Dulce | Sandra Quezada |
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| Tiesha Kelley | Binh Tran |
| Vivian Knisely | Lisa Turner |
| Brielle LeMire | Pete Villanueva |
| Debbe Lowden | Jesus Villanueva |
| Nancy-Ellen Magdits | Raymund Villanueva |
| Joseph Manglona | Roger Lynn Witherspoon |
| Nilda A. Medalle | Andy Zelinko |
| Susan McCaffrey | Joe & Judy Zwetow |

Mass Intentions

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| Sat 5/2 | 6:00pm | Andrew Scharff
Daniel Chen
Diane Chang
Magdalena Reitz
Kevin Reitz
Roger and Tessy Calandria
Enrique San Gabriel
†Dora Myers-Saferite
†Tommy Lee Marcum
†Javier Hernandez Vasques |
| Sun 5/3 | 8:00am | PRO POPULO |
| | 9:30am | Karina Martin |
| | 11:30am | Teresa Natividad |
| | 1:00pm | †Nora Sarmiento |
| | 5:00pm | Ray and Bridgette Marchetti |
| Mon 5/4 | 8:00am | †Eduardo Andrade |
| | 6:00pm | †Hortensia Ibarra |
| Tues 5/5 | 8:00am | †Louise Cecilia Frum |
| | 6:00pm | †Teresa Chu Thi Thu |
| Wed 5/6 | 8:00am | Agustin Sanchez |
| | 6:00pm | †Lilian Severino Ranck |
| Thurs 5/7 | 8:00am | Andre LeMire |
| | 6:00pm | Ester Leong |
| Fri 5/8 | 8:00am | †Cristina Villanueva |
| | 6:00pm | †Celmira De Los Angeles Rochedreux |
| Sat 5/9 | 8:00am | Gerald Maurer
Dominic Jones
Ethan De la Riva
Hannah De la Riva
Johanna Harris
Steven Tran
Amelita Navarro
Elma Nazareno
†Gloria Madamba
†Norma R. Shoff
†Joseph Khanh Ta
†Peter Lien Dang
†Carlos Flores Garay
†Martin Brondial
†Phillip Cardillo
†Diane O'Keefe-Dunne
†Lorraine Mohan |



Collection Report

4/13/2026 – 4/19/2026

Easter Sunday	\$ 32,977.00
Believe & Build, BGT, BGT2	\$ 16,911.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 307.00
Misc Income (Mass Intentions, etc)	\$ 12,708.00

Email bulletin@stmirvine.org to add a name to be included for one month



PRAY OVER *on the* LAWN

COME HOLY SPIRIT,
RENEW OUR PARISH!

**MAY 10 &
MAY 17, 2026**

*After the following
Masses:*

8:00 AM / 9:30 AM / 11:30 AM

**ST. THOMAS MORE
PARISH LAWN**

AS THE SOUL IS THE LIFE OF THE BODY,
SO THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE LIFE OF OUR SOULS.
— ST. PETER DAMIAN —



Virtues, Explained!

Diligence is the opposite of negligence; the diligent man pursues his goal with the same faithfulness with which God has pursued us, wayward as we are, through the long course of salvation history. It is the virtue by which man can secure for himself true happiness.

Blessing of Peace

Dear Lord,
You have said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled."
Bless me with Your peace.
Fill my heart with trust in You,
and hope in Your promises.
Be my rock in times of distress,
my light in times of darkness,
and my rest in the storm.
Amen.

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**

A LETTER FROM BISHOP TIMOTHY FREYER ON THE OCCASION OF STM'S GROUNDBREAKING



**ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE of ORANGE**

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

April 14, 2026

Congratulation on this momentous day of the groundbreaking of your new church! I wish I could be with you, but I am celebrating confirmation Masses in two parishes today (that schedule is finalized in late September as the parents—and especially the grandparents—want to make plans to attend).

When I think of your history starting out gathering as a community and then your years at the Remington property, finally arriving to Marketplace and now building a permanent church, I am inspired by your faithfulness, patience and generosity. When we hear the phrase, "God's timing is not our timing" it sure seems to apply here. However, the Lord knows better than us what is best for us. Through all the starts and stops, ups and downs, what you will finally have is a truly beautiful church that will inspire people to worship the Lord and, through its beauty, bring others to see the goodness of God.

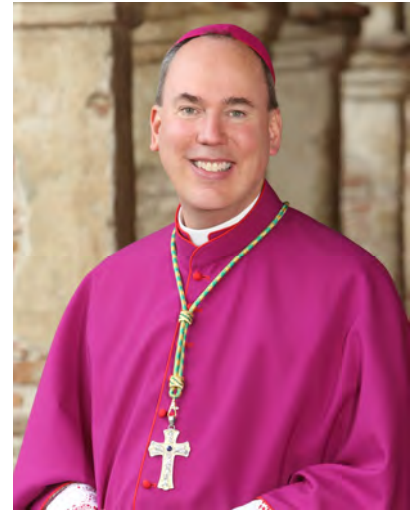
In a particular way, I would like to express my gratitude to Fr. Eugene Lee. When he first arrived at St. Thomas More, many were pressuring him to begin fundraising for the new church. Fr. Eugene had the wisdom to resist that pressure and spent time building up the spiritual life of the parish and strengthening the community. As important as the fundraising campaign was, Fr. Eugene knew that his first priority was to help us to be joyful, faithful Christians who love the Lord. That is what allowed the fundraising campaign to, in a relatively short period of time, reach its goal and bring us to this day.

I am also grateful for all those who have been part of the fundraising team, those who have donated (sometimes to multiple campaigns!) and those who have prayed for the success of this project.

Please know of my prayers as I hope to soon join you in your new, beautiful and permanent church.

Most Reverend Timothy E. Freyer, D.D.
Auxiliary Bishop of Orange in California

TEF:ja



A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Wow, wow, wow! What a glorious day it was. We shined so beautifully! It was truly a sign of the Kingdom of Heaven. This is what it is all about — all of us united in Christ.

So many people to thank, not only for the hard work for the event itself, but for all those who do and did their part to contribute to the spirit and vibrancy of STM, both now and in the past.

In particular, I want to sincerely thank Bishop Kevin Vann. It was great to have him preside at this momentous occasion. Behind the scenes, I can tell you that Bishop's influence and decisions have been greatly impactful to our church construction process. Early on, I was able to sit down with Bishop to go over in detail our proposal for the church design and I am deeply appreciative of his support and his preferences and directives. Over the years, I have been touched by his personal care for me. On three separate occasions, he has handwritten me letters of gratitude and has called me several times to talk and express support. I know he deeply cares for and loves the people of Orange and I know that he sacrifices so much more than people will ever know. It gets lonely at the top, but he carries this cross with fidelity to the mission and to Jesus Christ. Let us all continue to pray for our bishop and support him with obedience.

We are indeed a city on a hill. We are the people of God. You are all so beautiful and I thank you so much for your faithfulness. ALL FOR JESUS!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Eugene.





STM CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Confirmation 1: May 6 is the LAST class of the year.
Confirmation 2 : Classes are done! Please pray for our teens and their sponsors as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Youth Night May 31: Join us for our end of year BBQ

Confirmation 2

May 13: Confirmation Ceremony rehearsal for those getting Confirmed on May 18

May 20: Confirmation Ceremony rehearsal for those getting Confirmed on May 27

Check your email for a message from us with all the details



R.E.P. CORNER



CONGRATULATIONS!!

We had over 75 young people receive the Eucharist for the first time this weekend!

We have another 50 receiving the Eucharist for the first time next weekend, on May 9th as well. Please keep all of our First Communicants in your prayers during this exciting time.

ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOLERS



Don't forget—we have an EDGE Meeting THIS Tuesday (5/5) at 7PM.

We hope to see you there!

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.



MAY CROWNING

Join us as we crown the Blessed Virgin Mary at the beginning of the 8:00 AM Mass on Sunday, May 3, 2026

...a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. - Revelation 12:1



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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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FRIDAY, MAY 8
8:30 A.M.

LIGHT RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

For more information, please contact our FM FFRGOC Rep Anthony Cruz at 904-814-3536

PISTANI MARIA

Alleluia! Let's celebrate together in a Small Faith Community.

St. Theresa of Avila - Tues 10am

STM SFC
STM Small Faith Communities

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- **Enter** Prayer Intentions
- **Enter** Answered Prayer Testimonials
- View and **Pray** for the Online Intentions
- **Become a Prayer Partner** – Pray for the Intentions once a week

Parish Blood Drive

Wed, May 20, 2026
STM Multi-Purpose Room
1:00pm – 7:00pm

Give a Pint-SAVE A LIFE!

Please take an hour of your time to make a real difference to someone in need. An appointment must be scheduled prior to donation date.

Register online: redcrossblood.org
Use sponsor code **StThomasMorelv**

Or visit the sign-up table in the patio after all Masses on May 2-3, 9 -10 & 16 - 17



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Sacraments

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Confirmation	Mike Fahey	(9) 551-8602
First Communion & First Reconciliation	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)	Sonny & Marie Obillos	(9) 668-5201
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Marriage Encounter	Mike & Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Wedding Coordinator	Mary Jane Rin	(9) 551-8601

Service

Bereavement	Rosie Muñoz	(9) 551-8601
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Filipino Ministry	Mernie Empalmado	(9) 551-8601
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St. Vincent de Paul	Rick Lamoreux	(9) 331-1020
Vietnamese Ministry	Huan Le	(7) 261-9893
Young Ladies Institute	Ann Johnson	(9) 374-1547

Spiritual Development

Adult Faith Formation	Tara Reynaud, Denyse Gagnon, Mary Jane Rin	(7) 925-9992
Bible Study (Bible Focused Formation)	Margaret Cunningham	(7) 552-8711
Christ Renews His Parish	Steve Hastert & Stacey Howmann (7) 319-9947	(9) 939-0998
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Devotional Life Ministry	Julie Whiteside	(7) 615-7205
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Youth Ministry - High School	Arlyn Pandes	(9) 551-8602
Young Adult Ministry		

If you are feeling called to serve in one or more of our ministries, please email: serve@stmirvine.org





Mother's Day Novena

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"Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me.' And likewise the cup..." Gospel of Luke 22:19-20



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**GOSPEL MEDITATION -
 ENCOURAGE DEEPER
 UNDERSTANDING OF
 SCRIPTURE**
John 14:1-12

We generally approach life with the question, "What can this do for me?" We try a new workout, a low-carb diet, intermittent fasting, or a new career path, hoping it will make us healthier, stronger, happier. The assumption is that if I invest in this, I'll eventually reap some benefit, or I won't do it.

It is easy to think of faith the same way: if I really practice my faith, what will it do for me? Will it make me calmer, more moral, more successful?

But in today's Gospel, Jesus says something astonishing. He doesn't present himself as a teacher who shows us the way to life. He says, **"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."** (John 14:6) He is not merely a guide toward some higher benefit. He *is* the benefit itself. To know him is to know Life.

Thomas Aquinas explains that every desire in the human heart — love, joy, meaning, all of our restless cravings — is really an indirect cry for life. Even despair testifies to this longing: people despair precisely because they feel they are not, and might never be, fully alive.

The good news is that Jesus is not simply the means to a better life; He is Life itself. To believe in him is to share in God's own eternal vitality. Not simply later but even now. Faith is not a transaction that produces results — it is a union that fills us with joy. To be in communion with Christ is to be truly, fully alive.

— *Father John Muir*

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