



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:
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Youth Ministry: 949-551-8602

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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish.
- Jn 21:13

May 4, 2025

**WELCOME
TO STM!**



Ralph Esqueda

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
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| Cristeta Jaropillo | Donny Stoufus |
| Angela Judy | Lisa Turner |
| Natalie and Warren Julian | Pete Villanueva |
| Miriam Kasperowicz | Jesus Villanueva |
| Tiesha Kelley | Raymund Villanueva |
| Vivian Knisely | Bill Whiteside |
| Ashly Leal | Kristine & Brandon Williams |
| Lauren Leal | Michele Wills |
| Brielle LeMire | Andy Zelinko |
| Joseph Manglona | Joe & Judy Zwetow |

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

**MASS
INTENTIONS**

- Sat 5/3 4:00pm †Maria Suong Pham
†Mr. and Mrs. Uvaldo Armijo
- Sun 5/4 8:00am †Dan Donaldson
9:30am †Dora Myers-Saferite
11:30am Cindy Abrigo
Erlyn Cervantes
Noah Rin
†Donald Imaguchi
†Juanita Macalanda
†Gerardo Villanueva
†Rene Quintana
†Rosa Ramos
3:00pm PRO POPULO
5:00pm †Anthony and Theresa Nguyen
- Mon 5/5 8:00am Alejandro Abundo
6:00pm Emme Hager
- Tues 5/6 8:00am †Shahryar Ostowari
6:00pm Andre LeMire
- Wed 5/7 8:00am †Christina Nereson
6:00pm Keith Rattay
- Thurs 5/8 8:00am †Cristina Villanueva
6:00pm Pete Villanueva
- Fri 5/9 8:00am †Emilio Dela Cruz
6:00pm †Edward Andrade
- Sat 5/10 8:00am Teresa Natividad
Ester Leong
†Jenni Costello
†Jorge Rivas

Pancake Breakfast

**Sunday, May 4th
after all morning Masses!**

Suggested Donation
\$5.00 Adult
\$5.00 Child
\$25.00 Maximum per Family

**Pancakes, Sausage,
Scrambled Eggs, Juice,
Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate**

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council # 13111
Proceeds will be used to support Pro Life Activities,
Orange County Charities and STM Parish Needs

Collection and Expense Report 4/21/25—4/27/25

TOTALS			EGIVING TOTALS		
COLLECTION	\$	19,905.81	COLLECTION	\$	13,867.70
MAINTENANCE FUND	\$	176.00	MAINTENANCE FUND	\$	65.00
OTHER INCOME	\$	8,175.36	OTHER INCOME	\$	1,229.92
	TOTAL	\$ 28,257.17		TOTAL	\$ 15,162.62

CAMPAIGN COLLECTION	\$	4,815.78
CAMPAIGN EGIVING	\$	9,819.25

Weekly Expenses:	\$	35,471.32
Weekly Campaign Expenses:	\$	18,750.00

**In Loving Memory of
His Holiness, Pope Francis I**



Born: December 17, 1936
Papacy begins: March 13, 2013
Enters eternal life: April 21, 2025

Prayer for the Dead

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light
shine upon them.

May their souls and the souls
of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.

Amen.



*“Every step, every effort, every test, every fall
and every recovery has a sense within God’s
design for salvation, as He wants life – not
death – and joy – not pain – for His people.”*
~ Pope Francis

Mother's Day Novena
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MOTHER'S DAY ROSES

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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

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:

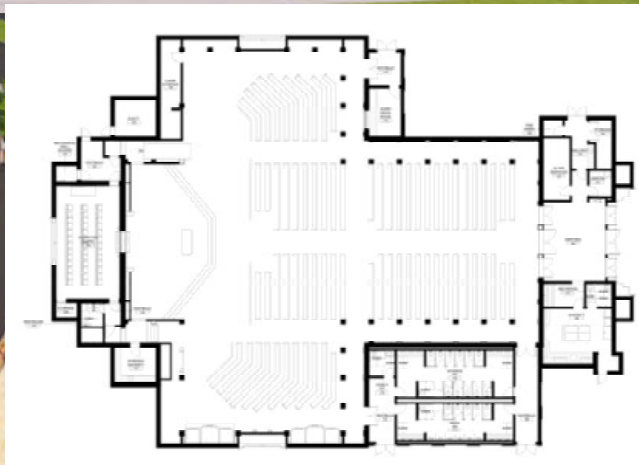
- † The Kingship of Christ
- † The sacredness and centrality of the Holy Eucharist
- † The beauty of the Church as the Mystical Body of Christ

Preliminarily some highlights and features of the church interior include:

- Cruciform church, which will seat approximately 950 people
- 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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For questions about donations please contact
Glenda Mortenson at glenda@stmirvine.org

For Input & Questions regarding construction
please contact Tom VanDorpe at
tom.vandorpe@vcaconsultants.com

STM CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY


Upcoming Youth Nights: 5/4

High school teens, join us for the Youth Night this Sunday (5/4) after the 5pm Mass! Dinner & dessert will be provided and the night will end at 8:15pm.



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!

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R.E.P. CORNER



CONGRATULATIONS!!



We had over 60 young people receive the Eucharist for the first time this weekend!

We have another 85 receiving the Eucharist for the first time next weekend, on May 10th as well.

Please keep all of our First Communicants in your prayers during this exciting time.



First Communion families: The rest of our 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— TRUE NORTH—

Trusting Jesus in a Wild World is coming to STM the week of July 14th—July 18th.

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

Registration will begin soon.

Stay tuned for details.



Let's Pray Together!

STM SFC

STM Small Faith Communities



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- **Become a Prayer Partner** – Pray for the Intentions once a week



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

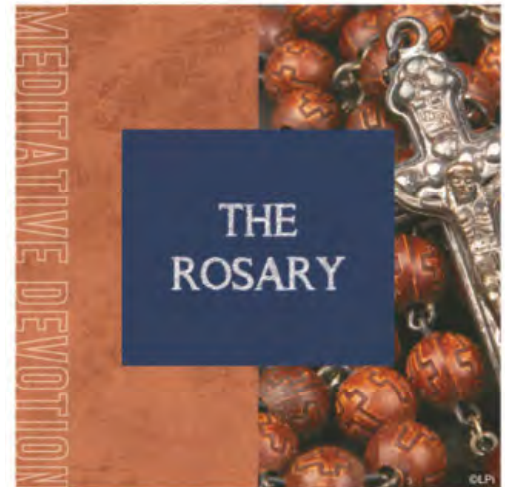
Solemn Eucharistic Celebration

Reception to follow in the courtyard.



Join us as we crown the
Blessed Virgin Mary
before the 8:00am Mass
Sunday, May 4th

...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



THE ROSARY

Devotions, Explained!

Christians have used beads to mark the recitation of prayers since ancient times, but in the 12th century, the Rosary emerged as a meditative devotion centering on significant moments in the lives of Jesus and Mary.

Prayer of Belief

Lord,
Help me to see You and to recognize what I see.
Help me to hear Your invitation and to respond.
Help me to join You where and when You call.
Amen.

Join the Filipino Ministry to celebrate this beautiful tradition an expression of our profound & filial devotion to our Blessed Mother during the month of May Day 2 of FFRGOC 9-Day Novena

FRIDAY, MAY 16
8:30 A.M.

LIGHT RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

For more information, please contact our FM FFRGOC Rep Anthony Cruz at 904-814-3536 or Madeline del Villar at 949-413-2783

PISTANI MARIA

Observances for the week of May 4, 2025

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Easter
- Monday:** Cinco de Mayo
- Saturday:** St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother's Day

The 2025 Pastoral Services Appeal

Share Christ's Love with Others!

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"Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied."
Luke 6:17



Parish Blood Drive



Wednesday, May 21, 2025
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 **stthomasmoreiv**

Or visit the sign-up table in the patio after all masses May 3/4, 10/11, and 17/18

15 DAYS : Poland, Czechoslovakia, Medjugorje & Croatia

(TRIP 1: SEPTEMBER 22- OCTOBER 6, 2025) 15 DAYS: POLAND, CROATIA, MEDJUGORJE Czech FR. THOMAS QUOC TRAN

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

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

→ **Spiritual Journey: Fr. Thomas Quoc Tran 09/22-10/6/2025**

- Register early for special airline ticket price as airline tickets are subject to price increase.
- Package price of \$5,350 + Tip: 1st payment of \$2350 due on 05/01/2025. 2nd payment due \$3,000 on 06/10/2025
- Package included: hotels 4-5 star, breakfast, lunch and dinner ; Coach, Entrance tickets at visiting places, emergency medical insurance only. Experience tour guide:
- Exclude: Lunch at your own expense during long travels. 3 dinners will not be provided in order for travelers to experience the Country's traditional food.

TOUR PACKAGE PRICE: \$5,350.00/person + TIPS

ATTENTION: we can't control the weather, bus driver, foods, and places.



Rev. Thomas Quoc Tran | Parochial Vicar
51 Marketplace, Irvine, CA 92602
Contact: Perly Ramirez: tomasian78@cox.net

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3rd Sunday of Easter • John 21:1-19



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Sacraments

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First Reconciliation	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
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Young Ladies Institute	Rhonda Kersting	(7) 292-8251

Spiritual Development

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Bible Study (Bible Focused Formation)	Margaret Cunningham	(7) 552-8711
Christ Renews His Parish	Steve Hastert & Stacey Howmann	(7) 319-9947 (9) 939-0998
Cursillo	Susan Navarrete	(9) 345-9130
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Religious Education	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
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Steve Beuerlein

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TUESDAY
MAY 6, 2025

6:00 PM - 8:30PM

21682 Lake Forest Dr., Lake Forest, CA 92630

Join us for Mass first and stay afterward for a relaxed evening
filled with faith, camaraderie and
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Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served
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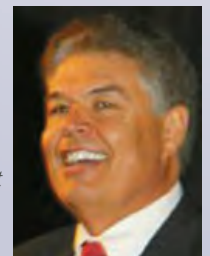
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Saturday, May 17, 2025
9:30am to 12:30pm

Cultural Center, Christ Cathedral
13280 Chapman Ave.,
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Guest Speaker:
Dominic Berardino

"If anyone wants to boast, let him boast of the Lord." 1 Cor. 1:31



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