



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH

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Saint Thomas More Welcomes All

**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  
Parochial Vicar Emeritus  
Weekend Assistants

### Deacons

### Rev. John E. Janze

Rev. Kiet Ta  
Rev. William Krekelberg  
Rev. Joseph Horn, O Praem  
Rev. Joseph Justice  
Deacon Tony & Mrs. Mary Patronite  
Deacon Stan & Mrs. Fran Necikowski  
Deacon Tin & Mrs. UyenLan Nguyen  
Deacon Leonard & Mrs. Nancy Sun  
Deacon John & Mrs. Michelle Selig

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Youth Ministry: 949-551-8602



### Office Hours by Phone:

The parish office is closed to the public.  
Phones are answered during the following times:  
Monday-Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm



## THE *Ascension* OF THE LORD

MAY 16, 2021

Men of Galilee,  
why are you standing there  
looking up at the sky?  
This Jesus who has been  
taken up from you  
into heaven will return  
in the same way.


Acts 1:11




*Welcome back!*

*We are happy you are here!*

- Masks and 3 feet of physical distancing required
- Keep at least one chair open between family groups
- Please do not sit directly in front or behind someone
- Try to stagger your seating
- Patio available for overflow—bring your own chair
- Most Masses will continue to be livestreamed



*Rest in the Love of Christ*  
Phu Nguyen



**MASS INTENTIONS**  
*Please call the front desk to request a Mass Intention*

Monday 5/17	8:00am	Mother's Day Novena
Tuesday 5/18	8:00am	†William Derro
Wednesday 5/19	8:00am	Teresa Lemire
Thursday 5/20	8:00am	Ed Baldyga
Friday 5/21	8:00am	The Hughes Family
Saturday 5/22	8:00am	Nelly de Ruiz
	8:00am	†Dinh Thomas
	8:00am	†Cesar Chan
	8:00am	Jim and Sheila Tomlin
	8:00am	The Nault Family
	8:00am	†Anthony Hearne
	8:00am	Midge Madden
	8:00am	†Rolando Javier
	8:00am	†Merardo & Dolores de los Reyes
	8:00am	†Teri Kreyche
	4:00pm	Quy Le
	6:00pm	Pro Populo
Sunday 5/23	8:00am	Jennifer Lozano
	10:00am	Fr. Bill Kregelberg
	12:00pm	†Cecilia Gallegos
	5:00pm	†Graciano & Rosa Santos

**Daily Mass:**  
**Monday – Saturday**  
8:00 AM

**Vigil Mass Times**  
4:00 PM Vietnamese/English  
6:00 PM English

**Sunday Mass Times**  
8:00 AM English  
10:00 AM English  
12:00 PM Spanish/English  
5:00 PM English

**Morning Prayer:** Wed & Fri 7:30am to 7:50am  
**Adoration:** Every Friday 9:00am to 10:00am  
**Saturday Confessions:** 1:00pm to 3:00pm

**We will continue to livestream all Masses with the exception of Sunday 8:00am**


**For spiritual advisement, please contact the priest to schedule an appointment.**

**New Pastor Announced!**



Effective July 1, 2021, Rev. John Janze will retire as Pastor and his title will be, Pastor Emeritus. Our new Pastor will be Rev. Eugene Lee. He is the current Director at Korean Martyrs Catholic Center in Westminster and previously served as Parochial Vicar at Our Lady Queen of Angels in Newport Beach.


More details will be forthcoming in the following weeks. We look forward to meeting him soon!



**Wedding Banns**  
James Dinh & Victoria Vu  
Kim Than & Serena Dinh

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — This Jesus will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven (Acts 1:1-11).  
**Psalms** — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).  
**Second Reading** — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) or Ephesians 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13].  
**Gospel** — The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God (Mark 16:15-20).  
The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.



My Dear People,

**Today's theme on the Readings:**

**THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ASCENSION**

The theological unity, or perhaps even the temporal experience of the early community, made it seem that Jesus' resurrection and his ascension were inseparable aspects of a single mystery. Only in the later writings of Luke and John has further theological reflection helped the Christian community to distinguish different dimensions of the mystery. Liturgical tradition has followed the forty-day chronology formulated by Luke. We would miss the point, however, if we were to demand a precise historical chronology of events such as the Resurrection-Ascension that are primarily spiritual in nature and that clearly surpass the bounds of time and space as we know them.

What is important for us to grasp is the significance of the Ascension. For Luke, it is the decisive turning point that marks the end of Jesus' earthly ministry and the beginning of the disciples' Spirit-led ministry and thus the ministry of the whole church down to our own day. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

In Christ,  
Father John

**Collections and Expenses**

5-3-2021 to 5-9-21

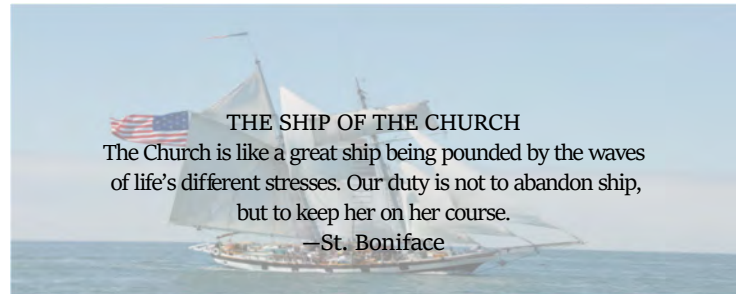
	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$12,639	\$11,243	\$23,882
Believe & Grow	\$13,375	\$1,732	\$15,107
BGT- Phase 2	\$500	\$2,531	\$3,031
Building Fund	\$714	\$-4,380	\$-3,666
Other income	\$3,000	\$1,241	\$4,241

Regular Expenses \$29, 279

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, Building 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!**

***READINGS FOR THE WEEK***

**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;  
Jn 16:29-33  
**Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21;  
Jn 17:1-11a  
**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab;  
Jn 17:11b-19  
**Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;  
Jn 17:20-26  
**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;  
Jn 21:15-19  
**Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7;  
Jn 21:20-25  
**Sunday:** Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b  
or  
Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35,  
27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39  
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34;  
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25;  
Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15



**THE SHIP OF THE CHURCH**  
The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves  
of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship,  
but to keep her on her course.  
—St. Boniface



***PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING***

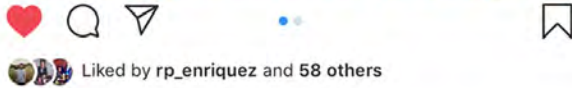


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| Stacey Allen             | Baby Johanna Harris | Benjamin Nicanor          |
| Richy Altuna             | Mike Harvey         | Karen Norton              |
| Mike Anderson            | Shirley Hecker      | Nam Van Nguyen            |
| Renee Andrade            | John Heffernan      | Thuy-Lieu Nguyen          |
| Judy Anselmo             | Robert Henry        | Kyle Osbourne             |
| Alicia Arrellano         | Annette Hills       | Agnes Pamintuan           |
| Ed Baldyga               | Margaret Hills      | Den Tony & Mary Patronite |
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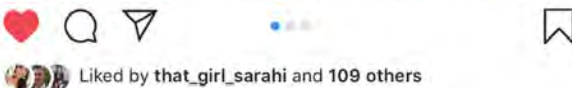


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**Life Teen Bible Studies** will continue to meet on Mondays at 7pm. If you would like to attend the bible studies, please go to [www.stmirvine.org/live](http://www.stmirvine.org/live) and click on bible study to join.

**Live Nights** meet virtually on Sunday Nights at 7pm. To join in please go to [www.stmirvine.org/live](http://www.stmirvine.org/live) and click on Live Nights.

**Virtual Live Nights** will be on break for two weeks. The next live nights are May 16th and May 23rd.



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**Confirmation Classes** continues to take place online.

**Confirmation 1 Classes Dates Are**

Wednesday, May 5th at 7pm  
 Wednesday, May 19th 24 at 6pm (in person retreat)

**Confirmation 2 Classes Dates Are**

Wednesday, April 28th at 7pm  
 Wednesday, May 12th at 7pm  
 Saturday, May 22nd from 9am-2pm (in person retreat)  
 Wednesday, May 26th at 7pm

# R.E.P. CORNER



We want to wish all of our families a fun, adventurous and faith-filled summer!



## SUMMER VBS NEWS!!!

### ROCKY RAILWAY Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through!!



is scheduled for the week of  
 July 26—30, 2021!!

Lawrence Elk and all the rest of the VBS Bible Buddies are so excited to announce that registration will be open very soon! Please stay tuned for more information. Also, we really need some creative adults who can help us transform our parish into a giant train station! If you would like to volunteer, please contact the REP Office at (949) 551-8029.



## The Library Corner

Seventh Sunday of Easter  
 Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord

The St Thomas More Parish Library staff would like to wish all our parishioners a Happy Seventh Sunday of Easter. The Library will be closed until further notice.

The Gospel today tells us how Jesus has ended His earthly life and ascends triumphantly into heaven. As Catholics we know that Christ's ascension is the pledge, the confirmation and our guarantee that we shall rise from the grave with new, glorified bodies and ascend to heaven, as Jesus did. Christ has given His people a chance to prepare themselves for the day of reckoning by being in good standing with the Church, in a state of grace and at peace with God.



*The Blessed Sacrament Chapel*

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*Monday-Friday*


**7:00am to 2:00pm**

**&**

*Saturday*

**7:00am to 7:00pm**

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I am full of confidence in the power of God.

**St. Eugene de Mazenod**  
19th-century Bishop of Marseille who dedicated his life to spreading the Gospel

May 21

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord;  
World Communications Day;  
Shavuot (Jewish observance) begins at sundown
- Tuesday: St. John I
- Thursday: St. Bernardine of Siena;  
Julian Calendar Ascension
- Friday: St. Christopher Magellanes and Companions
- Saturday: St. Rita of Cascia; Vigil of Pentecost



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Saturday, June 19, 2021

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**Starting in May**

**New Confession Schedule**

**Saturdays**  
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## FEAST OF FAITH The General Intercessions

The general intercessions were restored to the liturgy in the reforms that followed the Second Vatican Council. In these prayers—also known as the “universal prayer” or “prayer of the faithful”—the assembly prays for the Church, the world, and the local community. As the name “prayer of the faithful” reminds us, these intercessions are a privilege of the baptized, which is why any catechumens are dismissed before the Creed and the intercessions. In baptism, we become members of a royal priesthood, and what do priests do? They intercede; they pray. In standing to pray to God as a community, we are living out our royal priesthood.

The intercessions at Mass usually follow a clear pattern, moving from general to specific needs. We pray for the whole Church. We pray for the world and for our nation. We pray for our local community, for those who have died and for all the sick and afflicted. In our united prayer, we reach beyond ourselves and our own needs and grow in awareness of and compassion for the needs of others.

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- In basket after Mass



- Mail your check or drop it off in our parish lobby



- GivePlus app on Smartphone (Vanco)



- Donate stock, life insurance or retirement plans



- Employer Matching Gifts

- Amazon will donate 0.5% of the eligible purchases to STM!

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/33-0711481>

**Thank you for your continued support!**

## MONTH of MARY





*My Dear People,*

*Please join me in congratulating all our children who received their First Holy Communion during the last two weekends. May every Eucharist you receive be as special as your first.*

*Sincerely In Christ,  
Fr. John*

Lily Adams  
Andres Aguilar  
Carlos Alarilla  
Liliana Andrade  
Sofia Andrade  
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Jane Morrissey  
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Pablo Rosales  
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### ***FULLY INITIATED***

Abigail Chang Isys Costa Sayuri Costa Edward Tseng



*We would like to extend our gratitude to the Catechists who volunteered countless hours of their time instructing and preparing the students online for this Sacrament during these challenging times.*



## PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL

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# ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES

**If someone in your family is graduating this Spring, please send us their name and school. All will be included for a special blessing at the end of May.**

**E-mail names & school to [barbara@stmirvine.org](mailto:barbara@stmirvine.org) or call the R.E.P. office at (949) 551-8029**

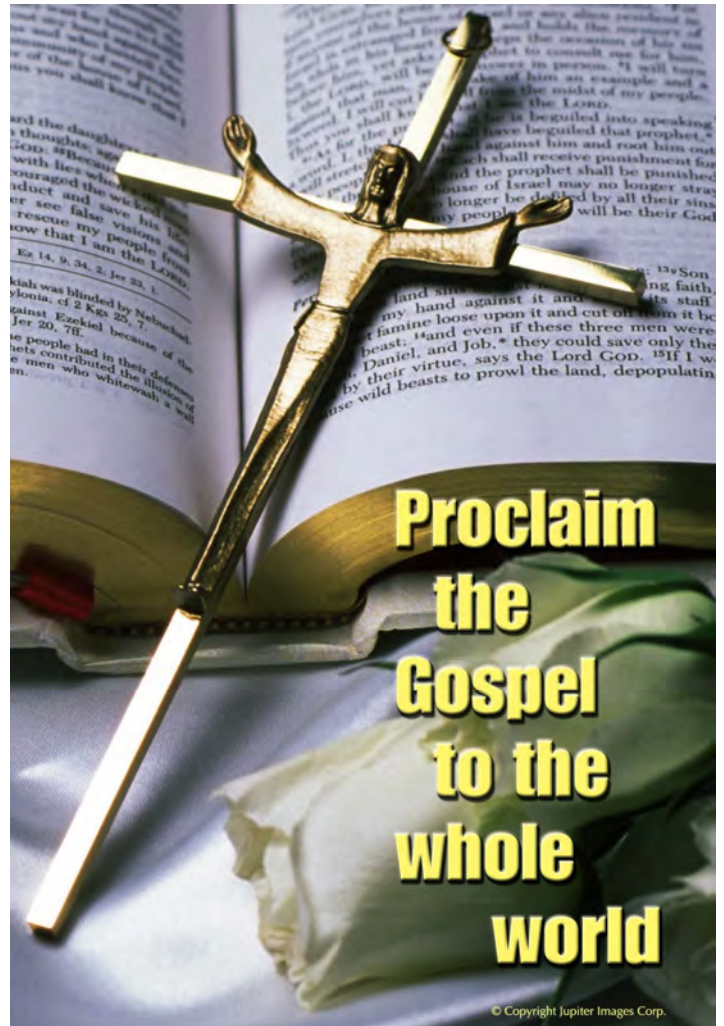


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## Confirmation

*Please continue to pray for our young people preparing for Confirmation in June*



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# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF Easter

MAY 16, 2021

As you sent me into the world,  
so I sent them into the world.

John 17:18

## GOD'S HOLY ORDER

There is a certain, sacred order to the way God envisions our place in the world. We are created in love, for love. As disciples of Jesus Christ, God's love is at the heart of all we are, have, and do. Peter was concerned that this holy order be restored following Judas' betrayal of Jesus. Jesus' selection of twelve apostles was significant for the Jewish people, a harkening to the twelve tribes of Israel. In prayerfully discerning Matthias as the twelfth apostle, the brothers made certain that God's holy order would prevail. Their witness ensured that Christ's love would be shared and embraced to all the world and throughout all time.

## KEEPING THE BIG PICTURE IN MIND

As we near the end of the Easter season, the readings lead us to keep the big picture of Christ's Paschal Mystery—Jesus' life and ministry, passion, death, and resurrection—and the impact it is to have in our lives at the center of all that we are and do. We who have been drawn to Christ through baptism are called to take on the mind, heart, and life of our Lord. Jesus, who is God's love incarnate, shows us the extent of God's love and calls us to live this love in the world. We live in the world but do not belong to it. Ultimately, we belong to God. When we show love, especially when we sacrifice for the sake of another, we share in Christ's saving love, building a bridge between God and humanity in Christ's name.

## MADE SACRED IN TRUTH

Jesus prayed to God the Father about his disciples, "Consecrate them in the truth." To consecrate is to make holy. Jesus asks God to make us holy in the truth of God's love which is poured upon us through the Holy Spirit. Think about this: we call the moment in which the bread and wine at Mass become the Body and Blood of Christ the consecration. The bread and wine are transformed and made sacred, holy. Remember, too, that as the gifts are brought forward for consecration, we join our lives, gifts, and resources in prayer, asking God to bless us, to consecrate us as well. In baptism, we are consecrated—we are set apart in Christ's love. Knowing this should make a difference in the way we live our lives. Our consecration should be the benchmark for our attitudes and actions, the choices and decisions we make each day. What does it mean to you to be consecrated, to be called to holiness? How does this affect the way you live?

## TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 1:15–17, 20a, 20c–26  
Psalm 103:1–2, 11–12, 19–20  
1 John 4:11–16  
John 17:11b–19