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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

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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



PENTECOST SUNDAY

“But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth.”

- Jn 16:12

May 19, 2024



- Sat 5/18 4:00pm †Brian Chu
 6:00pm Leticia Scheuermann

- Sun 5/19 8:00am Deacon Tony Patronite
 9:30am Pro Populo
 11:30am Mothers' Day Novena
 Jenny Lozano
 John Moran
 Molly Page and Family
 †Kang Kim
 †Michael Haley
 †John Lawrence Haley
 1:00pm Fr. Angelus Echeverry
 5:00pm †Mark Ragland

- Mon 5/20 8:00am Mothers' Day Novena

- Tues 5/21 8:00am Teresa LeMire

- Wed 5/22 8:00am Jean Meronk

- Thurs 5/23 8:00am †Patrick McGuinness

- Friday 5/24 8:00am Fr. Joseph Justice
 (49th Ordination Anniversary)

- Sat 5/25 8:00am Anne Nguyen
 Dcn. Tony and Mary Patronite
 †Merardo and Dolores De Los Reyes

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HONORING FR. EUGENE'S 50TH BIRTHDAY & 20TH YEAR OF ORDINATION
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Seeking Silent Auction Items!

To make this event a success, we need your help!

We are seeking donations of new items for our silent auction.

Whether it's a handmade craft, a gift certificate to a local business, or a service you can provide, your contributions will be acknowledged and greatly appreciated.

If you would like to donate an item or have any questions, please contact Mernie Empalmado or Denyse Gagnon at believeandbuild@stmirvine.org by May 22.

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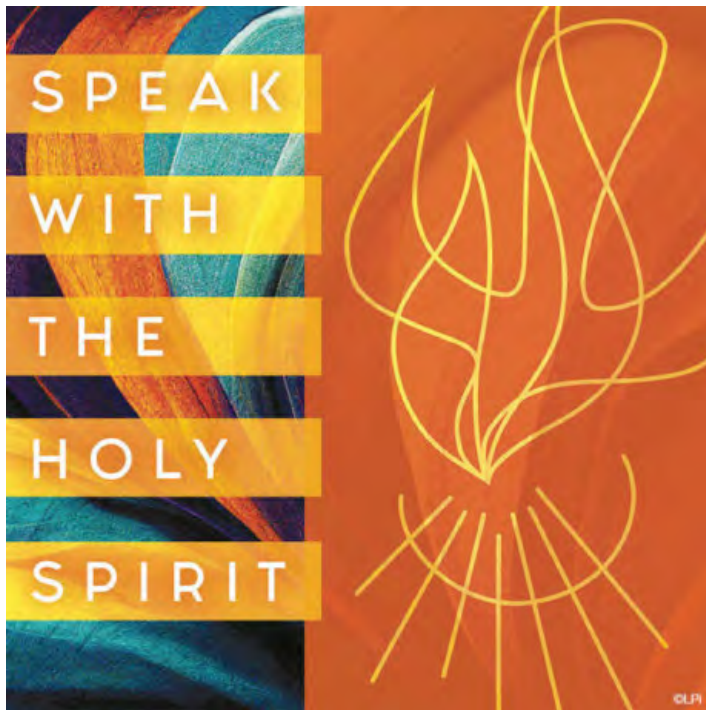


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Questions of the Week

First Reading:

We hear how the Holy Spirit allowed the mighty acts of God to be heard by people of all languages in every nation. Where do you see God at work in the world or in your workplace?

Second Reading:

Paul encouraged believers in Galatia to be guided by the fruit of the Spirit (joy, peace, self-control) rather than by the works of the flesh (immorality, lust, idolatry) in order to inherit the kingdom of God. How might you practice the fruits of the Spirit this week?

Gospel:

Jesus taught his disciples he would send the Advocate, the Spirit of truth, to guide them and offer them divine gifts. What guidance are you seeking from the Lord?

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit!
 Enlighten us!
 Embolden us!
 Inflame us!
 Stir our hearts anew!
 You have called us to live and minister in this time, in these spaces, to these souls. Set us on FIRE with fresh inspiration and sacred direction!
 Amen.



POWER *from* on HIGH
 LUKE 24:49

★ **MAY 19 PENTECOST SUNDAY**
6:30-8:00PM
 @ ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH HALL
 LIGHT REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW

WITH SPECIAL GUEST...

Donna Lee / *Worship Leader* / 

Continue to follow the Holy Spirit...

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



Believe AND BUILD
 ST. THOMAS MORE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Interested in learning about the next phase of our Capital Campaign focused on the building of our NEW CHURCH?
 Join us...

Informational Nights
 May 21 & May 29
 7pm
 Parish Hall
All are welcome

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CONFIRMATION
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YOUTH MINISTRY**



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



**SUMMER VBS NEWS—
SCUBA—**



Diving Into Friendship with GOD is scheduled for the week of July 8th—July 12th!!

Waylon, Octavia and all the rest of the VBS Bible Buddies are excited to announce that registration is NOW OPEN & ON-LINE!!

Please visit rep.stmirvine.org/VBS to register your campers or teen volunteers!

Also, we really need some creative adults who can help us splash into camp by transforming our parish into a beautiful, underwater reef!



If you would like to volunteer, please contact the REP Office at (949) 551-8029.



**Confirmation Rehearsal:
May 18th at 11am**

**Confirmation Mass:
May 20th at 6pm**

**YTH Nites: Sunday at 6PM
Stay tuned for summer youth events!**

**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.**



The Library Corner

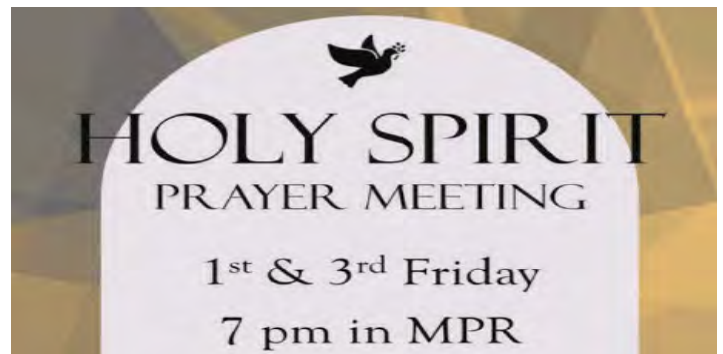
The St. Thomas More Parish Library staff would like to wish all our parishioners a Happy Pentecost Sunday. The Parish Library will be open today from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Do we as Catholics tend to take our Sacred Traditions for granted? And do our Catholic doctrines seem so obvious to us that we wonder why others can't see it. If you are looking for a clear explanation and the factual reasons for the Sacred Traditions of the Catholic Church then the STM Parish Library has the book for you. The name of this book is, 'By What Authority.' The author is an evangelical convert to the Catholic Church named Mark P. Shea. Mark skillfully explains how and why Sacred Tradition occupies a center role in Divine Revelation and that the Catholic Church is the only sure guarantee of the truth of the revelation of Jesus Christ. Mark's own personal journey of discovering the authority of Sacred Tradition is one of action of fulfillment and not one of renunciation. A proper understanding of Tradition is essential to correctly approach the learning of Sacred Scripture. If you are wondering what objections Protestants have to Sacred Tradition, or are wondering what Sacred Traditions actually mean and why Catholics follow them, then you need to read this book. (CTA)



Pentecost People

*Come, Holy Spirit, and make us Pentecost people.
 Let your wisdom and right judgment guide our decisions
 and temper our impulses.
 Let knowledge and understanding increase our capacity for
 empathy and compassion.
 Let reverence and awe fill us with gratitude and respect for
 all of creation.
 Give us the courage to witness boldly to our faith in word
 and deed.
 Through and with and in Jesus Christ, we pray.
 Amen.*



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was twenty-two years of age in August of 2000, I experienced World Youth Day in Rome. As for many of my generation, the event was life-changing for me. Surrounded by joyful, hope-filled young people from seemingly every nation and tongue, we were gathered around the Pope, sharing a common Faith and love. The Pope spoke to us of our shared family bond in the Church and invited us to give our lives in service to others. Now twenty-four years later, my life as a priest, like that of so many others from those special days, continues on that same path of love and unity — despite my many weaknesses. What makes that continuation possible?

This week's feast gives the answer: the Holy Spirit. The gift of God — His very life — the third person of the Trinity, is the Spirit who animates the entire Church and each member of it. He makes us one-in-love in a way that utterly exceeds human capacity. For example, he makes the apostles speak with tongues of fire, and everyone hears them in his own native tongue. The Holy Spirit is the means by which Jesus establishes a new family, one that crosses all possible boundaries of time, space, and culture. The Holy Spirit never tires in enthusing us for mission.

Aren't we longing to experience the Holy Spirit in a fresh way? Today we celebrate this untiring flame, once ignited on earth and burning still. So, we humbly cry out: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in us the fire of your love!

— Father John Muir



Pentecost Sunday • John 15:26-27: 16:12-15

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Legion of Mary members will bring the Pilgrim Virgin to your home and will lead prayers including the Rosary. The statue of Mary will stay at your home for a week and is picked up by a Legion of Mary member and move on to the next family.

If you would like Mother Mary to visit your home, please scan the QR code provided here or contact us at sfroberson1@gmail.com. Thank you and may Jesus and Mother Mary bless you and your family.

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Like a stool that cannot stand on two legs alone, we need the Holy Spirit. The third Person of the Trinity is the puzzle piece whose testimony completes the beautiful picture of salvation. Let us never fail to say: come, Holy Spirit!



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May 25 & 26

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Observances for the week of May 19, 2024

- Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday
- Monday:** Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
- Tuesday:** St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
- Saturday:** St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin
- Next Sunday:** The Most Holy Trinity



Pentecost

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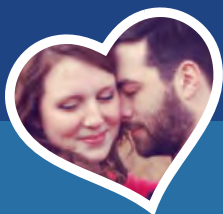


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Support can absolutely make a difference. Let's do what we can to never let a woman feel so alone and desperate as to abort her child. Awareness of the numerous resources available to women and couples who find themselves too overwhelmed to carry through with pregnancies can quite possibly save a life. Donating and volunteering at these various organizations in our local area will be concrete ways to build a Culture of Life.

PREGNANCY CLINICS / MEDICAL CLINICS

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Horizon Pregnancy Clinic: Numerous services including mobile clinics. 714-897-7500 or text to 657-204-6507. <https://www.horizonpc.org>

La Habra Life Center: Licensed medical clinic offering pregnancy related services. 562-691-9395. <https://lahabralifecenter.org>

Santa Ana Life Center: Mentors/ walks with mothers, provides/refers for needed services. 714-835-5433. <https://www.lifecenterofsantaana.org>

Options United: A 24-hour hotline that can connect anyone in the US to their local pregnancy help centers. 877-398-7734. <https://www.optionsunited.com>

SHELTER / HOUSING / FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Precious Life Shelter: Emergency, transitional and single parent efficiency program providing for pregnant women with no place to live. 562-431-5025 <https://www.preciouslifeshelter.org>

Casa Teresa: A program-based shelter for pregnant women in crisis who are 18 or older. 714-538-4860 <https://casateresa.org>

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FOSTER CARE / ADOPTION SUPPORT

Orange County - Adoption and Foster Care
<https://www.ssa.ocgov.com/adoptfoster-care-youth-services>

Olive Crest - Adoption and Foster Care
<https://www.olivecrest.org/orange-county/>
714-543-5437

Holy Family Services (Adoption & Foster Care)
<https://hfservices.ladiocese.org/>
1231 E. Chapman Avenue Fullerton, CA 92831
714-680-6100

POST-ABORTION HEALING

Orange Diocese - Hope and Healing After Abortion
<https://rcbo.org/ministry/office-for-family-life/topics/pastoral-care/hope-healing-after-abortion/>
800-722-4356

Rachel's Vineyard
A powerful weekend retreat for healing held in various times and places across the United States.
www.rachelsvineyard.org.
877-HOPE-4-ME (877-467-3463).

PRAYER / SUPPORT

40 Days for Life. An internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses. www.40daysforlife.com

We Were Born Ready. Born Ready is the California Catholic Conference's forum to empower, equip, mobilize, resource Catholics to fulfill their baptismal call to serve women, children, and families, especially women in difficult and unexpected pregnancies.
www.wewerebornready.com

Knights of Columbus. The largest Catholic fraternal organization in the country has committed \$5 million to support pro-life pregnancy centers across the country through a program called ASAP (Assistance and Support After Pregnancy). www.kofc.org

Respect Life. RespectLife.org is a project of the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities. The Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, under the guidance and direction of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, works to teach respect for all human life from conception to natural death, and organize for its protection. To serve this goal, we develop resources on pro-life topics in support of the Church's mission to proclaim that every human life is a precious gift from God. www.respectlife.org

California Catholic Conference. The CCC is the official public policy voice of the Catholic Church of California. They advocate with policy makers and the public to advance the Catholic vision of human life and dignity. All are encouraged to be a part of the CCC's "Action Alerts" to receive updates on legislative activities that might require the Catholic voice to be heard.
Cacatholic.org/action-alerts

This list can be found on our website at stmirvine.org

