

# 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

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** 



\* Livestreamed Masses

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

Rev. Kiet Ta Parochial Vicar Chinese Chaplain Parochial Vicar Emeritus Weekend Assistants Deacons

### Rev. Eugene J. Lee Rev. Francis Li Rev. William Krekelberg Rev. Joseph Horn, O Praem Rev. Joseph Justice Deacon Tony & Mrs. Mary Patronite Deacon Tin & Mrs. UyenLan Nguyen Deacon Leonard & Mrs. Nancy Sun Deacon Bernie & Mrs. Pam Ocampo †Rev. John E. Janze

#### **Office Information:**

Office: After-hours emergency: Fax: **Religious Education:** Youth Ministry:

949-551-8601 949-551-8601 ext. 7 949-551-5879 949-551-8029 949-551-8602

**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm

Founding Pastor

# May 21, 2023

- Mt 28:19-20



Rest in Peac



Nick Victoriano, Jr.

Monday, May 22nd after 8:00am Mass and will end before Mass the following day

### **Collections and Expenses** 5-8-23 to 5-14-23

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$20,007	\$8,868	\$28,875
Maintenance Fund	\$675	\$75	\$750
Other income	\$24,733	\$3,582	\$28,315
Total income	\$45,415	\$12,527	\$57,942
	Regular Expenses		\$57,583
Believe & Grow Capital Campaign	\$5,110	\$2,950	\$8,060

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!



Sat 5/20	4:00pm 6:00pm	Deacon Tin Nguyen Joonsik and Peter Kang
Sun 5/21	9:30am 11:30am 1:00pm	PRO POPULO MOTHERS DAY NOVENA Steven Cabagnot †Ramon Mireles †Michael Haley †Nick Victoriano †Ruben Olaes †Francis Xavier Hung Tran †Juliana Pontillas †Helen Justino Chris Gonzales
Mon 5/22	8:00am	MOTHERS DAY NOVENA
Tues 5/23	8:00am	Fr. William Krekelberg
Wed 5/24	8:00am	Fr. Joseph Justice
Thurs 5/25	8:00am	Deacon Tony Patronite
Fri 5/26	8:00am	Felipa M. Bartolome
Sat 5/27	8:00am	†Emiteria M. Bartolome †Luis Sicat †Dan Hassett



<sup>†</sup>Paul Tri Nguyen Special Intentions of Prayer Partners Ministry

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Flory Aguilar Mary Amato Eddie Anderson Froy Becerra Carole Caplett Tiffany Cazares Valerie Cazares Amy Cooney Victor Cota Beata Durdovic Kathy Ellis Joseph Franco Tony Galati Marco Gama Anthony Gaona Susie Giannantonio Alina Gram Tina Halberg CJ Hassett Doug & Kathie Hibbard Julissa Huerta Brooke Huismans Sharon Jones Richard & Elizabeth Kulas Jacqueline Lamm Kevin Lee Patrick Lee Dolly Lewis Jack Light Stephanie Lozano Annie Mabus Ross Meador Christy Miller Jim Miller

Virginia Miller Elena Monico Linda Moore Sharon Morley Ernie Natividad James Natividad Susan Nakagama Karen Norton Aileen Perez Dave Perry Jerry & Evie Pilkington George Quitoriano Paula Jane Ramirez Guadalupe & Enrique Rivas Donna Rohrer Eileen Rossi Ann Rupp Norma Santiago Haseen Sarpas Jack Scharff Susan Shadley Devon Sherwood Mark Stannard Tara Summers Irene Tan Forest Toney Nicanor Victoriano Jr. Jesus Villanueva Raymund Villanueva Roger Wells Kristine and Brandon Williams Michele Wills Les Wong

Please email <u>bulletin@stmirvine.org</u> to add a name. Names will be included for one month, if requested.

# SPIRIT RENEWS HIS CHURCH ST. THOMAS MORE HOLY SPIRIT SEMINAR

**Evenings: 7 - 9 PM** 

Sat, May 20 Sun, May 21 Fri, June 2 Sat, June 3 Sun, June 4

Fr. Ben Tran Dc. Steve Greco Fr. Ben Tran Dc. Steve Greco John Moran

every day

ALL IN!



ST. THOMAS MORE

# Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Traditionally, the four writers of the Gospels are symbolized by four creatures that make their way into Church art and architecture: Matthew, an angel; Mark, a lion; Luke, an ox; and John, an eagle. These images can be found in churches across the world, a nod to those who recorded the stories of Jesus for us, thousands of years ago.

Today's Gospel was written by John. There are a few reasons why John is symbolized by an eagle, but my favorite explanation is that his writings soar like an eagle into the sky with their beautiful, poetic language. The prayer we hear today is no different — Jesus invokes God in a long discourse that might seem mystifying at times, the same way that a poem can be perplexing to understand when we are unfamiliar with the pacing or format.

Consider holding onto the shortest sentence in this prayer: "I pray for them."

Jesus prays for us. For me. For you.

Let that sink deep into your being.

Jesus is on your side. He is aware of what you are holding at this moment. He is aware of your pain, your faith, your mission. And He's rooting for you. This prayer was recorded thousands of years ago, far before you were born. Since before you were born, you were held in prayer. With that certainty, we live.

— Father John Muir



#### CONFIRMATION

WED 7PM

#### **Confirmation Registration**

Registration for Confirmation Classes will open up at the beginning of June. If you have any questions about registering or would like any additional information, please email Abraham@stmirvine.org

#### YOUTH MINISTRY

SAT 8AM

#### **Steubenville West Youth Conference**

This high-energy youth conference where thousands of high school teens are invited to encounter Jesus Christ through dynamic speakers, engaging music, the Sacraments, small group discussions, and fellowship with other teens. The conference is being held July 14-16 in Tucson, Arizona. For more information please contact abraham@stmirvine.org

CONFIRMATION

WED 7PM

Confirmation Class Schedule. C2: Sun 5/21, Wed 5/24

YOUTH MINISTRY

MON 7PM

#### **Bible Study**

Confirmation classs may be almost over but God is still calling you to pursue Him! Join us Monday, May 8th for the return of our High School Bible Study. They start at 7pm in the Hall! See you there



**The Library Corner** The Parish Library will be open today from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

On Thursday, May 16th, the Catholic Church celebrates the solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord, which is observed on the following Sunday. The feast has been celebrated on the fortieth day after Easter since the fourth century and is a Holy Day of Obligation. This feast commemorates the day that Jesus Christ ascended into heaven, with two angels, in the presence of His Mother Mary and the Disciples. The ascending angels promise that, 'Jesus, who was taken up from you into Heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into Heaven'. The Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ shows us that now Heaven is open for us, that He would send the Holy Spirit and that the work of His Church has begun. The liturgy of Ascensiontide, through the 10 days to Pentecost, is marked by our joy in the final triumph of the risen Lord. This feast is important to Catholics because it shows that Jesus really had overcome death and He wasn't just resurrected to die again, but to live forever with us in Heaven. This is our Catholic faith.



# Sunday, May 21st



# Pancake Breakfast 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 & STM Parish Needs

# Observances for the week of May 21, 2023

Sunday:	The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day	
Monday:	St. Rita of Cascia, Religious	
Thursday:	St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin	
Friday:	St. Philip Neri, Priest	
Saturday:	St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop	
Next Sunday:	Pentecost Sunday	







Iraq - Afghanistan Missile Crisis Korea Vietnam WWII Fr. John Remembrance Poster





Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you."

JOHN 17:1



# Why should I become a registered member of STM?

If you are attending Mass on a regular basis at St. Thomas More, we invite you to engage with us. Registered parishioners enjoy these benefits:

- STM offers opportunities and support as you journey in faith, through praying, serving, giving, learning and belonging.
- Registered parishioners receive important updates throughout the year so that you can keep up-to-date on important parish news.
- Registered parishioners receive preference when choosing dates for celebrations such as weddings or funerals.
- Other parishes often request verification of a person's status as a practicing Catholic, attendance at Mass, etc., when that person has been asked to be a Godparent or Sponsor. Without registration, no such verification can be made.
- Your Sunday offerings are confidentially recorded by parish staff for proof of donation for tax purposes.

Registering with St. Thomas More Catholic Church is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.

Register today online at <u>www.stmirvine.org</u> or call the parish office at 949-551-8601.





We have exciting news! St. Thomas More is transitioning to a new online giving platform to better service our parish family. All currently registered parishioners will be receiving a letter in the mail explaining the new platform and the steps needed to set-up your account. Setting up a recurring gift for your parish donations is a great way to support our parish as it allows us to better budget and reduce our mailing costs.

It also benefits you, our wonderful parishioners:

- No need to have cash or check on hand at Mass.
- No need to receive quarterly offertory envelopes.
- Able to manage all your donations and recurring gifts.

To set up your account and start your online gifting through our new platform, *ParishSOFT Giving*, please <u>choose one</u> of the following steps below:

- Giving.ParishSOFT.com/app/giving/stmirvine OR
- Text "Give" to (949) 919-5494 OR
- Scan the **QR code**

For Questions? Please email giving@stmirvine.org



Awards of up to \$1,500 for STM seniors who have been accepted to a Junior College or Four Year College in the Fall of 2023.

To enter, submit form and essay (typed, double spaced, with 500 words maximum) answering the question:

"What community or church activity have I participated in that I am most proud of and why?"

Deadline: Tuesday, May 30th at 5:00pm in the parish office

Forms available in the STM office lobby or can be downloaded from stmirvine.org For more information, please contact <u>deaconbernie@stmirvine.org</u>





Who can be an Altar Server?

- Children 4th Grade and above
   Received First Holy Communion
- Adults are welcome to join
- Addita the watcome to join



Please register for Training using the QR Code

### New Altar Server Training Saturday, June 3 at 11:30AM - 12:30PM

Any questions? Please contact Mary Jane Rin(Altar Server Coordinator) at maryjanearin@gmail.com





Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. -Matthew 7:2



HOW CAN WE phay FOR YOU TODAY?



# Around the Diocese...

### Morning of Recollection

I Want to see God Rediscover the Joy of Contemplation

SAINT HEDWIG 11482 Los Alamitos Bivd. Los Alamitos, CA 90720

### June 10th

8:30 AM Mass
9 AM Refreshments in the courtyard
9:30 AM - 12 PM Talk in the Church

Presented by Dr. Christina Y. Chan, OCDS

We will reflect on the value of being attentive to the presence of God in the ordinary experiences of life. We will discuss how to pray and how to live in a way that cultivates experiencing reality as a mode of experiencing God's presence. Dr. Chan has lived her vocation as a consecrated single laywoman and a member of the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelite (OCDS). She has served local Catholic parishes in multiple pastoral roles including catechist, youth minister, addiction healing minister, prison minister, choir, and eucharistic minister.

## Volunteer with Meals on Wheels OC!

Approximately 25% of older adults in Orange County live alone, possibly without the resources we take for granted. You can enhance an older adult's welfare, help them stay living in the home they love, and lessen the loneliness many of them face each day. Volunteer positions are available Monday-Friday and can take as little as one hour per week.

#### Home Delivered Meals Drivers:

Deliver a nutritious meal and a friendly check-in

Lunch Café Volunteers: Serve hot lunches to older adults at a nearby senior center

Friendly Visitors/Callers: Dispense cheer and companionship over the phone or in-person

Available positions vary by location. Visit https://www.volunteermatch.org/search/org77157.jsp or

scan this QR code to view current opportunities.



Questions? Contact volunteer@mealsonwheelsoc.org





### **Orange Diocese Magnificat Prayer Breakfast**

Hosted by Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapter

Saturday, June 3, 2023 9:30am to 12:30pm Cultural Center, Christ Cathedral Guest Speaker: Fr. Pat Crowley



"Rise up in splendor! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See darkness covers the earth and thick clouds cover the peoples, but upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears His glory" -Isaiah 60:1-2

Questions – contact Lourdes at 714-624-6561 or <u>ocmagnificat3@gmail.com</u>



You are invited to attend Estate Planning Seminars at St. Cecilia Church 1301 Sycamore Avenue, Tustin, CA 92780

## Monday, June 5 9:30am - 11:00am OR 6:30pm - 8:00pm

#### Sessions will be held in the Parish Hall

At the seminar, you will learn how to protect and provide for your loved ones, avoid probate, provide a Catholic perspective on health care directives, how to choose your trustee and power of attorney, what is needed to update or create an estate plan, will, living trust and more.

Participants will receive a FREE no obligation consultation

If you would like to reserve your spot, please call (714) 544-3250.

Reservations appreciated, but not required.

For any questions, please email PlannedGiving@OrangeCatholicFoundation.org

# ST. THOMAS MORE MINISTRIES

### Liturgy Support

I	Liturgy Support		
I	Altar Servers	Mary Jane Rin	(9) 627-7125
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I	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Jerry Donaldson	(9) 552-5485
I	Lectors	Ed Ferguson	(951) 313-4942
I	Music Director, Including Wedding Music	Keith Rattay	(9) 551-8601
I	Sacristans	Pam Ocampo	(9) 468.6704
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	Sacraments		
	Baptism Coordinator	Windy Lozano	(9) 551-8601
I	Confirmation	Abraham Villela	(9) 551-8602
I	First Communion	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
I	First Reconciliation	Barbara Catiller	
I			(9) 551-8029
I		Deacon Bernie & Pam Ocampo	(9) 468-6604
I	Marriage Case Support	Contact office	(9) 551-8601
I	Marriage Encounter	Mike & Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
I	Wedding Coordinator	Marcella Maurer	(9) 551-8601
	Service		
I	Bereavement	Rosie Muñoz	(9) 551-8601
I	Children's Homeless Lunch Ministry	Kim Lee	(7) 293-8987
I	Chinese Community	Deacon Leonard Sun	(7) 932-1689
I	Corazon	Norma Jean Womack	(9) 903-1472
I	Filipino Community		(9) 307-7479
I	Grief Share Ministry	Mernie Empalmado	
I		K.C. Riley	(7) 875-8126
I	Hispanic Ministry	Victor Cota	(9) 400-7743
I	Homeless Lunch Ministry	Jessica Silva	(9) 294-2875
I	Knights of Columbus Council #13111	Mike Smith	(9) 300-1913
I	Respect Life	Chris Gonzales	(9) 551-8601
I	Safety Ministry	Fred Simon	(310) 508-5053
I	STM Veterans	Sgt. Bob Kohler	(9)552-1895
I	St. Vincent de Paul	Bill Chacon	(9) 331-1020
I	Vietnamese Ministry	Huan Le	(7) 261-9893
	Young Ladies Institute	Cathy Wachtel	(9) 857-5037
	Spiritual Development		
	Adult Faith Formation / Bible Study	Tara Reynaud	(9) 551-8601
I	Christ Renews His Parish	Tony Patronite	(9) 307-6215
	Devotional Life Committee	Julie Whiteside	(7) 615-7205
	Cursillo	Susan Navarrete	(9) 345-9130
	Legion of Mary	Trisha Smith	(7) 473-3714
	Library	Sam & Diana Adams	(7) 321-2405
	Life Teen – High School & Young Adults	Abraham Villela	(9) 551-8602
	More Moms	Krystal Padley	(9) 551-8601
	Prayer Partners	Mary Cope	(7) 900-0632
		Barbara Catiller	
	Religious Education		(9) 551-8029 (7) 832 1770
	Spanish Bible Study When Women Bray	Teresa LeMire	(7) 832-1770
	When Women Pray	Paula Hines	(7) 746-1802

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