



# 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:  
Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm  
Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm  
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Youth Ministry: 949-551-8602

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## 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Peace I leave  
with you; my peace  
I give to you."  
- Jn 14:27a

May 25, 2025

# WELCOME TO STM!



Pedro Chavez  
Rose Falbo  
Dale Muhlenkamp

## PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Flory Aguilar	Nilda A. Medalle
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Paul Curran	Pierette Senoski Powell
Chaz Decoteau	Jacqueline Claire Poznoski
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Cecelia Duzynski	Ryan Quinn
Jamael Edwards	George Quitorian
Nina Leones Espino	Paula Jane Ramirez
Maria Fernandes	Al & Elizabeth Rangitsch
Ted Fliller	Guadalupe Rivas
Tony Galati	Jose Guadalupe Rivera
Marco Gama	Celsa Roberti
Anthony Gaona	Donna Rohrer
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Lauren Leal	Michele Wills
Brielle LeMire	Andy Zelinko
Joseph Manglona	Joe & Judy Zwetow

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# MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 5/24 4:00pm The Vu Family  
6:00pm PRO POPULO

Sun 5/25 8:00am Gabby Nault  
Dorian Reis  
Mary Clair & Robert Jensen  
†Veronica Solis  
†Joby Bachour  
†Anton Hermanto  
†Charlie Stricklin  
†William Marino  
†Rainfredo Bugarin

9:30am Charlie Shake  
11:30am †Robert Simon D'Souza  
1:00pm †Gloria Zaragoza Solis  
3:00pm †Ping Li Liu  
5:00pm Fr. Joe Justice

Mon 5/26 8:00am †Jackson Scharff  
6:00pm †Peter Thuan Nguyen

Tues 5/27 8:00am Fr Joe Justice  
6:00pm †Paul Tri Nguyen

Wed 5/28 8:00am Anne Nguyen  
6:00pm Hayley Moore

Thurs 5/29 8:00am †Denise Borruel  
6:00pm †Philip Quigley

Fri 5/30 8:00am †Evelyn Cervantes  
6:00pm †Tom Teranishi

Sat 5/31 8:00am †Richard Lombardi  
†Mike Michalek



Sophia Cole  
Joseph Dela Cusack  
Aileen Meraz Garcia  
Jesse Gonzalez  
Carson Pruner

## Collection and Expense Report 5/12/25—5/18/25

TOTALS			EGIVING TOTALS		
COLLECTION	\$	16,622.85	COLLECTION	\$	17,153.00
MAINTENANCE FUND	\$	383.00	MAINTENANCE FUND	\$	225.00
OTHER INCOME	\$	8,282.65	OTHER INCOME	\$	2,768.03
	TOTAL	\$ 25,288.50		TOTAL	\$ 20,146.03

Campaign Collection: \$ 8,790.77  
Campaign EGIVING: \$ 48,239.38

Weekly Expenses: \$ 22,198.74  
Weekly Campaign Expenses: \$ 10,250.00



# ANNIVERSARY MASS

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 St. Thomas More courtyard.*

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

  
ST THOMAS MORE CHURCH

*25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of  
Priestly Ordination*



Rev. Thomas Quốc Trần

*25 Năm Hồng Ân Thiên Chức Linh Mục*

"Love God, and do whatever you please:  
love God and do whatever you like:  
because when a soul loves God,  
that very love teaches it  
to avoid everything that displeases God  
and to do everything that pleases Him"  
St. Augustine



25<sup>TH</sup> ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY  
FR. THOMAS QUOC TRAN

Tickets are available  
this weekend  
in the courtyard.

*25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of  
Priestly Ordination*  
Rev. Thomas Quốc Trần

**Saturday, June 14, 2025**

**4 PM**

**Thanksgiving Mass**

**Thánh Lễ Tạ Ơn**

St. Thomas More Church

51 Marketplace

Irvine, CA 92602

**Friday, June 13, 2025**

**7 PM**

**Celebration Dinner**

**Tiệc Mừng Tri Ân**

**A Nine-Course Dinner Menu**

White Palace Restaurant

15351 Brookhurst St.

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**\$60**

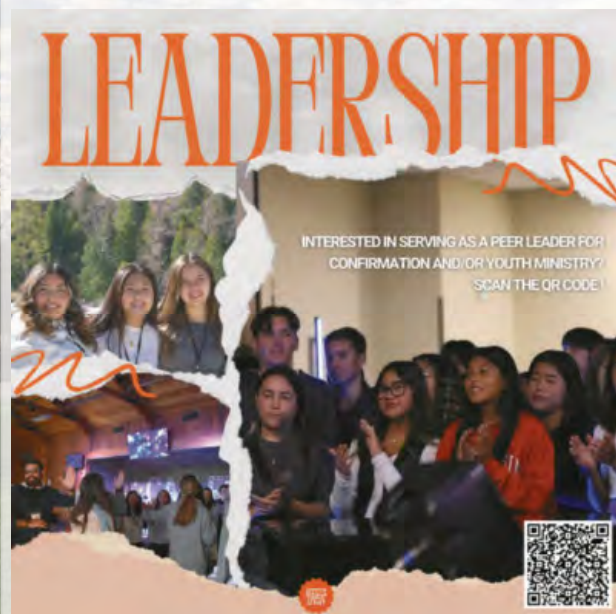
This ticket admits one person to the celebration dinner



# CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Upcoming Youth Nights: 6/22, 7/20

Recently Confirmed and on fire for Jesus and His Church?! Scan the QR Code and fill out the Leadership Interest form by May 28th if you're ready to take your faith a step further! We need young Catholics like YOU to serve in Confirmation and Youth Ministry!



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped cook, serve meals, cleanup, and donated food and baked goods for our Youth Night Dinners! With your help, we provided over 800 meals and created a warm and welcoming environment for our teens. We are deeply grateful for your time, energy and generosity!

Youth Bible Studies will resume in June, we look forward to seeing you there! We'll go over the readings for the upcoming Sunday's Mass and grow with one another in fellowship & community!

*Prayer*  
Partners Supporting Others  
with Prayer

On [stmirvine.org](http://stmirvine.org)



- 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



# R.E.P. CORNER



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



## SUMMER VBS NEWS— TRUE NORTH—



Trusting Jesus in a Wild World  
is scheduled for the week of  
July 14<sup>th</sup>—July 18<sup>th</sup>!!

Kody, Earnest, Bruce and all the rest of the VBS Bible Buddies are excited to announce registration is NOW OPEN & ON-LINE!!

Please visit [rep.stmirvine.org/VBS](http://rep.stmirvine.org/VBS) to register your campers or teen volunteers!

Also, we really need some creative adults who can help us transform our parish into a beautiful, Northern wilderness campsite!

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



"If you say the Holy Rosary every day, with a spirit of faith and love, Our Lady will make sure she leads you very far along her Son's path."

St. Josemaria Escriva

*Come Pray with Us!*

STM SFC



STM Small Faith Communities







# 2025 Knights of Columbus Essay Contest!



Class of 2025 High school graduates at STM who have been accepted to a Junior College or Four Year College could win an award of up to \$1,000 by simply writing an essay of 500 - 700 words.

The deadline for Essay submissions is Monday, June 9th by 5pm.

Entry forms with details can be found on the QR Code and Parish website.

Please contact Vincent Smith with any questions at  
[Vincent.smith@cox.net](mailto:Vincent.smith@cox.net)



Knights of Columbus Council 13111



## Five First Saturdays Devotion Begins June 7, 2025

Come join us every first Saturday beginning with the 8 am Mass and stay after to make the First Saturday devotion.

Here is what is involved:

The Five First Saturdays Devotion is a request by Our Lady of Fatima to make reparation for the sins against her Immaculate Heart. It involves

- attending confession (within 8 days before or after the First Saturday),
- receiving Holy Communion,
- praying five decades of the Rosary, and
- Meditating for 15 minutes on the Mysteries of the Rosary, all on the **first Saturday of five consecutive months.**

Our Lady promises to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation for those who fulfill these practices. To learn more, pickup a handout at Church for more information on the First Saturday Devotion requested by Our Lady of Fatima.





## CONGRATULATIONS

NEWLY CONFIRMED!

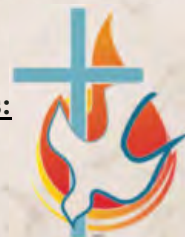
Jaiden Allam  
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Aviana Delgado  
Austin Diaz  
Ian Diaz  
Keira Diesner  
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Caleigh Dobbin-Requejo  
Avery Empalrado  
Aulani Erazo  
Kaitlyn Fields  
Joaquín Figueroa

Isabel Fletcher  
Joshua Florido  
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Ethan Fortner  
Grecia Unique Garcia  
Leanna Garcia  
Madison Gonzalez  
Noah Hagerstrand  
Colin Hart  
Lucas Hernandez  
Caitlyn Hok  
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Denise Horta  
Matteo Huarte  
Luca Imperiale  
Montserrat Iniguez  
Ariana Iyer  
Maddison Juarez  
Kenneth Lansigan  
Aubrey Lee  
Leila Mancini  
Abhay Mascarenhas  
Kaya Mayo  
Julian Mendez  
Syler Mercado  
Reagan Mike  
Ava Montero  
Adriane Morales  
Annika Navarro  
Grace Nguyen  
Hannah Nguyen  
Jonathan Nguyen  
Micah Nguyen  
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Ava Sunga  
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Maxwell Taylor  
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Sejal Thumma  
Nora Tran  
Paul Uriarte  
Enrique Vicente  
Margarita Vicente  
Anthony Vitarella  
Jacquelyn Vu  
Ashlyn White  
Joseph Woore  
Joseph Wraith  
Samantha Wu  
Kaitlyn Wynne  
Tiffany Yu  
Cassidy Zalameda  
Dylan Zalameda

### First Communicants:

Austin Diaz  
Aulani Erazo  
Kaya Mayo



*We are grateful for the Confirmation Program and all the catechists and parents for preparing the students for the Sacrament of Confirmation.*





**MEMORIAL DAY**  
CELEBRATE • HONOR • REMEMBER

In observance of the holiday,  
the parish office will be closed on  
**Monday, May 26th**  
For emergencies, call (949) 551-8601 ext. 7



STM Veterans Ministry  
Memorial Day Poster Display  
May 24 & 25

We remember and honor our Clergy and STM Veterans!




**PRAY FOR THE 7 GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**  
**9 days**  
Begins: Friday May 30  
Ends: Saturday June 7

**ASCENSION**  
The Apostles and Mary prayed for 9 days after the Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven. On the 10th day they were filled with the GIFTS of the Holy Spirit.

**PENTECOST**  
Wisdom  
Understanding  
Counsel  
Fortitude  
Knowledge  
Piety  
Fear of the Lord

*The Novena will be prayed after 8 am Mass.  
PRAYER PAMPHLETS will be available at the entrance of the Church or in the Parish office starting on May 24th.*

Jesus said to his disciples: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." - Jn 14:26-27a

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AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE  
*Holy Spirit*

**PENTECOST SPIRIT NITE**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025**  
**BEGINS WITH SUNDAY MASS AT 6:45 PM**



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Music Director, Including Wedding Music	Keith Rattay	(9) 551-8601
Sacristans	Pam Ocampo	(9) 468-6704
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### Parish

Believe and Build Capital Campaign	Lisa VanDorpe	(7) 357-3080
Bulletin Editor	Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Deacons	Tin Nguyen, Leonard Sun & Bernie Ocampo	(9) 551-8601
Facilities Manager	Ed Ferguson	(9) 551-8601
Hospitality/Donut Ministry	Fr. Thomas Tran	(9) 551-8601
Parish Business Manager	Mireya Moreno	(9) 551-8601
Parish Office Manager	Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Welcoming Committee	Vince Salico	(7) 389-7726

### Sacraments

Baptism Coordinator	Maggy Gall	(9) 551-8601
Confirmation	Gerry Ordiano, Jr.	(9) 551-8602
First Communion	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
First Reconciliation	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)	Deacon Bernie & Pam Ocampo	(9) 468-6604
Marriage Case Support	Contact office	(9) 551-8601
Marriage Encounter	Mike & Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Wedding Coordinator	Marcella Maurer	(9) 551-8601

### Service

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Chinese Ministry	Deacon Leonard Sun	(7) 932-1689
Corazon	Norma Jean Womack	(9) 903-1472
Filipino Ministry	Mernie Empalmado	(9) 551-8601
Grief Share Ministry	K.C. Riley	(7) 875-8126
Hispanic Ministry	Victor Cota	(9) 400-7743
Homeless Lunch Ministry	Jessica Silva & Kim Lee	(9) 294-2875 (7) 293-8987
Knights of Columbus Council #13111	Vincent Smith	(9) 551-8601
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Safety Ministry	Franck Reynaud	(7) 906-7569
STM Veterans	Sgt. Bob Kohler	(9) 552-1895
St. Vincent de Paul	Rick Lamoreux	(9) 331-1020
Vietnamese Ministry	Huan Le	(7) 261-9893
Young Ladies Institute	Rhonda Kersting	(7) 292-8251

### Spiritual Development

Adult Faith Formation	Tara Reynaud	(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
Cursillo	Susan Navarrete	(9) 345-9130
Devotional Life Committee	Julie Whiteside	(7) 615-7205
FOCUS	Steven Debolt	(9) 382-4324
Holy Spirit Prayer Team	John Moran	(7) 401-4728
Legion of Mary	Trisha Smith and Janeth Ostowari	(7) 473-3714 (9) 307-2716
Library	Suzanna Lathrum & Romali De Souza	(9) 551-8601
Life Teen – High School & Young Adults	Bella Magetti & Hayley Moore	(9) 551-8602
More Moms	Rosanna Iseri Novia	(9) 354-2547
Prayer Partners	Mary Cope	(7) 900-0632
Religious Education	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Small Faith Communities	Denyse Gagnon	(7) 501-7848
Spanish Bible Study (Bible Focused Formation)	Teresa LeMire	(7) 832-1770
When Women Pray	Paula Hines	(7) 746-1802

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





## Devotions, Explained!

Our Lady of Perpetual Help is both a title of the Blessed Mother as well as a corresponding icon that dates to the late Middle Ages, both of which present Mary as a source of strength and comfort for Christ and his followers.

## Prayer for Peace

Fill us with Your peace, Lord, as you promised in Your word.  
Peace in our comings and goings,  
Peace that You are working and moving,  
Peace for what has happened, the places we find ourselves today, and in the future to come.  
Amen.



The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for St. Thomas More would like to thank all the parishioners who donated to our ministry in the first quarter. Without your support, we would not have been able to provide much needed assistance to families to keep families in their homes, or keep their water, gas, or electricity services turned on. In addition, we help them secure food through our food pantry, which is open the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from 12:00 to 1:00 pm at the back of the church.

For the quarter ending March 31<sup>st</sup>, we deployed \$6,085 in rental assistance to help nine families with housing needs, and we deployed \$1,915 to help five families pay their utility bills. Additionally, we served an average of fifty families at each of our Food Pantries by partnering with Second Harvest of Orange County and supplementing their deliveries at a cost of roughly \$2,100 a month, which is up from ~\$1,700 a month last year.

We were blessed with \$9,050 in donations from our parish community, which helps us tremendously as we head into spring and summer. So, thank you again. Without your donations, we wouldn't have been able to provide this assistance.

If you're interested in learning more about the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and how we help those in need, please call 949-331-1020 or email us at [volunteer@svdpstm.org](mailto:volunteer@svdpstm.org). If you'd like to donate, you can do so through the e-giving portal on the church website.

Thank you so much and God bless.

Rick Lamoreux, President,  
Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
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The following is where the Drexel Route is passing through in our diocese:

**June 18:** Our Lady of Fatima, JSerra High School, Mission Basilica San Juan Capistrano (overnight)

**June 19:** St. Thomas More, Holy Family (Orange), St. John Maron, Christ Cathedral (overnight)

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