



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/English

3:00 pm Chinese/English

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

Saturday Confessions: 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Baptisms and Marriages: contact the office for details



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

Founding Pastor

Parochial Vicar Emeritus

Weekend Assistants

Deacons

Rev. Eugene J. Lee

Rev. Kiet Ta

†Rev. John E. Janze

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

Office Information:

Office:

949-551-8601

After-hours emergency:

949-551-8601 ext. 7

Fax:

949-551-5879

Religious Education:

949-551-8029

Youth Ministry:

949-551-8602

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm



AS HE BLESSED THEM
HE PARTED FROM THEM
AND WAS TAKEN UP TO HEAVEN.

LUKE 24:51

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 29, 2022



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).
Psalm — 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 Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23.
Gospel — As Jesus blessed his disciples he parted from them and was taken up to heaven (Luke 24:46-53).

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Memorial Day

In observance of the holiday, the parish office will be closed on
Monday, May 30th
 For emergencies, please call
(949) 551-8601 ext. 7

STM Veterans Ministry
 Memorial Day Patio Poster Display
 Sat. May 28 & Sun. May 29, 2022

Cold War - Desert Storm
Iraq - Afghanistan
Missile Crisis
Korea
Vietnam
WWII

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 5/28	4:00pm	Majkoski-Nguyen Family
	6:00pm	†Maria Tam T. Dang
Sunday 5/29	8:00am	†Eugene O'Toole
	11:30am	Pro Populo
	5:00pm	†Fr John Janze
Monday 5/30	8:00am	Teresa Harris
Tuesday 5/31	8:00am	†Nelda Ortiz
Thursday 6/2	8:00am	†Dan Hassett
Saturday 6/4	8:00am	Baby Johanna Harris



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord;
 World Communications Day
Monday: Memorial Day
Tuesday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday: St. Justin
Thursday: Ss. Marcellinus and Peter
Friday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions;
 First Friday
Saturday: First Saturday;
 Shavuot (Jewish observance) begins at sunset

Why do you stand looking at the sky?

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 Msgr. Timothy J. Doyle Council #13111 St. Thomas More

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, July 21, 2022

17TH ANNUAL GARY E. HARTMAN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT


Join us for Golf or Dinner

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Questions? Contact Gordon Walters gordonwalters11@gmail.com


Today's theme on the readings: SENT FORTH

Today we celebrate Jesus' return to heaven. If we struggle to know how to feel about this event, we take our cue from Jesus' disciples. These disciples are first-hand witnesses to the Ascension, returning afterward to Jerusalem, where "they were continually in the temple praising God." Long-time companions of the Lord, they surely feel the pain of physical separation from Jesus. Yet they praise God continually. They accept God's plan, looking forward to the day when Christ will come again. As our reading from Hebrews affirms, Christ will return to "bring salvation to those who eagerly await him." This Good News is almost too much to take in; the Acts of the Apostles explains that an angel has to wake the disciples from their stupor, reminding them to start the Lord's work. Today's readings are our own angel, sending us forth in joyful hope. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Rest in the Love of Christ

Elsie Natividad



Reflection Question:



Why is the Ascension a cause for joy?

Collections and Expenses
5-9-22 to 5-15-22

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$16,104	\$7,782	\$23,886
Maintenance Fund	\$200	\$109	\$309
Other income	\$27,643	\$1,983	\$29,626
Total income	\$43,947	\$9,875	\$53,823
Regular Expenses		\$46,168	
Believe & Grow Capital Campaign	\$5,367	\$14,725	\$20,093

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!



The Young Ladies Grand Institute's Annual Baby Shower

Saturday and Sunday, June 11th and 12th

The ladies from YLI Holy Angels #247 will be outside of the Church after all of the Masses to collect baby items for Casa Teresa in Orange. Your donated baby items (new and gently used), diapers, and/or monetary contributions are very much appreciated.

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING

Flory Aguilar	Tina Halberg	Chui Wong Mar	Norma Santiago
Bob Catiller	Julissa Huerta	Elena Monico	Michele Wills
Javier Dominguez	Ken Hughes	Ernie Natividad	Mike Winchester

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

Confirmation & Youth Ministry

Congratulations to our newly Confirmed students!

May the power of the Holy Spirit guide
you as you live out your Catholic Faith.

*"Whether you turn to the right or to the left,
your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying,
"This is the way; walk in it." -Isaiah 30:21*

Lucia Adrian	Katie Ho
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Federico Campagnola	Santiago Lopez
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Trey Canalita	Liam Maccabe
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Emma Chang	Nicholas Martinez
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Jack Crain	Kevin Miyashiro
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Gabriel Haskell	Keira Vu
Gabriel Hernandez	Chloe Vu
Sofia Hernandez	



R.E.P. CORNER



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



SUMMER VBS NEWS!!!



MONUMENTAL

Celebrating God's Greatness

is scheduled for the week of

June 27—July 1, 2022!!

Howell, Quincy 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 monument canyon!



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



The Library Corner

Seventh Sunday of Easter



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

Today, I would like to confer with you about one of the greatest
Catholic Church leaders of our times. Yes, I am talking about St
John Paul II. The Parish Library has an excellent book titled,
'Lessons in Hope', authored by George Weigel. George shows a
deeply humane portrait of a saint with a fresh insight into the heart,
soul and mind of John Paul II. This is a great book for anyone
seeking a fuller and more personal understanding of a world
changing pope who touched millions of lives far beyond the
Church. What this great servant of God had offered to the world,
in the face of great suffering, is astounding, especially over the
chaos of post-Second Vatican Council Catholicism and the drama
of the Cold War's conclusion. Saint John Paul II was truly one of
our most holy and humble popes.

2022
class of
CONGRATULATIONS!

St. Thomas More would like to recognize and congratulate all of our graduates!

PRAYER FOR GRADUATES

Heavenly Father,
Surround those who are graduating with your grace.
Bless them with hope so that they move into the future with eager and open hearts.
Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and insights gained through their education to use for the good of all humankind.
Inspire them to believe in the goodness of life even when faced with challenges and difficulties.
As they commence with their lives, may they grow ever more grateful and wise.
All of this we ask in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son. Amen.



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NEW BIBLE STUDY! *Psalms: The School of Prayer*

At the heart of the Bible are the Psalms, prayers from God that help us learn to pray. The Holy Spirit inspired them. Israel sang them. Christ himself prayed them, as did our Blessed Mother. These sacred hymns become our heartfelt response to God's loving and wondrous deeds for us. Their words captivate the imagination and draw us into a deeply personal encounter with God.

Join us for *Psalms: The School of Prayer*, our brand new Saturday Bible Study. This study will show us all how to better establish a deeply personal dialogue with God through the Psalms. Participants will view a video during the week and meet via Zoom every Saturday morning at 9AM for a lively group conversation and fellowship.

To register, contact Deacon Tony at deacontony@stmirvine.org

PRAYER OF THE WEEK The Ascension of the Lord

At the Mass during the Day
Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God,
and make us rejoice with devout
thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ
your Son is our exaltation,
and, where the Head has gone before in
glory, the Body is called to follow in hope.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

**I AM
WITH
YOU
ALWAYS**



SUGGESTED PLENARY INDULGENCE OF THE MONTH MAY 2022

PRAYERS TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

A PLENARY INDULGENCE is granted the Christian faithful who

1. devoutly recite the Marian rosary in a church or oratory, or in a family, a religious community, or an association of the faithful, and in general when several of the faithful gather for some honest purpose;
2. devoutly join in the recitation of the rosary while it is being recited by the Supreme Pontiff and broadcast live by radio or television.

FR. EUGENE'S COMMENTARY & SUGGESTION

May is the Month of Mary. Here at St. Thomas More Catholic Church we pray the rosary Monday to Saturday after the 8 am Mass. We will also have a "Mary's Night" on Friday, May 13 (the Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima) beginning with Holy Hour at 6 pm. During Mary's Night we will honor in a special way the Queen of Heaven and we will pray the Rosary. Families are especially encouraged to attend this beautiful evening, and most especially families are urged to pray the Rosary together frequently.

CONDITIONS FOR RECEIVING A PLENARY INDULGENCE

1. Do the prescribed work.
2. Receive Holy Communion within several days (before or after) of the indulgenced act.
3. Go to confession within several days (before or after) the indulgenced act
4. Pray for the Pope. An Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be can suffice.
5. Be free from attachment to all sin, even venial sin.
6. OTHER NOTES: • In order to be capable of gaining indulgences one must be baptized, not excommunicated, and in the state of grace (free of mortal sin) at least at the completion of the prescribed works. • To gain an indulgence, one must have at least the general intention of doing so and must carry out the enjoined works at the stated time and in due fashion, according to the sense of the grant. • Plenary indulgences can be applied to one's self, or to a person who has died. • Only one plenary indulgence may be obtained per day. • A single sacramental confession suffices for gaining several plenary indulgences; but Holy Communion must be received and prayer for the intention of the Holy Father must be recited for the gaining of each plenary indulgence. • Special exceptions can always be made for those who are sick or disabled in which case please inquire with the priest.



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Fr. Eugene Lee

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SUNDAYS: August 28, September 11, & September 18

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STM'S Easter Wish List

Your donations please!

STM needs some major upgrades to get our infrastructure up to par! We need your help!

If you are or someone you know is a vendor who can sell or donate to us quality products at a discounted rate, please let us know! Or if you know people who can help us with installation, please let us know!

** Please do NOT drop off any donated items at the parish without first clearing it with our Communications Director, Steve Rin.

We would not be asking for these if we did not believe that these upgrades will clearly help improve the quality of the services we provide here at STM. If you would like a more detailed explanation of each item below, please feel free to speak with Steve Rin or Fr. Eugene.

Please email Steve Rin at steve@stmirvine.org before making a donation!

Livestream Equipment

- Encoder box for livestream stability and scheduling: \$3,500
- Annual Livestream Cloud Subscription: \$1,200
- Wireless Audio/Video Transmitters: \$750 each (need 4)
- Digital Switchboard: \$1,000
- Remote controllable camera system: \$6,500

Courtyard Audio System - \$10,000

Additional Speakers, Control Panel, Audio inputs, Wireless mics, Installation

Office Technology Upgrades

- Main Office Copier/Printer: \$19,000*
- REP Copier/Printer: \$3,300*

- Computer System Upgrades (15 systems): \$25,000*
Monitors and Computers

- Phone System Upgrade (20 units): \$5,200*

Church Audio/Visual Upgrades and Installation

- Digital Soundboard for Choir and AV Room: \$10,000
- New Church microphone system: \$4,500
- Additional Projector and Screen: \$6,500

Wireless DMX Wash Lights \$2,900

Security Surveillance Camera System \$20,000

* already purchased, however donations still welcome



St. Thomas More Ministries



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Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Jerry Donaldson	(9) 552-5485
Lectors	Tara Reynaud	(7) 925-9992
Music Director, Including Wedding Music	Keith Rattay	(9) 551-8601
Sacristans	Pam Ocampo	(9) 468.6704
Ushers	Frank Ornelas (9) 857-9044	Joe Martin (9) 385-3741

Sacraments

Baptism Coordinator	Windy Lozano	(9) 551-8601
Confirmation	Abraham Villela	(9) 551-8602
First Communion	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
First Reconciliation	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)	Contact office	(9) 551-8601
Marriage Case Support	Contact office	(9) 551-8601
	Mary Patronite	(9) 551-8601
Marriage Encounter	Jim & Cheryl Skudlarski	(9) 551-9156
Marriage In The Lord	Meredith & Keith Rattay	(9) 559-6464
Wedding Coordinator		

Service

Bereavement	Rosie Muñoz	(9) 551-8601
Children's Homeless Lunch Ministry	Kim Lee	(7) 293-8987
Chinese Community	Deacon Leonard Sun	(9) 932-1689
Corazon	Norma Jean Womack	(9) 903-1472
Filipino Community	Mernie Empalmado	(9) 307-7479
Grief Share Ministry	K.C. Riley	(7) 875-8126
Hispanic Ministry	Frank Ornelas & Victor Cota	(9) 857-9044
Homeless Lunch Ministry	Jessica Silva	(9) 294-2875
Knights of Columbus Council #13111	Ed Francis	(858) 229-2490
Respect Life	Chris Gonzales	(9) 551-8601
STM Veterans	Sgt. Bob Kohler	(9) 552-1895
St. Vincent de Paul	Bill Chacon	(9) 331-1020
Vietnamese Ministry	Huan Le	(7) 261-9893
Young Ladies Institute	Mary O'Leary	(9) 305-6810

Parish

Believe and Grow Together Campaign	Lisa VanDorpe	(7) 357-3080
Bulletin Editor	Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Building Committee	Keith Rattay	(9) 551-8601
Deacons	Tony Patronite, Tin Nguyen, Leonard Sun & Bernie Ocampo	(9) 551-8601
Hospitality/Donut Ministry	Deacon Tony Patronite	(9) 307-6215
Parish Business Manager	Stephanie Miller	(9) 551-8601
Parish Office Manager	Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Welcoming Committee	Vince Salico	(7) 389-7726

Spiritual Development

Adult Faith Formation / Bible Study	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Life Teen – High School & Young Adults	Abraham Villela	(9) 551-8602
Religious Education	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Christ Renews His Parish	Tony Patronite	(9) 307-6215
Cursillo	Susan Navarrete	(9) 345-9130
Legion of Mary	Trisha Smith	(7) 473-3714
Library	Sam & Diana Adams	(7) 321-2405
Spanish Bible Study	Teresa LeMire	(7) 832-1770
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puts on ADVERTISED clothes
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of ADVERTISED coffee
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