



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:

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Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm

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HE WAS
TAKEN UP TO
HEAVEN.

— LUKE 24:51 —

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

June 1, 2025

WELCOME TO STM!



Please pray for all the priests in the
Diocese of Orange as they will be
on retreat this week.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Flory Aguilar	Nilda A. Medalle
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Elaine Chiou	Ben Pataray
Michael Collins	Sharon Pataray
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Mary Rose Del Mundo	Donna Publico
Cristina Dulce	Sandra Quezada
Cecelia Duzynski	Ryan Quinn
Jamael Edwards	George Quitorianio
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Maria Fernandes	Al & Elizabeth Rangitsch
Ted Fliller	Guadalupe Rivas
Tony Galati	Jose Guadalupe Rivera
Marco Gama	Celsa Roberti
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Lauren Leal	Michele Wills
Brielle LeMire	Andy Zelinko
Joseph Manglona	Joe & Judy Zwetow

Email bulletin@stmirvine.org to add a name to be included for one month

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 5/31	4:00pm	Priscilla Vu
	6:00pm	Brandon & Zachary
Sun 6/1	8:00am	PRO POPULO
	9:30am	†George Schnitzer
		†Dan Donaldson
		†Wade Grimm
		†Joseph Lui
		†Rose Falbo
		†Emerita Batan
		†Christo Mary
		Cole Curtis
	11:30am	Fr. Eugene Lee
	3:00pm	†Mr. Jachin & Mrs. Anna Tu
	5:00pm	Jimmy Rocha
Mon 6/2	8:00am	†Mike Michalek
	6:00pm	Gisela Gonzalez
Tues 6/3	8:00am	Fr. Thomas Tran
	6:00pm	Communion Service (Priests on Retreat)
Wed 6/4	8:00am	Steven DeBolt
	6:00pm	Communion Service (Priests on Retreat)
Thurs 6/5	8:00am	Fr. Joseph Justice
	6:00pm	Communion Service (Priests on Retreat)
Fri 6/6	8:00am	Steven Tran
	6:00pm	Deacon Bernie & Pam Ocampo
Sat 6/7	8:00am	†All Souls in Purgatory
		The Nault Family

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Father, they are your gift to me." This is what Christ says of his disciples. It is what he says of us. "I wish that where I am, they also may be with me." Do we have the courage to be where Christ is? Can we be the gift?

Collection and Expense Report 5/19/25—5/25/25

TOTALS			EGIVING TOTALS		
COLLECTION		\$ 17,742.35	COLLECTION		\$ 9,217.00
MAINTENANCE FUND		\$ 32.00	MAINTENANCE FUND		\$ 50.00
OTHER INCOME		\$ 1,169.65	OTHER INCOME		\$ 3,291.32
	TOTAL	\$ 18,944.00		TOTAL	\$ 12,558.32

Campaign Collection:	\$ 5,514.03
Campaign EGIVING:	\$ 29,950.80

Weekly Expenses:	\$ 69,645.28
Weekly Campaign Expenses:	\$ 0.00



ST THOMAS MORE CHURCH

*25th 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



25TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY
FR. THOMAS QUOC TRAN

Tickets are available
this weekend
in the courtyard.

*25th Anniversary
of*

Priestly Ordination

Rev. Thomas Quốc Trần

Saturday, June 14, 2025

4 PM

Thanksgiving Mass

Thánh Lễ Tạ Ơn

St. Thomas More Church

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Friday, June 13, 2025

7 PM

Celebration Dinner

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A Nine-Course Dinner Menu

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This ticket admits one person to the celebration dinner



**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.**

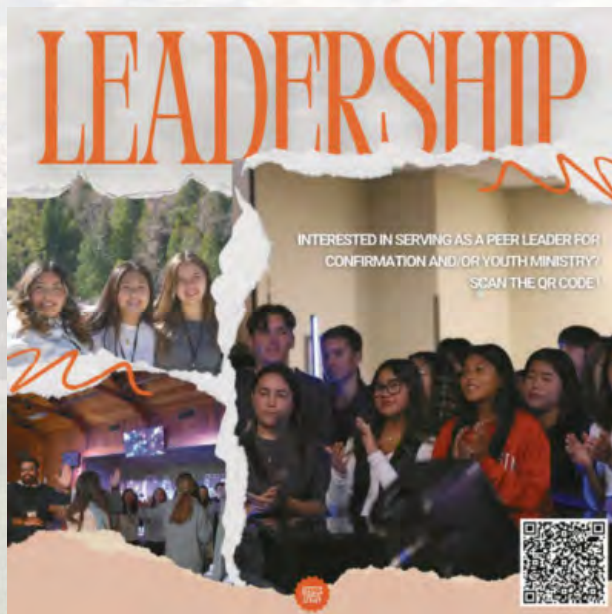
Our Lady promises to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation for those who fulfill these practices.

To learn more, pickup a handout at Church for more information on the First Saturday Devotion requested by Our Lady of Fatima.

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!

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 14th—July 18th!!

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

Please visit stmrep.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.



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- **Become a Prayer Partner** – Pray for the Intentions once a week
- **Enter** Prayer Intentions
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- View and **Pray** for the Online Intentions



There is a tremendous strength that is growing in the world through sharing together, praying together, suffering together, and working together.

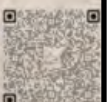
— Mother Teresa —

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FROM THE AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE



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.



PRAY FOR THE 7 GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

9 days

Begins: Friday May 30
Ends: Saturday June 7



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.

VENI, CREATOR SPIRITUS

A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who devoutly assist either at the recitation or solemn singing of the Veni Creator, either on the first day of the year to implore divine assistance for the course of the whole year, or on the solemnity of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest, and in our souls take up Thy rest; come with Thy grace and heavenly aid to fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

O comforter, to Thee we cry, O heavenly gift of God Most High, O fount of life and fire of love, and sweet anointing from above.

Thou in Thy sevenfold gifts are known; Thou, finger of God's hand we own; Thou, promise of the Father, Thou Who dost the tongue with power imbue.

Kindle our sense from above, and make our hearts o'erflow with love; with patience firm and virtue high the weakness of our flesh supply.

Far from us drive the foe we dread, and grant us Thy peace instead; so shall we not, with Thee for guide, turn from the path of life aside.

Oh, may Thy grace on us bestow the Father and the Son to know; and Thee, through endless times confessed, of both the eternal Spirit blest.

Now to the Father and the Son, Who rose from death, be glory given, with Thou, O Holy Comforter, henceforth by all in earth and heaven. Amen.



AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE
Holy Spirit

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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



Knights of Columbus Council 13111

ST. THOMAS MORE MINISTRIES

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First Communion	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
First Reconciliation	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
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St. Vincent de Paul	Rick Lamoreux	(9) 331-1020
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Young Ladies Institute	Rhonda Kersting	(7) 292-8251

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Bible Study (Bible Focused Formation)	Margaret Cunningham	(7) 552-8711
Christ Renews His Parish	Steve Hastert & Stacey Howmann	(7) 319-9947 (9) 939-0998
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Legion of Mary	Trisha Smith and Janeth Ostowari	(7) 473-3714 (9) 307-2716
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Prayer Partners	Mary Cope	(7) 900-0632
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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

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"Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied."
Luke 6:17

Questions of the Week

First Reading:

As Stephen was being martyred, we hear how he forgave those who were stoning him to death. When have you found it hard to forgive someone?

Second Reading:

The Book of Revelation (and the entire Bible) concludes with John's prayer of petition: "Come, Lord Jesus!" Is there something you really need from the Lord?

Gospel:

Jesus speaks of believers as God's gift to him. What gift might you offer this week to a family member or friend?

Observances for the week of June 1, 2025

- Sunday:** The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day
- Monday:** Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
- Tuesday:** St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
- Thursday:** St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
- Friday:** St. Norbert, Bishop
- Next Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday

PRAYER AFTER MEALS

Devotions, *Explained!*

Though it is a less common practice in the modern world, early Church fathers like Tertullian and St. Jerome extolled the importance of praying after a meal, an action meant to inspire an attitude of thanksgiving and an acknowledgment of our dependence on God.

Prayer of Christian Unity

Help us to be one, Lord Jesus, as you prayed to the Father.
Gather us all to you, diverse in culture, gift, call, way of life, and perspective.
May the love we have for you overflow into the love we have for each other.
Amen.

THE CHURCH IS LIKE A
GREAT SHIP BEING
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OF LIFE'S DIFFERENT
STRESSES. OUR DUTY IS
NOT TO ABANDON SHIP
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—ST. BONIFACE

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1700th Anniversary of the NICENE CREED

THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2025 • 7PM – 9PM

Join us for an evening marking the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed. On Thursday, July 10, Fr. Hugh Barbour, O. Praem., will speak on the Creed's roots, its lasting place in the Church, and how it continues to unite Christians in the faith we proclaim.

This free event is hosted by the Office of Ecumenism & Inter-Religion of the Diocese of Orange. It will be held at the Pastoral Center in the 4th Floor Auditorium.



FR. HUGH BARBOUR
O. Praem.

Fr. Hugh Barbour, O. Praem., is a Norbertine of St. Michael's Abbey in Silverado, California. He grew up in South Pasadena and is a convert from the Episcopal Church. After earning a bachelor's degree in classics from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Fr. Hugh entered St. Michael's in 1962 and was ordained a priest in 1990. He earned a license in patristic theology at the Augustinianum and a doctorate in philosophy at the Angelicum in Rome. He has taught philosophy at St. Michael's to the Abbey's junior professed seminarians studying for the priesthood since 1992 and was prior of the abbey from 1995 until 2017. Fr. Hugh has been active over the years in weekend parish ministry and in giving talks and retreats; he has served as chaplain of the St. Thomas More Society of Orange County and as censor deputatus of the Diocese of Orange, and he is a knight commander of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre. Since September 2017, he has been serving as a chaplain at Catholic Answers.

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2025 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

St. Katherine Drexel Route:
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As part of the three-year National Eucharistic Revival in the United States, the Diocese of Orange is honored to host pilgrims traveling the St. Katharine Drexel Route that will pass through our diocese on **June 18 to 20**. All ages and walks of life are welcome to this extraordinary opportunity to encounter Jesus with daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Eucharistic processions and witness talks. Here in Orange County, it will start at Our Lady of Fatima parish and end at Christ Cathedral.

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)

June 20: Transfer to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in the morning