

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

* 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

TEXT TO GIVE: (949) 919-5494







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. Eugene J. Lee

Rev. Kiet Ta Parochial Vicar Chinese Chaplain Rev. Francis Li

Parochial Vicar Emeritus Rev. William Krekelberg Weekend Assistants Rev. Joseph Horn, O Praem

Rev. Joseph Justice

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†Rev. John E. Janze Founding Pastor

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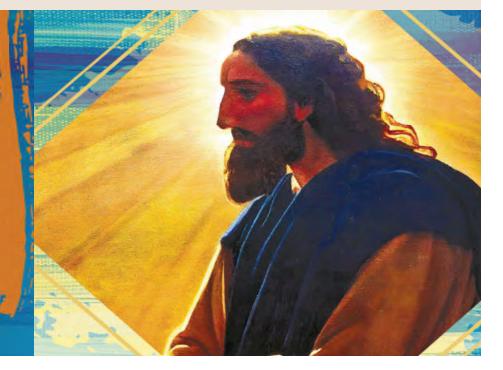
Office Hours:

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

June 25, 2023

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." - Mt 10:31-33







Ismael Herrera Susan Nakagama Scott Schiel

Baptisms Welcome to God's Family

Caleb LaBarbera Madison LaBarbera Olivia LaBarbera Seth Martinez Leo Nghiem Caleb Wang



Collections and Expenses 6-12-23 to 6-18-23

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$16,067	\$11,046	\$27,113
Maintenance Fund	\$124	\$90	\$214
Other income	\$8,065	\$3.012	\$11,077
Universal Church	\$8,311	\$115	\$8,426
Total income	\$32,567	\$14,263	\$46,830
	Regular Expenses		\$64,309
Believe & Grow Capital Campaign	\$210	\$6,680	\$6,890

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!

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 6/24 4:00pm Sophie Nguyen

6:00pm FATHERS DAY NOVENA

Sun 6/25 8:00am Fr Angelus Echeverry

Lander DeQuiroz

Joelle Choi

Angela & Victor Franco

Rick Cabral

†Julio & Irene Sinocruz

†Peggy Sperling

†Juliana Pontillas Baby Rosemary Mungia

†Patrick McGuinness 9:30am John and Sue Costello

11:30am FATHERS DAY NOVENA

1:00pm Joonsik Peter Kang

5:00pm PRO POPULO

Mon 6/26 8:00am FATHERS DAY NOVENA

Tues 6/27 8:00am Mike & Lisa Bergler

Wed 6/28 8:00am Joe & Gia Martin

Thurs 6/29 8:00am Fr. Joseph Horn

Fri 6/30 8:00am †Terry Ann Churchill

Sat 7/1 8:00am Johanna Harris

Mary Claire & Bob Jensen †Souls in Purgatory

†Scott Schiel



PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Flory Aguilar	Peter Lu
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Eddie Anderson	Terry & Kathy McGaughan
Sal Baldomar	Ross Meador
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Sofia Cardona	Jim Miller
Carole Caplett	Virginia Miller
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Valerie Cazares	Linda Moore
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Irene A Contreras	Baby Rosemary Mungia
Amy Cooney	Ernie Natividad
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Sebastian de Leon	Karen Norton
Beata Durdovic	Aileen Perez
Kathy Ellis	Dave Perry
Genevieve Emerson	Jerry & Evie Pilkington
Joseph Franco	Donna Publico
Tony Galati	George Quitoriano
Marco Gama	Paula Jane Ramirez
Anthony Gaona	Guadalupe & Enrique Rivas
Susie Giannantonio	Donna Rohrer
Alina Gram	Eileen Rossi
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Brooke Huismans	Susan Shadley
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Sharon Jones	Tara Summers
ichard & Elizabeth Kulas	Irene Tan
Jacqueline Lamm	Jesus Villanueva
Kevin Lee	Raymund Villanueva
Patrick Lee	Roger Wells
Dolly Lewis	Kristine and Brandon Williams
Jack Light	Michele Wills
Stephanie Lozano	Les Wong

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

thank you

A SPECIAL NOTE FROM REV. KIET TA

"Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

Four years ago, I was assigned to STM to live a wonderful life of discipleship and ministry according to this command. Four years later, I continue to follow this command for another assignment as Parochial Administrator of Our Lady of La Vang Catholic Church in Santa Ana. I will leave this wonderful community and officially begin my new assignment in another parish on Saturday, July 1st.

Therefore, I would like to express my appreciation toward Father Eugene Lee, all the staff, and especially to all of you, the STM family members. For the last four years being with you and joining you in different events, I have been spiritually and joyfully blessed with your love, your care, your support, and your prayer. In every sacred Mass we celebrate together, every spiritual activity we pray together, and every wonderful year we walk together, you always make me feel that we are "no longer strangers or sojourners, but fellow citizens"

with the holy ones and members of the household of

God" (Ephesians 2:19).

Surely in the future, we may not see each other as we used to. Yet my love, my spirit and my prayers are always with you and your family. I pray for you to surrender in the Grace of God the Father, the Passion of God the Son, and the Guidance of God the Holy Spirit. I pray for your family to shadow God on the journey of faith and always remain in His protection. I also pray sincerely for the success of our church building and the development of our community.

On the other hand, I ask for your prayer, especially for my next assignment and my forever priestly vocation. May the Holy Spirit, through your prayer, always guide me so that I can always remain a "humble, holy, healthy, happy" priest and always "act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with God" (Micah 6:8).

Thank you and God bless!

Sincerely in Christ,

Kiet Ta.









MISSION UPDATE!!!

STELLAR VBS where we "Shine Jesus' Light" blasts off this Monday!!



We still have a few walk-on spots available.

Contact the Religious Education Office at rep@stmirvine.org for information on walk-on opportunities.

Also, please make sure to keep all of the Campers and volunteers on the Crew in your







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

Stay tuned for REP registration information COMING SOON!



The Library Corner

Have you ever encountered the love of the Eternal Father or experienced His intimacy of the Word poured out for us? This majestic voice of love and mercy should resound in our hearts with The Eternal Father is speaking to you. Are you

a certain urgency. The Eternal Father is speaking to you. Are you listening? You are invited to experience this revelation in a book at the STM Parish Library entitled, 'The Gift of the Eternal Father', authored by Kathleen Beckman. Kathleen has assembled thirty-five encounters of the intimate conversations on the passionate exchange of sacred mystical experiences. Each encounter is deeply inter-woven in the Trinitarian doctrine which is profoundly Catholic and enlivened in the Holy Spirit. The theme of this book revolves around the paschal journey beginning with Passion Sunday and ending with the Feast of Pentecost. In these turbulent and disheartening times in the life of the Church, these encounters (revelations) are particularly meaningful. As St Paul said, 'that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. And may the eyes of your hearts be enlightened'. The Parish Library will be open today from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Fr. Thomas Tran will be joining us as Parochial Vicar on July 1, 2023



ABOUT FATHER THOMAS TRAN:

He was born in Saigon, Vietnam on February 19, 1970, the second oldest of five children. In the midst of the final days of the war, his entire family left Vietnam on April 30, 1975. He was only five years old. In the summer of 1976, he came to America living with a sponsor family in Florida. But, soon thereafter, his father left for Los Angeles in search of work. Once his father was settled, he joined him in Los Angeles where they lived until the summer of 2000. His parents retired and moved to Orange County where they live today.

Fr. Thomas felt the call to priesthood when he was 11 years old and went to Our Lady Queen of Angels High School Seminary in San Fernando. He graduated and then moved on to seminary formation at St. John's Seminary College in Camarillo. During that period of time, he felt that God was calling him to serve Him as a missionary. So in the summer of 1992, he joined the Divine Word Missionaries and became attached to their Chicago Province.

On June 3, 2000, Fr. Thomas was ordained a Divine Word Missionary (SVD) priest in Techny, Illinois. From there, he ministered in Appalachia in West Virginia. His ministry also took him to the Philippines, St. Louis, MO as well as the Outback in Australia.

In 2014, Fr. Thomas returned to the United States and began the process to become a Diocesan priest, here, in the Diocese of Orange. He has served at St. Barbara Parish in Santa Ana as well as St. Anthony Claret in Anaheim, and most recently at Our Lady Queen of Angels in Newport Beach. He looks forward to ministering here at St. Thomas More and becoming part of the wonderful STM family!

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Sing to the LORD,
praise the LORD,
for he has rescued the life of the poor
from the power of the wicked!" (Jer 20:13)

Psalm:

Lord, in your great love, answer me. (Ps 69)

Second Reading:

But the gift is not like the transgression.

For if by the transgression of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many. (Rom 5:15)

Gospel:

"What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul." (Mt 10:28)

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Christ promises to acknowledge us before his Father if we will acknowledge him. In what ways are we called to acknowledge Christ today? In what ways are we tempted to deny him, to distance ourselves from him?

Observances for the week of June 25, 2023

Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor

of the Church

Wednesday: Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr
Thursday: Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles

Friday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman

Church

Saturday: St. Junipero Serra, Priest

Next Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Dear Parishioners of St. Thomas More.

Thanks to all of you who participated in making the Annual Baby Shower on June 10th and 11th such a wonderful success! Members of our YLI Institute Holy Angels #247 delivered two carloads of baby items to Casa Teresa in Orange on June 13th along with a check in monetary donations of \$3,000.00. The parishioners of STM are awesome and your generosity and support are so uplifting! The Casa Teresa staff, the moms, and the little ones send their love and appreciation!

With much sisterly love,

YLI Holy Angels #247



Questions of the Week

First Reading

We hear how the prophet Jeremiah turned to God when he felt alone and attacked. What do you need to pray to God for this week?

Second Reading

Paul taught that through the grace of God, Christ reversed the sin of Adam, which brought death to all. When have you felt God's grace in your life?

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

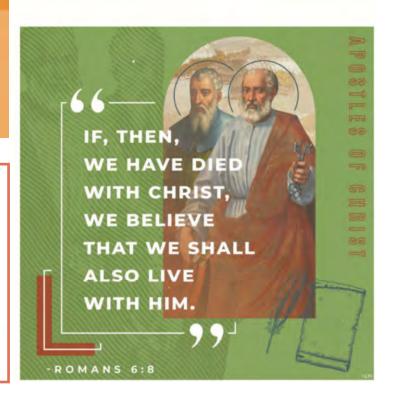
COME JOIN OTHERS WHO UNDERSTAND

Tuesdays 10:00-11:30 AM
April 18 - July 25, 2023
St. Thomas More Parish
Register at GriefShare.org



Gospel Reading

Jesus encourages his disciples not to be afraid. What ae some fears you have that you could turn over to God?





The Parables of Jesus Workshop

DATE CHANGE

last session

Thursday, July 6th

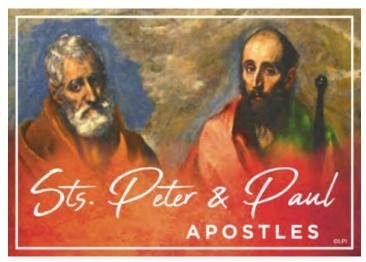
7:00-9:00 PM

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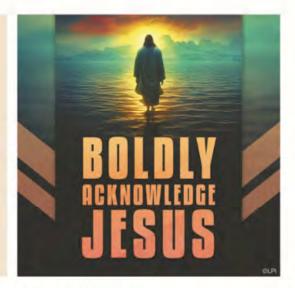








Worship & Meditation



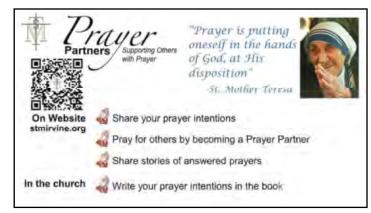
Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

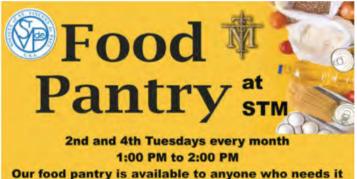
When I was in middle school, there were times I didn't want my fellow students to see my parents drop me off or pick me up in the school parking lot. I was embarrassed of my parents. Why? I have no idea. Maybe it was our station wagon. Or I didn't want to look like a little kid. But in retrospect that was a silly thing to do. I was a kid. And I had two parents who loved me and had built a wonderful family. I was afraid of the other kids' judgment. How silly! I should have been afraid of forgetting or downplaying my family, which is where my identity had its deep roots.

This is a way to understand Jesus' words to his disciples this Sunday, when he says, "Don't be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna." Fear, in this sense, refers to where we find our deepest identity and our highest love. That's why Jesus says next that when we acknowledge him before others, he will acknowledge us before the Father. It doesn't mean we're brash or boastful. But rather we unhesitatingly and humbly embrace our identity as followers of Jesus and children of God the Father. After all, if we love who we are and where we come from, who cares what the other kids think about us?

- Father John Muir







during these challenging times.





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