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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.

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Rev. John E. Janze
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Office Hours by Phone:

The parish office is closed to the public.
Phones are answered during the following times:
Monday-Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm

*When the Sabbath came,
Jesus began to teach
in the synagogue,
and many who
heard him
were astonished.*

Mark 6:2

**FOURTEENTH
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**



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Daily Mass:
Monday – Saturday: 8:00 AM

Vigil Mass Times
 4:00 PM Vietnamese/English
 6:00 PM English

Sunday Mass Times
 8:00 AM English
 10:00 AM English
 12:00 PM Spanish/English
 5:00 PM English

Morning Prayer: Wed & Fri 7:30am to 7:50am
Adoration: Every Friday 6:00pm to 7:00pm
Saturday Confessions: 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Mass will be available online for the sick and homebound on Sundays at 10:00am and Monday-Saturday at 8:00am

For spiritual advisement, please contact the priest to schedule an appointment.

Prayer For Our Nation

God of Justice and Truth
 we ask your blessing on our nation

Thank you for the freedoms we enjoy
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Thank you for the diversity of our people
 and enlarge our capacity for tolerance
 and mutual respect

As we celebrate our independence as
 a sovereign nation, may we also
 celebrate our interdependence

Make us mindful of the blessings of our
 rich and abundant land

May your gracious Spirit inspire us to work
 together to meet the challenges of our times

With all hope, faith and trust in you,
We pray
Amen

Welcome Fr. Eugene!



Join us on the patio after Mass to meet Fr. Eugene and enjoy a treat!

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — They shall know that a prophet has been among them (Ezekiel 2:2-5).
Psalm — Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy (Psalm 123).
Second Reading — I am content with weaknesses and hardships for the sake of Christ (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).
Gospel — “Where did this man get all this? Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?” (Mark 6:1-6a).
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MASS INTENTIONS

Please call the front desk to request a Mass Intention

Monday 7/5	8:00am	Alicia Pinto
Tuesday 7/6	8:00am	Anna Totol
Wednesday 7/7	8:00am	Jon & Lindsay Prosinski
Thursday 7/8	8:00am	†Magdalena Ocampo
Friday 7/9	8:00am	†Manuel Contaoui
Saturday 7/10	8:00am	†Dolores De Los Reyes
	8:00am	Mary & Howard Palter
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	8:00am	†Christa Flynn
	8:00am	Fr. Angelus Echeverry
	8:00am	†Mary Haynes
	8:00am	Warren Samuels
Sunday 7/11	8:00am	Thomas Chong
	8:00am	Helen Leyden
	4:00pm	Dcn. Tin Nguyen
	6:00pm	Susanna Chan & Peter Lu
	8:00am	†Flordeliza Bugarin
	10:00am	Pro Populo
	12:00pm	†Joseph & Rosina Gonzales
	5:00pm	†Maureen Hennessey

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Thomas More Parish,

As I start my new assignment in your beautiful community, I want to express my gratitude to God. I am all yours because I am all Christ's. Ready to learn, ready to lead, ready to rock for Jesus. Fr. John Janze has led this parish to be a loving, warm, and inviting place, and his gentle ways offer to me a living challenge to continue to provide for you steadfast, Christ-like leadership. We must continue to be a Pentecost people, on fire with the Holy Spirit, ready to do our part to set the world on fire with the Gospel. Let us remain united in reverent prayer and sacrificial service.

Let us have fun and let's continue to build our corner of God's Kingdom!

Sincerely In Christ,
Father Eugene

Collections and Expenses

6-21-2021 to 6-27-21

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$12,992	\$6,695	\$19,688
Believe & Grow	\$548	\$552	1,101
BGT- Phase 2	\$1,110	\$986	\$2,096
Building Fund	\$3,910	\$587	\$4,497
Other income	\$3,985	\$1,705	\$5,691

Regular Expenses	\$20,800
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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, Building 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!**



Rest in the Love of Christ

Caden Wenner



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33

Sunday: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 [1:3-10]; Mk 6:7-13



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Life Teen Bible Studies continue to meet on Mondays at 7pm in Room 3. We always go over the readings for the following Sunday's readings. We hope to see you there!

Endless Summer Life Nights are on Wednesdays at 7pm in the Courtyard of the church. Below are the list of dates for the summer Life Nights:

- June 23 - Summer Kick Off
- June 30 - Movie Night
- July 7 - STM Serve Day
- July 14 - Carnival Day
- August 4 - the Grand Finale "STM's Got Talent"



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Confirmation Classes for the 2020-2021 year are now over. Thank you to all our catechists who made this year a success despite the struggles of the pandemic. We appreciate you!

Confirmation Registration for the 2021-2022 will open July 1, 2021. Please visit STMIRVINEYM.ORG to register.

Confirmation Catechists are needed for next year's classes. If you have a heart for the young people of the parish and want to help in the sharing of our Catholic faith, please email Abraham@stmirvine.org.

R.E.P. CORNER



ALL ABOARD!!!



ROCKY RAILWAY VBS

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REP Registration News

We are so excited that REP is returning to in person classes this Fall, and registration is NOW OPEN!!



Please visit: rep.stmirvine.org to register your students in Grades K-8.

Please contact the REP Office with any questions.

For any questions, call the REP Office at (949) 551-8029.

The Library Corner

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Happy Independence Day

The St Thomas More Parish Library staff would like to wish all our parishioners a Happy 14th Sunday in Ordinary time. The Library will be closed until further notice.

The gospel of Mark today tells us how the people of Nazareth denied the truth that Jesus was the Christ, the Messiah, with their irrational opposition to Him. This reaction by the Nazarenes was a foreshadow of the later reaction of the Scribes and Pharisees. The Pharisees, even in their wickedness, were putting into action God's plan for mankind. Such enemies of Christ are still among us. As Catholics, we have been tasked to continue His mission of leading to heaven all men and women through the truth of Jesus Christ. Have a Happy Independence Day!

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St. Thomas More will begin a brand new Saturday Bible Study on **June 5th at 9:00 AM**

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GET TO KNOW FR. EUGENE LEE

Fr. Eugene was born in Philadelphia on June 1, 1974. His parents immigrated from Korea. He grew up in Long Beach, CA from about 4 years old. He attended Bethany Baptist School in Long Beach from kindergarten to eighth grade. He has fond memories of this school, especially the creative and engaging ways in which they taught about the Bible and preached. His freshman and sophomore years were at St. John Bosco High School in Bellflower and then he transferred to Woodrow Wilson High School which was much closer to his home (and was co-ed!). Fr. Eugene majored in English at California State University in Long Beach. As he was graduating college, he began to more intensely discern his calling to the priesthood. He went to Korea from December of 1997 to July of 1998 to study Korean, to find his roots, and to explore life. After returning from Korea, Fr. Eugene entered St. John's Seminary in the fall of 1998. He studied there for 2 years before transferring to Mount Angel Seminary in Oregon. His one-year internship was at St. Bonaventure Church in Huntington Beach, and his deaconate assignment was St. Pius X Church in Portland. He was ordained as a priest on June 12, 2004.

His first assignment was Our Lady Queen of Angels in Newport Beach where he served for five years. Simultaneously, he also led the Korean community which used to be based at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Irvine (but is now Our Lady of Peace Korean Catholic Center located at the former property of St. Thomas More). Next, he was assigned as the associate director (like a parochial vicar) at St. Thomas Korean Catholic Center in Anaheim for 3 years.

Fr. Eugene's home parish is Korean Martyrs Catholic Center in Westminster where he received his faith formation as a child and became very involved during his young adult years. He attributes this church as where he received his salvation, where he met Christ and where he found his vocation. He received his First Communion, his Confirmation and did his first Mass at this parish. By God's blessings, the Bishop assigned Fr. Eugene years later to be director (pastor) at his home parish, where he has been for the past nine and half years.

His father, Nicholas, was a physician (an OBGYN) for 42 years practicing at Long Beach Memorial Hospital and St. Mary's Medical Center in Long Beach. His mother, Sue, was the office manager at her husband's practice for many years. He has a younger sister, Bonnie, now married with 3 daughters, and a younger brother, married with 3 sons and a daughter.

Fr. Eugene's baptism name and patron saint is St. Justin the Martyr and apologist. His all-time favorite movie is Braveheart (1995). He loves to cycle, tinkers with tennis, and thinks eating is a chore. He has a small dog named Mocha, a shih-tzu who he has had for almost 11 years and absolutely adores! He prefers to vacation in nature than in cities. His favorite saints are, St. Peter Julian Eymard, St. John Paul II, St. Peter the Apostle, and St. Joseph and most especially our Blessed Mother Mary with whom he maintains an abiding devotion. He has been profoundly impacted by the apparitions at Fatima (1916). He loves the pilgrimage to the Holy Land and has gone on mission trips to serve in the ghettos of Jamaica about 10 times. He has been the spiritual director for the English-speaking side of the Southern California Korean Cursillo Movement for the past 8 years. He has served in various committees and positions for the Diocese of Orange over the years. He likes fast food too much and needs to get rid of more sugar from his diet! His all-time favorite Bible verse is Hebrews 12:28.

Thank you, Fr. John!

My Dear People,

Thank you for allowing me to serve you at St. Thomas More over the last 25 years. It has been my great joy to be your pastor. I want to thank all of you for the receptions last weekend. I appreciate all that everyone did in honor of my retirement. I will be praying for you. Please pray for me too. I look forward to helping out at St. Thomas More, as needed. So this isn't a good-bye, just see you soon!

In Christ,
Fr. John Janze






EXCITING VBS NEWS

CAMPER & VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION NOW OPEN ON-LINE AT:

rep.stmirvine.org/VBS
or contact the REP Office at (949) 551-8029

FEAST OF FAITH Little Mysteries

Two small rites—or, as one liturgist has called them, “little mysteries”—accompany the preparation of the gifts. The priest or deacon takes a small cruet of water from the server and adds a drop of water to the wine. Then, after the elevation of the chalice (and the incensation, if incense is used), the priest washes his hands. Both of these actions were at first practical, matter-of-fact realities: in the ancient world the wine was usually quite thick, and was generally mixed with water before it was drunk. And in the early church, when the faithful brought forward a great variety of gifts at this time, there was a definite need for the presider to wash his hands! But now these rites serve a purely symbolic function. The mingling of the water and wine is accompanied by a prayer that speaks of the wonderful exchange of the Mass, the mingling of Christ’s divinity and our humanity. And as the priest washes his hands, he prays words of supplication from Psalm 51, acknowledging his own sinfulness in the presence of the assembly before he dares to approach the altar for this most sacred action. —Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Independence Day
 Monday: St. Anthony Zaccaria; St. Elizabeth of Portugal
 Tuesday: St. Maria Goretti
 Friday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

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St. Maria Goretti
 Young Italian girl who refused to submit to the impure advances of a boy and prayed for him and forgave him even after he stabbed her.

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July 6



Independence Day

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Many who heard Jesus
were astonished. They said,
“Where did this man get all this?
Is he not the carpenter,
the son of Mary?”

MARK 6:2,3

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 4, 2021

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In the Sunday Lectionary, the first reading is usually chosen from anywhere in the Hebrew Bible to tie together with the Gospel. Currently, the second reading is from Saint Paul's second letter to the Corinthians. Often the second reading is not so closely related to the day's Gospel selection, because those books are read in a more continuous fashion from week to week. But today, all three of the scripture readings go together very well. Ezekiel struggles with the job he is given by the Lord, speaking to a rebellious people. Paul is dealing with a "thorn in his side," that is, the difficulties of his own personal weakness and foibles, and learning to rely on God's grace. Mark's Gospel introduces us to a Jesus who is struggling to be believed and accepted in his native country. In all three passages, the major figures are following the will of God and paying the price of rejection by the community for their efforts.

I DON'T GET NO RESPECT

Years ago there was a popular comedian named Rodney Dangerfield, and he would riff about his family life or his work and his catchphrase was "I don't get no respect!" You knew this refrain was coming, and was part of the punch line, so you waited to hear it and usually laughed or groaned with it. The idea of Jesus being disrespected is a much more foreign feeling. It is easy to forget that Jesus was both human and divine. We can easily romanticize his life and ministry and forget his struggles and the difficulty he had being heard, understood, and respected, especially in his own country. Placed in the larger context of Mark's story, this was very early in Jesus' ministry, and the message he was proclaiming was not what the people wanted to hear. Jesus was not speaking about the Messiah that the Jews were hoping for. Add that together with the fact that people are often hardest on their own. Somehow "local boy makes good" just didn't sit well with them, and they didn't want to have anything to do with Jesus or his message. Jesus was caught off guard by this.

A MESSAGE FOR OUR TIME

There are times when being Catholic, or even being Christian is very countercultural. It used to be you belonged to a parish, and that was your home, based on your geographic boundaries or ethnicity. But now people change parishes depending on pastors, styles of music, or the Mass schedule. In these days of Covid-19, many who stayed away because of social distancing have not yet found their way back. Many never recovered from their disillusionment over the abuse scandals. Others left Catholicism for non-denominational churches, or explored other paths such as Buddhism. Still others consider themselves "spiritual but not religious" or are labeled "nones." Frequently, families who once sat together every week in church are now scattered all over the spiritual spectrum. In the face of all this, let us pray for the strength of Ezekiel to continue to preach our faith by the lives we live, despite everything in our culture that rebels against religion. May we have the wisdom of Paul to persevere despite our weaknesses and the thorns in our side. And like Jesus, may we always find the faith we need to endure, even when those around us do not.

TODAY'S READINGS

Ezekiel 2:2-5
Psalm 123:1-2, 2, 3-4
2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Mark 6:1-6