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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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Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm
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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Jesus summoned
the Twelve
and began to
send them out
two by two
and gave them
authority over
unclean spirits.

Mark 6:7



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.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We are so excited that our Masses are opening up and our parishioners are returning to our lively parish!

If you are feeling called to serve in one or more of our ministries, please send an email with your contact information to volunteer@stmirvine.org

Welcome Fr. Eugene!

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Amos said, “The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people” (Amos 7:12-15).
 Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).
 Second Reading — The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3-14 [3-10]).
 Gospel — Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two (Mark 6:7-13).
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MASS INTENTIONS
Please call the front desk to request a Mass Intention

Monday 7/12	8:00am	†Al Spellmire
Tuesday 7/13	8:00am	Bonny & Amee Cuevas & Family
Wednesday 7/14	8:00am	Steve & Norma Jean Womack
Thursday 7/15	8:00am	Fr. Joe Justice
Friday 7/16	8:00am	Mary Wong
Saturday 7/17	8:00am	†Helen Santoro
	8:00am	Baby Johanna Harris
	8:00am	†Joseph P. Rivera
	8:00am	†Philemon Quitariano
	8:00am	†Johnson Lezada Lim
	8:00am	†Tony & Gladys Lozano
	8:00am	Ernie Natividad
	8:00am	Estela Hernandez
	8:00am	Lilly Natividad
	8:00am	†Josefa Nieto
Sunday 7/18	8:00am	†Manuel Soriaga
	4:00pm	†Chad Eadie
	6:00pm	Howard & Mary Palter
Sunday 7/18	8:00am	Pro Populo
	10:00am	†Noralyn Reyes
	12:00pm	†Lindsay Pederson
	5:00pm	†Lissette Valenzuela

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Thomas More Parish,

Today's theme on the readings: GOD CHOSE US

Who chose first, God or you? That is the question explored in today's three readings. The second reading, from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, reads almost like a hymn. It praises God for choosing us, for calling us to serve, and for blessing us in our service. Paul makes it clear how honored we are and how special is the call to live as children of God. This is through no doing of our own. The first reading and the Gospel use prose rather than poetry to describe the same truth: God did the choosing, not us. When the prophet Amos was berated for being a prophet, he retorted that the whole thing wasn't his idea in the first place. Neither did the twelve apostles in today's Gospel ask for their calling. Jesus sent them forth, two by two, to do the work of his kingdom.
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Sincerely In Christ,
Father Eugene

Collections and Expenses

6-28-2021 to 7-4-21

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$11,319	\$10,436	\$21,755
Believe & Grow	\$120	\$1,017	1,137
BGT- Phase 2	\$9,193	\$1,539	\$10,732
Building Fund	\$5,341	\$633	\$5,974
Other income	\$12,595	\$785	\$13,380

Regular Expenses	\$50,258
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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!**



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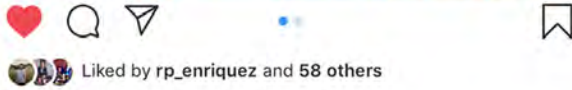
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8;
Mt 10:34 — 11:1
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34;
Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27;
Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15,
16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15;
Mt 12:14-21
Sunday: Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18;
Mk 6:30-34



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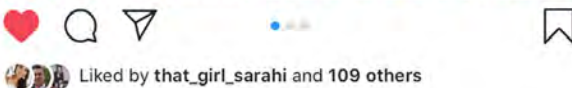


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Life Teen Bible Studies continue to meet on Mondays at 7pm in Room 3. We always go over the readings for the following Sunday's readings. We hope to see you there!

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!

High School Confirmation Registration for the 2021-2022 is NOW OPEN! 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

is pulling into the STM Station July 26th—30th !!
Registration is NOW OPEN! Please visit rep.stmirvine.org/VBS to register your campers or teen volunteers.

Don't miss the train! Space is limited, so sign up TODAY!

You can also use the website to sponsor campers or make donations to our VBS program!



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

The Library Corner
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The St Thomas More Parish Library staff would like to wish all our parishioners a Happy 15th Sunday in Ordinary time. The Library is open today from 9 – 12.

In today's gospel we hear about the mission of the twelve disciples. Jesus chose the more human way of evangelizing people by sending their own people to bring them the message of God. Jesus appointed His disciples to bring the good news of salvation, heaven and the means of how to get there to all of us. As Catholics, we thank God for His love and mercy and for allowing us our free will to choose heaven as our eternal home. Let us also remember in our works and prayers God's other children who still need His divine message.



Considering whether to join the Catholic Community?
Just want to know what it is about from an adult perspective?
Baptized Catholic but not yet Confirmed even though you are an adult?

The parish will offer a series of gatherings to explore our Catholic faith in an adult perspective.

These gatherings focus on the needs of the following groups of people:


- Those wishing to prepare themselves to make an adult choice whether to become a Catholic Christian via Baptism.
- Those who have been baptized as a Catholic or baptized as a member of another denomination and wish to prepare themselves for complete initiation into the Catholic Church through Confirmation and/or First Communion.
- Those Baptized and/or Confirmed as a child but not educated as an adult in Catholic Christianity.
- Those wishing to just find out more about Catholicism from an adult perspective, whether one is already a Catholic or not.

Our first gathering will be on
Sunday, September 12th at 7:30 PM
In the Parish Hall

The first meeting will be focused on organization determining our future meeting days and times.


For more information, please call **Mike Michalek at 949-551-2304.**

If you cannot make the organization meeting, please call or email Mike at michalekm@sprintmail.com to let him know when you are available to attend the sessions.



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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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To register, contact **Deacon Tony at tpat7747@gmail.com**




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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.

Welcome, Fr. Eugene!

Here are a few photos from the welcome receptions last weekend.





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JULY 26TH-30TH**

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Invitation to the Eucharistic Prayer


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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Tuesday: St. Henry
 Wednesday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha
 Thursday: St. Bonaventure
 Friday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

saint snippets



"God gave me a father and a mother who were more worthy of heaven than of earth."
—St. Thérèse of Lisieux

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Jesus instructed the Twelve to take nothing with them but a walking stick - no food, no sack, no money in their belts.

Mark 6:8

CALLED TO BE EXTRAORDINARY

Mother Teresa challenged us to do ordinary things with extraordinary love. Basketball coach Jim Valvano said, "Every single day, in every walk of life, ordinary people do extraordinary things." Sometimes we see extraordinary vocations, such as the child prodigy musician. But usually those whom God chooses to call are reluctant participants who either run from the call or ignore it. Amos tells Amaziah "I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores." He looked after sheep and punched holes in fruit for a living! Now he was being called to prophesy. In Mark's Gospel the apostles are sent out two by two to begin their ministry. Paul takes it further, telling the Ephesians, "In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things." This call goes out to all of us! How are you being called to be extraordinary this day?

TWO BY TWO

Did you ever wonder why Jesus sent them out two by two? Not threes, not groups of four? Perhaps it is just the most practical configuration. Recall that in last week's Gospel Jesus was not accepted in his own town and was astonished by the lack of faith that he found there. The disciples would be too new in their faith to know how to deal with that kind of rejection. With three you always end up two against one. With a pair, the two could support each other emotionally and spiritually, and lift each other up in prayer. When traveling, having a companion was much safer than being on one's own, and if there were treacherous spots in the journey, they could help each other through. If you were begging for lodging, two might be able to get in, while a larger group might not be so fortunate. The Gospel gives no indication of who the partners were, but presumably they were sent in combinations that made each pair the strongest proclaimers of Christ. They were able to drive off many demons and cure illnesses.

SHAKE THE DUST OFF YOUR FEET

Jesus told the pairs of disciples, "Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them." Jesus is preparing the disciples for the experience he had in his home town. This is how you behave when you are not accepted. He didn't tell them to curse them or threaten them, just simply shake off the dust and move on. Rejection is a hard thing for any of us, and Jesus is teaching us how to handle it, as if to say "Pick your battles." This is a good reminder to us all in a time and culture when the climate is so politically charged. Know when it is best to shake the dust and walk away from social media, from an angry word, or from something that won't turn out well. Respond and stay true to your calling.

TODAY'S READINGS

Amos 7:12-15
Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14
Ephesians 1:3-14 [3-10]
Mark 6:7-13

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