

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

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

Parochial Vicar Chinese Chaplain Parochial Vicar Emeritus Weekend Assistants

* Livestreamed Masses

Deacons

Founding Pastor

Rev. Eugene J. Lee

Rev. Thomas Tran Rev. Francis Li 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 †Rev. John E. Janze

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Office: After-hours emergency: Fax: **Religious Education:** Youth Ministry:

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





Rest in Peace Sown "The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and

<u>Collections and Expenses</u> 6-26-23 to 7-9-23 (2 weeks)

understands it." MATTHEW 13:23

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$36,696	\$28,008	\$64,704
Maintenance Fund	\$1,376	\$465	\$1,841
Other income	\$8,347	\$4,390	\$12,737
Total income	\$46,419	\$32,863	\$79,282
	Regular Expenses		\$100,681
Believe & Grow Capital Campaign	\$2,617	\$6,852	\$9,469

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 7/15	6:00pm	Sr. Jeanne d'Arc Salinger
Sun 7/16	9:30am 11:30am	Dheng San Diego Joshua Cabral PRO POPULO Sister Maria Chiara Janeth Ostowari Nick & Elizabeth Flick †Lien Paula Han †Georgina Arca †Francisco Nguyen †Eric Larson
Mon 7/17	8:00am	Tina Le
Tues 7/18	8:00am	Lisa Bergler
Wed 7/19	8:00am	Nguyen-Majkoski Family
Thurs 7/20	8:00am	†Courtney Anne Del Villar
Fri 7/21	8:00am	Rachel & Nik Cinco-Hedde Family
Sat 7/22	8:00am	Fernando Ruiz †Jose Chin Se Toh †Robert Ovadia †Irene Saldana †Nicolas Montaga †Jackson Scharff

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Flory Aguilar Mary Amato Eddie Anderson Sal Baldomar Froy Becerra Sofia Cardona Carole Caplett Tiffany Cazares Valerie Cazares Lou and Nancy Chereny Irene A Contreras Amy Cooney Victor Cota Sebastian de Leon Beata Durdovic Cecelia Duzvnski Kathy Ellis Genevieve Emerson Joseph Franco Tony Galati Marco Gama Anthony Gaona Alina Gram Tina Halberg CJ Hassett Doug & Kathie Hibbard Julissa Huerta Brooke Huismans Maria A. Johnson Sharon Jones Richard & Elizabeth Kulas Jacqueline Lamm Kevin Lee Patrick Lee Dolly Lewis Jack Light Stephanie Lozano

Peter Lu Annie Mabus Terry & Kathy McGaughan Ross Meador Christy Miller Jim Miller Virginia Miller Elena Monico Linda Moore Sharon Morley Baby Rosemary Mungia Ernie Natividad James Natividad Karen Norton Aileen Perez Dave Perry Jerry & Evie Pilkington Donna Publico George Quitoriano Paula Jane Ramirez Guadalupe & Enrique Rivas Donna Rohrer Eileen Rossi Ann Rupp Norma Santiago Haseen Sarpas Susan Shadley Mark Stannard Tara Summers Irene Tan Jesus Villanueva Raymund Villanueva Roger Wells Kristine and Brandon Williams Michele Wills Les Wong

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

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful. (Is 55:10)

Psalm:

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest. (Ps 65)

Second Reading:

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing

compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation

the revelation of the children of God. (Rom 8:18-19)

Gospel:

And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. (Mt 13:3)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We are all sowers in the field. Our time, our money, our attention: these finite resources are the seeds, and the choice is ours where we scatter them. Do we focus our efforts on soil that will bear fruit for the kingdom?

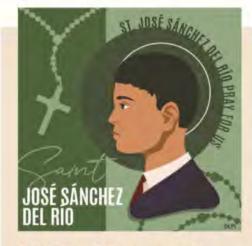
Observances for the week of July 16, 2023

- Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
- Thursday: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

Friday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: St. Mary Magdalene

Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Saint José Luis Sánchez del Río was a 14-year-old boy when he was put to death by Mexican government officials trying to eliminate religious freedom locally. Despite continuous public torture and his eventual murder, he refused to ever renounce his Catholic faith.

Prayer

Dear Lord,

Help me to be courageous and steadfast in my devotion to You. Help me to identify causes and injustices in my day that are worth defending and standing up for. Give me perseverance and a desire to help others at any cost. Help me to revere Christ as the king of my life.

Saint José Sánchez del Rio, pray for us. Amen.

(Prayer Source: http://secretariat.synod.va/ content/synod2018/en/youth-testimonies/ saint-jose-sanchez-del-rio.html)

GLPI SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023 | 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



CONFIRMATION

WED 7PM

HELP

Confirmation Registration

Registration for Confirmation for the 2023-2024 is now open. If you are a returning C1 student or if you would like to register your high school student for Confimration, please go to stmirvineym.org and click on Confirmation to register.

SAT 8AM

Ice Cream Social YTH NITE

Join us Sunday July 23rd after the 5PM Mass for our Ice Cream Social YTH NITE. Come build your own Sundae and hear a message about how to grow in your faith. We are looking forward spending the summer with you!

CONFIRMATION

WED 7PM

Confirmation Catechists Needed

If you love your Catholic Faith and desire to help young people devolop and foster a relationship with the Lord, please consider being a High School Catechist. For more Information, please send an email to Abraham@stmirvine.org

YOUTH MINISTRY

MON 7PM

Bible Study

Confirmation classs may be over but God is still calling you to pursue Him! Join us Mondays for our high school bible study! We meet in the Youth Ministry Office. Seee you there





REP Registration News Registration for our Religious Education Program for Grades K-8 will open very soon! Please stay tuned to the bulletin and website

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for further information.



Volunteers Needed for 2023/2024 We are already recruiting teachers, WANTED substitute teachers and parent volunteers for the upcoming school year. For more info on sharing the love of

our faith with the young people of our parish, please contact the REP office at (949) 551-8029.

> For any questions, contact the **REP** Office at rep@stmirVine.org or (949) 551-8029.

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The Library Corner

The Parish Library will be open today from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The Catholic Church will celebrate the feast day of St. Mary Magdalene on Saturday, July 22. Her name comes from her home town of Magdala, a fishing village on the western shore of Lake Tiberias. She traveled with Jesus and the Apostles as they went from town to town announcing the Good News. In the Gospels, it is said that seven demons were cast out of her. Mary Magdalene appears by name in the Gospels twelve times and is present in the most dramatic moment of Jesus' life. She was with Jesus at Calvary and with Joseph of Arimathea placing the body of Jesus in the tomb. She is at the tomb on the morning of the first day and finds the stone rolled away. Later, she informs the Apostles, and she was the first person that Jesus appeared to, after His resurrection. That is why St Thomas Aquinas gave her the title of the Apostle to the Apostles. Pope Francis elevated the memory of Mary Magdalene to the status of feast on July 22, 2016 in order to stress the importance of this faithful disciple of Christ.





Friday, July 21st after 8:00am Mass and will end before Mass the following day





Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

- For those who: • want to be CATHOLIC
- want to be CONFIRMED
- or simply want to LEARN

Starting up in September - Every Thursday at 7:00 PM Led by Rev. Eugene J. Lee, Pastor Contact: Deacon Bernie Ocampo @ deaconbernie@stmirvine.org also available in Vietnamese, Chinese and Spanish

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do we use incense at Mass?

Answer:

The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today.

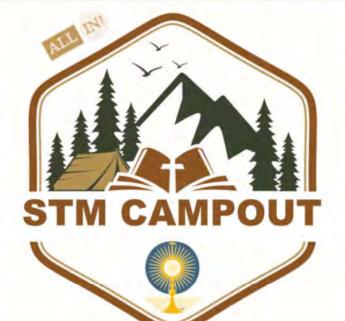
Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives.

The use of incense in the Church's liturgy — in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering" (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.

Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it's because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during eucharistic adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass).



Campout with the Eucharist



Friday, August 11th

Bring your camping gear & spend the night under the stars at STM!

Food Fellowship Music Games EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Remain here and keep watch with me." - Matthew 26:38





Sunday, August 6th 🦗 Pancake Breakfast after all morning Masses!



Suggested Donation \$5.00 Adult \$5.00 Child \$25.00 Maximum per Family

Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Juice, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council # 13111 Proceeds will be used to support Pro Life Activities, Orange County Charities & STM Parish Needs

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

Liturgical Life

Questions of the Week

First Reading

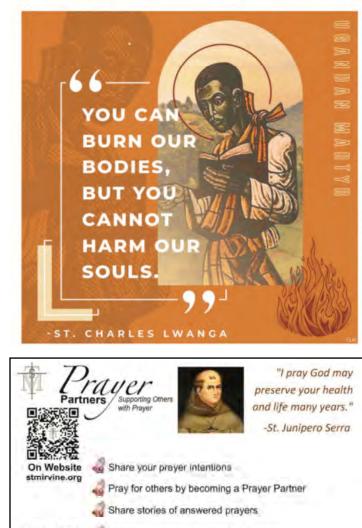
The prophet Isaiah assured the Israelites who were exiled in Babylon that God's word is reliable and purposeful. How might you help friends or family trust more in God?

Second Reading

Paul sees creation itself sharing in the redemption and future glory that awaits all believers — "For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God." What do you imagine earth would look like filled with God's glory, absent any "corruption?"

Gospel Reading

Over the next few Sundays, we will be hearing many parables from Jesus. Today's parable of the sower and the seeds speaks to how people react differently to the Good News of the kingdom of heaven. How would you describe your reaction to Jesus's parables of the kingdom?



In the church 🛛 🖓 Write your prayer intentions in the book







Around the Diocese...





24TH BISHOPS' CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT Dinner included!

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Proceeds from this event benefit our Counseling program in the Catholic Schools in our diocese!

> For more information, please contact philanthropy@ccoc.org

Hosted by Bishop Kevin Vann, Bishop Timothy Freyer, Bishop Thanh Nguyen & Bishop Tod Brown.

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STEP INTO GOD'S MERCY

AND RECEIVE A NEW

On **July 22**, the 7th annual Camino de Santiago takes place at Santiago de Compostela Catholic Church in Lake Forest. This camino is a re-creation of the pilgrimage celebrated throughout the year by thousands around the world to the Shrine of Santiago de Compostela in Spain.

In addition to the usual three routes — 7 miles, 4 miles and the mini camino — a camino for families with young children has been added. It is a shorter version of the other routes, with activities and reflections for the youngest in the community.

This year's theme is: "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). The walk will focus on the pilgrims' reflections, prayers and activities in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Camino de Santiago will be followed by a Holy Mass at **11:30 a.m.** (with Bishop Timothy Fryer as main presider), food, music, games, movies and fellowship. This is truly

an event filled with love, humility, fun, fellowship, service and faith.



Register by visiting <u>sdccatholic.org</u>



ST. THOMAS MORE MINISTRIES

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First Reconciliation	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
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