



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH

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Saint Thomas More Welcomes All

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

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Rev. William Krekelberg
Rev. Joseph Horn, O Praem
Rev. Joseph Justice
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Deacon Stan & Mrs. Fran Necikowski
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Deacon Leonard & Mrs. Nancy Sun
Deacon John & Mrs. Michelle Selig

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Office Hours:

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



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 18, 2021

When Jesus saw the vast crowd,
his heart was moved
with pity for them,
*for they were like sheep
without a shepherd.*

Mark 6:34

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 18, 2021



THE APOSTLES REPORTED ALL THEY HAD DONE AND TAUGHT. JESUS SAID TO THEM,

“Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.”

MARK 6:30, 31



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.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I shall gather the remnant of my flock and bring them back to their meadow (Jeremiah 23:1-6).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once far off have become near by the blood of Christ (Ephesians 2:13-18).

Gospel — When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he began to teach them many things (Mark 6:30-34).

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MASS INTENTIONS

Please call the front desk to request a Mass Intention

Monday 7/19	8:00am	†Julie D'Souza
Tuesday 7/20	8:00am	Lisa Bergler
Wednesday 7/21	8:00am	Stephanie Mispagel
Thursday 7/22	8:00am	Maria Tan
Friday 7/23	8:00am	Fr John Caronan
Saturday 7/24	8:00am	Carol Smith
	8:00am	Gabriella Jones
	8:00am	†Robert Munoz
	8:00am	†Richard Lopez
	8:00am	†Joseph Rivera
	8:00am	†Caden Wenner
	8:00am	†Eugenio Guevarra
	8:00am	†Esthel White
	8:00am	†Florencia Villanueva
	8:00am	Cristina Villanueva
Sunday 7/25	8:00am	†Eduardo De Castro
	4:00pm	Lingat Family
	6:00pm	Robert & Tami Andrade
	8:00am	Jacinda & Tom Fulcher
	10:00am	Tina Halberg
	12:00pm	Tara Summers
	5:00pm	Pro Populo

MAKE A DIFFERENCE



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

Check the ministry tab of the parish website or see page 6 for a full list of ministries!

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Thomas More Parish,

Today's theme on the readings: THE DAYS ARE COMING

Separation, isolation, and hostility are terrible things. We are, sadly, too familiar with all of them in our modern life, whether we look at world events or events in our own neighborhoods and families. All three readings today refer to these same sad human conditions.

The prophet Jeremiah describes world conditions as if the people of his time were sheep who had been scattered by poor leadership and corrupt shepherds. But "the days are coming," he assures us (Jeremiah 23:5), when a new shepherd, a just king, will come. We meet that king in the second reading and the Gospel. Paul reminds us in the Letter to the Ephesians that all divisions can now cease in Christ Jesus, who has brought us together through his blood. In Mark's Gospel we see Jesus himself, looking with pity on those searching for him as if they were sheep without a shepherd.

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Sincerely In Christ,
Father Eugene

Collections and Expenses

7-5-2021 to 7-11-21

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$3,290	\$11,676	\$14,966
Believe & Grow	\$3,193	\$1,280	\$4,473
BGT- Phase 2	\$1,088	\$3,870	\$4,958
Building Fund	\$1,348	\$249	\$1,597
Other income	\$5,491	\$628	\$6,120

Regular Expenses	\$41,905
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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

Angelito Ner
Antonio Villaflor
Bill Westlund

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50

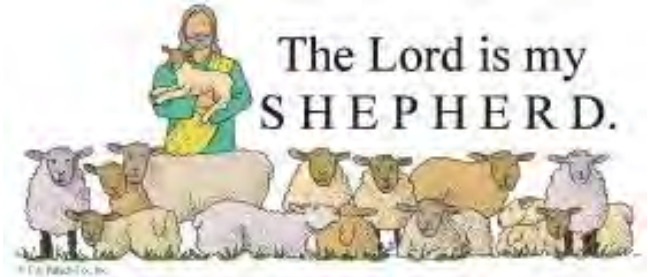
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15



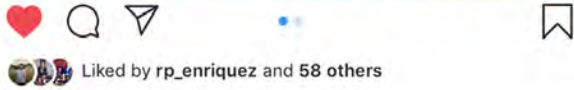
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| Baby Zane Cabazon | Doris Jordan | Norma Quyang |
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| Petra Cordova | Deborah Kurilchyk | Anita Ruwaldt |
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| Rick Denham | Todd Leeds | Tara Summers |
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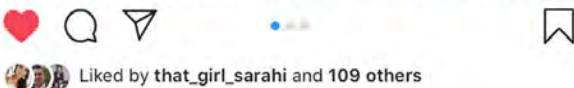


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Life Teen Bible Studies continue to meet on Mondays at 7pm in Room 3. We always go over the readings for the following Sunday's readings. We hope to see you there!

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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The St Thomas More Parish Library staff would like to wish all our parishioners a Happy 16th Sunday in Ordinary time. The Library is open today from 9 – 12.

The Gospel today tells us about the return of the twelve disciples. Mark explains how Jesus planned to give His Apostles a well-earned rest where they would not be disturbed. But as they arrived and went ashore Jesus saw the vast crowd, His heart was moved with compassion for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd, and He began to teach them many things.

As Catholics, we are grateful that Christ has had compassion on us and has brought His sheep into the Church family.



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.

Deacon Assignment Changes

Bishop Vann has reassigned two of our deacons and their wives to new churches, effective August 1, 2021.

Deacon Stan and Fran Necikowski are being assigned to Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Westminster.

Deacon John and Michelle Selig are being assigned to St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Laguna Hills.

All four of them have been invaluable to this community and they have served honorably in a variety of ministries. We are deeply grateful for their years of service here. When you see them around, please be sure to thank them sincerely for all their years of dedication to the St. Thomas More family!

Please keep them in prayer as they start their assignments at their new parishes and we hope to still see them around St. Thomas More from time to time!

Thank you





Knights of Columbus



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Congratulations to the New Officers for 2021-2022

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You are in our prayers!

Saturday Receptionist Needed

Would you like to work at the parish for a few hours each week? The parish office is in need of a Saturday receptionist. The Saturday office hours are 9:00am to 2:00pm. We are looking for someone who is reliable, has a positive attitude, and has a welcoming and compassionate nature. Duties would include, but are not limited to: answering phones and assisting parishioners with various requests.

If you would like to learn more, please contact Lisa Bergler, Office Manager. Lisa can be reached at 949-551-8601 or submit your resume by email at

Lbergler@stmirvine.org.



I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

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July 25



Prayer

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I thank You, Lord,
for the comfort of Your presence:
even in times of loneliness,
You are my hope and my confidence,
You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!

I thank You for having given me a family
and for having blessed me with a long life.
I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty,
for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me.
I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me.

Increase, O Lord, my faith,
make me a channel of your peace,
teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me,
to never stop dreaming
and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church,
that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth.
Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world,
that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed,
the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness
and help me to live life to the full
in each moment that You give me,
in the certainty that you are with me every day,
even until the end of the age.

Amen.



ST. THOMAS MORE MINISTRIES

Liturgy Support

Altar Servers	Tina Le	(7) 356-7607
Eucharist to the Homebound	Dn. Stan & Fran Necikowski	(7) 505-4816
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Jerry Donaldson	(9) 552-5485
Lectors	Tara Reynaud	(7) 925-9992
Music Director, Including Wedding Music	Keith Rattay	(9) 551-8601
Ushers	Steve Luchetta	(9) 733-1192

Sacraments

Baptism Coordinator	Windy Lozano	(9) 551-8601
Confirmation	Abraham Villela	(9) 551-8602
First Communion	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
First Reconciliation	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)	Michael Michalek	(9) 551-2304
Marriage Case Support	Michael Michalek	(9) 551-2304
	Mary Patronite	(9) 551-8601
Marriage Encounter	Jim & Cheryl Skudlarski	(9) 551-9156
Marriage In The Lord	Meredith & Rattay Keith	(9) 559-6464
Wedding Coordinator	Michelle Selig	(9) 551-8601

Service

Bereavement	Rosie Muñoz	(9) 551-8601
Children's Homeless Lunch Ministry	Kim Le	(9) 551-8601
Chinese Community	Deacon Leonard Sun	(7) 932-1689
Corazon	Norma Jean Womack	(9) 559-5639
Filipino Community	Charlie Torres	(9) 551-8601
Hispanic Ministry	Frank Ornelas (9) 857-9044	Patty Trujillo (7) 270-5073
Homeless Lunch Ministry	Margaret Cunningham	(7) 552-8711
Knights of Columbus Council #13111	Ed Francis	(858) 229-2490
Respect Life	Chris Gonzales	(9) 551-8601
STM Veterans	Sgt. Bob Kohler	(9) 552-1895
St. Vincent de Paul	Bill Chacon	(9) 331-1020
Vietnamese Ministry	Huan Le	(7) 261-9893
Young Ladies Institute	Mary O'Leary	(9) 305-6810

Parish

Believe and Grow Together Campaign	Lisa VanDorpe	(7) 357-3080
Bulletin Editor	Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Building Committee	Keith Rattay	(9) 551-8601
Deacons	Tony Patronite, Stan Necikowski,	(9) 551-8601
Deacons	Tin Nguyen Leonard Sun, John Selig	(9) 551-8601
Parish Business Manager	Stephanie Miller	(9) 551-8601
Parish Office Manager	Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Welcoming Committee	Vince Salico	(7) 389-7726

Spiritual Development

Adult Faith Formation / Bible Study	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Life Teen – High School & Young Adults	Abraham Villela	(9) 551-8602
Religious Education	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Christ Renews His Parish	Tony Patronite	(9) 307-6215
Cursillo and When Women Pray	Susan Navarrete	(9) 551-8601
Legion of Mary	Linda Hughes	(9) 559-1124
Library	Sam & Diana Adams	(7) 321-2405
Spanish Bible Study	Teresa LeMire	(7) 832-1770

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St. Thomas More Catholic Parish
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“MASS ON THE GRASS” Potluck Picnic Following the Feast of the Assumption Mass

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a *Potluck Picnic*
Sunday, August 15th after the 5:00 pm Mass

*The Knights will be serving free hamburgers,
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JULY 26TH-30TH

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

Participants will view a video during the week and meet via Zoom every Saturday for a lively group discussion and fellowship.

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



FEAST OF FAITH

The Prayer Over the Offerings

In the liturgy of the 1570 Missal, this prayer was called the “secret” prayer.

It was “secret” not because its content was mysterious, but because it was prayed in silence by the priest, who only recited the conclusion aloud: . . . per omnia saecula saeculorum. With the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, we again hear these rich prayers spoken aloud. They remind us to prepare ourselves for what is to happen in the Eucharistic Prayer, for it is not only the bread and wine that will be transformed.

The Prayer Over the Offerings is a prayer for transformation, an expression, in a few words, of all that we hope that the liturgy will accomplish in our lives. We ask God to accept the gifts we present, and to change us even as God hallows the bread and wine. As we listen carefully to the Prayer Over the Offerings, we are reminded of what it is that we seek in the Eucharist: to be made holy; to be drawn closer to God; to come to eternal joy, unity, peace, and salvation.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Apollinaris

Wednesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi

Thursday: St. Mary Magdalene

Friday: St. Bridget

Saturday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf

saint snippets

The source of justice
is not vengeance
but charity.

St. Bridget of Sweden

14th-century mystic, mother of eight children,
and one of the patron saints of Europe

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July 23



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Letter from Bishop Vann:

Taxpayer Subsidized Abortions



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For nearly half a century – since 1976 – every year the Hyde Amendment and related provisions have been reenacted in order to prevent taxpayers from funding elective abortions. These policies have broad support from both Democrats and Republicans and have been enacted and signed into law by members of Congress and presidents of both political parties.

Since the first century the Catholic Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion and has condemned the grave offense of formal cooperation in an abortion. Since the flawed and controversial *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision in 1973 ruled in favor of a “right to privacy” (but not absolute) for a pregnant woman’s right to choose an abortion, abortion has benefitted from legal status to varying degrees but has not become any more moral. For this reason I am deeply concerned about and oppose opening the floodgates to taxpayer subsidized abortion that the removal of the Hyde Amendment would enact.

As Pope Francis has said, “It is troubling to see how simple and convenient it has become for some to deny the existence of a human life as a solution to problems that can and must be solved for both the mother and her unborn child” (Message to the United Nations, September 25, 2020).

What has changed in recent years is an increasing advocacy for abortion to be considered broadly as ‘medical care.’ In addition, many politicians have become more radicalized than their constituents in placing emphasis either only on the rights of the child or only on the rights of the mother. Studies show that most Americans favor policies that respect the lives of both women and children as much as possible. Specifically, an overwhelming majority of Americans, including low-income women and women of color who are most impacted by it, support the Hyde Amendment and laws that prevent government-funded abortion.

Why would this be the case? Why such support for Hyde? I suggest that it is because at the end of the day, with some exceptions (and there are certainly many exceptions in and around the laws), what most people want to see is robust support for women and for their unborn children. As a diocese and parishes “Walking with Moms in Need,” we seek to accompany and support women, children, men, and families across the spectrum of needs and with focus on their fundamental human dignity and the common good.

Please join me in acting to send a strong message to Members of Congress to protect the Hyde Amendment and instead focus tax dollars on support for women and prenatal children in ways that honor their fundamental dignity and promote the common good. Sign the petition at the No Taxpayer Abortion website.

Let us pray together for justice to prevail.

Sincerely, Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin W. Vann".

The Most Reverend Kevin W. Vann, JCD, DD
Bishop of Orange

Editor’s note:

The link to sign the petition can be found on the St. Thomas More news page at www.stmirvine.org/news