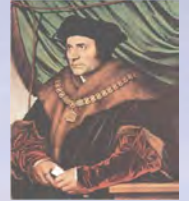




SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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/English

3:00 pm Chinese/English

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

Saturday Confessions: 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Baptisms and Marriages: contact the office for details



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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Parochial Vicar

Parochial Vicar Emeritus

Weekend Assistants

Deacons

Founding Pastor

Rev. Eugene J. Lee

Rev. Kiet Ta

Rev. William Krekelberg

Rev. Joseph Horn, O Praem

Rev. Joseph Justice

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†Rev. John E. Janze

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949-551-8029

Youth Ministry:

949-551-8602

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm

JULY

24

2022

"AND I TELL YOU,
ASK AND YOU
WILL RECEIVE;
SEEK AND YOU
WILL FIND;
KNOCK AND
THE DOOR
WILL BE OPENED
TO YOU."

LUKE 11:9



Seventeenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Abraham bargains with God to spare the city (Genesis 18:20-32).

Psalm — Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — Buried with Christ in baptism, we were also raised with him; all our transgressions are forgiven (Colossians 2:12-14).

Gospel — Jesus speaks of God's sure response to those who pray (Luke 11:1-13).

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NEW BIBLE STUDY!

Gospel of Matthew Every Wednesday at 7pm

This coming Wednesday we will study the Beatitudes and the Kingdom of God themes

Come join with Fr. Kiet Ta and John Thai who will be leading the study in the St. Nicholas Room.

Bring your Bible and enthusiasm!

Questions? Contact frkiet@stmirvine.org



Saturday 7/23	6:00pm	†Able Alberto Gabriella Jones †Ligia Rioja †Lourdes Gallardo
Sunday 7/24	8:00am 9:30am 11:30am 1:00pm 5:00pm	†Irene and Rogelio Saldana Pro Populo †Richard Lopez Sr Fr Angelus Echeverry Cristina Villanueva
Monday 7/25	8:00am	Brother John Baptist
Tuesday 7/26	8:00am	Brandon Mortenson
Wednesday 7/27	8:00am	Peace in the World (Ukraine)
Thursday 7/28	8:00am	†Robert Munoz
Friday 7/29	8:00am	Fr. Bill Kregelberg
Saturday 7/30	8:00am	†Mike Fisher Teresa Harris †St. James, Apostle



Mission Cooperative Appeal

This weekend, Fr. Michael Agliardo and Br. David will speak about the work of the US-China Catholic Association (USCCA) and how we Catholics in the U.S. can support our brothers and sisters in faith in China.

Br. David is a Chinese seminarian who is currently studying at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. Fr. Michael is a Jesuit priest. He currently serves as the executive director of the USCCA. He has taught in the Chinese national seminary and visited Catholics throughout China to better understand the circumstances of the Church and Chinese society.

Few realize that China has over 12 million Catholics. They live under strict government regulation, yet under these repressive circumstances they continue to witness to their faith and serve their church and society. Thank you for your support.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Msgr. Timothy J. Doyle Council #13111 St. Thomas More

The GOLF TOURNAMENT was a HUGE success!

THANK YOU!
Proceeds will benefit our parish along with several charities in Orange County.

NEW! TEXT to Give to STM Sunday Offering



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6. All set!
7. Next time, simply enter number & amount

Reflection question:

In what ways can I use the good things of this world without clinging to them?

Collections and Expenses

7-11-22 to 7-17-22

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$14,653	\$9,816	\$24,469
Maintenance Fund	\$187	\$148	\$335
Other income	\$18,195	\$936	\$19,131
Total income	\$33,035	\$10,901	\$43,936

Regular Expenses	\$38,797
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Believe & Grow Capital Campaign	\$2,414	\$4,500	\$6,914
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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, 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!



Welcome to God's Family

Alejo Alcazar
Aurora Becker Montano
Samuel Alexander Montano
Jaime Barash
Lauren Kim
Bianca Gutierrez
Amelia Ramirez



Rest in the Love of Christ

Betty Jean Cordero
Brian Fung



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Beata Durdovic
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Ann Rupp
Norma Santiago
Jack Scharff
Cheryl Skudlarski
Michele Wills

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



CONFIRMATION

WED 7PM

Confirmation Registration

Registration for the 2022-2023 Confirmation year is now open. Head over to stmirvineym.org to register. If you have any questions, please email Abraham@stmirvine.org. We can not wait for another amazing year.



YOUTH MINISTRY

MON 7PM

The Summit

Want to grow deeper in the study of Scripture? Join us Mondays at 7pm in the courtyard! The Summit is a study of the upcoming Sunday's Mass readings. All high school students are welcome!



YTH NITES

SUN 7PM

Spend Your Summer With Us

Join us Sunday, July 24th for our Summer YTH NITE! All high school students and incoming freshman are invited. Invite a friend and enjoy some food, fellowship, and a message on St. Paul.



YOUTH MINISTRY

FRI 7PM

JR. CORE TEAM

Please pray for our new our Jr. core team members: Anita Smith, Sebastian and Nicholas Nieto, Aiden Jayakumar, Ruby Reynaud, Gianna Cabral, Lauren Smith, and Keira Vu.



REP. CORNER



REP Registration News

We are so excited to announce that registration for our Religious Education Program is **NOW OPEN!**



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



Volunteers Needed for 2022/2023

We are already recruiting teachers, 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.



The Library Corner

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The St Thomas More Parish Library staff would like to wish all our parishioners a Happy 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Parish Library will be open today from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Have you ever thought how much God loves us and how He is constantly and patiently reaching out to us to restore us back into a relationship with the divine family? All through the Bible, God used covenants with His people to help them through each part of His divine plan for our salvation. The Parish Library has an excellent book on this topic titled, '*A Father Who Keeps His Promises*', authored by Dr Scott Hahn. Dr Hahn traces this covenantal love of God through the entire Bible and culminates his examination with the Passover, the Last Supper, Christ's redemptive sacrifice on the cross and the continuing sacrifice of the Holy Eucharist. The exchanges of God's covenants started with a person, then a couple, next a family, then a tribe, next to a nation, and finally to the whole world through Jesus Christ.

Congratulations Fr. Louis Hager, O Praem, who was recently ordained into the Norbertine Order. To read more about Fr. Louis and his Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Thomas More last weekend, visit: stmirvine.org



The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, August 15th

Mass times: 8:00 am & 6:00 pm

Mass + BBQ + Potluck

Join us for a potluck after the 6:00pm Mass

Last name ending in A-O, bring side dish & P-2, fruit or dessert to share!

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Pancake
Breakfast



Sunday, Aug 7th

after Morning Masses

Suggested Donation

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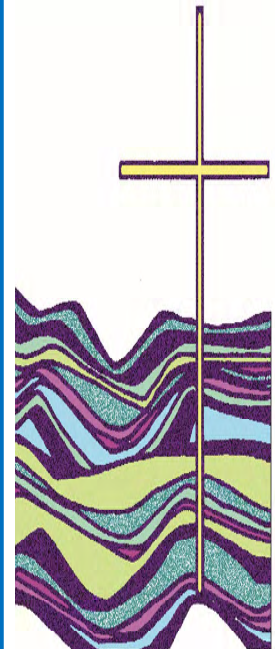
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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Monday: St. James

Tuesday: Ss. Joachim and Anne

Friday: Ss. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

Saturday: St. Peter Chrysologus; Blessed Virgin Mary

De-escalation & Conflict Resolution Training

This training provides techniques designed by the FBI's Crisis Negotiation Unit to help prevent or de-escalate a situation, including warning signs, body language, and common barriers.

Thursday, August 11th

7:00 - 8:30 pm @STM

**Instructor: Frederick J. Simon,
FBI Special Agent (Retired)**





SUGGESTED PLENARY INDULGENCE OF THE MONTH JULY 2022

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

A PLENARY INDULGENCE is granted to those who visit the Most Blessed Sacrament for at least one half hour (together with the three prerequisites (constants) of a plenary indulgence.

FR. EUGENE'S COMMENTARY & SUGGESTION

Whenever you receive Holy Communion at Mass, we are receiving the TRUE Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. THE EUCHARIST IS JESUS! We must remember how deeply sacred and lovely this Sacrament is. To enhance and deepen our reverence and faith in the Eucharist, the Catholic Church's practices Eucharistic Adoration. This is a special time and when a pastor of a parish makes it available, the people should partake in the opportunity. Here at STM, we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday at 6:00 pm and we have a 24-hour period of Eucharistic Adoration every 22nd day of the month because St. Thomas More's feast day is June 22. So, this adoration begins immediately after the end of the 8 am Mass and ends the next day immediately before the 8 am Mass. Parishioners are urged and welcome to come anytime during those 24 hours. Of course, you can partake in Eucharistic Adoration anytime and this indulgence can be obtained at anytime throughout the year.

CONDITIONS FOR RECEIVING A PLENARY INDULGENCE

1. Do the prescribed work.
2. Receive Holy Communion within several days (before or after) of the indulgenced act.
3. Go to confession within several days (before or after) the indulgenced act
4. Pray for the Pope. An Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be can suffice.
5. Be free from attachment to all sin, even venial sin.

Plenary Indulgence on the occasion of the Second World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly DECREE

The Apostolic Penitentiary, in order to increase the devotion of the faithful and to procure the salvation of souls, by virtue of the faculties attributed to it by the Supreme Pontiff Francis, accepting the request presented by His Eminence Cardinal Kevin Joseph Farrell, prefect of the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life, on the occasion of the Second World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, already instituted by the Supreme Pontiff on the fourth Sunday of July, graciously grants from the heavenly treasures of the Church the Plenary Indulgence under the usual conditions (Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion and prayer in accordance with the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff) to grandparents, the elderly and all the faithful who, motivated by a true spirit of penance and charity, will participate on **24 July 2022**, on the occasion of the Second World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, in the solemn celebration that the Holy Father Francis will preside over in the Vatican Papal Basilica, or in the various functions that will be held throughout the world, an Indulgence that may also be applied for the repose of souls in Purgatory. This Court of Mercy will also grant the Plenary Indulgence on this same day to the faithful who devote adequate time to visit, in presence or virtually, through the media, their elderly brothers and sisters in need or in difficulty (such as the sick, the abandoned, the disabled). The Plenary Indulgence may also be granted, provided that they remove themselves from any sin and with the intention of fulfilling the three usual conditions as soon as possible, to the sick elderly and to all those who, unable to leave their homes for a serious reason, will unite spiritually with the sacred services of World Youth Day, offering to the Merciful God their prayers, and the pains and sufferings of their lives, especially while the words of the Supreme Pontiff and the various celebrations are broadcast through the media. In order, therefore, that this opportunity to attain divine grace through the power of the Keys of the Church may be more easily realized through pastoral charity, this Penitentiary firmly requests priests, equipped with the appropriate faculties to hear confessions, to make themselves available with a ready and generous spirit for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance. This decree is valid for the Second World Day of the Grandparents and the Elderly. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary.

Given in Rome, at the Seat of the Apostolic Penitentiary, on 30 May 2022.

Mauro Card. Piacenza
Major Penitentiary

Creating a Culture of Life

Support can absolutely make a difference. Let's do what we can to never let a woman feel so alone and desperate as to abort her child. Awareness of the numerous resources available to women and couples who find themselves too overwhelmed to carry through with pregnancies can quite possibly save a life. Donating and volunteering at these various organizations in our local area will be concrete ways to build a Culture of Life.

PREGNANCY CLINICS / MEDICAL CLINICS

Obria: Fully licensed health care clinic – physical, mental, spiritual, and social needs – before, during and after pregnancy. 877-558-0333. <https://obria.org>

Horizon Pregnancy Clinic: Numerous services including mobile clinics. 714-897-7500 or text to 657-204-6507. <https://www.horizonpc.org>

La Habra Life Center: Licensed medical clinic offering pregnancy related services. 562-691-9395. <https://lahabralifecenter.org>

Santa Ana Life Center: Mentors/ walks with mothers, provides/refers for needed services. 714-835-5433. <https://www.lifecenterofsantaana.org>

Options United: A 24-hour hotline that can connect anyone in the US to their local pregnancy help centers. 877-398-7734. <https://www.optionsunited.com>

SHELTER / HOUSING / FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Precious Life Shelter: Emergency, transitional and single parent efficiency program providing for pregnant women with no place to live. 562-431-5025 <https://www.preciouslifeshelter.org>

Casa Teresa: A program-based shelter for pregnant women in crisis who are 18 or older. 714-538-4860 <https://casateresa.org>

Mary's Path: Nationally accredited short-term residential therapeutic program facility for pregnant and parenting youth, ages 12 to 21 from the foster care system. 714-730-0930. <https://www.maryspath.org>

Let Them Live: 73% of women have abortions due to financial burden. Let Them Live offers financial support so they can choose life instead. 203-450-HELP. <https://letthemlive.org>

FOSTER CARE / ADOPTION SUPPORT

Orange County - Adoption and Foster Care
<https://www.ssa.ocgov.com/adoptfoster-care-youth-services>

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<https://www.olivecrest.org/orange-county/>
714-543-5437

Holy Family Services (Adoption & Foster Care)
<https://hfservices.ladiocese.org/>
1231 E. Chapman Avenue Fullerton, CA 92831
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POST-ABORTION HEALING

Orange Diocese - Hope and Healing After Abortion
<https://rcbo.org/ministry/office-for-family-life/topics/pastoral-care/hope-healing-after-abortion/>
800-722-4356

Rachel's Vineyard

A powerful weekend retreat for healing held in various times and places across the United States.
www.rachelsvineyard.org
877-HOPE-4-ME (877-467-3463).

PRAYER / SUPPORT

40 Days for Life. An internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses.
www.40daysforlife.com

We Were Born Ready. Born Ready is the California Catholic Conference's forum to empower, equip, mobilize, resource Catholics to fulfill their baptismal call to serve women, children, and families, especially women in difficult and unexpected pregnancies.
www.wewerebornready.com

Knights of Columbus. The largest Catholic fraternal organization in the country has committed \$5 million to support prolife pregnancy centers across the country through a program called ASAP (Assistance and Support After Pregnancy). www.kofc.org

California Catholic Conference. The CCC is the official public policy voice of the Catholic Church of California. They advocate with policy makers and the public to advance the Catholic vision of human life and dignity. All are encouraged to be a part of the CCC's "Action Alerts" to receive updates on legislative activities that might require the Catholic voice to be heard.
Cacatholic.org/action-alerts

This list can be found on our website at stmirvine.org



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Wedding Coordinator		

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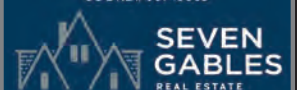
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LUKE 11:9



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PRAY LIKE JESUS

Have you ever watched a master chef at work or a professional musician or athlete and wondered "How do they do that? They make it look so easy." We are naturally attracted to someone who excels at something, a person whose heart is obviously in their work, and we can't help but wonder if we are capable of anything like that. This was likely true for the disciples as well. They had seen Jesus at prayer on many occasions (this is especially true in Luke's Gospel) and it was obvious that someone, somehow was shaping/transforming the life of their teacher. Abraham, too, gives us an example of a conversation with God that goes beyond the ordinary approach to divine petitioning. Meanwhile, Psalm 138 assures us that when we cry for help God will answer—for Christ has become our mediator and we are one with him in baptism.

SNAKES AND SCORPIONS AND PRAYERS? OH, MY!

How often do we hear about snakes and scorpions at Mass? Well, today we do! Jesus uses these frightful (to most of us!) images for their shock value in order to emphasize how graciously and unfailingly our Father in heaven cares for us. The first reading sets the stage for our reflection. Who can hear the story of Abraham negotiating with God in the first reading and not smile at his audacity? The middle Eastern custom of bartering likely honed Abraham's skills in that arena. He even appeals to God's sense of honor, saying, "Far be it from you to do such a thing" [as to wipe out the innocent with the guilty]. Have we not all bargained with God at one time or another when we were desperately in need?

YOU HAVE HEARD THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH

Notice that the very first words of today's Gospel are "Jesus was praying." Of course, the disciples would be curious about a practice that was so central to Jesus' daily life. He was obviously good at it. Perhaps they wanted to know how they could more easily "influence" God themselves! They wanted to know what would work. Luke's version of the beloved Lord's Prayer (one of two found in the Gospels) is highlighted today in response to the disciples' request.

The two parables following the Lord's Prayer teach us about prayer both from the point of view of the one who prays and from God's point of view. The parable of the friend who knocks on the door at midnight illustrates prayer from the point of view someone who urgently needs something. Persistence is the key. The last section of the Gospel offers us a glimpse of prayer from God's point of view. If you seek, you will find; if you knock, the door will be opened. With Jesus as our mediator, we are assured of a hearing before our Father in heaven who is waiting to give good gifts to his children.

TODAY'S READINGS

Genesis 18:20–32

Psalm 138:1–2, 2–3, 6–7, 7–8

Colossians 2:12–14

Luke 11:1–13