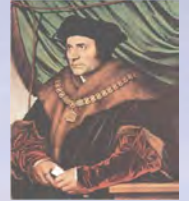




SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

Pastor

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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Deacon Tin & Mrs. UyenLan Nguyen

Deacon Leonard & Mrs. Nancy Sun

Deacon Bernie & Mrs. Pam Ocampo

†Rev. John E. Janze

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Youth Ministry:

949-551-8602

Office Hours:

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

Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions.

Luke 12:15

July 31, 2022



TODAY'S READINGS


First Reading — Do not spend your life toiling for material gain (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Christ has raised you to new life, so seek now what is above (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11).


Gospel — Be on guard against all greed, for your life does not consist of earthly possessions, but of the riches of the reign of God (Luke 12:13-21).

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Young Ladies Institute

Dear Parishioners of St Thomas More,
Thank you so very much for your contributions to the Baby Shower that was held last month for Casa Teresa in Orange! Your generosity was overwhelming! When we delivered the baby items, we took five cars! The ladies there were so happy to see the many donated items! And a check was also given to them to help out in the other needs of the mothers and little ones. Again, thank you so much!



With Sisterly Love,
YLI Holy Angels #247



Saturday 7/30	4:00pm 6:00pm	Pro Populo †Ariel Gonzalez
Sunday 7/31	8:00am	Alex and Tescie Sandiego Julia's Mom Steve Cory Cheryl Cory Michele Wills Robert Munoz Fr Louis Hager, O Praem
	9:30am 11:30am	†Fr. John Janze †Matty & Dell Corless
	1:00pm 5:00pm	†Claudio Bedoya †Encarnacion Alforque
Monday 8/1	8:00am	†Frank LaVelle
Wednesday 8/3	8:00am	†Milagros Ferrer Castillo
Thursday 8/4	8:00am	†Edward Andrade
Friday 8/5	8:00am	†Chad Eadie
Saturday 8/6	8:00am	Baby Johanna Harris †Souls in Purgatory

Reflection question:
How has the Lord answered my prayers?





Thank You. Your generosity at St. Thomas More raised \$6,070.00 through the Angel Tree program last Advent. Your kindness allowed us to deliver life, peace, and hope in the Holy Land welcoming 4,646 babies in 2021 and providing over 140,000 services to the families of Bethlehem. Your Advent gifts helped us keep our doors open to serve the poorest of the poor throughout the spring and into summer. We are doubly thankful for you now as we face this humanitarian crisis. We keep you in our prayers. We are profoundly grateful for your support and prayers for our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.

To hear more Good News, please visit us at birthplaceofhope.org or call us at 202-785-0801



NEW BIBLE STUDY!

Gospel of Matthew Every Wednesday at 7pm

This coming Wednesday we will study the ministry of Jesus in Galilee

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



All ladies of the parish,
Join us on
Monday, August 8th
at 7:00pm in MPR
for our YLI
monthly meeting

We look forward to seeing you!

NEW! TEXT to Give to STM Sunday Offering



1. Open texting app
2. Type the number: 949-334-2801
3. Type dollar amount you would like to give
4. Click "enter"
5. Click link to enter info & credit card (one-time-only)
6. All set!
7. Next time, simply enter number & amount



Young Ladies Institute

School Supply Drive

August 13 & 14



Members of Y.L.I. will be in the courtyard collecting school supplies for La Purisima Catholic School in Orange.

Monetary donations also welcome!

Proceeds may also be given to other charities we support.



Questions? Contact Cathy @ 949-857-5037

SYMPHONY *on the go!* at STM!



**SAVE THE DATE:
10/13 @6:30 PM**

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!



Rest in the Love of Christ

Betty Jean Cordero
Brian Fung



PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING



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Tammy Daneman
Beata Durdovic
Tina Halberg
Julissa Huerta
Natalia Julian
Sheyla Arciga Mercado
Elena Monico
Ernie Natividad
Susan Nakagama

Msgr. Ted Olson
Deacon Tony Patronite
Fr. Patrick Philbin
Eileen Rossi
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 31st 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.



R.E.P. CORNER

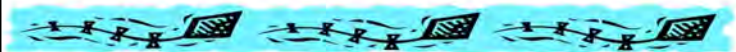


REP Registration News

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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The St Thomas More Parish Library staff would like to wish all our parishioners a Happy 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Parish Library will be open today from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The Catholic Church will celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord on Saturday, August 6th, which was introduced into the Roman calendar in 1457 by Pope Pius II. The Lord's Transfiguration foretells the glory of the Lord as God and that Jesus was the Messiah who was promised in the Bible. The Parish Library has an excellent book on this topic titled, '*Jesus of Nazareth: From the Baptism in the Jordan to the Transfiguration*', authored by Pope Benedict XVI. Pope Benedict seeks to rescue the person of Jesus from today's depictions and to restore His true identity as discovered in the Gospels, so we can come face to face with our Lord. The author's approach is to introduce the Lord to us as his friend and that we should read the bible by 'listening' to the scriptures. As Catholics, we know Jesus has brought God back to this world and that God is truth. With that truth, we know where we are going with our faith, our hope and our love.

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, 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-Z, fruit or dessert to share!
 Hamburgers and hot dogs provided by the Knights of Columbus

Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, Aug 7th

after Morning Masses



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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Alphonsus Liguori
Tuesday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli;
 St. Peter Julian Eymard
Thursday: St. John Vianney
Friday: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major; First Friday
Saturday: The Transfiguration of the Lord; First Saturday

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)



CATHOLIC CORNER

TEACH US TO PRAY

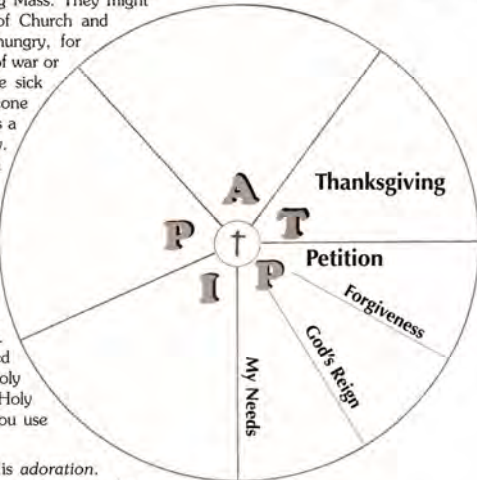
We learned about prayer of *thanksgiving* and prayer of *petition*. This week we will discuss three more: intercession, praise, and blessing and adoration.

Intercession is another word for petition, or asking, but with one difference. Prayer of petition asks for things we need. Prayer of intercession asks that the needs of another be met. We hear prayers of intercession during Mass. They might include prayers for leaders of Church and state, for people who are hungry, for people living with the threat of war or violence, for people who are sick or dying. When you tell someone you will pray for them, that is a great gift and a responsibility. Who would you include in your prayers of intercession?

Prayers of *praise* give us the chance to look toward God. In these prayers we recognize how great God is and we say so. A prayer called the Divine Praises is usually pray after Benediction. It includes praises like "Blessed be God," "Blessed be his holy name," and "Blessed be the Holy Spirit." What words would you use to praise God?

The final form of prayer is *adoration*. The "Glory Be" prayer is a good example of a prayer of adoration.

Fill in the final three forms of prayer in the sections marked with I, P, and A in the circle. Try to use all of these prayers during the week. You can decide to use a different type each day, or you could make a spinner and use it to choose your prayer for the day. Each one of these prayers is a good way to keep connected to God.



Jesus said to them, "Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does one's life consist of one's possessions." Lk 12:15

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Look at what Paul told people to do in Colossians 3:2. Some of the words are scrambled. To help you rewrite them correctly, look at the words in the light bulbs.

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We must be careful not to become greedy or let the things we own become too important. Instead we should become rich in what matters to God. Arrange the coins in the treasure chest by number. It's important to remember this!

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____!

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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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

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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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First Reconciliation	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
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Wedding Coordinator		

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Filipino Community	Mernie Empalmado	(9) 307-7479
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St. Vincent de Paul	Bill Chacon	(9) 331-1020
Vietnamese Ministry	Huan Le	(7) 261-9893
Young Ladies Institute	Cathy Wachtel	(9) 857-5037

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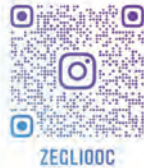
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If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

COLOSSIANS 3:1



NOTHING EARTHLY LASTS FOREVER

“Teach us to number our days aright.” Is there a more wise and prudent prayer for people of all ages than this verse from today’s responsorial psalm? As we savor the lovely but limited days of summer we are reminded that nothing lasts forever. In today’s first reading, the master teacher (Qoheleth) asserts “All things are vanity!” while the Gospel of Luke describes the ease with which our possessions can possess us. The second reading makes the point as well: “Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.” We see the problem of wealth from both sides today—from the viewpoint of the wealthy person who inevitably has to leave his riches to someone else and from the perspective of the potential inheritor who is at odds with his brother over how to divide their inheritance. The problem is clear; the wisdom is also.

YOU CAN’T TAKE IT WITH YOU

Stephen Covey, in his book *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, lists as his second habit: Begin with the end in mind. Is that not the point of our scripture reflections today? We know we will die. We know we “can’t take it with us.” If you’ve ever been tasked with cleaning out the home of a deceased person, you know how easily once-treasured items simply become another burden to deal with. Or you may have experienced how quickly the joy of owning the latest smart phone becomes as outdated as the model itself. So how do we think about all the stuff that we buy, accumulate, fret over where to store, and pay taxes on? Heaven forbid if we ever have to move!

RICH IN WHAT MATTERS TO GOD

Luke sets us on the right path when he affirms that we must be “rich in what matters to God.” Needless to say, he is not saying that possessions themselves are evil. Today’s psalm asks God—twice—to “prosper the work of our hands for us!” The danger is that, as one wag put it, “we never have enough of what we don’t really need.” What does matter to God? What is the opposite of vanity? Kindness to one another, mercy, forgiveness, generosity to the poor and needy—all of these remain beyond death. These are what we can take with us when we die. The great mystery in all this is that God is never outdone in generosity; the more we give away, the more we have.

July 31 is also the feast day of Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). He epitomizes richness in what really matters. His military and court aspirations evaporated after he was seriously wounded in battle. His subsequent change of heart led him to found one of the most influential religious orders in the history of the Church. If the opposite of vanity is wealth that remains after death, Ignatius is most appropriately honored today.

TODAY’S READINGS

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21–23
Psalm 90:3–4, 5–6, 12–13, 14 and 17
Colossians 3:1–5, 9–11
Luke 12:13–21