



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

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



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE



Blessed Virgin Mary

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun,
with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

Revelation 12:1

AUGUST 15, 2021



THE ALMIGHTY HAS DONE
GREAT THINGS FOR ME
AND HOLY IS HIS NAME.

LUKE 1:49

THE ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY

AUGUST 15, 2021



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The vision concerning the woman clothed with the sun (Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab).
Psalm — The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold (Psalm 45).
Second Reading — Christ, the firstfruits; then those who belong to him (1 Corinthians 15:20-27).
Gospel — Mary praises God in the Magnificat (Luke 1:39-56).
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MASS INTENTIONS

Please call the front desk to request a Mass Intention

Monday 8/16	8:00am	†Mark Kroening
Tuesday 8/17	8:00am	†Frank LaVelle
Wednesday 8/18	8:00am	Fr. Joseph Horn †Evelyn Gonzalez
Thursday 8/19	8:00am	Madeleine Del Villar
Friday 8/20	8:00am	Cheryl Skudlarski
Saturday 8/21	8:00am	Baby Johanna Harris
	8:00am	†Solly Stumpf
	8:00am	†Tulio Acuna
	8:00am	†Rustica Paranal
	8:00am	Frankie Nault
	8:00am	Gina Nault
	8:00am	Quy Nguyen
	8:00am	Janette Maurer
Sunday 8/22	8:00am	†Rustica Paranal
	8:00am	†Bill Hutchinson
	4:00pm	†Josito Dumo
	6:00pm	†Carmenita Vilorio
	8:00am	Raymond Jimenez
	10:00am	†Helen Lozano
12:00pm	†Arturo Gonzalez	
5:00pm	Pro Populo	

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.



St. Thomas More Catholic Parish
Knights of Columbus
Msgr. Timothy J Doyle
Council # 13111



**“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, hot dogs and drinks. Parishioners requested to bring side dishes or desserts to share. All are welcome.

Join us for good food and fellowship.

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Thomas More Parish,

Today's theme on the readings: THE DESTINY OF ALL MORTAL FLESH

The celebration of today's feast on a Sunday is unusual on our Roman Catholic calendar. Our observance of the Lord's Day is held in such high esteem that few other feasts replace it. Occasionally there is a feast—usually of one of the saints—in which the saving power of God in Christ is so uniquely focused that the Roman rite deems it worthy of celebration on the Lord's Day. Today is such a feast. Yet some are surprised at the brevity of the dogma in its entirety: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The Roman Catholic Church never defined any specifics or particulars about the event itself. It is not in the scriptures. There are no verifiable eyewitness accounts. At its core, the dogma reveals in Mary the destiny of all mortal flesh, and reinforces our creedal belief in resurrection of the body. This feast strengthens our faith, defined last week in Hebrews as the realization of things hoped for. We find, in Mary, that realization of what we all hope for, what Paul today affirms: "In Christ shall all be brought to life" (1 Corinthians 15:22). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Sincerely In Christ,
Father Eugene

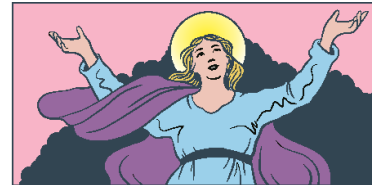
Collections and Expenses

7-26-2021 to 8-8-21 (2 weeks)

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$29,405	\$19,798	\$42,204
Believe & Grow	\$243	\$2,181	\$2,424
BGT- Phase 2	\$4,113	\$2,835	\$6,948
Building Fund	\$950	\$6,019	\$6,969
Other income	\$5,743	\$2,124	\$7,867

Regular Expenses	\$86,359
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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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Rest in the Love of Christ

Ismael & Zoe Gonzalez
Dora Marchese
Antonio Palazzolo



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
 Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
 Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
 Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14
 Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
 Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12
 Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

Please call the office when it is time to remove a name.

LIFE TEEN

Now

Bible Studies

Want to grow deeper in the study of Scripture? We meet on Mondays at 7pm in the Youth Ministry Office and study the following Sunday's Mass readings. Hope to see you there!

LIFE TEEN

Thu 7:00 PM

Thank You!

The Life Teen core team would like to thank Jonathan Bergler for his time as a Core Member. You have inspired us to be better witnesses and to live outside of our comfort zone. We hope you have an amazing time at Franciscan!

CONFIRMATION

WED 6:00 PM

Registration For Confirmation Is Now Open!

If you would like to register your teenager for the 2021-2022 Confirmation year, Please visit STMIRVINEYM.ORG to register.



R.E.P. CORNER



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.



Volunteers Needed for 2021/2022

We are 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, call the REP Office

at (949) 551-8029.

The Library Corner

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The St Thomas More Parish Library staff would like to wish all our parishioners a Happy Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Parish Library will be closed today.



Today I would like to introduce you to a book which illuminates the Mother of God, Mary. The book is 'Hail, Holy Queen', by author Scott Hahn. Hahn demonstrates Mary's essential role in the Catholic redemptive message in which he covers Her Immaculate Conception, Perpetual Virginity, Assumption and Coronation. He reveals Mary as the New Eve, helping us to gain a more profound understanding of the truth and relevance to faith and the practice of religion in the world today.



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:

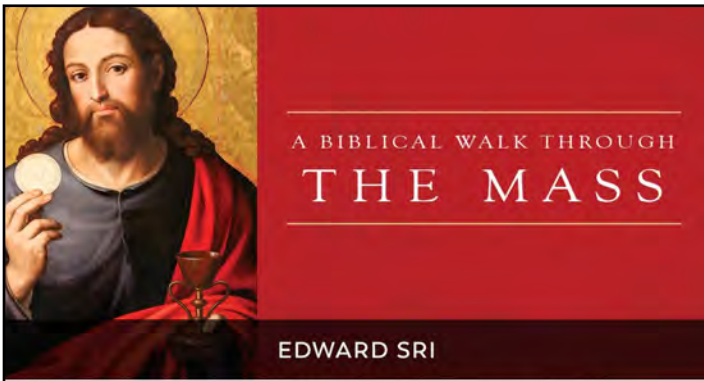
- Those wishing to prepare themselves to make an adult choice whether to become a Catholic Christian via Baptism.
- Those who have been baptized as a Catholic or baptized as a member of another denomination and wish to prepare themselves for complete initiation into the Catholic Church through Confirmation 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.



EDWARD SRI

NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINNING AUGUST 21st!
 Discover (or Rediscover) the Beauty and Depth of the Mass

The Mass is nothing short of amazing. Through it, we encounter God in the most intimate way possible as we hear him speak to us in the Liturgy of the Word and as we receive him Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist. In his video-based study *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist. Join us for *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, our brand new Saturday Bible Study. Participants will view a video during the week and meet via Zoom every Saturday morning at 9AM beginning Saturday, August 21st for a lively group discussion and fellowship. To register, contact *Deacon Tony at tpat7747@gmail.com*



The Blessed Sacrament Chapel

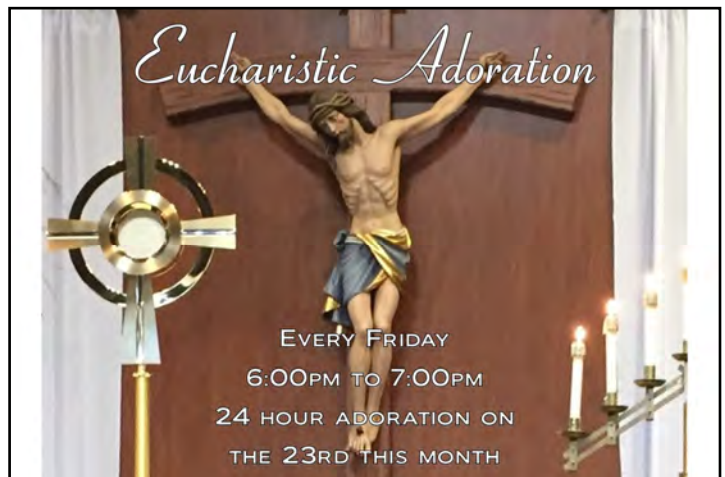
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REMEMBERING ALL THOSE WE LOST
HONORING OUR FIRST RESPONDERS



FEAST OF FAITH The Shape of the Eucharistic Prayer

Our Eucharistic Prayers originated in the traditional Jewish meal prayers known as berakah, which were prayers of thanksgiving used at meals. Over the centuries, the Christian thanksgiving, or Eucharist, gradually took shape. While in the East the Eucharistic Prayers (called anaphora) took many forms, in the Roman Church there was for many centuries just one Eucharistic Prayer, called the Roman Canon (now known as Eucharistic Prayer I). Almost all Eucharistic Prayers include the same basic elements. They begin with thanksgiving and acclamation. Then there is an epiclesis, as the priest calls down the Holy Spirit upon the gifts. Then follows the institution narrative and consecration, as the words that Jesus spoke at the Last Supper are repeated. After the consecration, we remember in an explicit way all that Christ has done for us—this is the anamnesis, or remembering. The prayer concludes with the offering, the intercessions—prayers for the Church, our leaders, ourselves—and a final doxology of praise. The reforms of the Second Vatican Council enriched our liturgy with additional Eucharistic Prayers, including both ancient texts (Eucharistic Prayer II is based on the most ancient of all existing Eucharistic Prayers) and new compositions.

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BLESSING OF STUDENTS BEFORE THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Lord our God, in your wisdom & love

You surround us with the mysteries of the universe.

Send Your Spirit upon these students

and fill them with Your wisdom and blessings.

Grant that they may devote themselves to their studies
& draw ever closer to You, the source of all knowledge.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

We also ask you to bless their parents, teachers, and
mentors who walk with them, support them, and guide them
on their journey.

We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

R/. Amen.

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The Young Ladies Institute

School Supply Drive

the weekend of
August 21st and 22nd

It's time to shop for school supplies to
benefit schools in need.
Monetary donations will also be accepted

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.





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- Deacon Steve Greco
President, Spirit Filled Hearts Ministry



The Marriage Course from St. Vincent de Paul Church is for married couples seeking practical support to stay connected. The seven-part series starts on Sept. 7, and meets weekly on Zoom: Tuesday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. through Oct. 19.

THE MARRIAGE COURSE

FROM ALPHA

<http://svdphb.org/the-marriage-course/>
or call (714) 697-5659



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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 & Keith Rattay	(9) 559-6464
Wedding Coordinator		

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
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Building Committee	Keith Rattay	(9) 551-8601
Deacons	Tony Patronite, Tin Nguyen & Leonard Sun	(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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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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My soul proclaims the greatness
of the Lord; my spirit rejoices
in God my Savior.

Luke 1:46

POINTING THE WAY

Today we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The readings give us much to ponder as we reflect on Mary, her special place prepared by God for eternity, and all that resulted from her “yes” to the angel’s message that she was to bear the Christ, the anointed one of God. Mary is “blessed among women,” the vessel for the life and salvation of Christ for all generations. Mary always points us to her son, Jesus. Through her witness, we are inspired to proclaim the greatness of the Lord with our lives. In her Assumption, we are assured that Mary is in the presence of God, pointing the way to all who live as God’s good and holy people in this life while we await ultimate fulfillment in the next.

BLESSED ARE YOU

Elizabeth had waited a long time for the child she carried. She was beyond child-bearing age by the time she conceived the baby who would be known as John the Baptist. We can only imagine her joy and amazement when the baby leaped in her womb at Mary’s arrival. Elizabeth was old and Mary young, yet both trusted in the goodness of the Lord; both relied on the Holy Spirit to be with them in the perplexing, exciting, and anxious time in which they found themselves. They show us what it means to put God at the center of our lives. Their story may inspire us to believe that God’s loving mercy awaits in every moment of our lives. Elizabeth calls Mary and the child in her womb “blessed,” holy. Mary’s holiness is found in her belief in God and her willingness to carry out God’s plan by carrying the child Jesus in her womb. How are you called to holiness? In what ways are you willing to carry out God’s plan?

MY SOUL PROCLAIMS

Mary’s response to Elizabeth, which we hear in today’s Gospel, is known as the Magnificat. Mary “magnifies” the greatness of the Lord—through her, we see God’s mercy clearly. Mary’s canticle is a declaration that God cares for the lowly and vulnerable, for the humble and hungry. This, Mary says, is the God for whom the people of Israel had long waited. This is God in whom we believe. Like Mary, the Almighty has done great things for us. As followers of Mary’s son, Jesus Christ, we are called to make this merciful, caring God known to those who are in need. How will you glorify, magnify, the Lord by your life?

TODAY’S READINGS

Revelation 11:19a, 12:1–6a, 10ab
Psalm 45:10, 11, 12, 16
1 Corinthians 15:20–27
Luke 1:39–56