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Mass schedule

Daily

8:00 am Monday to Saturday*
6:00 pm Monday to Friday

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

* Livestreamed Masses

Morning Prayer: Mon, Wed & Fri 7:30am to 7:50am

Adoration: Every Friday at 6:30pm

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

Sacramental preparation and accommodations for people with disabilities: contact Tara in the office



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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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Deacon Leonard & Mrs. Nancy Sun
Deacon Tim & Mrs. Michelle O'Donoghue

†Rev. John E. Janze

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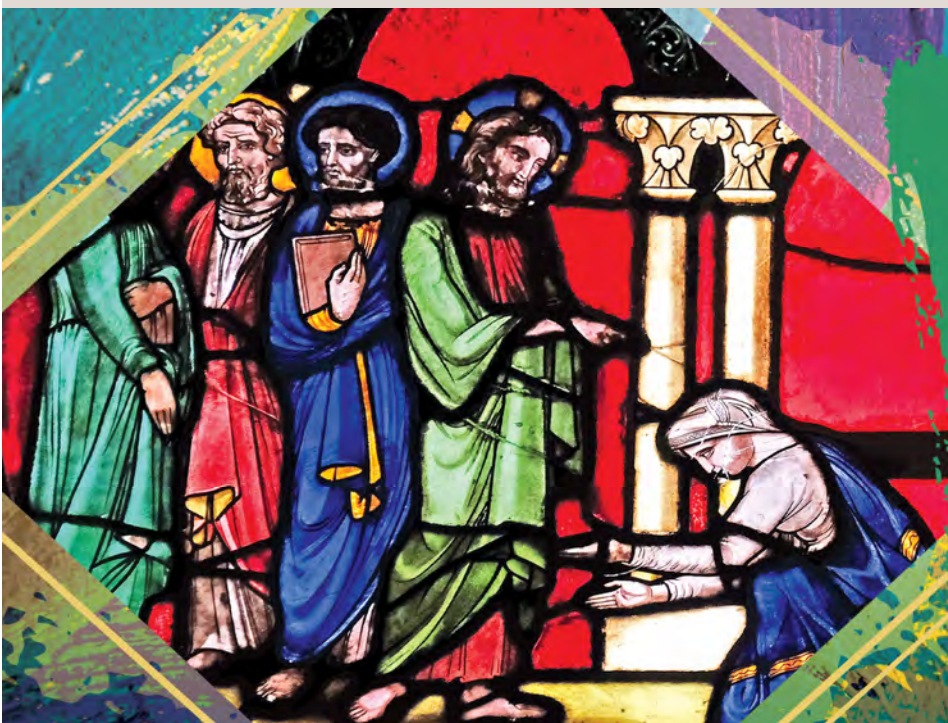
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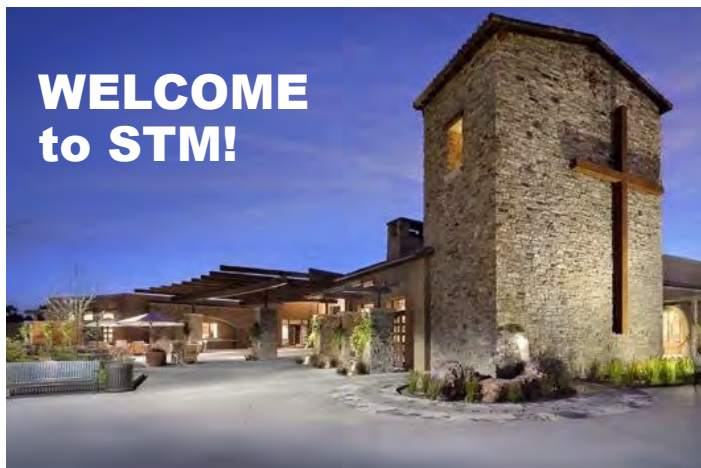


August 16, 2026

**20TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

The woman came and
did Jesus homage, saying,
"Lord, help me."
- Mt 15:25

**WELCOME
to STM!**



Funeral Masses

Ruben Perez: Monday, August 17th at 10:00 am
Richard Brehmer: Friday, August 28 at 10:00am



Prayers for Healing

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Mass Intentions

Sat 8/15	4:00pm	†Dominic and Maria Vũ Hữu Chương
	6:00pm	Janette Maurer
Sun 8/16	8:00am	PRO POPULO
	9:30am	Kevin and Elisa Nguyen
		Emanuel and Raquel Fernandes
		Paul Fernandes
		Fr. Eugene Lee Family
		†Pedro Tupas
		†Consuelo Serrano
		†John Patrick Kenshalo
		†Sean Soria
		†Gloria Weeks
		†Onofre Gutierrez, Jr.
	11:30am	†Kim Viet Hung
	1:00pm	†Alfredo Ambriz
	5:00pm	Jay Hills
Mon 8/17	8:00am	Stephanie Mispagel
	6:00pm	David Alvarez
Tues 8/18	8:00am	†Nelly Gerona
	6:00pm	Joey Gonzales
Wed 8/19	8:00am	Fr. Joe Horn
	6:00pm	Annie Mabus
Thurs 8/20	8:00am	Andrew Scharff
	6:00pm	†Gloria Gonzalez
Fri 8/21	8:00am	Elizabeth Clark
	6:00pm	Jane De Leon
Sat 8/22	8:00am	Victor Cota
		Trinh Lam Lam
		Renato Del Rosario
		Robert Abundo
		The Hang Nguyen Family
		The Liu Family
		†Gilbert Lopes
		†Mary Jo Sullivan
		†Flordeliza Espolong
		†Mark Gilligan
		†Patricia L'Herureux
		†Gloria Weeks
		†Nena Lamella
		†Marina Anes
		†Dominador Anes

Food Pantry

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Wednesdays
every month



Collection Report

7/20/2026 – 7/26/2026

Sunday Collection	\$ 29,256.00
Believe & Build, BGT, BGT2	\$ 12,422.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 106.00
Misc Income (Mass Intentions, etc)	\$ 6,363.00

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BIBLE STUDIES!



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Dive into Sunday's readings, discover how God speaks through His Word, and grow closer to Him through faith and fellowship.

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TEEN SOCIAL!

August 18 • 6:30 PM •

Youth Room

Come hang out, connect, enjoy food, games, and have fun. All high school teens welcome—bring a friend!



YM NEWS!



Registration is Open!

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Register and find program details, calendars, and forms on our website!

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CHILDREN'S

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7:30pm

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AUG 20TH: CLOTHES SWAP



GREAT

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

MATTHEW 15:28

Thank You to our 2026 Graduated
ALTAR SERVERS!



STM joyfully welcomes Pamela Ocampo as the Director of Children's Faith Formation!

Many know Pam has been involved in various capacities through over 20 years as a faithful and service-oriented parishioner of STM. She has been married 33 years with Deacon Bernie Ocampo, and has been blessed with four children (one in heaven) and a toddler grandson.

Pam has been serving in the parish as Head Sacristan and in an active leadership role within the Liturgy Committee. She was coordinator of OCIA with Fr. Eugene for three years, facilitated Baptism Prep and Marriage Prep, plus served as a Catechist for Confirmation and Children Faith Formation. Pam has been involved in Cursillo and CRHP/Welcome. She is also involved in formation and personnel boards within the Diaconate office.

Prior to joining the STM staff, she was employed in the Diocese of Orange's Office of Ecumenism and Inter-religion. Pam coordinated Diocese events with Bishops, Senior Priests and Committees that promoted Christian unity and understanding among faiths. Her main professional background was in human resources, talent recruiting and project management for major global firms.

Pam's education includes nearly 10 years of diaconate program (initial training plus ongoing formation) with her husband. She possesses a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and attended Catholic K-12 schools.



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Queenship of Mary

Question:

Why do we have a feast for the Queenship of Mary?

Answer:

For many of us, the language of kings and queens may seem like they belong to history or a medieval movie. Royalty have absolute authority over a kingdom and their subjects, a concept that is foreign to many of us today. While Jesus doesn't rule a political kingdom, we honor and recognize him as the King of Kings, Lord of Heaven and Earth. To God alone belongs absolute authority over all of existence.

We may think of queens as the spouse of the king, but there is another key relationship: the king's mother. In Biblical history, we see instances where the mother of the king is given due as a queen herself, complete with a throne! Mary's guiding influence over her Son is seen most notably in the Wedding Feast at Cana. Mary is not Queen on her own merit. She is "full of grace" and "blessed" in "all ages" because of the reign of her Son.

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Matthew 25:40

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Christ Renews His Parish 2.0

Men's Weekend

Sat & Sun Sept. 12th - 13th
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Women's Weekend

Sat & Sun Sept. 19th - 20th
St. Thomas More Church, Irvine

Register today at www.christrenewsoc.com

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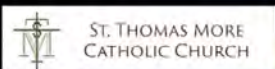
Bible Focused Formation is looking for

Bible Study Facilitators!

Prospective facilitators should have experience with scripture discussion leadership and a desire to spread the Good News!

If you are interested, please contact

Margaret Cunningham at
biblestudy@stmirvine.org



It's Tee Time for Charity! Registration is NOW OPEN



Fr. John Janze Memorial Golf Tournament & Banquet Fundraiser
Thursday, September 10, 2026
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Questions of the Week

First Reading:

The Lord reveals to Isaiah that He desires a house of prayer for all peoples. Do you see your faith community being open to outsiders?

Second Reading:

Paul sees how God used Israel's unbelief in Jesus as an opportunity to extend His mercy to the Gentiles. Have you ever shown mercy to someone in an unexpected way?

Gospel:

The Canaanite woman is persistent with Jesus to heal her demon-possessed daughter, and so he does. When have you felt heard by Jesus?

Virtues, Explained!

They say that wisdom comes with experience, and it does — but only if you accept it. Wisdom originates in both our will and in our intellect, meaning we must ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of wisdom — and remember to be ready when it comes.



WHEN WOMEN PRAY 2026

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

ValLimar Jansen

Saturday, October 3, 2026

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

<https://www.whenwomenpraystm.org/wwp2026>

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(EN ESPAÑOL)

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7:45 PM - 8:45 PM.

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 ST. THOMAS MORE

Observances for the week of August 16, 2026

Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: St. John Eudes, Priest
Thursday: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. Pius X, Pope
Saturday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



GriefShare

Grief Support Group

Help and Encouragement after the death of a loved one.

STM Multipurpose Room
10:00 - 11:30 AM
August 18 - November 10, 2026

Please Register At griefshare.org

For Further Information
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714-875-8126

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Canaanite woman did not take Jesus' initial refusal as rejection, but as an invitation to engage with God, to show him the depth of her faith. When our prayers are not answered as we wish, will we have the courage to do the same?

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Spiritual Development

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Sunday, Oct. 18 @ 4:30PM

Questions?
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