

SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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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Parochial Vicar Chinese Chaplain

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Rev. Joseph Horn, O Praem

Rev. Joseph Justice

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Mass Intentions

Sat 8/16 4:00pm PRO-POPULO 6:00pm †Alma Gottbreht

Sun 8/17 8:00am †Hartono Horas (Ho Weng Lie)

9:30am Annie Mabus
11:30am Jen Sagiao
Eli Rodriguez
†Remedios Marin
†Armando Casanova
†Lingsley Kabalican

1:00pm Fr. Angelus Echeverry

5:00pm Debi Whalen

Mon 8/18 8:00am †Hartono Horas (Ho Weng Lie)

6:00pm †Gloria Gonzalez Tues 8/19 8:00am Fr. Joe Horn

6:00pm Madeleine Del Villar

Wed 8/20 8:00am Perfidia De Quiroz

6:00pm Marc Lemire and Family

Thurs 8/21 8:00am Patty Lopes 6:00pm †Carlos Weihs

Fri 8/22 8:00am †Quy Le

6:00pm †Maria and Andresj Kasko

Sat 8/23 8:00am Brittaney Nguyen

Tan Nguyen Khoa Nguyen †Eddie Navera





August is Dedicated to the The Immaculate Heart of Mary

On stmirvine.org



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Intentions once a week



Collection and Expense Report 7/14/25—7/20/25

TOTALS			EGIVING TOTALS		
COLLECTION	S	14,163.02	COLLECTION	S	23,492.00
MAINTENANCE FUND	S	270.00	MAINTENANCE FUND	S	475.00
OTHER INCOME	s	35,127.98	OTHER INCOME	S	12,312.74
TOTAL	s	49,561.00	TOTAL	s	36,279.74

Campaign Collection: \$ 42,454.45 Campaign EGIVING: \$ 18,234.58 Weekly Expenses: \$ 22,422.00 Weekly Campaign Expenses: \$ 45,450.00

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die. (Jer 38:10)

Psalm:

Lord, come to my aid! (Ps 40)

Second Reading:

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us

and persevere in running the race that lies before us. (Heb 12:1)

Gospel:

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Lk 12:49)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus tells us that he has come to set fire to the earth. What can we give him as kindling? Let us look into our souls and see where the fire of Christ can be ignited, and pray that our souls may be consumed by its life-giving flames.

Observances for the week of August 17, 2025

Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. John Eudes, Priest

Wednesday: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the

Church

Thursday: St. Pius X, Pope

Friday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin **Next Sunday:** 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Questions of the Week

First Reading:

One of the court officials, Ebed-Melech, pleaded for Jeremiah to be rescued from a muddy cistern. How might you help a friend or colleague this week?

Second Reading:

The author of Hebrews encourages his community to focus on Jesus as a way to stay strong and hopeful. Can you think of a time when your faith in Jesus helped you through a challenging circumstance?

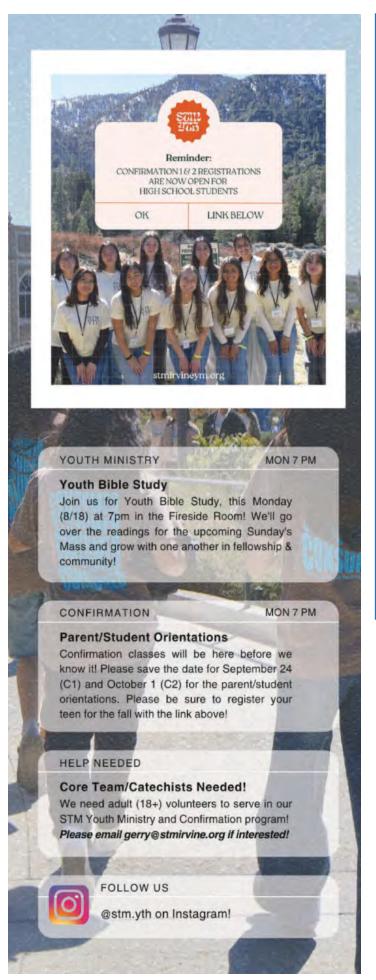
Gospel:

Jesus forewarns his disciples that even families will be divided over his words. Growing up, how did your family deal with tension and conflict?



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. ©LPi



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REP Registration News
We are so excited to announce that

registration for our Religious Education Program (Grades k-8) is

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Volunteers Needed for 2025/2026

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.



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For any questions, contact the REP Office at rep@stmirvine.org or (949) 551-8029.



Back-to-School Prayer

God of all knowledge,

you knew us when we were still in our mother's womb. You know our comings and our goings.

Grant us wisdom to act on the knowledge we have of you, and humility to admit when we do not know what to do. Bless our minds with the knowledge of you and how you sent your Son into the world to show us the way to you. Bless all students who are preparing to go back to school. Bless their teachers and aides that help them to learn. In addition, give us who are parents the ability to be the first teachers in the faith we have received from our parents. We ask all this through Christ our Lord and brother.





FOOD PANTRY will collect donations Sunday, August 17

IMMEDIATE NEED:

Canned food & dry packaged food such as canned tuna & canned chicken in water

Monetary donations are accepted and appreciated since Second Harvest no longer receives federal funds to purchase eggs, milk and meat for us. Your monetary donations will help us to continue to provide these items to our guests. Please don't purchase these items for us as we are not able to store them. Thank you for your generosity!

Food Pantry Open: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays: Noon to 1pm









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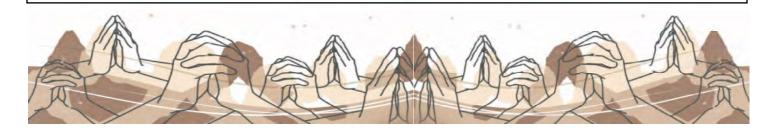






Every Thursday at 7:00 pm starting August 28 in MPR

For more info, contact: Marie Obillos at OCIA@stmirvine.org or at 949-668-5201





St. Thomas More's 30th Anniversary is coming in 2026!

If you have any photos of our STM history, please email them to: Photos@stmirvine.org

WHY SHOULD I BECOME A REGISTERED MEMBER OF STM?

If you are attending Mass on a regular basis at St. Thomas More, we invite you to engage with us. Registered parishioners enjoy these benefits:

- STM offers opportunities and support as you journey in faith, through praying, serving, giving, learning and belonging.
- Registered parishioners receive important updates throughout the year to keep up-to-date on important parish news.
- Registered parishioners receive preference when choosing dates for celebrations such as weddings or funerals.
- Other parishes often request verification of a person's status as a practicing Catholic, attendance at Mass, etc., when that person has been asked to be a Godparent or Sponsor. Without registration, no such verification can be made.
- Donations are confidentially recorded by parish staff for proof of giving history for tax purposes.

Registering with St. Thomas More Catholic Church is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish. Register today online at www.stmirvine.org or call the parish office at 949-551-8601.











The Jubilee Prayer

Pope Francis

Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee 2025

Pickup the Jubilee 2025 pamphlet at STM for Monthly Events to celebrate the Jubilee Year together as a Parish

AUGUST

Jubilee for Youth and Young Adults

- Flower of Hope project Participate in providing needs for Casa Torosa, homes for young ladios. Pick a flower on August 2nd-3rd and bring donated item(s) in on August 16th-17th
- Special Masses on August 16th-17th to bloss all youth and young adults
- · Prepare meals with the Homoless Lunch Ministry on Monday, August 18th @ 5-6pm in MPR







AUGUST 23 St. Rose of Lima | August 23

Born Isabel Flores de Olivia in April 1586 in Lima, Peru to Spanish colonists, Saint Rose of Lima took the name Rose at her confirmation in 1597. Legend holds that she received this nickname as an infant because a servant saw her face transformed into a rose.

Even as a child Saint Rose was dedicated to Christ. Growing up she made many secret penances. And when she was old enough to be married, deterred suitors by cutting off her hair and rubbing pepper on face to make it blister. She took a vow of chastity even though her parents wished her to marry. She fasted many times a week and permanently abstained from meat.

Eventually her parents gave in and allowed her to join the Third Order of St. Dominic, although she was not permitted to live in a convent. Saint Rose undertook severe penances, allowing herself only two hours of sleep a night in order to have more time to pray, wearing a heavy silver crown with spikes on the inside imitating Christ's crown of thorns, and even burning her own hands. However, she also cared for the sick and hungry, and sold her beautiful embroidery and fine lace, as well as flowers she grew to help raise funds for

She died at the age of 31 on August 24, 1617. Pope Clement X canonized her in 1671, she was the first saint of the New World, born in the Americas. Saint Rose of Lima is the patron saint of Latin America and the Philippines.

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In what form did the Holy Spirit appear to the Apostles during Pentecost? **Answer**:

Tongues of fire.



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Dear God, In the moments when my faith is met with others' disdain or ridicule, give me the grace to be grounded in You: Remind me that Your mission matters, and that You alone bring comfort, healing, and salvation.

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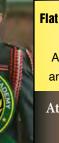


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