



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

TEXT TO GIVE: 949-919-5494



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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.

Pastor

Parochial Vicar
Chinese Chaplain
Weekend Assistants

Deacons

First Pastor

Rev. Eugene J. Lee

Rev. Thomas Tran
Rev. Francis Li
Rev. Joseph Horn, O Praem
Rev. Joseph Justice
Deacon Tin & Mrs. UyenLan Nguyen
Deacon Leonard & Mrs. Nancy Sun
Deacon Tim & Mrs. Michelle O'Donoghue

†Rev. John E. Janze

Office Information

Office hours:
Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm
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Children's Faith Formation: 949-551-8029
Youth Ministry: 949-551-8602



August 23, 2026

UPON THIS ROCK.

— MATTHEW 16:18 —

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**WELCOME
to STM!**

Newly Baptized

Bradley Cunningham
Owen Guerrero
Ellis Noa Nunez
Matteo Padilla

Funeral Masses

Richard Brehmer: Friday, August 28 at 10:00am
Maria Ester Romero: Thursday, September 3 at 10:00am



Prayers for Healing

Flory Aguilar
Lourdes Barnachea Balaoing
Sal Baldomar
Francis Xavier Bernier
Daniel Bernabe
Douglas Boyette
Charlene Burian
Lisa Busch
Felicia Carazo
Kelly Carter
Elaine Chiou
Michael Collins
Thomas Conner
Cristina Crouth
Joseph Dela Victoria
Cristina Dulce
Denise Doppstadt
Jamael Edwards
Corey Evans
Ted Fliiller
Pierre Gagnon
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Marco Gama
Anthony Gaona
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Tiesha Kelley
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Kevin Lee
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Brielle LeMire
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Joseph Manglona
Deirdre Morley

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Angelica Myers
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Sharon Pataray
Norma Peckson
Armando Peña
Jacqueline Claire Poznoski
Sandra Quezada
Ryan Quinn
George Quitoriano
Baby Ramona
Al & Elizabeth Rangitsch
Margie Revilla
Matilda Reyna
Maryhelen Rios
Guadalupe Rivas
Pat Robertson
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Jimmy Rocha
Edna Santiago
Norma Santiago
Mary Anne Stenske
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Kumiko Taniuchi
Louise Todaro
Lisa Turner
Florice S Valenciano
Jesus Villanueva
Raymund Villanueva
Sandy Wieduwilt
Roger Lynn Witherspoon
Kathy Zamora
Andy Zelinko
Joe & Judy Zwetow

Mass Intentions

Sat 8/22	4:00pm	†GIUSE TRẦN TUẤN CUÔNG
	6:00pm	Alyssa San Juan and Anh Tai Truong
Sun 8/23	8:00am	†Alodia Bartolome
	9:30am	PRO POPULO
	11:30am	Teresita Tan
		Joyce Lui
		†Arturo Rangel
		†Jorge Rangel
		†Karina Rangel
		†Jose Farfan
		†Froilyne Invencion
		†Eric Lopez
		†Delmy Isabel Rodriguez
		†Shahryar Ostowari
	1:00pm	†Luis Fermin Perez Ambriz
	5:00pm	†John McGilll
Mon 8/24	8:00am	†Pablo Ponciano, Sr.
	6:00pm	Sharyl Jane Ostowari
Tues 8/25	8:00am	Theresa Thai
	6:00pm	Laura Miramontes
Wed 8/26	8:00am	Victor Lay Biancardi
	6:00pm	Gaby Negrete
Thurs 8/27	8:00am	†Jackson Scharff
	6:00pm	Steve Cory
Fri 8/28	8:00am	†Agustino Nguyen
	6:00pm	†Pilar Lay de Quiñones
Sat 8/29	8:00am	Elizabeth Kulas
		Jeffrey Sy
		The Papa Family
		Jillian Jayakumar
		Gerry and Maragarita Tolentino
		Mark and Kathy Forrester
		Eleanor Yieau
		Telo Atienza
		Paul and Kathy Nguyen Family
		Nyah and Chris Nguyen
		†Margaret McLaughlin
		†Josefina De Los Reyes
		†Ruben Montes Perez
		†Joseph Rigor
		†Jesefina Arranguez Etulle
		†Rachel Ruth Rodela Fierro
		†Beatrice MacMullin
		†All Souls in Purgatory
		†Roland Sy
		†Gloria Weaks



August is Dedicated to the
The Immaculate Heart of Mary

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with Prayer

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- View and Pray for the Online Intentions
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Collection Report

7/27/2026 – 8/2/2026

Sunday Collection	\$ 36,135.00
Believe & Build, BGT, BGT2	\$ 17,781.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 675.00
Misc Income (Mass Intentions, etc)	\$ 3,598.00

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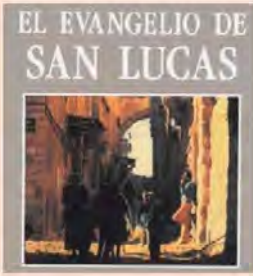


Come Join a Bible Study!
2026 – 2027 Studies now OPEN for Registration!

Register NOW!



Fall 2026 Bible Study List

COURSE	DESCRIPTION	SCHEDULE	FACILITATOR	REGISTRATION LINK
Bible Basics 1 Session	Come learn the basics of the Catholic Bible! A great way to start your scriptural journey!	Monday Starting Sept-14 7:00pm St. Nicholas Room	John Thai	
Gospel of Luke 8 Sessions	Luke's Gospel uncovers how Jesus fulfills the promises of the Old Testament.	Wednesdays Starting Sept-16 9:30am Multi-Purpose Room	Janice LaVelle	
Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible 8 Sessions	A beginner course covering the 12 Periods and 14 narrative books of the Catholic Bible.	Saturdays Starting Sept-19 9:30am Fireside Room	Mary Cope	
Exodus 9 Sessions	Explore God's power, His faithfulness, and His plan to redeem and guide His people.	Mondays Starting Sept-21 7:00pm St. Nicholas Room	John Thai	
El Evangelio de San Lucas 10 Sessions	¡Únase a nuestra maravillosa comunidad mientras exploramos el Evangelio de San Lucas!	Lunes Comienza Sept-14 7:00pm Multi -Purpose Room Miercoles Comienza Sept-16 10:00am St. Nicholas Room	Victor Cota Teresa LeMire	

STM|YTH

Confirmation + Youth Ministry

IGNITE



CALLING ALL CONFIRMED JUNIORS & SENIORS!
TONIGHT • Aug. 23 • 6–8:30 PM
• Youth Room
Dinner • Games • Fellowship • Faith
Come connect, grow and let the Holy Spirit lead!
IGNITE REGISTRATION IS OPEN!
Sign up + register for upcoming retreats.
A ministry for the confirmed.

BIBLE STUDIES!

Mondays • 6:30–8:00PM
• Youth Room

Go deeper into God's Word.
Reflect on Sunday's readings, discover what God is saying to you, and grow in faith alongside others.
Come as you are.
Bring a friend. Grow together.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



CONFIRMATION-ADULT VOLUNTEER-IGNITE

• Volunteer Info Night •
Tuesday, September 1 at 6:30pm

For those interested in volunteering with STM|YTH.
Join us to learn more about serving our youth and how you can get involved!

All registration, program, and volunteer information is available on our website.
Scan the QR code to learn more & register!



VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION!



Your love is eternal.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.
-Psalm 138



Children's Faith Formation (formerly known as REP)
Registration for K - 8th Grade Opening Soon!
Keep an eye on the website for updates!



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FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION, CONTACT:

Marie Obillos

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- ✓ Are considering becoming Catholic
- ✓ Were baptized Catholic but have not completed their Sacraments
- ✓ Are returning to the Catholic Church
- ✓ Want to deepen their Catholic faith



Come with an open heart and take the next step in your faith journey.
We would be blessed to walk with you.



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PRAY FOR MORE VOCATIONS



Our beloved parishioner, Matthew Esguerra will be entering the Norbertine Order at St. Michael's Abbey to begin formation to the priesthood. Matthew has been a bright light here in our community serving as a pianist, altar server, young adult core team member, and faithful brother in Christ. His parents Sol and Lolline Esguerra are also faithful parishioners here at STM and we thank them for forming their son in the faith. We pray that God's blessings be upon Matthew that he may persevere in the way of holiness.

Let us also pray for our parishioners, Matthew Wong and his sister, Sister Mary Chiara Wong. Matthew is in formation towards priesthood for the Diocese of Orange and will be entering his first year of theology (graduate studies) at Mount Angel Seminary in Oregon and Sister Mary Chiara is in her 5th year of formation towards final vows with the Norbertine Canonesses in Tehachapi. We thank their parents and faithful parishioners, Brian and Jane Wong for offering up their only two children to the service of the Church.



Let us pray for more vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated religious life.

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Mission Appeal August 22 & 23



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Albania's Social Reality: A Mission Field in Urgent Need



Albania, though rich in culture and history, continues to suffer from deep inequalities in access to basic human services, especially in healthcare and education.

The scars of its communist past, combined with persistent economic difficulties and widespread emigration, have left many communities—particularly in rural and mountainous regions—without adequate support.

Guest Speaker: Fr. Saji Muthirenthickal

ENHANCING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



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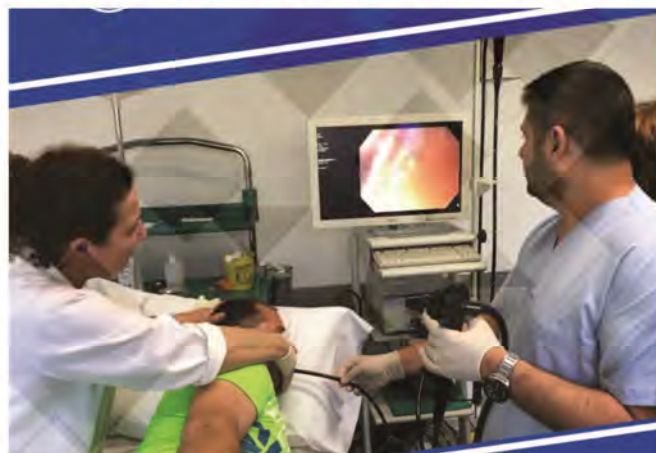
By investing in education, we invest in a future filled with compassion, opportunity, and progress.

EXPANDING ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

In Albania's remote villages and underserved communities, access to healthcare is a distant dream for many.

Through **Health Care Clinics "At Luigi Monti" and the Catholic Hospital**, we work to bring essential healthcare services to those who need them most.

Our work extends beyond healing physical ailments; it restores dignity, offers solace, and rekindles hope as envisioned by our Founder. Inspired by his witness, we bring love and compassion to those who suffer in silence.



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By reaching out to the poorest and most isolated, we reaffirm the belief that every life is precious and worthy of care.



Virtues, Explained!

Though valor itself is not a cardinal or theological virtue, as a Latin-based word that means "strength," we associate it with the gift of fortitude. It conjures an image of fortitude on the battlefield — of fidelity to the good fight, regardless of the coming attack.

Prayer for the Pope

Dear God,
Be with Our Holy Father in his ministry. Bless, anoint, and protect him in his comings and goings. Inspire his words, direct his interactions, guide his prayer. Amen.



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.

Amen.

Welcome

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WHEN WOMEN PRAY 2026

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

ValLimar Jansen

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Date: Saturday, October 3, 2026
Time: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Location: St. Thomas More Catholic Church
51 Marketplace, Irvine, CA 92602
<https://www.whenwomenpraystm.org/wwp2026> or scan QR code

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2nd & 4th
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Early Bird \$65 per family
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UCI WELCOME MASS

 with Bishop Freyer

 Join us as we celebrate the beginning of the academic year with a special Welcome Mass featuring Bishop Timothy Freyer and our new UCI Chaplain, Father Martin.

All students, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends are invited to this afternoon of faith and fellowship.

Complimentary dinner will be served after Mass.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
9 Hillgate, Irvine, CA 92612

Sunday, Oct. 18 @ 4:30PM

 **Anteater CATHOLIC ALUMNI**

Questions?
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