



# 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  
5:00 pm 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.

### Pastor

Parochial Vicar  
Chinese Chaplain  
Weekend Assistants

### Deacons

### Founding 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

†Rev. John E. Janze

### Office Information

Office hours:

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

Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm

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Youth Ministry: 949-551-8602

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**STRIVE**  
TO ENTER  
THROUGH THE  
NARROW GATE.

— LUKE 13:24 —

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 24, 2025

# WELCOME to STM!



Paul Cook

## Prayers for Healing

Racquel Aguinaldo  
Flory Aguilar  
Kaden Aiello  
Froy Becerra  
Daniel Bernabe  
Kelly Carter  
Lou and Nancy Chereny  
Jun Chung  
Michael Collins  
Paul Curran  
Chaz Decoteau  
Mary Rose Del Mundo  
Cristina Dulce  
Cecelia Duzynski  
Jamael Edwards  
Ted Fliller  
Tony Galati  
Marco Gama  
Anthony Gaona  
Lisa Greubel  
Regina Hager  
Doug & Kathie Hibbard  
Drew Hoang  
Cristeta Jaropillo  
Angela Judy  
Natalie and Warren Julian  
Chris Kasko  
Tiesha Kelley  
Vivian Knisely  
Ashly Leal  
Lauren Leal  
Brielle LeMire  
Etienne Lemye  
Joseph Manglona

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Ron Merse  
Deirdre Morley  
Susan Navarrete  
Ernie Natividad  
Steven Norris  
Bill Oesterreich  
Ben Pataray  
Sharon Pataray  
Katie Paulsen  
Armando Peña  
Jacqueline Claire Poznoski  
Sandra Quezada  
Ryan Quinn  
George Quitoriano  
Al & Elizabeth Rangitsch  
Guadalupe Rivas  
Jose Guadalupe Rivera  
Celsa Roberti  
Donna Rohrer  
Jimmy Rocha  
Norma Santiago  
Deacon John Selig  
Richard Stock  
Donny Stoufus  
Lisa Turner  
Pete Villanueva  
Jesus Villanueva  
Raymund Villanueva  
Linda Vito  
Bill Whiteside  
Michele Wills  
Andy Zelinko  
Joe & Judy Zwetow

## Mass Intentions

Sat 8/23 4:00pm Joonsik Peter Kang  
6:00pm †Alodia M. Bartolome  
Sun 8/24 8:00am †Anthony and Sydoney Cepavicius  
9:30am †Jose and Eva Fernandez  
11:30am PRO-POPULO  
1:00pm Fr. Joe Horn  
5:00pm The Fernandez Family  
Dylan Gonzalez Mares  
†Ann Fernandez  
†Doris Fernandez  
†William Veeiel  
†Flordeliza Espolong  
Mon 8/25 8:00am Victor and Mercedes Lay  
6:00pm Elizabeth Kulas  
Tues 8/26 8:00am †Zlatica and Mican Kasko  
6:00pm Gaby Negrete  
Wed 8/27 8:00am †Jackson Scharff  
6:00pm Regina Hager  
Thurs 8/28 8:00am †Augustine Nguyen  
6:00pm Valentina Bizzari  
Fri 8/29 8:00am Allen Chiou and Family  
6:00pm †Dale Gottbreht  
Sat 8/30 8:00am †Michael Mara Kim



August is Dedicated to the  
The Immaculate Heart of Mary

On [stmirvine.org](http://stmirvine.org)

*Prayer*  
Partners Supporting Others  
with Prayer

- Enter Your Prayer Intentions
- Enter Answered Prayer Testimonials
- View and Pray for the Online Intentions
- Become a Prayer Partner – Pray for the Intentions once a week



Email [bulletin@stmirvine.org](mailto:bulletin@stmirvine.org) to add a name to be included for one month

## Collection and Expense Report 7/21/25—7/27/25

<u>TOTALS</u>		<u>EGIVING TOTALS</u>	
COLLECTION	\$ 20,524.95	COLLECTION	\$ 15,292.00
MAINTENANCE FUND	\$ 190.00	MAINTENANCE FUND	\$ 65.00
OTHER INCOME	\$ 11,266.05	OTHER INCOME	\$ 8,784.92
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 31,981.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 24,141.92</b>

Campaign Collection:	\$ 15,500.00	Weekly Expenses:	\$ 3,794.00
Campaign EGIVING:	\$ 18,252.58	Weekly Campaign Expenses:	\$ 38,324.45



## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

I know their works and their thoughts,  
and I come to gather nations of every language;  
they shall come and see my glory. (Is 66:18)

### Psalm:

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News. (Ps 117)

### Second Reading:

So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees.  
Make straight paths for your feet,  
that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.  
(Heb 12:12-13)

### Gospel:

For behold, some are last who will be first,  
and some are first who will be last." (Lk 13:30)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate,"  
Jesus tells us. "Many will attempt...but will  
not be strong enough." So let us never be  
so foolish that we rely on our own strength.  
Narrow does not mean unpassable — not if  
we ask for help.

## Observances for the week of August 24, 2025

- Sunday:** 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday:** St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz,  
Priest  
**Wednesday:** St. Monica  
**Wednesday:** St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church  
**Friday:** The Passion of St. John the Baptist  
**Next Sunday:** 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Questions of the Week

### First Reading:

Isaiah reveals to us God's plan to gather and unite all His  
people and witness His glory in the age to come. What are  
you hoping for in the future?

### Second Reading:

The author of Hebrews offers words of encouragement  
for community members struggling and discouraged in  
their faith. Is there a friend or co-worker you could look to  
support this week?

### Gospel:

Jesus speaks to the crowds of the dire consequences of  
rejecting his call to salvation. What could be some effective  
ways to bring others to faith in Jesus?

## Newly Baptized

Ceci Oropeza  
Angel Martinez  
Layla Pham  
Chloe Preston  
Grayson Ramirez  
Milo Seabrook



## Holiness Runs in the Family

Raising faithful children is no easy task. For St. Monica, it seemed nearly impossible. Her husband wasn't Christian and often mocked her faith. Their son, Augustine, fell quickly into wild ways. He and his friends drank, stole, and caroused throughout town. Monica never stopped praying for Augustine, no matter how far he strayed. Augustine became swept up in heresy, a false form of Christianity. He lived with a mistress and had a child out of wedlock. All the while, Monica kept praying. Conversion came slowly to Augustine, but at age 32, he was finally baptized. Augustine would go on to become a priest, then bishop, then world-renowned theologian whose works have stood the test of time. May St. Monica and St. Augustine inspire us to never stop praying for our loved ones. ©LPi



# SERVE AS A YOUTH MINISTRY CORE MEMBER!



We need adult (18+) volunteers to serve in our STM Youth Ministry and Confirmation program!

## HELP NEEDED

### Core Team/Catechists Needed!

We need adult (18+) volunteers to serve in our STM Youth Ministry and Confirmation program!

*Please email [gerry@stmirvine.org](mailto:gerry@stmirvine.org) if interested!*

## YOUTH MINISTRY

MON 7 PM

### Youth Bible Study

Join us for Youth Bible Study, this Monday (8/25) at 7pm in the Fireside Room! We'll go over the readings for the upcoming Sunday's Mass and grow with one another in fellowship & community!

## CONFIRMATION

MON 7 PM

### Registration Now Open!

Registration for the high school Confirmation program here at STM is now open! Visit [stmirvineym.org](http://stmirvineym.org) to register! Please save the date for September 24 (C1) and October 1 (C2) for the parent/student orientations.



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# R.E.P. CORNER



## REP Registration News

We are so excited to announce that registration for our Religious Education Program (Grades K-8) is

**NOW OPEN!**

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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.



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

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## Legion of Mary Auxiliary Function

with Investiture of the Miraculous  
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Join us for a morning of grace and devotion:

- ⌚ 8:00 AM Mass
- 🕉️ Rosary to follow
- 🏛️ St. Thomas More Church, Irvine
- 🍽️ Light meal will be served

Saturday, August 30, 2025  
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Please scan the QR code to RSVP



## MORE MOMS CHILDREN'S ADORATION

Friday, August 29, 2025

3:45 pm Gather

4 - 5 pm Worship

5 - 6 pm Fellowship & Playdate

Saint Thomas More Catholic Church  
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ESPECIALLY FOR KIDS 0 TO 12 YEARS OLD  
A Eucharistic Adoration welcoming young families!  
Sing praises unto the LORD with your children.

## Reverence at Mass

Mass is deeply sacred. Let us deepen our devotion to the Eucharist.

**D**RESS to meet the King of Kings

**E**ARLY to Mass

**E**NGAGE in Mass with your heart

**P**ARTICIPATE actively

**E**ND. Stay to the end of the FINAL HYMN

**N**EIGHBOR-MINDED. Help make Mass a sacred  
time for you and your brothers and sisters.



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# LET'S CELEBRATE!

**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](mailto: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](http://www.stmirvine.org) or call the parish office at 949-551-8601.



**Pancake Breakfast**

**Sunday, Sept 7**  
**after all morning Masses!**

*Suggested Donation*  
\$5.00 Adult  
\$5.00 Child  
\$25.00 Maximum per Family

**Pancakes, Sausage,  
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## ST. THOMAS MORE MINISTRIES

### Liturgy Support

Altar Servers	Mary Jane Rin	(9) 627-7125
Art & Environment	Amee Cuevas	(9) 551-8601
Eucharist to the Homebound	Fran Necikowski	(7) 505-4816
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Nico Pagone	(7) 269-9989
Lectors	Ed Ferguson	(951) 313-4942
Music Director, Including Wedding Music	Kwang Nguyen	(9) 551-8601
Sacristans	Pam Ocampo	(9) 468-6704
Ushers	Frank Ornelas (9) 857-9044	Joe Martin (9) 385-3741

### Parish

Believe and Build Capital Campaign	Lisa VanDorpe	(7) 357-3080
Bulletin Editor	Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Deacons	Tin Nguyen & Leonard Sun	(9) 551-8601
Facilities Manager	Ed Ferguson	(9) 551-8601
Hospitality/Donut Ministry	Fr. Thomas Tran	(9) 551-8601
Parish Business Manager	Mireya Moreno	(9) 551-8601
Parish Office Manager	Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Welcoming Committee	Vince Salico	(7) 389-7726

### Sacraments

Baptism Coordinator	Maggy Gall	(9) 551-8601
Confirmation	Gerry Ordiano, Jr.	(9) 551-8602
First Communion	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
First Reconciliation	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)	Sonny & Marie Obillos	(9) 668-5201
Marriage Case Support	Contact office	(9) 551-8601
Marriage Encounter	Mike & Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Wedding Coordinator	Marcella Maurer	(9) 551-8601

### Service

Bereavement	Rosie Muñoz	(9) 551-8601
Chinese Ministry	Deacon Leonard Sun	(7) 932-1689
Corazon	Norma Jean Womack	(9) 903-1472
Filipino Ministry	Mernie Empalmado	(9) 551-8601
Grief Share Ministry	K.C. Riley	(7) 875-8126
Hispanic Ministry	Victor Cota	(9) 400-7743
Homeless Lunch Ministry	Jessica Silva & Kim Lee	(9) 294-2875 (7) 293-8987
Knights of Columbus Council #13111	John Royston	(7) 743-9774
Respect Life	Chris Gonzales	(9) 551-8601
Safety Ministry	Franck Reynaud	(7) 906-7569
STM Veterans	Sgt. Bob Kohler	(9) 552-1895
St. Vincent de Paul	Rick Lamoreux	(9) 331-1020
Vietnamese Ministry	Huan Le	(7) 261-9893
Young Ladies Institute	Ann Johnson	(9) 374-1547

### Spiritual Development

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Bible Study (Bible Focused Formation)	Margaret Cunningham	(7) 552-8711
Christ Renews His Parish	Steve Hastert & Stacey Howmann	(7) 319-9947 (9) 939-0998
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More Moms	Rosanna Iseri Novia	(9) 354-2547
Prayer Partners	Mary Cope	(7) 900-0632
Religious Education	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Small Faith Communities	Denyse Gagnon	(7) 501-7848
Spanish Bible Study (Bible Focused Formation)	Teresa LeMire	(7) 832-1770
When Women Pray	Paula Hines	(7) 746-1802

If you are feeling called to serve in one or more of our ministries, please email: [serve@stmirvine.org](mailto:serve@stmirvine.org)



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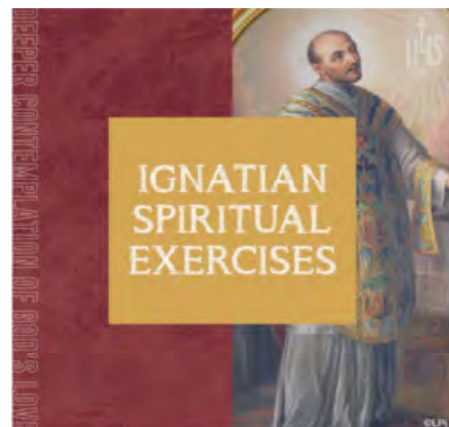
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### Prayer for Holiness

Good Shepherd,  
Guide me through the  
narrow gate. Remove from  
me anything that distracts  
me from You, Your love, Your  
invitation, Your mission. Keep  
me close to You, familiar at  
every step.  
Amen.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
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## GOLF TOURNAMENT & DINNER BANQUET

**THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 18**

Questions? Contact Gordon:  
[gordonwalters11@gmail.com](mailto:gordonwalters11@gmail.com)



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DATE!



### When Women Pray

15th Annual Prayer Breakfast

*"My Hope is in Him"*

Psalms 62:5

Saturday, October 11, 2025



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### Featured Speaker



**Angela Perez Baraquio**  
Educator and Author  
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#### EVENT SCHEDULE

7 AM - Check-in opens  
8 AM - Holy Mass + Rosary  
9:30 AM - Breakfast  
10:30 AM - Music + Prayer  
11 AM - Speaker  
12:30 PM - Conclusion

"OUR HEARTS WERE MADE  
FOR YOU, O LORD, AND  
THEY ARE RESTLESS UNTIL  
THEY REST IN YOU."

ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO



**Question:** What is the difference between a basilica and a cathedral?

**Answer:** Basilicas are churches that are so titled because of their antiquity, dignity, historical importance, or significance as centers of worship. A cathedral is the principal church of a diocese, which contains the chair of the bishop, or "cathedra" in Latin. The chair is the symbol of the bishop's teaching authority. ©LPi.



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