



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
Saturday: 8:30am-2:00pm
frontdesk@stmirvine.org
Front Office: 949-551-8601
After-hours emergency: 949-551-8601 ext. 7
Children's Faith Formation: 949-551-8029
Youth Ministry: 949-551-8602

August 30, 2026

**TAKE UP
HIS CROSS.**

— MATTHEW 16:24 —

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**WELCOME
to STM!**



THE PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED



Labor Day
Monday, Sept 7

In case of emergency, call

949-551-8601 ext. 7

Mass at 9:00am

NO 6:00pm Mass

Funeral Masses

Richard Brehmer: Friday, August 28 at 10:00am

Maria Ester Romero: Thursday, September 3 at 10:00am

Brian Joseph Donoghue: Fri, Sept. 25 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
Jamael Edwards
Corey Evans
Ted Fliiller
Pierre Gagnon
Tony Galati
Marco Gama
Anthony Gaona
Lisa Greubel
Regina Hager
Doug & Kathie Hibbard
Stacey Howmann
Drew Hoang
Chris Kasko
Tiesha Kelley
Jeff Kemper
Vivian Knisely
Kevin Lee
Patrick Lee
Sue Scholastica Lee
Brielle LeMire
Debbe Lowden
Joseph Manglona
Deirdre Morley

Marisol Muro
Angelica Myers
Susan Navarrete
Ernie Natividad
Lisa Nelson
Charles Oh
Jocelyn Pandes
Ben Pataray
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
Hisashi Taniuchi
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 8/29	4:00pm	†Dominic and Maria Vũ Hữu Đình
	6:00pm	Allen Chiou and Family
Sun 8/30	8:00am	Fr. Angelus Echeverry
	9:30am	†Patricia L'Heureux
	11:30am	PRO POPULO
	1:00pm	†Jesus Ambriz
	5:00pm	Joshua Shelly
		Celia M. Jacobo
		Joshua B. Forno
		Rob Rennie
		Nandy Umali
		†Jose Eduardo Galindo
		†Beatrice MacMullin
		†Joseph Am
		†Roger Jackson
		†Calogero Modicamore
		†Carlos and Erika Weihs
Mon 8/31	8:00am	Katlyn Lucia Nguyen Majkoski
	6:00pm	†Sebastian Macatula
Tues 9/1	8:00am	Kathryn Hackney
	6:00pm	†John Martin
Wed 9/2	8:00am	The Nguyen- Majkoski Family
	6:00pm	Allen Chiou and Family
Thurs 9/3	8:00am	†Justiniano II Sandique
	6:00pm	†Oscar Alberto Hernandez
Fri 9/4	8:00am	†Emiliana Martinez
	6:00pm	The Parada-Weihs Family
Sat 9/5	8:00am	Teresa Tran
		David Nguyen
		Lior Goldstein
		The Robles-Godinez Family
		Legion of Mary
		Arsenio Sumampong
		†Clifford Freeman
		†Jose Rodriguez
		†Leon Provencher
		†Ramoncito S. Pascual
		†Eduardo Andrade
		†Jose Leon Pui
		†Melodia Damaso
		†Robert Nagle
		†All Souls in Purgatory

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Plenty of people are drawn to Jesus. Curious about him. Inspired by him. But can they carry the cross? Today, Jesus tells us that we cannot have one without the other — it is Christ and the cross, or nothing at all. Which will we choose?

Collection Report 8/3/2026 – 8/9/2026

Sunday Collection	\$ 35,014.00
Believe & Build, BGT, BGT2	\$ 28,397.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 292.00
Disaster Relief: Spokane Fires	\$ 8,704.00
Misc Income (Mass Intentions, etc)	\$ 5,904.00

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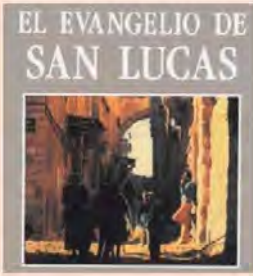


Come Join a Bible Study!
2026 – 2027 Studies now OPEN for Registration!

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	

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- C1 & C2
- IGNITE
- Adult Volunteer



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September 1st 6:30-8pm- MPR

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“Whoever wishes to come after
me must deny himself, take up
his cross, and follow me.”

MATTHEW 16:24b

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Formation*

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for 2026-2027

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FOR MORE INFORMATION
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Marie Obillos

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



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Observances for the week of August 30, 2026

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Thursday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

THANK YOU!

Young Ladies Grand Institute would like to thank everyone for the support of the School Supply Fundraiser! Supplies and monetary gifts were given to two schools in need: St. Justin Martyr Catholic School in Anaheim and St. Barbara Catholic School in Santa Ana.



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.



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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7:45 PM - 8:45 PM.

 **JESÚS TE ESPERA.**


ST. THOMAS MORE



Virtues, Explained!

Virtuous zeal refers to an all-consuming love, which has for its object the Lord Himself. Closeness with God is impeded by anything contrary to the teachings of Jesus Christ, so no person can be "zealous" for God if they are violent or hateful.

Prayer for Vocations

Dear God,
Give us the courage and strength to answer when You call! Give us clarity and trust to hear Your soft invitations. Give us the love to respond, and the bravery to take the steps that will bring us ever closer to You.
Amen.



GROW... PRAY... BELONG...



Discover a place where you'll:

- Pray together
- Reflect on Scripture
- Build authentic friendships
- Support one another through life's joys and challenges

Join us at the SFC Kickoff! September 12-13 after all Masses



STM SFC
Small Faith Communities



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認識天主與耶穌基督，
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一起走在信仰的道路上。



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找到內心的平安。

對象

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開課時間

2026年8月30日

(每週固定聚會，詳情另行通知)



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(若 10:10)

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The Revelation of the Father.

Date: Sundays, beginning September 6th
Time: 7:00AM

Location: Room 1 (near kitchen, in back)

All men are welcome. For questions, contact Mike Anderson,
mikeanderson27@hotmail.com.

— YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN —

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— ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH —

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OF EACH MONTH**
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More information about
the League of St. Martin
will be shared during
the gathering.
All are welcome!

 Come and gaze upon
the Face of Christ,

PRESENT IN THE MOST
HOLY EUCHARIST.






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

Registration:

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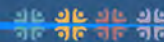
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Matthew 25:40



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