



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.

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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• 22ND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME •

“THE ONE
WHO HUMBLER
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BE EXALTED.”

August 31, 2025

WELCOME to STM!



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Mass Intentions

Sat 8/30	4:00pm	†Maria Do Thi Tin
	6:00pm	Steve Cory Ely Rodriguez †Erika Weihs †Mildred Serra †Gabriel Buritica
Sun 8/31	8:00am	†Ernie Nosari
	9:30am	†Calogero Modicamore
	11:30am	Alvin Chen
	1:00pm	Cenaculo de Oracion
	3:00pm	Yeong Chen Liau
	5:00pm	PRO-POPULO
Mon 9/1	8:00am	†Mike Hansen
	6:00pm	Paraon De Quiroz
Tues 9/2	8:00am	†Teresita Lim
	6:00pm	†Dich Quach
Wed 9/3	8:00am	Sofia Lozano
	6:00pm	Sean Nguyen
Thurs 9/4	8:00am	†Dominic Dinh Huu Vu
	6:00pm	†Evelyn Gonzales
Fri 9/5	8:00am	†Nicasio N. Naranjo Jr.
	6:00pm	†Edward Andrade
Sat 9/6	8:00am	Dina Soriano Renato del Rosario †All Souls in Purgatory †Joseph Chang †Eric Chang †Edward Chang



Collection Report

7/28/25– 8/3/25

Sunday Collection	\$21,007.56
Believe & Build	\$11,820.30
Maintenance Fund	\$ 390.00
Misc Income (Mass Intentions, etc)	\$24,052.60

Mission Cooperative Appeal Update

St. Thomas More collected \$37,566.98 for the Most Rev. Dr. Prakash Sagili's Diocese of Khammam in India. The funds will go toward the education of seminarians, construction of rectories and convents for religious, repairs to current infrastructure, as well as funding for other social service projects. Thank you for your generous support!

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Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Humble yourself the more, the greater you are,
and you will find favor with God. (Sir 3:18)

Psalm:

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.
(Ps 68)

Second Reading:

You have not approached that which could be touched
and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness. (Heb 12:18)

Gospel:

"For every one who exalts himself will be humbled,
but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Lk 14:11)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"When you hold a banquet, invite the poor,"
Jesus instructs. "Blessed indeed will you be
because of their inability to repay you." Each
of us has our own banquet to offer, our own
gifts to share. Who will we invite?

Observances for the week of August 31, 2025

Sunday:	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Labor Day
Wednesday:	St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day

Questions of the Week

First Reading:

Sirach speaks of the virtue of humility and the wisdom of
knowing one's limits. Can you think of a time when you
needed to depend on others?

Second Reading:

The author of Hebrews speaks of our direct access to
God through the new covenant established by Jesus. How
might we take advantage of such a gift?

Gospel:

With the parable of the wedding banquet, Jesus teaches
the Pharisees to be open and even inviting to the poor and
marginalized. How might you exercise this virtue in the
coming week?



THE PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

Labor Day

Monday, Sept 1st

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Thank you!

The Young Ladies Grand Institute
is thankful for all of your donations
to our School Supply Collection.
We delivered a "trunkful" of
supplies to each school and sent a
check for \$1,000.00 to each one for
assistance throughout the school year! Once again,
God bless you for your generosity!



Thank you, Sue & Len!

Sue and Len Hanchin have served as the leaders of the Money Counting
Ministry for over three years. We appreciate their dedication and
leadership in guiding the teams to be good stewards of the parish
collections every week. Although they are stepping away from the lead
role, they will continue to serve on one of the counting teams in the future.
Thank you so much, Sue and Len! We appreciate you!!



AUGUST 1 - 10, 2025

JAMAICA MISSION

15 YOUNG ADULTS SERVING THE GHETTOS OF KINGSTON

From August 1-10, Fr. Eugene Lee led a group of 15 young adults from St. Thomas More on a life-changing mission pilgrimage to Kingston, Jamaica. We served alongside the Missionaries of the Poor (M.O.P.), a religious order of consecrated men and women who dedicate their lives to serving the people in their local communities. When our group first arrived, we knew we were coming to serve, but what we did not expect was how profoundly we would be transformed. For ten days, we were warmly welcomed into the rhythm of the communal lifestyle of these M.O.P. Brothers and Sisters: we prayed together, we shared meals together, and we served side-by-side at the different centers, where we met residents whose joy, dignity, and courage will stay in our hearts forever.



AUGUST 1 - 10, 2025



A REFLECTION ON OUR PILGRIMAGE

BY MATTHEW ESGUERRA, AIMEE GALLARDO,
AND ARLYN PANDES

Who are those people whom we met and helped? They are the poorest of the poor, several of whom are afflicted with severe mental illnesses and physical impairments. They are the lowliest, most neglected in our society, yet God called us to come to their assistance. We did not just watch the M.O.P. Brothers and Sisters serve them; we lived as they lived. We fed the poor, washed them, clothed them, spent time with them – no matter what act it was, we did so out of love and nothing else. As a result, we discovered the overwhelming abundance of God's graces that He has prepared for us. We saw up close what it means to love without holding back, to work tirelessly for the most vulnerable, and to see Christ in every person. We overcame our own fears and anxieties, we worked alongside our fellow M.O.P. Brothers and Sisters in joy, and we collectively took care of those who would otherwise have no one else to take care of them. The work we did in itself was a gift from God, and we turned to Him repeatedly throughout the day during each cycle within the Liturgy of the Hours. The fixed times of prayer, accompanied by charitable work in service of the poor, gave us a glimpse and taste of the Kingdom of Heaven, made present to us in Jamaica.



The Missionaries of the Poor continue to live out the Gospel in a way that is not just inspiring, but also contagious. Their mission is to care for the poorest of the poor, not only by meeting physical needs, but by restoring dignity and reminding each person that they are beloved children of God. And in doing so, they have taught us that service is not simply about what we give, but about who we become when we love in action. We came thinking we were bringing help, but we left knowing we have received more than we could ever give. We received lessons in humility, joy, and faith. We learned that community is powerful, that when people live and serve together in the name of God, incredible things happen. I loved watching our dynamic, too. Everyone in our group is so different, yet we all come together so beautifully solely because we are all committed to living out our lives for Christ. That unity was built on shared faith, which is something we will carry home and strive to live out in our own communities.

THANK YOU

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you to every one of you who prayed for us and donated to this trip to make it possible. We carried each and every one of your prayer intentions with us throughout our journey in our Divine Mercy Novena we prayed each night. Even from afar, you were on mission with us. Thank you also to the M.O.P. Brothers and Sisters for opening your lives to us, for showing us that true service is rooted in prayer, and for reminding us that the greatest calling we have is to love. Lastly, thank you Fr. Eugene for all that you did to make this trip possible and for being our spiritual father.



YOUTH MINISTRY

MON 7 PM

No Youth Bible Study

Happy Labor Day weekend! There will be no Bible Study this week so enjoy the holiday! We will resume next week, September 8!

CONFIRMATION

MON 7 PM

Parent/Student Orientations

Confirmation classes will be here before we know it! Please save the date for September 24 (C1) and October 1 (C2) for the parent/student orientations. Please be sure to register your teen at stmirvineym.org.

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 if interested!



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As the students of our parish have started back to school, please keep them all in your prayers for a fun and fruitful year.



Volunteers Needed for 2025/2026

Would you like to share the love of our faith with the young people of our parish? This is an invitation for YOU to join our team as a teacher, substitute teacher or parent volunteer for the upcoming school year. Please contact the REP Office at (949) 551-8029 or rep@stmirvine.org for more information.



REP Registration News

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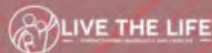
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Young Ladies Institute	Ann Johnson	(9) 374-1547

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Psalms 62:5
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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

St. Gregory the Great | September 3
Often called the father of the medieval papacy and Apostle of the English, Saint Gregory (540-604) became Pope in 590. He is known for his reform of the liturgy, the consolidation of papal power, and the conversion of England.



Devotions, Explained!

Imago divina (Latin for "divine image") is an extension of the ancient practice of *lectio divina* (literally, "divine lesson"). *Imago divina* is, in a sense, praying with one's eyes, using the medium of artwork to assist in lifting the mind to God.

Prayer for Humility

Dear God,
Mold my heart after Yours.
Help me to see myself as You
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