



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:

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SIT DOWN AND
CALCULATE
THE COST.

— LUKE 14:28 —

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 7, 2025

WELCOME to STM!



Gerry McMahon

Prayers for Healing

Racquel Aguinaldo
Flory Aguilar
Kaden Aiello
Froy Becerra
Daniel Bernabe
Kelly Carter
Lou and Nancy Chereny
Michael Collins
Thomas Conner
Paul Curran
Chaz Decoteau
Mary Rose Del Mundo
Cristina Dulce
Cecelia Duzynski
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Marco Gama
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Tiesha Kelley
Vivian Knisely
Ashly Leal
Lauren Leal
Brielle LeMire
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Deirdre Morley
Rosie Muñoz
Susan Navarrete
Ernie Natividad
Steven Norris
Bill Oesterreich
Ben Pataray
Sharon Pataray
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Jacqueline Claire Poznoski
Sandra Quezada
Ryan Quinn
George Quitrino
Al & Elizabeth Rangitsch
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Guadalupe Rivas
Jose Guadalupe Rivera
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Donna Rohrer
Jimmy Rocha
Norma Santiago
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Richard Stock
Donny Stoufous
Lisa Turner
Pete Villanueva
Jesus Villanueva
Raymund Villanueva
Linda Vito
Bill Whiteside
Michele Wills
Andy Zelinko
Joe & Judy Zwetow

Mass Intentions

Sat 9/6	4:00pm	†Dominico Peter Do
	6:00pm	PRO-POPULO
Sun 9/7	8:00am	†Bob Catiller Peter and Sally Nguyen Romali D'Souza Lucy and Gordon McKnight Josh Cullen
	9:30am	Sonny Obillos
	11:30am	†Joseph William Myers
	1:00pm	†Katushka Fischmann
	3:00pm	†Ping-Li Liu
	5:00pm	Alex San Juan
Mon 9/8	8:00am	Jim Lozano
	6:00pm	†Patti Kizzar
Tues 9/9	8:00am	Philippe Andrade
	6:00pm	Jennifer Natividad
Wed 9/3	8:00am	†Gerry McMahon
	6:00pm	†Ana Maria Nga Phan
Thurs 9/4	8:00am	†Peter and Martha Nguyen
	6:00pm	†Nestor Alvarado
Fri 9/5	8:00am	Mario and Dina Soriano
	6:00pm	†Amalia Quezada Garcia
Sat 9/6	8:00am	Teresa Tran Julissa Huerta

There is no retirement age from the work
of proclaiming the Gospel and handing
down traditions to your grandchildren.

— POPE FRANCIS —



Email bulletin@stmirvine.org to add a name to be included for one month

Grandparents' Day Blessing

God of our ancestors, we thank you for our children and our children's children.
They are reminders from you about how precious life can be.
We humbly ask for wisdom and patience as we take pride and wonder in our grandchildren.
Those of us who now pray to you also seek your blessing upon these men and women
who are our grandparents or who act in place of grandparents.
Bless all the children and their parents and grandparents with your abundant grace.
We ask all this through the intercession of Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
patron saints of grandparents, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight. (Wis 9:18)

Psalms:

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge. (Ps 90)

Second Reading:

Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while,
that you might have him back forever. (Phlm 1:15)

Gospel:

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me
cannot be my disciple. (Lk 14:27)

Questions of the Week

First Reading:

The author of Wisdom teaches us that our limited understanding can be overcome by the gift of wisdom from God's Holy Spirit. Have you ever prayed for the gift of wisdom in discerning a difficult course of action?

Second Reading:

Paul is asking Philemon to welcome back his runaway slave, Onesimus, as a brother in Christ. Who do you consult when making difficult life decisions?

Gospel:

Jesus challenges the crowds to weigh carefully the high cost of discipleship. What have you given up following Jesus?

Collection Report

8/4/2025 - 8/10/2025

Sunday Collections	\$ 26,835.80
Believe & Build, BGT2	\$ 23,442.53
Maintenance Fund	\$ 290.00
Misc Income (Mass Intentions, etc)	\$ 23,186.45

8/11/2025 - 8/17/2025

Sunday Collections	\$ 29,177.30
Believe & Build, BGT, BGT2	\$ 25,874.68
Maintenance Fund	\$ 825.00
Misc Income (Mass Intentions, etc)	\$ 10,290.47

Sunday:	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day
Monday:	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday:	St. Peter Claver, Priest
Thursday:	Patriot Day
Friday:	The Most Holy Name of Mary
Saturday:	St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee 2025

SEPTEMBER

Jubilee of 24 Hours for our Lord

- September 22nd (Monday) - 24 hour adoration begins after the 8:30 am Mass. Come and spend time with Jesus.
- September 27th (Saturday) at 11:00am - STM Community Mass at Christ Cathedral. Come join the Jubilee Mass for our community and visit the Cross of Hope.
- Pickup a prayer card at church for newly canonized Saint Carlo Acutis and Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati.





Reminder:

CONFIRMATION 1 & 2 REGISTRATIONS
ARE NOW OPEN FOR
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

OK

LINK BELOW

stmirvineym.org

YOUTH MINISTRY

MON 7 PM

Youth Bible Study

Join us for Youth Bible Study, this Monday (9/8) 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

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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Volunteers Needed for 2025/2026

Would you like to share the love of our faith with the young people of our parish? We want to invite YOU to join our team as a teacher, substitute teacher or parent volunteer for the upcoming school year.

Join us for our Teacher Opening Dinner & Meeting on Monday, Sept. 8th.

Please contact the REP Office at (949) 551-8029 or rep@stmirvine.org to RSVP or for more information.



REP Registration News

As school is getting started, it is important to remember to get your student registered for Religious Education as well! Please visit: stmrep.stmirvine.org to register your students in Grades K-8 right away!

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To all families that have already registered: You should have received an email message from the REP Office this past week.

If you did not receive anything, please contact us as soon as possible to make sure we have your family in our system!

BACK TO SFC

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AFTER ALL MASSES**


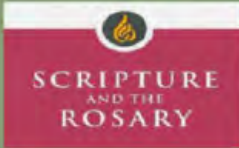


STM Fall Bible Study Line UP!

Registration is OPEN! Scan here



Fall 2025 Course List

COURSE	DESCRIPTION	START DATES	FACILITATOR	GREAT STUDY GUIDES!
Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible 8 Sessions	A beginner course covering the 12 Periods and 14 narrative books of the Catholic Bible.	Monday, Sep-15 7:00-8:30 PM Room 2 Saturday, Sep-13 9:30-11:00 AM Fireside Room	Jean Jereza Mary Cope	
Gospel of John 5 Sessions	The Heart of Jesus, through the eyes of apostles.	Monday, Sep-15 7:00-8:30 PM Multi-Purpose Room	John Thai	
Maria: Caminata por la Biblia con la Santísima Madre 9 Sessions	Caminando por la Biblia con la Santísima Madre, María	Monday, Sep-15 7:00-8:30 PM St. Nicholas Room Wednesday, Sep-17 10:00-12:00 PM Nicholas Room	Victor Cota Teresa LeMire	
Eucharist 8 Sessions	The source & summit of our faith. The Presence of Jesus Christ	Tuesday, Sep-23 7:00-8:30 PM Room 3	Janice LeVelle	
Acts of the Apostles 8 Sessions	The Unity of the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel of Luke	Wednesday, Sep-24 9:30-11:00 AM Multi-Purpose Room	Leianna Utick	
Scripture and the Rosary 4 Sessions	A Deep understanding of the Rosary prayer and key events of the Mysteries.	Mondays, Oct-27 7:00 – 8:30 PM Multi-Purpose Room	Margaret Cunningham & Team	
Rejoice 5 Sessions	A Journey through Bethlehem. Inspired through Mary and Joseph's unwavering faith	Monday, Nov-24 7:00-8:30 PM Multi-Purpose Room	Ed Ferguson	

For more info, please visit www.stmirvine.org/BFF



Heavenly Father,
Creator of All,

You have created the
human person as good.
You have placed us in the
world as one human family,
as sisters and brothers.

We pray today for all
victims of violence across
the world, for the healing of
their mind and body,
for their mourning family
members, for the repose of
their souls.

Jesus, You have told us to
love our enemies, and to
pray for those who
persecute us.

Give us the strength and
courage to forgive.
Remove all lingering desire
for revenge.

Holy Spirit, reveal to us
the mercy of God.

Give us the gift of Your
peace that surpasses all
understanding.

Amen.

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Today, Jesus tells us the cost of true discipleship — and it turns out, it's everything. We must reject the world in order to love God. What attachments are holding us back from the relationship we could have — we *should* have — with our Lord?

The 2025 Pastoral Services Appeal



Your generosity matters!
By contributing to the PSA, you are
directly impacting lives and helping to
spread the message of God's love!



"Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied."
Lk 14:6-7

GriefShare
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after the death of a loved one.

10:00 - 11:30 AM
August 19 - November 18, 2025

St. Thomas More
Multipurpose Room

Please Register At
griefshare.org



Hi! My name is
Emily Ambrosio,
and I am so grateful
to join Steven
Debolt as another
one of the parish
missionaries serving
STM! After serving
at the University of
Idaho, University

College Dublin in Ireland, and several
universities in Krems, Austria, I am so
excited to be back in my home Diocese
of Orange to help adults of all ages draw
closer to Christ and truly live as
missionary disciples.

After serving on the mission trip with
our young adults in Jamaica, I am
excited to work with Steven and Fr.
Eugene to continue to grow our Young
Adult Ministry as we also continue to
build a culture of evangelization across
every ministry within our parish
community. Please pray for Steven and
me, that we would follow the promptings
of the Holy Spirit in all that we do to
make disciples and transform the world
for Christ!



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This weekend after Mass:

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Enjoy a delicious hot breakfast after all Sunday Morning Masses. Suggested donation \$5 per person. \$25 maximum per family. Proceeds will support pro-life activities, Orange County charities and STM parish needs.

Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament

Final weekend to register for golf and/or dinner tickets. Visit the table in the courtyard for silent auction duffy boat excursion and 50/50 raffle tickets.

Christ Renews His Parish

Register for the Men's Weekend: Sept 27-28, 2025

Waitlist for Women's Weekend: February 2026

Register at: www.christrenewsOC.com

That Man Is You "TMIY"

Get a flyer after Mass about this interactive men's program. Learn how you can become a man after God's own heart. Join us starting Sept 21 at 7:00am in the multipurpose room.


Two new saints to be canonized Sept 7:



Saint Carlo Acutis was born in 1991 and is the first millennial saint. Despite dying of leukemia at age 15, he developed a website that showcases Eucharistic Miracles around the world, demonstrating that holiness knows no age. He said, "the Eucharist is my Highway to Heaven".



Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901-1925) was an avid outdoorsman and has become a global patron for youth and young adults. He had difficulties with exams and problems with his parents, but he formed his life around Jesus. St. John Paul II declared him a patron for World Youth Days.



LECTIO DIVINA

Devotions, Explained!

Lectio divina ("divine reading") is an ancient practice of praying through the reading of Scripture. It includes four steps: read (*lectio*), meditate (*meditatio*), pray (*oratio*) and contemplate (*contemplatio*).

Prayer of Simplicity

Dear God,
In my desire for You, take away anything that keeps me from knowing You, myself, or my mission here on earth. Help me to remember what is truly important, and to seek and treasure that. Amen.

In every age,
**LORD, YOU
HAVE BEEN
OUR REFUGE.**



PSALM 90

ST. THOMAS MORE MINISTRIES

Liturgy Support

Altar Servers	Mary Jane Rin	(9) 627-7125
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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
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Homeless Lunch Ministry	Jessica Silva & Kim Lee	(9) 294-2875 (7) 293-8987
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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

Adult Faith Formation	Tara Reynaud	(7) 925-9992
Bible Study (Bible Focused Formation)	Margaret Cunningham	(7) 552-8711
Christ Renews His Parish	Steve Hastert & Stacey Howmann	(7) 319-9947 (9) 939-0998
Cursillo	Susan Navarrete	(9) 345-9130
Devotional Life Committee	Julie Whiteside	(7) 615-7205
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Legion of Mary	Trisha Smith and Janeth Ostowari	(7) 473-3714 (9) 307-2716
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Religious Education	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
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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

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Featured Speaker



Angela Perez Baraquio
Educator and Author
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- ✓ Food prep and service
- ✓ Event registration and MORE

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