



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

frontdesk@stmirvine.org

Office:

After-hours emergency: 949-551-8601 ext. 7

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Youth Ministry:

949-551-8602



THAT THE WORLD
MIGHT BE
SAVED.

— JOHN 3:17 —

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

September 14, 2025

WELCOME to STM!



Gerry McMahon

Prayers for Healing

Racquel Aguinaldo	Ron Merse
Flory Aguilar	Deirdre Morley
Kaden Aiello	Rosie Muñoz
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Kelly Carter	Steven Norris
Lou and Nancy Chereny	Bill Oesterreich
Michael Collins	Ben Pataray
Thomas Conner	Sharon Pataray
Paul Curran	Katie Paulsen
Chaz Decoteau	Armando Peña
Mary Rose Del Mundo	Jacqueline Claire Poznoski
Cristina Dulce	Sandra Quezada
Cecelia Duzynski	Ryan Quinn
Jamael Edwards	George Quitorian
Ted Fliller	Al & Elizabeth Rangitsch
Tony Galati	Maryhelen Rios
Marco Gama	Guadalupe Rivas
Anthony Gaona	Jose Guadalupe Rivera
Lisa Greubel	Celsa Roberti
Regina Hager	Donna Rohrer
Doug & Kathie Hibbard	Jimmy Rocha
Drew Hoang	Norma Santiago
Cristeta Jaropillo	Deacon John Selig
Angela Judy	Richard Stock
Natalie and Warren Julian	Donny Stoufuf
Chris Kasko	Lisa Turner
Tiesha Kelley	Pete Villanueva
Vivian Knisely	Jesus Villanueva
Ashly Leal	Raymund Villanueva
Lauren Leal	Linda Vito
Brielle LeMire	Bill Whiteside
Etienne Lemye	Michele Wills
Joseph Manglona	Andy Zelinko
Nilda A. Medalle	Joe & Judy Zwetow

Mass Intentions

Sat 9/13	4:00pm	†Maria Suong Pham
		†Nga Phan
	6:00pm	The Majkoski Family
Sun 9/14	8:00am	†Manny and Linda Rede
	9:30am	Steve Rin
		Michael Palkovic
		Thao P. Dinh
		Paul Nguyen
		Adelma Caabay
		Julie Whiteside
		†Lucia Teodoro
		†Victorino Juan
		†All Souls in Purgatory
		†Jean Liddi
	11:30am	†Arturo Paras
	1:00pm	PRO-POPULO
	3:00pm	†David T. A. Chen
	5:00pm	†Encarnacion Gimenez
Mon 9/15	8:00am	Alberto Family
	6:00pm	Fr. Angelus Echeverry
Tues 9/16	8:00am	Steven Tran
	6:00pm	†James Hempe
Wed 9/17	8:00am	†Joseph Mary Pham
	6:00pm	Justin Gonzales
Thurs 9/18	8:00am	Ana Rose Leon
	6:00pm	†Ernesto Martinez
Fri 9/19	8:00am	†Chad Matthew Eadie
	6:00pm	†Reynaldo and Candelaria Punla
Sat 9/20	8:00am	Steve LeMire
		Dierdra Morley
		Daniel and Robin Rings
		Joseph Chang
		Eric Chang
		Edward Chang
		Tara Shelly
		†Engracia Gutierrez Vuelvas
		†Mary Ettiyil
		†Joseph Ettiyil
		†John and Mary Mottles
		†Matthew McKnight
		†Mazie Bonfiglio
		†Jacqueline Stevenson
		†Thomas Stevenson

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

Food Pantry

STM

Rooms 1 & 2

Noon to 1:00pm

2nd & 4th
Wednesdays
every month



Observances for the week of September 14, 2025

Sunday:	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Monday:	Our Lady of Sorrows
Tuesday:	Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Wednesday:	St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor
Friday:	St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
Saturday:	Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul Chông Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs [M]
Next Sunday:	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you.
Pray the LORD to take the serpents from us." (Nm 21:7)

Psalm:

Do not forget the works of the Lord! (Ps 78)

Second Reading:

He humbled himself,
becoming obedient to death,
even death on a cross. (Phil 2:8)

Gospel:

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

Questions of the Week

First Reading:

In their desert wanderings, the Israelites learned that repentance leads to healing. What needs healing in your life?

Second Reading:

Paul taught the Philippians that the humility and obedience of Jesus — even to the point of death by crucifixion — led to Jesus' exaltation. When have you been challenged to be humble and obedient?

Gospel:

Jesus reveals to Nicodemus that his death on the cross would lead believers to eternal life and save the world. What have you been taught about the meaning of the cross?

Collection Report

8/18/2025 – 8/24/2025

Sunday Collections	\$ 22,215.00
Believe & Build, BGT, BGT2	\$ 24,197.56
Maintenance Fund	\$ 195.00
Misc Income (Mass Intentions, etc)	\$ 6,426.28

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God did not send his son into the world to condemn it. The cross is not a symbol of judgment — the cross is what mercy looks like when it is lived out. How will we bring the cross into our lives this week? How will we live the mercy which has saved us?

St Thomas More Library Event

Celebrate the Saints

September 14

10:30am –12:30pm

STM Library and
fountain trellis area

FEATURING
ST CARLO ACUTIS
&
ST PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI



Book Reading
Crafts

Saints Trivia
Prizes



All are welcome to attend this joyful event!



YOUTH MINISTRY

MON 7 PM

Youth Bible Study

Join us for Youth Bible Study, this Monday (9/15) at 7pm in the Fireside Room!

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

SUN 6 PM

Save the date for our Life Night kick-off on Sunday, **September 28** after the 5pm Mass! All high school teens are invited!

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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R.E.P. CORNER



REP Registration News

If you haven't signed up your students for Religious Education classes yet, please visit:

stmrep.stmirvine.org to register your students in Grades K-8 right away!

☺☺☺

To all families that have already registered: You should have received an email message from the REP Office with start-up details.

If you did not receive anything, please contact us as soon as possible!



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.

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



SAVE THE DATE!!

Our annual Blessing of Pets in honor of St. Francis of Assisi is coming up on **Saturday, October 4th**.

BACK
TO
SFC

27/28 SEPT, 2025
ON THE PATIO
AFTER ALL MASSES

REGISTER TODAY!

when women PRAY

When Women Pray
15th Annual Prayer Breakfast
"My Hope is in Him"
Psalm 62:5
Saturday, October 11, 2025
8:00 am - 1:00 pm

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<https://www.whenwomenpraystm.org/>

Featured Speaker


Angela Perez Baraquio
Educator and Author
Miss Hawaii 2000/
Miss America 2001



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

October 11, 2025
St. Thomas More Church

Please join us as we serve hundreds of women gathered for prayer & fellowship

Areas where help is needed:

- ✓ Event set up and clean up
- ✓ Food prep and service
- ✓ Event registration and MORE

SIGN UP HERE
Questions? Contact Kim - kimmievu@gmail.com

when women PRAY...



SAN LORENZO RUIZ

Learn
About his life
You are invited to a special first-ever STM family-friendly lecture on the life and martyrdom of the first Filipino Saint
Sunday, September 21
11am
STM MultiPurpose Room
Guest Speaker: Jean Jereza
Kids activities & education for the whole family


"I am a Catholic and wholeheartedly do accept death for God"

Celebrate
His Feast Day
Join us for an evening of faith and fellowship, honoring the patron saint of the Philippines
Saturday, September 27
6pm Vigil Mass
(Choir: Filipino Voices of STM)
7pm Fellowship
STM Garden Area
Light refreshments, music & dancing


Questions:
stmfilipinoministry@gmail.com

Safety Update

The STM Safety Ministry is implementing a new safety procedure beginning the weekend of September 20 and 21 to ensure a secure environment for all the faithful gathered to attend Holy Mass. The double door by the chapel will be locked once Mass begins.

Signage will be present to redirect late arrivals to the main entrance. Thank you to the Safety Ministry for helping to keep STM a safe space for all of us!





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-20 9:30-11:00 AM Fireside Room	Jean Jereza Mary Cope	
Gospel of John 6 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 11 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 9 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 9 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

Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee 2025



**Could you not
spend one
hour with Me?**

Matthew 26:40

SEPTEMBER

Jubilee of 24 Hours for our Lord

- **September 22nd (Monday)** - 24 hour adoration begins after the 8:30 am Mass. Be with Jesus.
- **September 27th (Saturday)** at 11:00am - STM Community Mass at Christ Cathedral and visit the Cross of Hope.
- Newly canonized Saints Carlo Acutis & Pier Giorgio Frassati prayer cards available at church.

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**HOLY SPIRIT
PRAYER MEETING**

1st & 3rd Fridays
7:30pm
Multipurpose Room

Scan for more information

Questions?
HolySpiritstm@gmail.com

The 2025 Pastoral Services Appeal



Your generosity matters!
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"Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied."
Luke 6:17

GriefShare

Grief Support Group

Help and Encouragement
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

ST. THOMAS MORE MINISTRIES

Liturgy Support

Altar Servers	Mary Jane Rin	(9) 627-7125
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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
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Ushers	Frank Ornelas (9) 857-9044	Joe Martin (9) 385-3741

Parish

Believe and Build Capital Campaign	Lisa VanDorpe	(7) 357-3080
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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

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
FOCUS	Steven Debolt & Emily Ambrosio	(9) 382-4324
Holy Spirit Prayer Team	John Moran	(7) 401-4728
Legion of Mary	Trisha Smith and Janeth Ostowari	(7) 473-3714 (9) 307-2716
Library	Romali Dsouza	(9) 551-8601
Life Teen – High School	Hayley Moore	(9) 551-8602
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

WELCOME TO



It's not too late to register for the
Christ Renews His Parish Men's Weekend:
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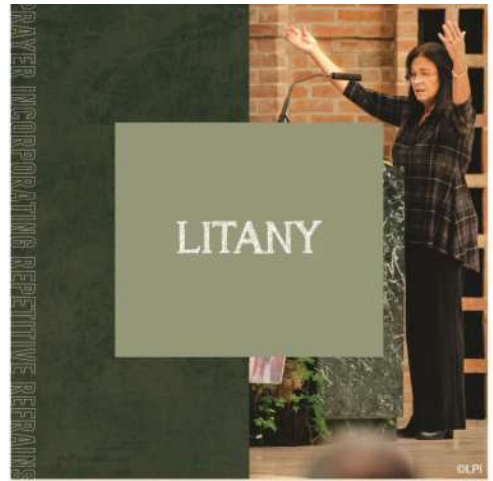
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Prayer of Love

Dear God,
Expand my heart in new ways
today,
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myself,
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Around the Diocese...

Red Mass

Presided by the
Most Reverend Thanh Thai Nguyen, D.D.
Auxiliary Bishop of Orange

Homily by the
Very Reverend John Caronan, O.Praem, J.C.L.
Judicial Vicar of the Diocesan Tribunal

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 6,
6:00PM AT CHRIST CATHEDRAL**



The Annual Red Mass is for those who work in the legal community. This mass is where where judges, lawyers, law students, law faculty, law enforcement, court personnel, and their families and friends gather together, seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we strengthen our resolve to face the challenges of our times.



Knights of Columbus in the Diocese of Orange present

Walk for Life 2025

**Saturday, October 4
Starting at 8:30AM**

**Our Lady of
La Vang Shrine
Christ Cathedral**

*"Families together
in hope."*

*All ages & stages welcome! Join us for any
or all of the following offerings of the event:*

- Multilingual Rosary
- Dignity of Life Mass
- Eucharistic Procession
- Keynote Speaker: Kathleen Domingo
Executive Director of the California Catholic Conference
- Community Resource Partners and Lunch

Parking is limited. Carpooling is recommended.
Caravan to Christ Cathedral if you can.



UCI ALUMNI WELCOME MASS with Bishop Freyer



Join us as we begin UC Irvine's new academic year with a joyful celebration of faith and community! All students, alumni, faculty, family, and friends are invited!

Dinner will be served after Mass.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
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Sunday, Oct. 26 @ 4:30PM

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