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Saint Thomas More Welcomes All

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.

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Rev. John E. Janze
Rev. William Krekelberg
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Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm



**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Whoever receives
one child such as
this in my name,
receives me;
and whoever
receives me,
receives not me
but the One
who sent me.

Mark 9:37





TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The wicked say: With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20).
Psalm — The Lord upholds my life (Psalm 54).
Second Reading — The wisdom from above is full of mercy and good fruits (James 3:16 — 4:3).
Gospel — Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me (Mark 9:30-37).
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Daily Mass:
Monday – Saturday: 8:00 AM


Vigil Mass Times
 4:00 PM Vietnamese/English
 6:00 PM English

Sunday Mass Times
 8:00 AM English
 10:00 AM English
 12:00 PM Spanish/English
 5:00 PM English

Morning Prayer: Wed & Fri 7:30am to 7:50am
Adoration: Every Friday 6:00pm to 7:00pm
Saturday Confessions: 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Mass will be available online for the sick and homebound on Sundays at 10:00am and Monday-Saturday at 8:00am

For spiritual advisement, please contact the priest to schedule an appointment.



Please join us for the installation of
Rev. Eugene J. Lee
 as Pastor of
St. Thomas More Catholic Church

October 3, 2021
5:00 pm Mass

Bishop Kevin Vann presiding
Reception on patio to follow



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 9/20	8:00am	Steven Lemire
Tuesday 9/21	8:00am	Teresa Hung
Wednesday 9/22	8:00am	†Jacqueline Stevenson
Thursday 9/23	8:00am	Patricia Hoying Hamberg
Friday 9/24	8:00am	Jack & Reta Miller
Saturday 9/25	8:00am	
		Baby Johanna Harris †Maria Leonor Cervantez Jennifer Dear †Calogero Modicamore Ken and Linda Hughes †Antonio Palazzolo Craig Regener †Anthony Barajas †Ernie Gallegos †Mrs Clifford †Luis Matesich Juana Dominguez Kathy Andrade †Rosalina Rodriguez †Librada Laxamana †Oscar Santos †Romina Anjelika Rull Connie Cabrera †Rodolfo Castillo †Timoteo Rebolledo
Saturday 9/25	4:00pm	Elizabeth Kulas
	6:00pm	Stephanie Miller
Sunday 9/26	8:00am	Alex & Sara Natividad
	10:00am	†Jean Harriet Liddi
	12:00pm	Pro Populo
	5:00pm	Audrey Jensen

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Thomas More Parish,

Today's theme on the readings: THE MEANING OF DISCIPLESHIP

The geography of today's Gospel is significant. Jesus is completing his ministry in Galilee and beginning his journey to Jerusalem, where he will meet both death and resurrection. The prediction of his death placed here is the second of three in Mark's Gospel, and as usual it is the occasion for an important teaching on the part of Jesus. Today that lesson is tied to the need for his disciples to embrace a ministry of service. A play on words in Aramaic would have linked the words "child" and "servant," thus turning Jesus' gesture of placing a child in their midst into an illustration of his understanding of himself as the Servant of the Lord. It is that same awareness of the meaning of their ministry that Jesus (and Mark) wishes to instill in the disciples. There must be a ministry of service if they are to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. And that service might even require of them that they be "handed over" to death. What would have been—in the culture of Jesus' day—an ordinary discussion of social status ("who is the greatest") becomes in Mark's context a key insight into the meaning of discipleship for the disciples and for us.

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Sincerely In Christ,
Father Eugene

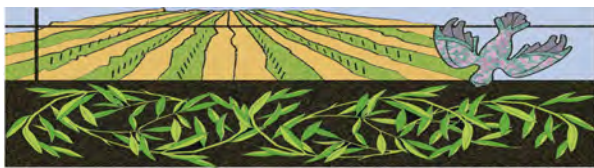
Collections and Expenses

9-6-2021 to 9-12-21

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$18,449	\$8,919	\$27,368
Believe & Grow	\$460	\$883	\$1,343
BGT- Phase 2	\$1,600	\$3,290	\$4,890
Building Fund	\$3,560	\$262	\$3,822
Other income	\$1,987	\$545	\$2,533

Regular Expenses	\$30,025
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We appreciate your continued financial support of the parish during these challenging times. If you would like to give, please click on the e-giving link in the top corner of the STM website to set up or update your e-giving. If you have questions, please call the office. All donations to the *Believe & Grow Together Campaign* will be used exclusively to pay for the construction costs to build the new Parish church. Moreover, Building Fund donations can be used to pay for the construction costs to build the new Parish church and for the maintenance and repairs of the existing Parish buildings and property. **Thank you for your generosity!**



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



Rest in the Love of Christ
K. Nga Phan



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| Marnie Gray | Benjamin Nicanor | |

Please call the office when it is time to remove a name.

LIFE TEEN

Now

Welcome To Our New Life Teen Core Members!

Welcome to the newest Life Teen Core Members!

- Criag Icban
- Austin & Olivia Carr

LIFE TEEN

Thu 7:00 PM

Save The Date

Life Teen's annual Fall kick off is Sunday, October 10th after the 5 pm Mass. We can not wait to start this new year of Youth Ministry with our STM Family!

CONFIRMATION

WED 6:00 PM

Confirmation Classes Begin This Week!

1st Year Confirmation Classes begins Wednesday, Sept 15th.
2nd Year Confirmation Classes begins Wednesday, Sept 22nd.
Parents and students are required to attend the first class.

R.E.P. CORNER



REP Classes (K-8) begin this week!
All students, parents and teachers will meet *together* for the first half of Class at 2:00, 3:30 or 5:30PM on your assigned day. Please follow the signs posted that day for location.



Volunteers Needed for 2021/2022



We are still 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.



BLESSING OF THE PETS



Please join our 3rd grade REP students in celebrating the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Monday, October 4th in front of the statue of St. Francis. Don't forget to bring your pets!



The Library Corner

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The St Thomas More Parish Library staff would like to wish all our parishioners a Happy 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Parish Library will not be open today.

Today I would like to present to you a book filled with 101 uplifting stories of faith, hope, inspiration and humor that attest to the power and beauty of God's amazing grace. The book is titled, 'Amazing Grace for the Catholic Heart', by authors Rick Cavins, Matthew Pinto and Patti Armstrong. This book will help us to celebrate our Catholic faith and will take our heart and soul on a joyous spiritual retreat from the challenges and struggles of everyday life. It will show us how others have experienced the magnificence of the amazing grace of God present in our lives.



October Month of the Rosary & Respect Life Month



Let's pray the rosary every night at
8 pm on ZOOM!

Join Father Eugene Lee and Fr. Kiet Ta

GO TO OUR WEBSITE AT STMIRVINE.ORG AND CLICK ON THE
"MONTH OF THE ROSARY" BUTTON!

MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL




On October 9 and 10, 2021 we will have Fr. Rudy Alumam representing his home diocese of Navrongo-Bolgatanga in Ghana in this year's Missionary Cooperative Appeal.

Fr. Rudy will be sharing about the mission of the diocese to provide education for many children in underserved communities in northern Ghana.

Forty percent of schoolchildren in this area drop out before they complete grade 6 – this is well above the even sad national average of 28%. The evangelizing efforts of the diocese are aimed at not only retaining these students in school but to offer the children adequate and meaningful education to advance into high school and beyond.

Among the several efforts, the diocese is committed to providing lunch for the children while they are in school and having the needed learning and teaching resources for both teachers and students.

Your kindness is very much appreciated for the mission of Fr. Rudy's diocese. Thank you.



CELEBRATE WITH US

FEAST OF SAINT LORENZO RUIZ

Traditional Filipino Music Snacks Provided	Tuesday September 28 7PM Mass
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Join our Welcome Committee!

During the two years that we have not been able to have on site meetings, we have been contacting new parishioners on a monthly basis with emails of welcome and volunteering to answer any questions that they may have about our parish.

We are now ready to start having on site meetings, and we need new members of our ministry to help with these meetings. We need additional members for our telephone committee. You will be given the information you will need to do a follow up call as a reminder to our new parishioners and to verify if they will be attending the New Parishioners Meeting (NPM).

You will be called on twice a year to help with this activity.

If you are able to help us, please email Vince Salico at njcawavin@yahoo.com. Please include your name, telephone number and email address that you prefer us to use in contacting you. We look forward to working with you as a member of the NPM team!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

Monday: Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions; Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival) begins at sunset

Tuesday: St. Matthew

Wednesday: Autumn begins

Thursday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



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8:30 AM-4:00 PM | DMC2021.ORG**

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Pray, hope, and don't worry.

St. Pio of Pietrelcina
20th-century Capuchin friar, priest and mystic who bore the stigmata. Countless healings and miracles have been attributed to his intercession.

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September 23

FEAST OF FAITH
Doxology and Amen

“Doxology” comes from a Greek word meaning “words of praise.” The Eucharistic Prayer ends with a doxology addressed to the triune God: “Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.” It is an exclamation of praise, honor, and glory to God, reminding us that we receive everything from God through the Son, in the power of the Spirit. At the consecration, the priest held up the host and then the chalice for us to see and adore. During the doxology, the host and chalice are held up again, but this time they are held up and offered to God the Father. With the doxology, the Eucharistic Prayer ends, as it began, with words of praise addressed to the Father: truly, it is right and just to give God praise, and we assent to this in our whole-hearted acclamation, “Amen.” Never was more meaning packed into so short a word. This “Amen,” sometimes and fittingly called “the great Amen,” is our response to the entire Eucharistic Prayer.

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9/11 20th Anniversary Memorial Mass and Ceremony

On the 20th Anniversary of 9/11 last Saturday, we remembered the victims of 9/11 during a Memorial Mass and Ceremony. After Mass, parishioners gathered on the patio for a prayer service. Fr. Eugene, Fr. Kiet, and Deacon Tony led the ceremony along with members of the Knights of Columbus, including past Grand Knight, Bill Flood. Keith Rattay led parishioners in song. Our special guests included Firefighters from Station 26, Captain Robert Smith, as well as Irvine Police Lt. Frough Jahid, who shared a beautiful reflection with our faith community. A memorial table included a book of remembrance, containing the names of all of the victims of 9/11. The table was adorned with nine candles, representing nine groups of people that were affected. During each invocation the bell tolled as the candle was lit.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Memorial Mass and ceremony.
God bless America!



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ST. THOMAS MORE MINISTRIES

Liturgy Support

Altar Servers	Tina Le	(7) 356-7607
Eucharist to the Homebound	Fran Necikowski	(7) 505-4816
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Jerry Donaldson	(9) 552-5485
Lectors	Tara Reynaud	(7) 925-9992
Music Director, Including Wedding Music	Keith Rattay	(9) 551-8601
Ushers	Steve Luchetta	(9) 733-1192

Sacraments

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Confirmation	Abraham Villela	(9) 551-8602
First Communion	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
First Reconciliation	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)	Michael Michalek	(9) 551-2304
Marriage Case Support	Michael Michalek	(9) 551-2304
	Mary Patronite	(9) 551-8601
Marriage Encounter	Jim & Cheryl Skudlarski	(9) 551-9156
Marriage In The Lord	Meredith & Keith Rattay	(9) 559-6464
Wedding Coordinator		

Service

Bereavement	Rosie Muñoz	(9) 551-8601
Children's Homeless Lunch Ministry	Kim Le	(9) 551-8601
Chinese Community	Deacon Leonard Sun	(7) 932-1689
Corazon	Norma Jean Womack	(9) 559-5639
Filipino Community	Charlie Torres	(9) 551-8601
Grief Share Ministry	K.C. Riley	(7) 875-8126
Hispanic Ministry	Frank Ornelas (9) 857-9044	Patty Trujillo (7) 270-5073
Homeless Lunch Ministry	Margaret Cunningham	(7) 552-8711
Knights of Columbus Council #13111	Ed Francis	(858) 229-2490
Respect Life	Chris Gonzales	(9) 551-8601
STM Veterans	Sgt. Bob Kohler	(9) 552-1895
St. Vincent de Paul	Bill Chacon	(9) 331-1020
Vietnamese Ministry	Huan Le	(7) 261-9893
Young Ladies Institute	Mary O'Leary	(9) 305-6810

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Believe and Grow Together Campaign	Lisa VanDorpe	(7) 357-3080
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Building Committee	Keith Rattay	(9) 551-8601
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Parish Business Manager	Stephanie Miller	(9) 551-8601
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Welcoming Committee	Vince Salico	(7) 389-7726

Spiritual Development

Adult Faith Formation / Bible Study	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Life Teen – High School & Young Adults	Abraham Villela	(9) 551-8602
Religious Education	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Christ Renews His Parish	Tony Patronite	(9) 307-6215
Cursillo and When Women Pray	Susan Navarrete	(9) 551-8601
Legion of Mary	Linda Hughes	(9) 559-1124
Library	Sam & Diana Adams	(7) 321-2405
Spanish Bible Study	Teresa LeMire	(7) 832-1770

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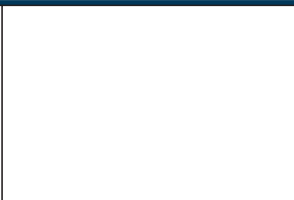
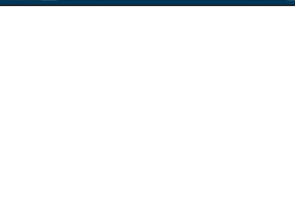
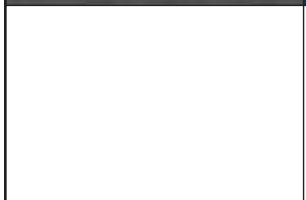
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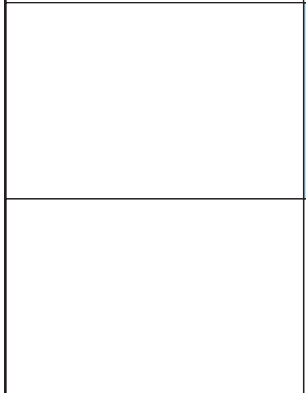
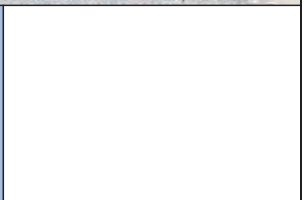
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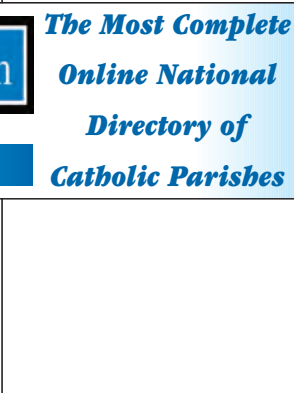
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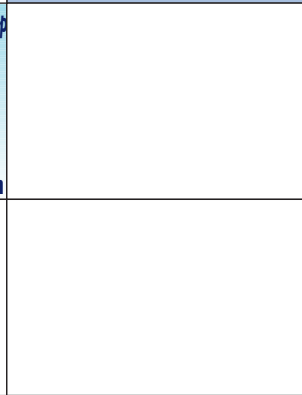
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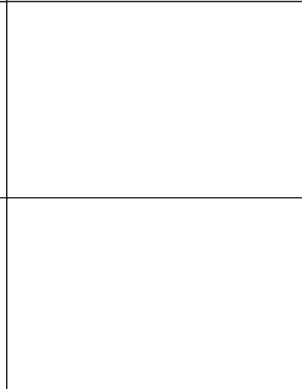
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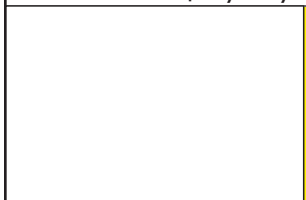
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The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise.

Mark 9:31

TWO PATHS

Today's first two readings present a striking contrast between two pathways in life. In Wisdom and the letter from James we are told of the path of the wicked, which leads to oppression and violence. We also hear of the path of the faithful, which leads to peace and human flourishing. Then our Gospel reading from Mark takes our reflection farther. The choice is shown to be not so simple or obvious. The path of faithfulness means following Jesus' lead, to expand our circle of care toward everyone, especially the most vulnerable. This path also includes opening ourselves to suffering and trials, as we face resistance from within and from outside us. The two paths essentially diverge over whether we refuse or accept God's love. Each day we face such choices as God invites us into the divine circle of care and enlists us to extend our own circle to those around us.

WHO IS HONORED

Today's Gospel passage has two parts: Jesus' announcement again of his coming suffering and death, and a scene with the disciples arguing about who is the "greatest." Mark places these scenes next to each other to emphasize the disciples' failure to understand. Their petty argument was the opposite of what Jesus had described as the way to follow him. The disciples were following the common understanding of group status: to honor the influential and those who seem to contribute the most. Jesus points to the opposite: he honors the vulnerable, the "least" in the community; in this case, a child. And he honors those who welcome the child.

Mark was addressing his own community in the early Church, who were seeking to learn how to live their faith. His questions may be important for us too. Who is honored in our faith community, and why? How do we honor those whom we set as examples? Who benefits from this different kind of "greatness"?

ASK THE HARD QUESTIONS

Twice in today's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are reduced to silence. First when Jesus describes his future suffering and death, and again when caught in their argument about who is the greatest. Perhaps they were afraid to really understand his teachings because of what it might cost them. Maybe they were afraid of being seen as ignorant by Jesus and especially by each other. What if they had dared to admit their confusion and ignorance and asked Jesus hard questions? Would Jesus have welcomed them?

Jesus presents a child who is to be welcomed and embraced. The child sets an example: it is the child who knows that he or she doesn't know. The child is free to ask "childlike" questions, and is open to answers. What if, in the intimacy of our prayer, we asked Jesus our own hard, embarrassing questions: about life, about ourselves and our relationships, about God? How might our relationship with God then change?

TODAY'S READINGS

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
Psalm 54:3-4, 5, 6-8
James 3:16 — 4:3
Mark 9:30-37