



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

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THE PERSON TRUSTWORTHY
IN SMALL MATTERS IS
ALSO TRUSTWORTHY IN
GREAT ONES.

— LUKE 16:10 —

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 21, 2025

WELCOME to STM!



Prayers for Healing

Racquel Aguinaldo	Ron Merse
Flory Aguilar	Deirdre Morley
Kaden Aiello	Rosie Muñoz
Froy Becerra	Susan Navarrete
Daniel Bernabe	Ernie Natividad
Bob Bowcock	Steven Norris
Kelly Carter	Bill Oesterreich
Lou and Nancy Chereny	Ben Pataray
Michael Collins	Sharon Pataray
Thomas Conner	Norma Peckson
Paul Curran	Armando Peña
Chaz Decoteau	Ivania Piskulich
Mary Rose Del Mundo	Jacqueline Claire Poznoski
Cristina Dulce	Sandra Quezada
Cecelia Duzynski	Ryan Quinn
Jamael Edwards	George Quitorian
Ted Fliiller	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
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Angela Judy	Richard Stock
Natalie and Warren Julian	Donny Stoufus
Chris Kasko	Lisa Turner
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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

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

Mass Intentions

Sat 9/20	4:00pm	†Dominico Chuong Huu Vu
	6:00pm	Celia Maria Jacobo
		Bill Whiteside
		Philippe and Jennifer Andrade
		Teresita Tan
		Philomena DeSouza
		†Souls in Purgatory
		†Hector A. Jacobo, Jr.
		†Jimmie Sue Lemos
		†James DeSouza
		†Rose Marie Durand-Wong
Sun 9/21	8:00am	†Francisco Lim
	9:30am	†Mark Stannard
	11:30am	PRO-POPULO
	1:00pm	Oliver Moreno
	5:00pm	†Bob and Sandy Catiller
Mon 9/22	8:00am	†Fran Waldron
	6:00pm	Johanna Harris
Tues 9/23	8:00am	Anne Nguyen
	6:00pm	Steve Cory
Wed 9/24	8:00am	Audrey Jensen
	6:00pm	†Jack and Reta Miller
Thurs 9/25	8:00am	Chau and Long Nguyen
	6:00pm	†Norma Apodaco
Fri 9/26	8:00am	†Gilbert Lopes
	6:00pm	†Jackson Scharff
Sat 9/27	8:00am	Gay Christine Gador
		†All Souls in Purgatory
		†Maria Magallan
		†Kari Michel
		†Linawati Kurniawan
		†Tony Figueredo
		†Rory Elena Madureri

Inspiration of the Week

No servant can serve two masters, and in his goodness, God gives us the ability to choose. Will we serve mammon, the riches of this world? Or will we seek true wealth, the kind that cannot be hoarded or wasted, but only given freely away?

Observances for the week of September 21, 2025

Sunday:	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
Monday:	National Migration Week
Tuesday:	St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Friday:	Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
Saturday:	St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
Next Sunday:	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday



OCIA

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

**Are you thinking about becoming a
Catholic or completing your sacraments?**

CLASS STARTS OCT 16
Thursdays 7:00 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION
AND REGISTRATION, CONTACT:
MARIE OBILLOS
OCIA@stmirvine.org

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Never will I forget a thing they have done! (Am 8:7)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor. (Ps 113)

Second Reading:

There is also one mediator between God and men,
the man Christ Jesus,
who gave himself as ransom for all. (1 Tm 2:5-6)

Gospel:

"No servant can serve two masters.
He will either hate one and love the other,
or be devoted to one and despise the other.
You cannot serve both God and mammon." (Lk 16:13)



Questions of the Week

First Reading:

Amos forewarns those who exploit the poor and disadvantaged that God will remember their greed and corruption. How might you lend a helping hand this week to others in need?

Second Reading:

Paul instructs Timothy on the necessity of openness and generosity in prayer. What do you think makes for a strong prayer life?

Gospel:

In the parable of the dishonest steward, the disciples learn the importance of honesty and prudence in daily living. What other virtues would you add for the life of a Christian today?

Collection Report

8/25/2025 – 8/31/2025

Sunday Collections	\$ 15,234.40
Believe & Build, BGT, BGT2	\$ 10,234.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 250.00
Misc Income (Mass Intentions, etc)	\$ 4,389.69

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"*



Questions:

stmfilipinoministry@gmail.com

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



STM YTH

SUNDAY ❤️

Life Night Kick-off Sunday 9/28 after the 5pm Mass!



YOUTH MINISTRY

MON 7 PM

Youth Bible Study

Join us for Youth Bible Study, this Monday (9/22) 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 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 2025/2026

We are still recruiting teachers, substitute teachers and parent volunteers for the upcoming school year. We want to invite YOU to join our team! 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 REP students in celebrating the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on **Saturday, October 4th** at **10AM** in front of the statue of St. Francis.

Don't forget to bring your pets on a leash or in a carrier!

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

Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee 2025



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

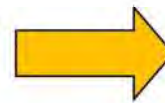
Matthew 26:40

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.

**Reserve your spot on the
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**JOIN
US!**

The logo features a dove in flight above the text "HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER MEETING". Below this, it says "1st & 3rd Fridays", "7:30pm", and "Multipurpose Room". A small QR code is in the bottom left corner with the text "Scan for more information" and "Questions? Holyspiritstm@gmail.com".

Food Pantry

**STM
Rooms 1 & 2
Noon to 1:00pm**

**2nd & 4th
Wednesdays
every month**

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Sept. 28th is Priesthood Sunday: a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the central role of the priesthood in the life of the Church. Please write note of gratitude thanking our priests for their dedication, generosity and leadership in our church. State at least one way our priests have personally enriched your life. Other ideas include: preparing a spiritual bouquet with prayers, or rosaries, or offer a Mass Intention for him. Please leave your notes in the church office. Thank you! - Serra Club of Orange County

YOUNG ADULT KICKOFF



Encounter Christ through adoration, worship, and reflection as we gather in prayer together

Meet at STM at 4:45 PM to head out as a group for the 6:30 PM game, and enjoy a night of fellowship at the ballpark

SCAN TO RSVP --->



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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




Pre-order your T-shirts early and save time! Use the QR code to the left or visit stmirvine.org by clicking on e-giving button at the top of the page and then click on the When Women Pray tile.

Pray the Rosary with Fr. Eugene & Fr. Tom every night at 8pm on Zoom



OCTOBER
MONTH OF THE
Holy Rosary

Click the link on stmirvine.org



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, María 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

ST. THOMAS MORE MINISTRIES

Liturgy Support

Altar Servers	Mary Jane Rin	(9) 627-7125
Art & Environment	Amee Cuevas	(9) 551-8601
Eucharist to the Homebound	Fran Necikowski	(7) 505-4816
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Nico Pagone	(7) 269-9989
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Parish

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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



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**Sundays
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in MPR
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On stmirvine.org

- Enter Your Prayer Intentions
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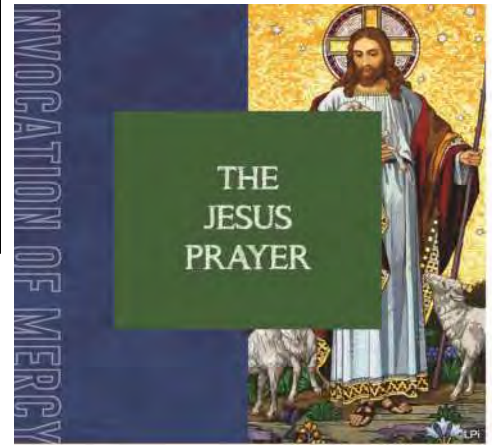
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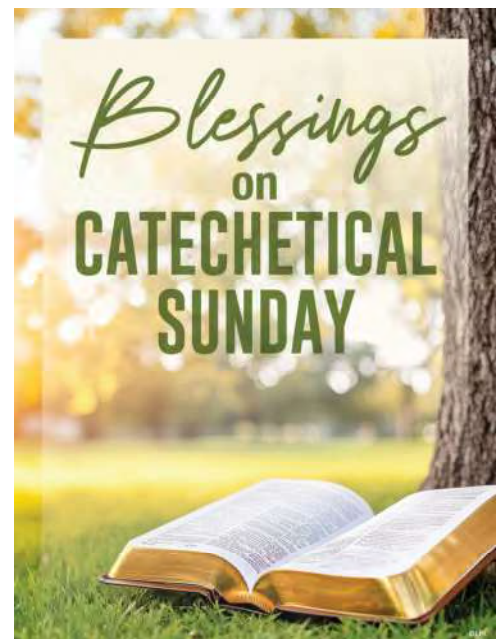


Devotions, Explained!

The Jesus Prayer is a short invocation of mercy in the name of Jesus: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Often attributed to the tradition of Eastern Christianity, its short form makes it ideal for meditative prayer.

Prayer for Trust

Jesus,
With your gentle mercy, build
my trust. Help me to believe you
when you say you want good
for me. In every season, give
me grace. In every need, be my
answer.
Amen.



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