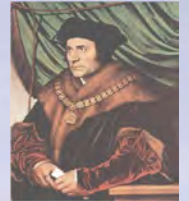




# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Mass schedule

**Daily**– Monday to Saturday: 8 am\*

### 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/English

3:00 pm Chinese/English

5:00pm English

\* Livestreamed Masses

**Morning Prayer:** Mon, Wed & Fri 7:30am to 7:50am

**Adoration:** Every Friday at 6:00pm

**24 Hour Adoration:** on the 22nd of every month

**Saturday Confessions:** 1:00pm to 3:00pm

**Baptisms and Marriages:** contact the office for details

**TEXT TO GIVE: 949-344-2801**



St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Irvine, CA



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STM Irvine

**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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Founding Pastor

### Rev. Eugene J. Lee

Rev. Kiet Ta

Rev. William Krekelberg

Rev. Joseph Horn, O Praem

Rev. Joseph Justice

Deacon Tony & Mrs. Mary Patronite

Deacon Tin & Mrs. UyenLan Nguyen

Deacon Leonard & Mrs. Nancy Sun

Deacon Bernie & Mrs. Pam Ocampo

†Rev. John E. Janze

### Office Information:

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Fax:

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Religious Education:

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Youth Ministry:

949-551-8602

### Office Hours:

**Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm**

**Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm**

September 25, 2022

## TWENTY-SIXTH Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lying at his door  
was a poor man  
named Lazarus.

Luke 16:20



**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Woe to the complacent. Their wanton revelry shall be done away with (Amos 6:1a, 4-7).  
**Psalm** — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).  
**Second Reading** — Compete well for the faith. Keep the commandment until the appearance of the Lord Jesus (1 Timothy 6:11-16).  
**Gospel** — The parable of Lazarus and the rich man (Luke 16:19-31).

**BLESSING OF PETS**

**Tuesday, Oct 4<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM**

by the statue of St. Francis.

Bring your pets on a leash  
or in a carrier.

People without pets  
are welcome too!

*Come to me, all you who labor  
and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest.*

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
**EVERY FRIDAY AT 6PM TO 7PM**  
**24 HOUR ADORATION IS ON THE 22ND OF EACH MONTH**

**Mass Intentions**

Saturday 9/24	4:00pm 6:00pm	†Dominic Vu Huu Chuong †Jack and Reta Miller
Sunday 9/25	8:00am	Bob Jensen Audrey Jensen Ok Ja Kim Chase Arthur †Revelle LaBarbara †Gen. Romeo San Diego †Tex Luminarias †Teresita H. Escala †Simon Lee †Elizabeth Schialer †Angela Andrade
	9:30am	Pro Populo
	11:30am	Jennifer Dear
	1:00pm	Richard & Elizabeth Kulas
	5:00pm	
Monday 9/26	8:00am	Audrey Jensen
Tuesday 9/27	8:00am	†Alodia Bartolome
Wednesday 9/28	8:00am	†All Souls in Purgatory
Thursday 9/29	8:00am	Richard & Elizabeth Kulas
Friday 9/30	8:00am	†Raul Sison

**SYMPHONY on the go!**

**Thurs, Oct 13th**  
**6:30pm**

**Bring your chair & picnic basket!**

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 Contact: Deacon Bernie Ocampo  
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St. Thomas More Catholic Church

# FALL FAMILY FUN FAIR & MINISTRY FAIR

Sunday, October 30th

Hosted by: Knights of Columbus  
Msgr. Timothy J Doyle  
Council # 13111

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Come and Celebrate  
FEAST DAY of  
ST. LORENZO RUIZ




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7. Next time, simply enter number & amount

*Welcome to God's Family*



Juliette Alano  
Giuliana Green  
Kenji Nguyen  
Abigail Ortega




**Collections and Expenses**  
9-12-22 to 9-18-22

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$16,123	\$9,887	\$26,010
Maintenance Fund	\$220	\$61	\$281
Other income	\$1,104	\$1,740	\$2,576
Total income	\$17,448	\$11,689	\$28,868
Regular Expenses		\$63,724	
Believe & Grow Capital Campaign	\$4,168	\$8,272	\$12,440


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, Maintenance 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!**


KEEP THE COMMANDMENT WITHOUT STAIN  
OR REPROACH UNTIL THE APPEARANCE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.  
— 1 Timothy 6:14



*Rest in the Love of Christ*



Thomas Laidlaw  
Dorothy Perek



**PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING**

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Please email [bulletin@stmirvine.org](mailto:bulletin@stmirvine.org) to add a name. Names will be included for one month, if requested.



CONFIRMATION

WED 7PM

**C2 Retreat Paperwork**

C2 retreat paperwork is due no later than Wednesday, September 28th. You can turn it into the Youth Ministry Office or email it to Abraham@stmirvine.org

YOUTH MINISTRY

MON 7PM

**Water Wars Fall Kick Off**

Our annual youth ministry kick off is tonight (Sunday 9/25) after the 5 pm Mass. Bring your favorite water blaster and a beach towel and join us as we begin another fun year of ministry. All high school students are welcome!

CONFIRMATION

SUN 7PM

**Confirmation Class Schedule**

C1: Wed 10/5, Wed 10/19, C1 Retreat Oct 28-30, 2022, Wed 11/2, Wed 11/16, Advent XLT 11/30.

C2: Wed 9/28, C2 Retreat Oct 7-9, 2022, Wed 10/12, Wed 10/26, Wed 11/9, Advent XLT 11/30.

YOUTH MINISTRY

FRI 7PM

**The Summit Bible Study**

Our Monday night bible Study will break on through the month of October.



# R.E.P. CORNER



## BLESSING OF THE PETS

Please join our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade REP students in celebrating the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in front of the statue of St. Francis.

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



## GREAT START TO THE YEAR!!



We had an amazing start to our REP classes this past week! It was truly a blessing to see our students and their families in person! Many thanks go to our fantastic volunteers! We have over 360 students currently enrolled! Registration is still open but classes are filling up fast! Please get your child registered right away!



Since we have over 360 students, we still need some help at all grade levels.

For questions, or to volunteer in this rewarding ministry, please contact the REP office at (949) 551-8029.



## The Library Corner

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



The St Thomas More Parish Library staff would like to wish all our parishioners a Happy 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Parish Library will be open today from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

What is the most revered prayer, the first committed to memory, the most to be recited communally and the one which comes straight from the Gospels by Jesus Himself? Yes, you are right, it is the 'Our Father', also called the 'Lord's Prayer'. As a Catholic, this is the first prayer that we learned and put to memory because of the reverent use in the Mass, saying the Rosary, praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and so on. The Parish Library has an excellent book on this topic titled, 'Understanding Our Father', authored by Dr. Scott Hahn. Dr. Hahn details the verses of the Our Father by taking each verse and explaining the truths behind what we are praying for. He also includes several saints with their take on this holy prayer. Dr. Hahn shares insights, thoughts and expressions into the meaning of this great prayer. This gives us a greater level of significance and understanding of what Jesus taught his apostles.

# October Month of the Rosary & Respect Life Month



Let's pray the Rosary together  
every night at 8:00 PM  
starting October 1st on ZOOM!

Join Fr. Eugene Lee & Fr Kiet Ta!

Click on the Rosary button on our website: [stmirvine.org/rosary](http://stmirvine.org/rosary)



Celebrate!

**PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY**

**Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> is Priesthood Sunday: a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the U.S.** It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the central role of the priesthood in the life of the Church. Please participate and affirm all of our priests with gratitude:

*Rev. Eugene J. Lee, Rev. Kiet Ta,  
Rev. Joseph Horn, Rev. Joseph Justice,  
Rev. William Krekelberg, Rev. Ignatius Lau, and  
Rev. Michael Wu.*

Examples include, but not limited to:

1. Thank our priests for their dedication, generosity and leadership in our church.
2. State at least one way our priests have personally enriched your life and thank him.
3. Prepare a spiritual bouquet with prayers, or Rosaries that you will say or request a Mass intention for them.
4. Invite them to breakfast, lunch or dinner.



## SUGGESTED PLENARY INDULGENCE OF THE MONTH OCTOBER 2022

### PRAYERS TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

A PLENARY INDULGENCE is granted the Christian faithful who

1. devoutly recite the Marian rosary in a church or oratory, or in a family, a religious community, or an association of the faithful, and in general when several of the faithful gather for some honest purpose;
2. devoutly join in the recitation of the rosary while it is being recited by the Supreme Pontiff and broadcast live by radio or television.

### FR. EUGENE'S COMMENTARY & SUGGESTION

October is the Month of the Rosary. Here at St. Thomas More Catholic Church we pray will pray the rosary EVERY DAY during the month of October at 8:00 pm on Zoom! Go to [stmirvine.org](http://stmirvine.org) to find the link to connect on Zoom with everyone. The rosary has power! The rosary shifts history! The rosary protects families! The rosary changes hearts.

### CONDITIONS FOR RECEIVING A PLENARY INDULGENCE

1. Do the prescribed work.
2. Receive Holy Communion within several days (before or after) of the indulgenced act.
3. Go to confession within several days (before or after) the indulgenced act
4. Pray for the Pope. An Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be can suffice.
5. Be free from attachment to all sin, even venial sin.
6. OTHER NOTES: · In order to be capable of gaining indulgences one must be baptized, not excommunicated, and in the state of grace (free of mortal sin) at least at the completion of the prescribed works. · To gain an indulgence, one must have at least the general intention of doing so and must carry out the enjoined works at the stated time and in due fashion, according to the sense of the grant. · Plenary indulgences can be applied to one's self, or to a person who has died. · Only one plenary indulgence may be obtained per day. · A single sacramental confession suffices for gaining several plenary indulgences; but Holy Communion must be received and prayer for the intention of the Holy Father must be recited for the gaining of each plenary indulgence. · Special exceptions can always be made for those who are sick or disabled in which case please inquire with the priest.

### STM Women's Retreat

Have you been looking to get away to a place that will allow you to turn off the noises and create a space where you can hear our Lord more clearly? Have you been longing for a retreat? Have you ever been curious about what a silent retreat is like? This is your chance!

The women of Saint Thomas More will be going on a silent retreat to the Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center. Join us on this epic adventure to the interior of our souls. The atmosphere of this silent, preached retreat will lay paths for the exploration of this year's theme, "Who is Jesus Christ?".

Join us on **November 4-6, 2022.**

Reservations can be made by contacting Jean Jereza at [jjereza.stm@gmail.com](mailto:jjereza.stm@gmail.com) or (714) 309-5636.

Or you may register directly at:  
<https://materdolorosa.org/calendar/>



## 12TH ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

**Saturday October 8, 2022**

**8 - 1 P.M.**

**St. Thomas More Parish**

**Theme:**

**Prayer is my Superpower**


**Speaker:**

**Kathleen Beckman**

**Register today at:**

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**40daysforlife.com/orange**



**Walking with Moms Collection**  
(formerly "Pennies From Heaven")

**Respect Life Sunday - October 1st**



All your donations support women, children, and families in shelters, clinics and centers throughout the Diocese of Orange.

[rcbo.org/walking-with-moms](http://rcbo.org/walking-with-moms)



**Evangelize Now Conference 2022**  
(formerly "Diocesan Ministry Celebration" or "DMC")

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 | 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM  
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All are invited to join Bishop Vann, Bishop Thank, Bishop Timothy, Rector Bao and the faithful at Christ Cathedral

**Attend your Parish Morning Mass & Caravan to Christ Cathedral or**

**Attend the International Rosary at 8:30 am and Trilingual Mass 9:00 am**

**Meet at Our Lady of La Vang Shrine**

**Eucharistic Procession begins at 10:30am**

**ORANGE Walk for Life**

**October 1, 2022**

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- Meet Local Pro-Life Organizations
- Pro-Life Guest speakers
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Proposition 1 is a worst-case scenario for abortion in California. It is an expensive and misleading ballot measure that allows unlimited late-term abortions — for any reason, at any time, even moments before birth, paid for by tax dollars.

Prop 1 isn't needed. Sadly, California already has some of the most permissive abortion laws in the nation that would remain in effect without the amendment, including our current limit on late-term abortions that are permitted only for the life and health of the mother. Prop 1 destroys this common-sense limit. California does not limit state spending on abortion, and with thousands more traveling from other states, the cost will be in the hundreds of millions. Don't hand lawmakers a blank check to pay for abortions, and don't let them make California an "abortion sanctuary." To learn more, visit [www.CAcatholic.org/Prop1](http://www.CAcatholic.org/Prop1)

**Pray for the Defeat of Proposition 1 and to End Abortion**

As we enter Respect Life Month, the bishops of California are inviting all Catholics to engage in prayer and fasting to end abortion and for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to form the minds and hearts of California citizens to defeat Prop 1. With that in mind, our bishops are hosting a Novena to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary to Defeat Proposition 1 from September 29 to October 7—see the Novena flyer and visit [www.CAcatholic.org/Prop1](http://www.CAcatholic.org/Prop1) for the daily video messages. At the same time, please join our interfaith friends of 40 Days for Life from September 28 to November 6 for their annual campaign to end abortion: [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com).

**CALIFORNIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE**

# St. Thomas More Ministries



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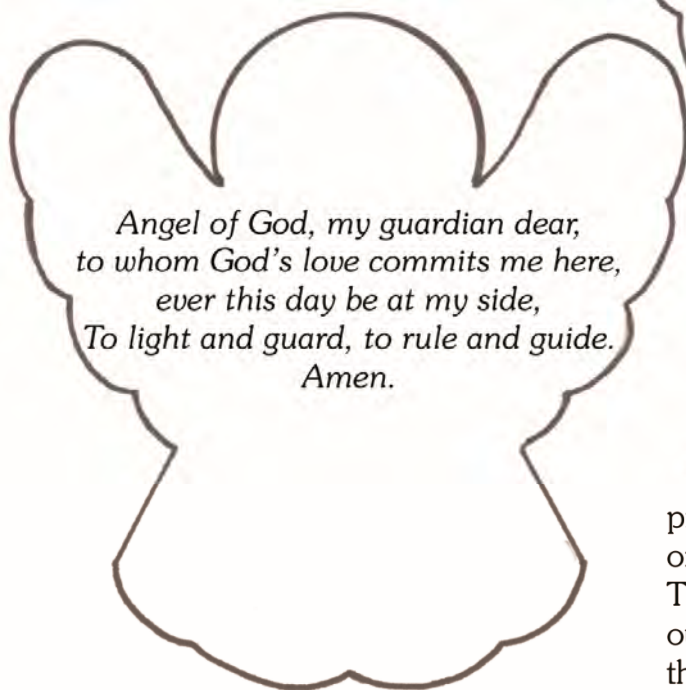
## GUARDIAN ANGELS

“See that you do not despise one of these little ones,  
for I say to you that their angels in heaven  
always look upon the face of my heavenly Father.”

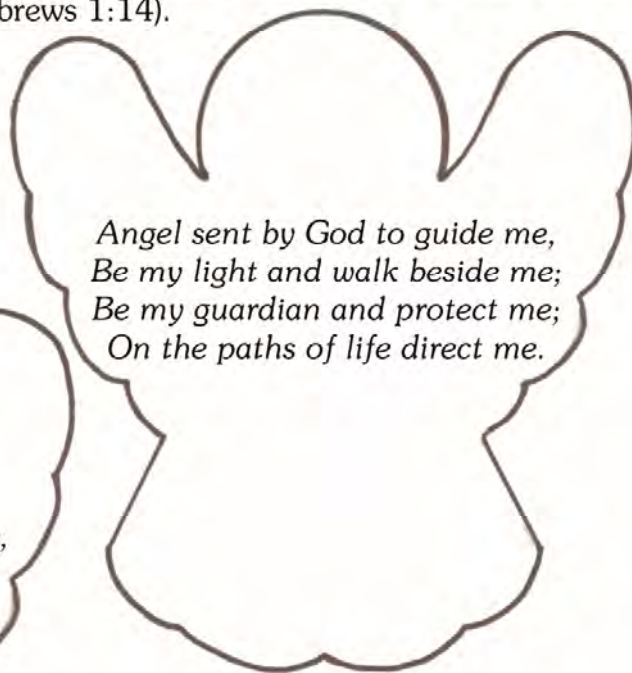
*(Matthew 18:10)*

On October 2 we celebrate the memorial of the Guardian Angels. An angel is a messenger from God. This passage from the Gospel of Matthew reminds us that each of us has an angel who is sent from God to protect and guide us. St. Paul, in his letter to the Hebrews, writes that these angels are spirits who serve the special task of helping us on the path toward God (see Hebrews 1:14).

God knows that we always try to do the right thing. Sometimes that is hard and we need some help. In times when we are afraid or sad or worried, it is good to know that we have a guardian angel who reminds us of God's presence.



*Angel of God, my guardian dear,  
to whom God's love commits me here,  
ever this day be at my side,  
To light and guard, to rule and guide.  
Amen.*



*Angel sent by God to guide me,  
Be my light and walk beside me;  
Be my guardian and protect me;  
On the paths of life direct me.*

Try to form the habit of saying this prayer each night or morning. The first one is the traditional form of the prayer. The second is like it in simpler words. Cut out each angel and place both of them at the side of your bed.