

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH



September 27, 2026

“GO OUT
AND WORK IN
THE VINEYARD.”

— MATTHEW 21:28 —

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 the courageous love of God.

CLERGY

Pastor

Rev. Eugene J. Lee

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Thomas Tran

Deacons

Dcn. Leonard Sun

Dcn. Tim O'Donoghue

Dcn. Tin Nguyen

Weekend Assistants

Rev. Joseph Horn, O Praem

Rev. Joseph Justice

Chinese Chaplain

Rev. Francis Li

Founding Pastor

†Rev. John Janze

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

8:00 AM Monday to Saturday

6:00 PM Monday to Friday

Saturday

4:00 PM Vietnamese/English

Vigil Mass

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*

CONFESSION

Saturdays 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM or by appointment

DEVOTIONS

Morning Prayer

M, W, F: 7:30 AM – 7:50 AM

Adoration

Friday's at 6:30 PM

24 Hour Adoration

The 22nd of every month.

****For Baptisms (ages 6 & under) and Marriages, please contact the parish office.*

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday

8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Saturday

8:30 AM – 2:00 PM

****For emergencies ONLY, please contact (949) 551-8601, Ext. 7*

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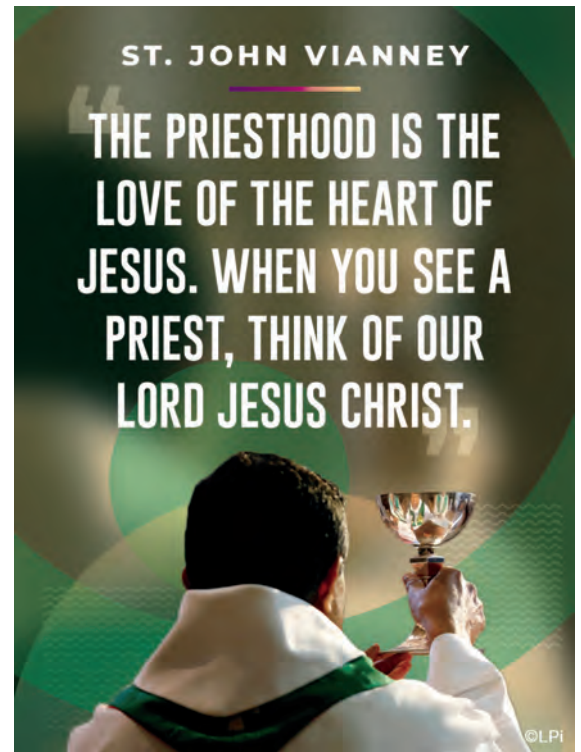
Confirmation

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****For sacramental accommodations for individuals with disabilities, please contact Tara Reynaud.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 9/26	4:00pm	Joonsik Peter Kang
	6:00pm	† Jackson Scharff
Sun 9/27	8:00am	† Ruby Jaehee Yoo
	9:30am	Jun and Carmela Alfonso
	11:30am	PRO POPULO
	1:00pm	The Valdez Family
	5:00pm	Joshua Shelly
		Sarah Shelly
		† Catherine Luu Chu Voi
		† David Ludwig
		† Joseph Am
		† Mary Joseph
		† Thankamma Joppan
		† Thomas Sebastian
		† Domingo Empalmado
		† Geraldine Fabio Abdon
Mon 9/28	8:00am	Hanelle Lozano
	6:00pm	† Alodia Bartolome
Tues 9/29	8:00am	† Danio Fajardo
	6:00pm	† Jeyarani Alexis Peter
Wed 9/30	8:00am	Gerald Maurer
	6:00pm	† Ed Ford
Thurs 10/1	8:00am	† Amalia Chavez
	6:00pm	Small Faith Community STL Members
Fri 10/2	8:00am	Veronica Menendez
	6:00pm	† Blanca Rosa Delgado
Sat 10/3	8:00am	Deacon Tim O'Donoghue
		Deacon Tin Nguyen
		Patty Ehman
		Carolyn Dwojak
		Becky Koopowitz
		Mary Heather O'Leary
		† Jose Ernesto C. Villaluna Jr.
		† Luis and Margarita Sicut
		† Jeffrey Sicut
		† Deceased Members of the Fernandez Family
		† Richard Johnson Bonk
		† Frances Perkoski
		† Oscar Alberto Hernandez
		† Veronica Frias
		† Lucio Marcelino
		† Angelita Soro
		† Pilar Pantangco
		† All Souls in Purgatory



NEWLY BAPTIZED

Damian Kim
Rosemary Kim
Marcel Romero



FUNERAL MASSES

TED FLILLER
Wednesday, September 30th at 12:00 pm

ROBERT NAGLE
Friday, October 16th at 12:00 pm

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Flory Aguilar	Joseph Dela Victoria	Vivian Knisely	Ben Pataray	Donna Rohrer
Sal Baldomar	Pierre Gagnon	Kevin Lee	Sharon Pataray	Edna Santiago
Mary Bajcar	Tony Galati	Patrick Lee	Norma Peckson	Norma Santiago
Francis Xavier Bernier	Marco Gama	Sue Scholastica Lee	Armando Peña	Mary Anne Stenske
Daniel Bernabe	Anthony Gaona	Brielle LeMire	Jacqueline Claire Poznoski	Hisashi Taniuchi
Douglas Boyette	Jenna Geigerman	Doris Lenahan	Sandra Quezada Ryan Quinn	Kumiko Taniuchi
Lisa Busch	Lisa Greubel	Debbe Lowden	George Quitarano	Florice S Valenciano
Felicia Carazo	Regina Hager	Joseph Manglona	Baby Ramona	Jesus Villanueva
Kelly Carter	Doug & Kathie Hibbard	Deirdre Morley	Al & Elizabeth Rangitsch	Raymund Villanueva
Elaine Chiou	Stacey Howmann	Angelica Myers	Margie Revilla	Sandy Wieduwilt
Michael Collins	Drew Hoang	Susan Navarrete	Matilda Reyna	Roger Lynn Witherspoon
Thomas Conner	Tiesha Kelley	Ernie Natividad	Maryhelen Rios	Kathy Zamora
Cristina Crouth	Jeff Kemper	Lisa Nelson	Guadalupe Rivas	Andy Zelinko
Michael Danaher		Charles Oh		Joe & Judy Zwetow

Please email bulletin@stmirvine.org to include a name for one month

MONTH OF THE Rosary

Pray the Rosary with Fr. Eugene & Fr. Tom
nightly in October at 8pm on Zoom
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"Children are a heritage from the Lord." – Psalm 127:3

PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL

"Let us not grow tired of doing good... So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all."
Galatians 6:9-10

For Jesus. For STM.

Collection Report 8/31/2026 – 9/6/2026

Sunday Collection	\$ 26,952.00
Believe & Build, BGT, BGT2	\$ 97,676.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 710.00
Misc Income (Mass Intentions, etc)	\$ 10,744.00

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The owner of the vineyard gave both his sons the same opportunity. Only one took it, even though he had rejected it at first. Always remember: it is never too late to do the will of God. He waits for you.

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Formation

Blessing of Pets

COME JOIN US ON SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 3RD / 1 PM
AT THE ST. FRANCIS STATUE



Sharing the Gospel

God wants you to change your way of behaving after you hear his words. He wants you to say you are sorry and believe in him. He wants you to be a better person. He wants you to choose good over evil. Write your favorite Bible verse. Stick it on your mirror or your lunch box. When you know it by heart and do what it says, then get a new verse. That will make God smile.



**Now color
the picture!**



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C1 Orientation

Sept 30 | 7-8:30pm | Church Hall

C2 Orientation

Oct 7 | 7-8:30pm | Church Hall

C1 Parent Chat



C2 Parent Chat



God's love isn't something
we compete for.
His generosity is for
everyone.

Matthew 18:21-35



WHEN WOMEN PRAY 2026

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Instrument of His Peace



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

ValLimar Jansen

Inspirational speaker, storyteller, and recording artist with over 30 years in Catholic ministry.

Date: Saturday, October 3, 2026
Time: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Location: St. Thomas More Catholic Church
 51 Marketplace, Irvine, CA 92602
<https://www.whenwomenpraystm.org/wwp2026> or scan QR code

♥ Free Event • All Women Welcome • RSVP Requested

We were not meant to journey alone. Join us for a Spirit-filled morning of prayer, music, and fellowship with women of faith across Southern California.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Saturday, October 3, 2026 6am-2pm
 St. Thomas More Church
 Irvine, California

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

Areas where help is needed:

- Event set up and tear down
- Food prep and service
- Event registration and MORE



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Questions? contact - STM.WhenWomenPray.Irvine@gmail.com



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Leo XIV PP



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\$20
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DRAWING
 OCTOBER 3, 2026
 AT 1:00 PM



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 PRESENT TO WIN.

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Questions of the Week

First Reading Question

Ezekiel challenges people who complain, "the Lord's way is not fair." Can you think of a time you felt the need to defend God?

Second Reading Question

Paul urges believers to be humble and look out for one another's needs. How might you help build up a friend or co-worker this week?

Gospel Question

In the parable of the two sons, Jesus warns the chief priests and elders to be open-minded and willing to change. What are you hoping will change in your life?



SAN LORENZO RUIZ

Learn

About his life
You are invited to a special annual STM family-friendly lecture on the life and martyrdom of the first Filipino Saint

**Sunday, September 28
12:30pm
Fireside Room**

Guest Speaker: Jean Jereza

Kids activities & education for the whole family

Novena begins at the lecture & resumes via Zoom



"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 26
6pm Vigil Mass
7pm Fellowship
STM Multipurpose Room**

Light refreshments, music & dancing
Filipinana/Barong Attire Encouraged

Questions:
stmfilipinoministry@gmail.com

KNIGHTS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**Sunday, September 27th
After all morning Masses**

Suggested Donation:

- **\$5.00** per person (Adult / Child)
- **\$25.00** Family Maximum

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Proceeds support Knights-designated charities in our parish local community, and STM Parish needs.





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Save the Date

for

September 27th!

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Don't forget to bring your boots!

Join us for our monthly young adult Mass @ STM 5:00pm

Dinner at the Marketplace 6:00pm-7:30pm

Axe Throwing and Line Dancing 8:00pm-10:00pm (entry is \$10)



800th ANNIVERSARY

St. Francis of Assisi

1226 - 2026

*A life of radical faith, joyful simplicity
and love for all creation.*



10 Things You May Not Know About St. Francis of Assisi

1 He was born into wealth.



Francis was born around 1181 in Assisi, Italy, to a wealthy merchant family. He chose poverty, not wealth.

2 He was a soldier — then a pilgrim.



As a young man, Francis dreamed of glory and served in a war. After a serious illness, he heard God's call and turned his life toward Christ.

3 He received the stigmata.



In 1224, while praying on Mount La Verna, Francis received the marks of Christ's Passion in his own body.

4 He loved all of God's creation.



Francis saw all creatures — from animals to the smallest insects — as brothers and sisters, praising God together.

5 He founded the Franciscan Order.



Francis began a simple community of brothers in 1209, later approved by the Church. His followers continue his charism of peace, poverty and service.

6 He preached without possessions.



Francis traveled throughout Italy giving the Gospel, relying on God's providence and the kindness of others.

7 He restored the Church.



He helped rebuild the Church through prayer, humble service and a renewed love for the Gospel.

8 He inspired the first Nativity scene.



In 1223, he created the first live Christmas manger scene in Greccio, Italy, with real people and animals to show the humble birth of Jesus.

9 He was a joyful witness.



Francis possessed a deep sense of joy, calling all people to rejoice in God's love, even in suffering.

10 He is the patron saint of animals and ecology.



Today, he reminds us to care for all creation and to live in harmony with God, others and the earth.

*May the example of St. Francis
inspire us to see Christ in every person,
in every creature and in all of creation.*



THERE'S MORE

ROSARY RESCUE

The Young Ladies Grand Institute is sponsoring a "Rosary Rescue" during the week of Oct 11 - 18. Bring all of your extra rosaries and place them in the baskets at both entrances to the church after the morning Sunday Masses on Oct 11 and Oct 18. A basket will also be available on the table inside the church entrance for the afternoon Masses and during the week. The rosaries will be cleaned and re-packaged and sent to the missions in Mexico, Uganda and Ghana. Thank you for your help and support.



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7 PM - 9 PM | ROOM 1

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WELCOME DEACON JOSE MANUEL CHAVEZ!

Deacon Chavez will join STM on October 1, primarily focused on our Hispanic Ministry.

Let us welcome him!



My name is Jose Manuel Chavez and my wife is Maribel Chavez. We have been married for 40 years. God blessed us with 4 children - Jose Manuel Jr, Carlos Alberto, Jorge Luis, and Maribel. Our daughter in law is Jennifer and we have 2 grandchildren - Victor and Andrew.

The Parish community of St. Philip Benizi in Fullerton, contributed greatly to this calling for diaconate, in a special way Father David Gallego who accompanied us as a spiritual guide throughout our formation and after my ordination, he always looked after our spiritual growth and offered us counsel.

I was ordained a deacon on May 21, 2011, and my first assignment was at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in La Habra, where I served until 2025. I was always supported by Monsignor Justin McCarthy (Rest in Peace), followed by an assignment at the Christ Cathedral in Garden Grove and now at Saint Thomas More, where I wish to always be ready to serve and build community with all of you—priests, deacons, and the entire community.

May God continue to grant us many opportunities to keep improving and to always serve with great humility.



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

October 3rd, 2026

There will ***not be a communal*** First Saturday Devotion at St. Thomas More Church on **October 3rd**.

We invite you to make the First Saturday Devotion ***on your own*** this month.

Please join us again in **November** for our communal First Saturday Devotion.

The First Saturday devotional prayers are available at ***stmirvine.org***.

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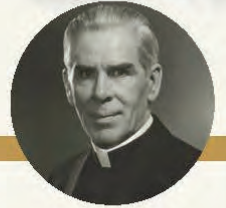
- **Session 2 (September 23):** Dei Verbum – Divine Revelation through Scripture and Tradition.
- **Session 3 (October 14):** Lumen Gentium – The Church as the "Light of the Nations" and the People of God.
- **Session 4 (October 21):** Sacrosanctum Concilium – The renewal of the Sacred Liturgy.
- **Session 5 (October 28):** Gaudium et Spes – The Church's engagement with the joys and hopes of the modern world.

Each session begins at 5:30 PM with appetizers and refreshments for fellowship. The presentation runs from 6:00–6:30 PM (no more than 30 minutes), followed by time for Q&A and discussion. All are welcome—parishioners, newcomers, and anyone interested in how Vatican II continues to shape our prayer, worship, community, and mission.

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