



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:

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Youth Ministry: 949-551-8602

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BUT NOW HE IS
COMFORTED
HERE.

— LUKE 16:25 —

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 28, 2025

WELCOME to STM!



Prayers for Healing

Racquel Aguinaldo	Deirdre Morley
Flory Aguilar	Rosie Muñoz
Kaden Aiello	Susan Navarrete
Froy Becerra	Ernie Natividad
Daniel Bernabe	Steven Norris
Bob Bowcock	Bill Oesterreich
Kelly Carter	Ann Pan
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 Quitoriano
Ted Filler	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 Stoufus
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
Ron Merse	

Mass Intentions

Sat 9/27	4:00pm	Dierdra Morley
	6:00pm	Joonsik Peter Kang
Sun 9/28	8:00am	PRO-POPULO
	9:30am	†Martin Buser
	11:30am	†Jim Hempe
	1:00pm	†Elisa Dias Alvarez
	5:00pm	Cory Cusimano
		The Therrien Family
		Adin Hyslop
		Ted Michael Kasperowicz
		†Alodia M. Bartolome
		†Janet Townsend Diebenow
		†Jovenencia Abanar Dalo
		†Elsa DeLeon
		†Celmira Rubiano
Mon 9/29	8:00am	Rosie Munoz
	6:00pm	†James Deans
Tues 9/30	8:00am	†Paul Cook
	6:00pm	Lang Truong
Wed 10/1	8:00am	Paul Nguyen
	6:00pm	Steve Cory
Thurs 10/2	8:00am	Teresa Tran
	6:00pm	Joyce Lui
Fri 10/3	8:00am	†John Bernal
	6:00pm	†Alfredo Saturnino
Sat 10/4	8:00am	†Deacon Tony Patronite
		†All Souls in Purgatory
		†Victor Luis Leon
		†Jose Antonio Leon
		†Edward Andrade

Collection Report

9/1/2025 – 9/7/2025

Sunday Collections	\$ 33,554.00
Believe & Build, BGT, BGT2	\$ 16,764.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 770.00
Misc Income (Mass Intentions, etc)	\$ 4,406.00

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

BLESSING OF PETS

Saturday, October 4th @ 10:00am

by the statue of St. Francis.

Bring your pets on a leash

or in a carrier.

People without pets

are welcome too!



Newly Baptized

Avery Anderson
Emma Anderson
Anton Bebenita
Cameron Emory
Ozan Kellum
Nigel Morales
Harper Vieira



Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into exile,
and their wanton revelry shall be done away with. (Am 6:7)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146)
Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

But you, man of God, pursue righteousness,
devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. (1 Tm 6:11)

Gospel:

Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses
and the prophets,
neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from
the dead.' (Lk 16:31)

The rich man had a chance, every day
of his life, to choose righteousness. But
righteousness wasn't convenient for him. He
discovered too late that the only time we
have to follow God is now. Here. This moment.
Will we take our chance?

Observances for the week of September 28, 2025

- Sunday:** 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Priesthood Sunday
- Monday:** Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
- Tuesday:** St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday:** St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- Thursday:** The Holy Guardian Angels
- Saturday:** St. Francis of Assisi
- Next Sunday:** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Respect Life Sunday

Questions of the Week

First Reading:

The prophet Amos is critical of the Israelites living in luxury while ignoring the social decay surrounding them. How can we avoid such insensitivity to the pain and suffering of others?

Second Reading:

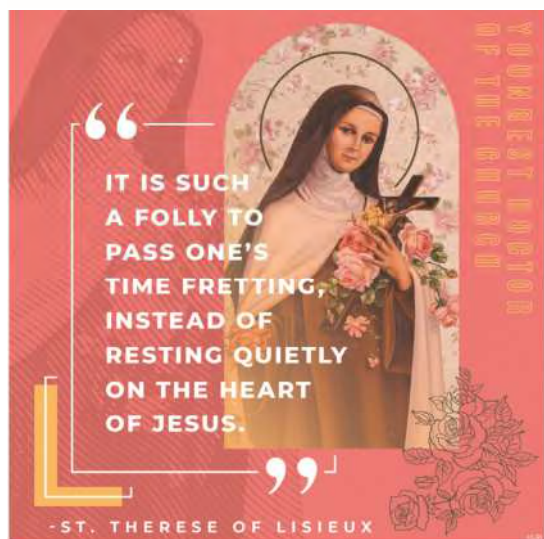
Paul encourages Timothy to be a strong and faithful leader, focusing on the return of Jesus and the goal of eternal life. Who encourages you in your faith life?

Gospel:

Jesus forewarns the Pharisees about the great reversal in the afterlife awaiting the self-centered rich and the desperately poor. With whom could you be generous this week?



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



Pray the Rosary

together as a family and as a community...

Through the mysteries, we walk alongside Christ and Mary, reflecting on their joys, sorrows, and triumphs.

Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee 2025

OCTOBER

Jubilee of Marian Spirituality

- **October 18th (Saturday) @ 7pm** - Presentation by Fr. Angelos Sebastian on Mary Mother of Hope, Rosary with community at 8pm, and reception to follow.
- **October 1st thru 31st @ 8pm** - Participate in the nightly Zoom Rosary with STM Parish. See link at stmirvine@org.
- **The Basic Rosary Guide and rosaries will be available at the Church in October.**

STM CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Parent/Student Orientations

October 1 - Confirmation 2 Orientation

October 8 - Confirmation 1 Orientation

Make sure to register your teen at
stmirvineym.org

Core Team/Catechists Needed!

We need adult (18+) volunteers to serve in our STM Youth Ministry and Confirmation Program. Please call the office if interested!

Follow us



R.E.P. CORNER



BLESSING OF THE PETS

Please join our REP students in celebrating the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi 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!



GREAT START TO THE YEAR!!

We had an amazing start to our REP classes this year! It looks like we are all ready & excited for the new REP year! Many thanks go to our fantastic volunteers for their dedication to our students! We have over 325 students currently enrolled, but we still have some space! Classes are filling up fast, so please get registered right away!



Volunteers Needed for 2025/2026

We are still recruiting teachers, substitute teachers and parent volunteers for the new REP 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.

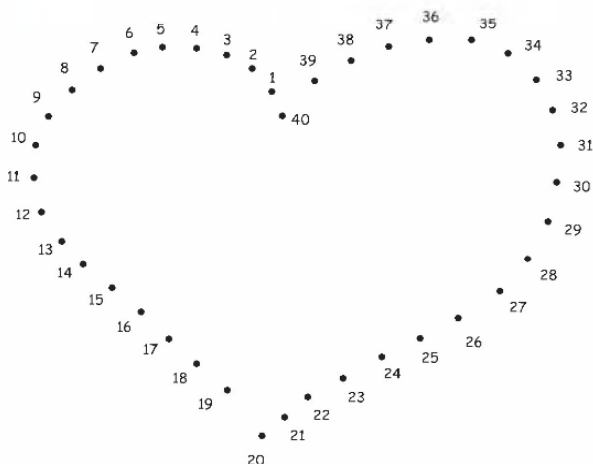


PUZZLE

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MISSION

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STM HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

SUNDAY, NOV 23TH 2025

B A C K T O



SFC

27/28 SEPT, 2025

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Blessed Virgin Mary	Retirees	Monday	9AM
St. Francis of Assisi	Women	Monday	6:30PM
St. Teresa of Avila	Women	Tuesday	9AM
St. Lorenzo Ruiz	Married Couples	Tuesday	7 PM
St. Isabel	Married Couples	Tuesday	7 PM
St. Augustine	Men	Tuesday	7 PM
St. Matthew	Mixed (Men & Women)	Tuesday	7 PM
St. Benedict	Mixed (Men & Women)	Tuesday	7 PM
St. Joseph	Mixed (Men & Women)	Tuesday	7 PM
St. Bridget	Women	Tuesday	7 PM
Our Lady of Guadalupe	Women	Tuesday	7 PM
St. Clare of Assisi	Young Adults	Tuesday	7 PM
St. Anthony of Padua	Retirres	Wednesday	12 noon
St. Michael the Archangel	Mixed (Men & Women)	Wednesday	7 PM
St. Bernadette Candle Bearers	Women	Wednesday	7 PM
St. Aloysius Gonzaga	Young Adults	Wednesday	7 PM
St. PeregrineCancer-Affected & Survivors	Cancer Affected	Thursday	11 AM
St. Faustina	Mixed (Men & Women)	Thursday	9 AM
St. Therese of Lisieux	Women	Thursday	10 AM
Our Lady of Fatima	Women	Thursday	10 AM
St. Mary Magdalene	Women	Thursday	1:30PM
St. Martha	Married Couples	Thursday	7 PM
St. Mark	Mixed (Men & Women)	Thursday	7 PM
St. Rita of Cascia	Women	Thursday	7 PM
St. Monica	Groves Residents	Friday	10 AM
San Juan Bautista	Spanish Mixed (Men & Women)	Wednesday	7 PM
San Judas Tadeo	Spanish Married Couples	Friday	7 PM
Our Lady of Lavang	Vietnamese Women	Wednesday	7 PM

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




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Questions? Contact Kim - kimmievu@gmail.com




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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 that began 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!





Thank You for an Unforgettable Day!

Our deepest gratitude to everyone who made this event a success:



*Fr John E Janze
Memorial
Golf Tournament*

*Committee & Volunteers:
For your tireless dedication*

*Saint Thomas More Parish & Staff:
For your unwavering support*

*Strawberry Farms Golf Club:
For being our gracious host*

*Our Generous Donors:
For all auction items and contributions*

*And to Our Golfers & Dinner Guests:
Thank you for joining us!*



Fall Bible Study
REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



See our HUGE Fall Line-up
with multiple Start Dates!

www.stmirvine.org/BFF



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**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



Grief Support Group

Help and Encouragement
after the death of a loved one.

10:00 - 11:30 AM
August 19 - November 18, 2025

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Please Register At
griefshare.org

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Taller Mariano



Sábado 18 de octubre de 2025
De 8:30 am a 2:30 pm

Desde México: Teresita Figueroa Méndez
Temas principales

Dogmas Marianos de la Iglesia - Apariciones y Devociones

Iglesia de St. Thomas More
51 Marketplace, Irvine, CA 92602

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
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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
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Holy Spirit Prayer Team	John Moran	(7) 401-4728
Legion of Mary	Trisha Smith and Janeth Ostowari	(7) 473-3714 (9) 307-2716
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Life Teen – High School	Hayley Moore	(9) 551-8602
More Moms	Rosanna Iseri Novia	(9) 354-2547
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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



Please pray for the men attending the
Christ Renews His Parish Weekend
this weekend.



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TMII
THAT MAN IS YOU!

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October – Month of the Holy Rosary

Prayer
Partners Supporting Others
with Prayer



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Submit Prayer Intentions

Submit Answered Prayer Testimonials

Become a Prayer Partner – Pray for the Intentions

Devotions, *Explained!*

There are many variations of the Morning Offering, but all share the same purpose: to begin each day by offering oneself to God, along with all the experiences, struggles and blessings that the day will bring.

Prayer for the Sick

For those in pain and in sorrow,
God be their comfort.
For caretakers and medical
staff, God give them grace.
Surround those afflicted with
Your love, care, and mercy, You
who are our healing and hope.
Amen.



October 24-26, 2025

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Women's Silent Retreat

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For more information:

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