



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



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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 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

Office hours:
Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm
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Fax: 949-551-5879
Religious Education: 949-551-8029
Youth Ministry: 949-551-8602



September 29, 2024

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me.”
- Mk 9:39



Alvin D. Cabrera
Mark Stannard



Isabella Desmond
Cally Tang


Join Fr. Eugene and Fr. Tom
Pray the Rosary every night on Zoom
At 8PM starting October 1st

OCTOBER
Month of the Holy Rosary

Click on the Rosary button on our website:
stmirvine.org/rosary

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 9/28	4:00pm	Joonsik Peter Kang
	6:00pm	PRO POPULO
Sun 9/29	8:00am	†Christopher Denson
	9:30am	Adolfo Opena
		†Mazie Bonfiglio
		†Thomas Stevenson
		†Maria Luisa L. Laredo
		†Geraldine Sabio Abdon
		†Paul David Bernard
		†Richard Lombardi
		†John Botta
	11:30am	†Percival Cabrera
	3:00pm	†Jean Navarro
	5:00pm	Allen Chiou & Family
Mon 9/30	8:00am	Johanna Harris
	6:00pm	†Courtney Cox
Tues 10/1	8:00am	Heather & Eyosef Bogdanov
	6:00pm	Mary and Claude Summers
Wed 10/2	8:00am	Veronica Menendez
Thurs 10/3	8:00am	†Edward Andrade
	6:00pm	Rebecca Koopowitz
Fri 10/4	8:00am	Dcn. Tony Patronite
	6:00pm	†William Emmanuel Saligan
Sat 10/5	8:00am	The Chan Family
		†Francisco Castillo
		†Souls in Purgatory



Collections and Expenses

9/16/2024– 9/22/2024

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$17,440	\$9,546	\$26,986
Maintenance Fund	\$282	\$130	\$412
Other income	\$10,764	\$3,891	\$14,655
Total income	\$28,486	\$13,568	\$42,054

Regular Expenses	\$37,971
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Capital Campaign	\$69,443	\$6,127	\$75,570
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Campaign Expenses	\$2,198
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If you would like to give online, please click on the e-giving link in the top corner of the STM website. All donations to the capital campaign will be used exclusively to pay for the construction costs to build the new church. Moreover, maintenance fund donations can be used to pay for the construction costs to build the new church and for the maintenance and repairs of the existing buildings and property. If you have questions, please call the office. Thank you for your generosity!



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| Flory Aguilar | Ron Merse |
| Baby Dean Alvero | Christy Miller |
| Eddie Anderson | Jim Miller |
| Sal Baldomar | Linda Moore |
| Froy Becerra | Deirdre Morley |
| Daniel Bernabe | Susan Navarrete |
| AJ Cabrera | Ernie Natividad |
| Jasmine Cabrera | Julie Nguyen |
| Kirsten Cabrera | Eileen Ohlander |
| Lou and Nancy Chereny | Ben Pataray |
| Victor Cota | Sharon Pataray |
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| Chaz Decoteau | Jacqueline Claire Poznoski |
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| Tiesha Kelley | Lisa Turner |
| Vivian Knisely | Jesus Villanueva |
| Lauren Leal | Raymund Villanueva |
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| Terry & Kathy McGaughan | Michele Wills |
| Desmond McMahon Family | Andy Zelinko |
| Nilda A. Medalle | |

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

Believe and BUILD Capital Campaign Update

Dear Parishioners,

First, I want to thank every person who has contributed to our campaign. The generosity of our parishioners and the faithfulness to see this church finally become a reality is inspiring! We have raised over \$20 million in gifts and pledges. Once again, this is thanks to the amazing generosity of our longstanding parishioners as well as new families who are investing in our future.

We want to celebrate this for sure! This is an exciting time! We know we are close to raising what we need to build a church.

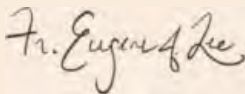
At the same time, I know we can do MORE! If we can raise this much from only about 558 families, imagine what we could do if everyone participated!

I want to emphasize that every gift matters and will make a significant impact in what we are able to build. At this point, more participation means a more beautiful church and less we need to borrow to finish the project. Moreover, it means that our whole community is behind this. This new church will be a legacy for generations who come to worship here or seek refuge from the world outside. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of our story and be a part of our legacy.

If you have not yet made your pledge, fill out a pledge envelope (in the back of the church) and drop it in the offertory basket or visit buildstm.com today! Whatever you can pledge will be greatly appreciated and will help us do even MORE for our church community.

Let's do this! Let's build something beautiful for the Lord on our corner of Marketplace and Irvine Blvd.

In Christ,



Fr. Eugene J. Lee
Pastor



PLEDGE COMMITMENT
LET'S *Build* THE HOUSE OF THE Lord

Make your Pledge



\$24 M	
\$23 M	
\$22 M	
\$21 M	
\$20 M	
\$19 M	
\$18 M	
\$17 M	
\$16 M	
\$15 M	
\$10 M	
\$1 M	

\$20.3M
as of 9/20/24

as of 6/1/24

Over 550 families have contributed.
Will you make the same sacrificial offering?







PLEDGED
PLEDGES FULFILLED



Campaign Prayer

Blessed are you, LORD, our father.
Yours, LORD, are greatness and might,
majesty, victory, and splendor.
For all in heaven and on earth is yours;
yours, LORD, is kingship;
you are exalted as head over all.
Riches and glory are from you.
Therefore, our God, we give you thanks
and we praise the majesty of your name.
For everything is from you,
and what we give is what we have from you.
LORD our God, all this wealth
that we have brought together
to build you a house for your holy name
comes from you and is entirely yours.
Your people here give to you generously.
Give to us a wholehearted desire
to keep your commandments, precepts, and statutes,
that we may carry out all these plans
and build the palace to honor your glory.
Amen.

St. Thomas More, pray for us.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.
*(Adapted from David's Prayer to Build the Temple
1 Chronicles 29:10-19)*

STM CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

C2 Parent/Student Orientation: 10/2 at 7pm
C1 Class: 10/9

Join us Mondays at 7pm for Bible Study!
We'll go over the readings for the
upcoming Sunday's Mass and grow with
one another in fellowship & community!

All high school teens are invited to the
"Color Fest" kick-off Youth Night after the
5pm Mass next Sunday, October 6th!
Be sure to bring a white t-shirt,
sunglasses, and a towel!



REP. CORNER



BLESSING OF THE PETS

Please join our REP students in
celebrating the Feast of St. Francis of
Assisi Saturday, October 5th 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 350 students currently enrolled,
but we still have some space! Classes are filling
up fast, so please get registered right away!



Volunteers Needed for 2024/2025

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.

Priesthood SUNDAY

September 29th is Priesthood Sunday: a special day set
aside to honor priesthood in the United States. This 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 parish priests with a written note
of appreciation. Some ideas: Thank your priest for his
dedication, generosity and leadership in your parish; or
state at least one way your priest has personally enriched
your life and thank him; or prepare a spiritual bouquet
with prayers and rosaries that you will say, or
have a Mass and prayers said for your
priest. Leave your notes in the church office.



2024 Mission Cooperative Appeal



During the Masses on September 28th and 29th, parishioners will hear about the Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti's mission serving the poor of Haiti.

The second collection is dedicated to Outreach to Haiti. Your gifts support the families in the poverty-stricken area of Christ Roi (Christ the King) and 14 twinned sister parishes in the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. You can help provide medical and healthcare, nutrition supplements and food, education scholarships, tutoring, workshops, training, micro-businesses, community development and complete the outfitting of a new building with our clinic in Christ Roi.

For 40 years, Outreach has been serving some of God's poorest, faith-filled, and inspiring Catholics. In the values of the Gospel, our mission provides sacramental and spiritual support linking us in faith and building relationships between the US and Haiti.

Father Frank Rouleau has lived in Port-au-Prince since 2010. He serves as Chaplain at our center in Christ Roi and leads twinning relationship among parishes in the U.S. with parishes in the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince. He comes to share his stories and invites you to be a part of a Gospel-led mission. The People of Haiti are struggling with severe food shortages, political and gang unrest, but they find the love of Christ and peace at Church. Please pray for our Haitian brothers and sisters. We thank you for your generosity. For more information about this ministry please visit Outreach to Haiti website at www.outreachtohaiti.org.



BLESSING OF PETS

Saturday, October 5th @ 10:00am

by the statue of St. Francis.

Bring your pets on a leash
or in a carrier.

People without pets
are welcome too!



Knights of Columbus in the Diocese of Orange present

Orange Walk for Life

Starting at 8:30am

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

OUR LADY OF LA VANG SHRINE AT CHRIST CATHEDRAL

WALK for Life with STM Parishioners Sat. Oct. 5th

- Gather at STM at 7:30am to organize carpools.
- Meet in STM parking lot at **St. Francis statue** - please park away from the statue to make room for Blessing of Pets.
- Leave STM at 7:45am for **walk, Mass and activities at Christ Cathedral.**
- Parking at Christ Cathedral is very limited. **Carpools are requested.**

God's Word - It's ALIVE!



New Groups starting this Fall....



STM SFC
STM Small Faith Communities

HOLY SPIRIT NITE

GUEST SPEAKER
KATHLEEN BECKMAN
 AUTHOR & EVANGELIST



STM PARISH HALL

"THE HOLY SPIRIT, DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITS, AND EVANGELIZATION"

OCT | 25th | 2024
FRIDAY 7:30-9PM





Holy Mary
 Mother of God
 Pray for Us

On stmirvine.org

- Enter Your Prayer Intentions
- Become a Prayer Partner and Pray for the Intentions once a week



Questions of the Week

First Reading:
 Moses hoped the Spirit of the Lord would be bestowed on all the Israelites, not limited just to the seventy elders. What are you hoping for this week?

Second Reading:
 James holds the rich in low regard, warning them against the trappings and dangers of excessive wealth. How are you generous toward others with your resources?

Gospel:
 Jesus taught his disciples the valuable lesson: "Whoever is not against us is for us." How do you promote unity rather than division at work or at home?

Cenáculo de Oración

Escuela de Virtudes

- Lectio Divina
- Meditación del Santo Rosario
- Formación

Martes 7:00 pm o Viernes 10:00 am
 Fireside Room

Contacto: Claudia Reyes
careyes2018@gmail.com

Join us every Sunday beginning September 8th

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BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

7:00 AM in MPR

New schedule!

Food Pantry

2nd & 4th Wednesdays every month Noon to 1PM

- STM
- Rooms 1 & 2



New Session at STM Begins Sept 7th!
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FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY
Saturdays @ 9:00 am
 St. Nicholas Room

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GriefShare

Grief Support Group

Help and Encouragement after the death of a loved one.

Tuesdays 10:00-11:30 AM
 August 20 - November 12, 2024

St. Thomas More Multipurpose Room

You May Register at griefshare.org






“GOD LEADS, I FOLLOW”

- ✓ Register today for our 14th annual morning of prayer, music, fellowship and praise!
- ✓ Saturday, October 12, 2024
8 AM to 1 PM
- ✓ St. Thomas More Church
51 Marketplace, Irvine, CA 92602



KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
SR. NANCY USSELMANN
Director of the Pauline Center
for Media Studies in Los Angeles

TOPIC:
“DISCIPLESHIP IN A CULTURE
OF ‘LIKES’ and ‘FOLLOWS’”

Scan QR code or go to: <https://www.whenwomenpraystm.org/wwp-2024/>


**STM USHER MINISTRY
ANNUAL USHER RECOGNITION**

Saturday, October 19, 2024
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

STM Courtyard
Light breakfast will be served.

Fr. Eugene will give a talk on the elements of the Mass to give us all a better understanding on how the laity should be engaged within the Mass.
All are welcome (ushers and parishioners).


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- want to be CONFIRMED
- or simply want to LEARN



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Contact: Deacon Bernie Ocampo @ deaconbernie@stmirvine.org
also available in Vietnamese, Chinese and Spanish

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

October 12, 2024
St. Thomas More Church



Please join us as we give our time to 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? kimmievu@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Magr. Timothy J. Doyle Council #13111 St. Thomas More



SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, November 14, 2024

**Fr. John E. Janze
MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Strawberry Farms Golf Club



Join us for Golf or Dinner

Questions? Contact Gordon Walters: gordonwalters11@gmail.com




**when women PRAY
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For a limited time this year, T-shirts can be ordered and donations can be made online.

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3. Keep your receipt: on your phone or printed to show at pickup.
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- On line orders will be accepted through Sept. 29 or until inventory is exhausted (limited supply).
- Cash and credit card orders can be made at the tables after all of the Masses and on Oct. 12.




Prayer of Service

Dear sweet Jesus,
Every day you give us is a gift.
We know endless gifts from your hands.
Even our attempts to “give back” to you often become new doors of graces in our lives.
Help us to serve you more fully, more deeply.
Amen.

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
Lectors	Ed Ferguson	(951) 313-4942
Music Director, Including Wedding Music	Keith Rattay	(9) 551-8601
Sacristans	Pam Ocampo	(9) 468.6704
Ushers	Frank Ornelas (9) 857-9044	Joe Martin (9) 385-3741

Parish

Believe and Build Capital Campaign	Lisa VanDorpe	(7) 357-3080
Bulletin Editor	Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Deacons	Tony Patronite, Tin Nguyen, Leonard Sun & Bernie Ocampo	(9) 551-8601
Facilities Manager	Ed Ferguson	(9) 551-8601
Hospitality/Donut Ministry	Deacon Tony Patronite	(9) 307-6215
Parish Business Manager	Stephanie Miller	(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)	Deacon Bernie & Pam Ocampo	(9) 468-6604
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) 307-7479
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	Vincent Smith	(9) 551-8601
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	Rhonda Kersting	(7) 292-8251

Spiritual Development

Adult Faith Formation	Tara Reynaud	(7) 925-9992
Bible Focused Formation - Bible Study	Margaret Cunningham	(7) 552-8711
Christ Renews His Parish	Tony Patronite	(9) 307-6215
Devotional Life Committee	Julie Whiteside	(7) 615-7205
Cursillo	Susan Navarrete	(9) 345-9130
Holy Spirit Prayer Team	John Moran	(7) 401-4728
Legion of Mary	Trisha Smith and Janeth Ostowari	(7) 473-3714 (9) 307-2716
Library	Sam & Diana Adams	(7) 321-2405
Life Teen – High School & Young Adults	Bella Magetti & 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	Teresa LeMire	(7) 832-1770
When Women Pray	Paula Hines	(7) 746-1802

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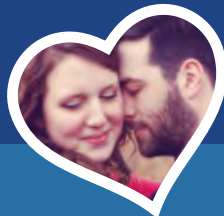
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