



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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FAITH

THE SIZE OF A MUSTARD SEED.

— LUKE 17:6 —

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 5, 2025

WELCOME to STM!



Linda Moore
Ruby Yoo

Prayers for Healing

Racquel Aguinaldo	Deirdre Morley
Flory Aguilar	Rosie Muñoz
Kaden Aiello	Susan Navarrete
Froy Becerra	Ernie Natividad
Daniel Bernabe	Steven Norris
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Michael Collins	Sharon Pataray
Thomas Conner	Norma Peckson
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Mary Rose Del Mundo	Jacqueline Claire Poznoski
Cristina Dulce	Sandra Quezada
Cecelia Duzynski	Ryan Quinn
Jamael Edwards	George Quitariano
Ted Filler	Al & Elizabeth Rangitsch
Tony Galati	Matilda Reyna
Marco Gama	Maryhelen Rios
Anthony Gaona	Guadalupe Rivas
Lisa Greubel	Jose Guadalupe Rivera
Regina Hager	Celsa Roberti
Doug & Kathie Hibbard	Donna Rohrer
Drew Hoang	Jimmy Rocha
Cristeta Jaropillo	Norma Santiago
Angela Judy	Deacon John Selig
Natalie and Warren Julian	Richard Stock
Chris Kasko	Donny Stoufus
Tiesha Kelley	Lisa Turner
Vivian Knisely	Pete Villanueva
Ashly Leal	Jesus Villanueva
Lauren Leal	Raymund Villanueva
Brielle LeMire	Linda Vito
Etienne Lemye	Bill Whiteside
Joseph Manglona	Michele Wills
Nilda A. Medalle	Andy Zelinko
Ron Merse	Joe & Judy Zwetow

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

Mass Intentions

Sat 10/4	4:00pm	Christopher and David Nguyen
	6:00pm	†Cuong Le
Sun 10/5	8:00am	David Kamke Family
		Chuck and Remy Burda
		Al San Diego
		†Carl and Kay Kamke
		†Aurelio and Pacita San Diego
		†Rosalina Datiles
	9:30am	Nick and Nicole Castello
	11:30am	PRO-POPULO
	1:00pm	Fr. Angelus Echeverry
	3:00pm	†Edward Tzu
	5:00pm	Allen Chiou and Family
Mon 10/6	8:00am	Thomas Ellis
	6:00pm	†John Vucich
Tues 10/7	8:00am	†Anna Nguyen
	6:00pm	Abbey Rose Cruz
Wed 10/8	8:00am	Becky Koopowitz
	6:00pm	†Maria Jirwanto
Thurs 10/9	8:00am	Jonathan Bergler
	6:00pm	†Irene Gerasinow
Fri 10/10	8:00am	†Martha Mencia De Choto
	6:00pm	Audrey Phung
Sat 10/11	8:00am	Andrew Chan
		Lisa Busch
		Gabby Nault
		†Victor Barajas

Collection Report

9/8/2025 – 9/14/2025

Sunday Collections	\$ 24,273.00
Believe & Build, BGT, BGT2	\$ 17,302.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 710.00
Misc Income (Mass Intentions, etc)	\$ 2,681.00



Pro-Life Prayer

Dear God,

Help us to hear Your voice, especially when You speak on behalf of the voiceless, the overlooked, and the forgotten. Keep our ears attuned, and work through us in a way that loves, blesses, assures, supports, and strengthens LIFE.

Amen.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The rash one has no integrity;
but the just one, because of his faith, shall live. (Hb 2:4)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice
but rather of power and love and self-control. (2 Tm 1:7)

Gospel:

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed,
you would say to this mulberry tree,
'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,'
and it would obey you." (Lk 17:6)

The Apostles beg Jesus for increased faith, but they don't really want faith. They want a magical feeling of certainty that requires no effort. Real faith must grow and sprout roots in fertile soil. Real faith requires attention and work. Are we willing to work?

Observances for the week of October 5, 2025

- Sunday:** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Respect Life Sunday
- Monday:** St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher,
Virgin
- Tuesday:** Our Lady of the Rosary
- Thursday:** St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs;
St. John Leonardi, Priest
- Saturday:** St. John XXIII, Pope
- Next Sunday:** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."
- Lk 17:5-6

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

The prophet Habakkuk is encouraged to be patient and trust in the Lord's timing. Is patience one of your virtues?

Second Reading:

Paul urges Timothy to live his life of faith with courage and self-control, especially in difficult situations. How might you support a family member or friend struggling this week?

Gospel:

Jesus taught the Apostles that one way to increase your faith is to have the attitude of a servant. How would you describe your attitude most days?



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.

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.

STM CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Parent/Student Orientations

October 8 - Confirmation 1 Orientation
October 15 - Confirmation 2 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!

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REP. CORNER



First Communion 2 Parents—
Our MANDATORY Parent Meeting for all of our Second Year First Communion Families is coming up on **Monday, October 6th at 6:45 PM** in the Parish Hall.



PARISH ROSARY

October is the month of the Rosary! We invite your family to join our parish in saying the Rosary every night of October at 8PM on ZOOM. See the parish website for log-in information.



BLESSING OF PETS

A big THANK YOU to Father Eugene and all of our REP students and teachers for hosting the Blessing of Pets in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. This year was one of the largest turn-out of parishioners and their animals of all shapes and sizes that joined us for this fun & furry time!



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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



MORE MOMS CHILDREN'S ADORATION

Friday, October 10, 2025

4 pm Gather
4:15 - 5 pm Worship
5 - 6 pm Fellowship & Playdate
Saint Thomas More Catholic Church
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ESPECIALLY FOR KIDS 0 TO 12 YEARS OLD
A Eucharistic Adoration welcoming young families!
Sing praises unto the LORD with your children.



PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

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mustard
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MISSION

If you know of people in your church who are very old or sick, talk to your family about ways to help them. You could rake leaves for them, help them clean their house, or bring them groceries. Help with a smile.



Heartfelt Gratitude

Thank You

Tony Patronite's Family

Words cannot express our appreciation for your kindness and support during this difficult time. It will always be remembered.

"Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16)





Mary
MOTHER OF HOPE

Guest Speaker:

Fr. Angelos Sebastian
October 18, 2025
Saturday @ 7:00pm
St. Thomas More, Irvine
(in the Parish Hall)




All are invited to hear Fr. Sebastian, pastor at St. Kilian Church in Mission Viejo, give insights into the virtue of Hope and why Mary is called Mother of Hope



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"My Hope is in Him"

Psalm 62:5

Saturday, October 11, 2025

8:00 am - 1:00 pm



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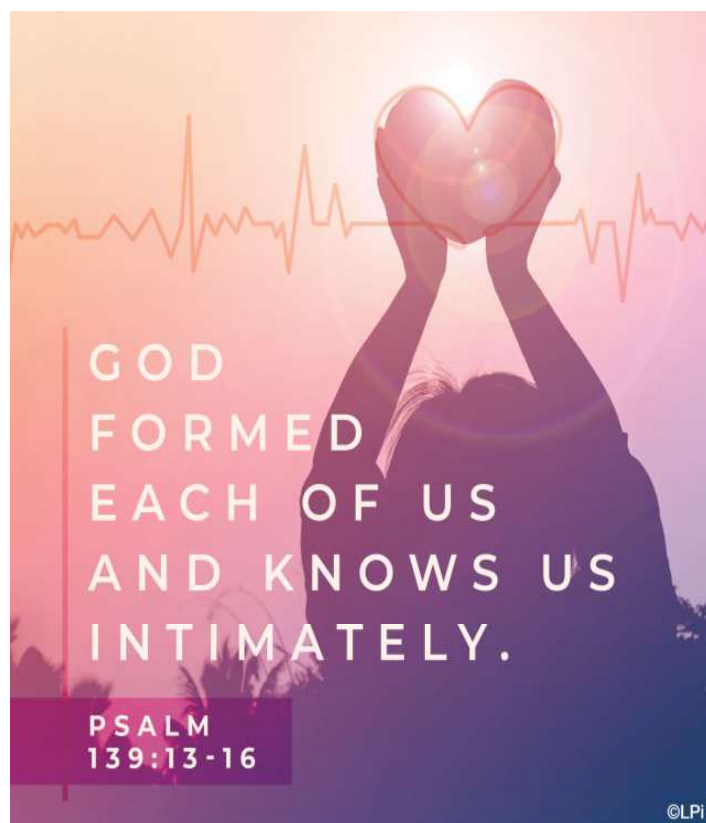
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Usher Ministry
Annual
Appreciation
Meeting

DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2024
TIME: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
LOCATION: MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

COME CELEBRATE, LEARN, AND GROW TOGETHER!
This evening is dedicated to appreciating our ushers, preparing for the Advent season, and welcoming anyone interested in joining the Usher Ministry.

SCAN ME!



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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!



ST. THOMAS MORE MINISTRIES

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First Reconciliation	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
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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
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Homeless Lunch Ministry	Jessica Silva & Kim Lee	(9) 294-2875 (7) 293-8987
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STM Veterans	Sgt. Bob Kohler	(9) 552-1895
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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
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FOCUS	Steven Debolt & Emily Ambrosio	(9) 382-4324
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Legion of Mary	Trisha Smith and Janeth Ostowari	(7) 473-3714 (9) 307-2716
Library	Romali Dsouza	(9) 551-8601
Life Teen – High School		(9) 551-8602
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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

October – Month of the Holy Rosary

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Partners Supporting Others
with Prayer



On the stmirvine.org website:

Submit Prayer Intentions

Submit Answered Prayer Testimonials

Become a **Prayer Partner** – Pray for the Intentions



Devotions, *Explained!*

This popular phrase is an affirmation of God's faithfulness amidst the trials of life, a theme that is presented again and again in Scripture: come what may, God will be with us.

Prayer to Respect Life

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