



# 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  
[frontdesk@stmirvine.org](mailto:frontdesk@stmirvine.org)  
Office: 949-551-8601  
After-hours emergency: 949-551-8601 ext. 7  
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Religious Education: 949-551-8029  
Youth Ministry: 949-551-8602  
TEXT TO GIVE: 949-919-5494

WHAT GOD  
HAS JOINED  
**TOGETHER.**

— MARK 10:9 —

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 6, 2024



Mary Jane Brough  
Haji Mathai

## 2024 Mission Cooperative Appeal

Thank you for your generous support last weekend of the Mission Cooperative Appeal. Together we raised over \$27,000 to help serve the poor in Haiti.



### Collections and Expenses

9/23/2024 – 9/29/2024

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$13,087	\$11,090	\$24,177
Maintenance Fund	\$139	\$90	\$229
Other income	\$3,607	\$4,452	\$8,059
Mission Co-op	\$26,938	\$470	\$27,408
Total income	\$43,772	\$16,102	\$59,874

Regular Expenses	\$29,685
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Capital Campaign	\$136,840	\$364,143	\$500,983
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Campaign Expenses	\$461
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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!

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 10/5	4:00pm	Deacon Tin Nguyen
	6:00pm	Brandel Andrew Bernard
Sun 10/6	8:00am	The Chiou Family
	9:30am	†Abbey Rose Cruz
	11:30am	Al San Diego
		The Nault Family
		Shawn Thatcher
		Ashley Weimer
		Charle Weimer
		†Tony Arboleda
		†Jesusa Galvez
		†Arthur Robert DeGroot
	1:00pm	†Victor Leon Wu
	5:00pm	PRO POPULO
Mon 10/7	8:00am	†Lucille Garant
	6:00pm	Fr. Martin Bui
Tues 10/8	8:00am	†Hilde Cramsie
	6:00pm	†Diane Culeman
Wed 10/9	8:00am	Heather Bogdanov
	6:00pm	†Diosdado Enciso
Thurs 10/10	8:00am	†John Bernal
	6:00pm	Lisa Busch
Fri 10/11	8:00am	†Jackson Scharff
	6:00pm	Annette Hills
Sat 10/12	8:00am	Mernie Empalmado
		Lisa Busch
		†Jim Lewis
		†Monette Cabrera
		†Nancy Medina



### Pray For...

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
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Jasmine Cabrera	Julie Nguyen
Kirsten Cabrera	Eileen Ohlander
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Marco Gama	Al & Elizabeth Rangitsch
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Lisa Greubel	Jose Guadalupe Rivera
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Drew Hoang	Norma Santiago
Cristeta Jaropillo	John Selig
Sharon Jones	Mark Stannard
Angela Judy	Tara Summers
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Tiesha Kelley	Lisa Turner
Vivian Knisely	Jesus Villanueva
Lauren Leal	Raymund Villanueva
Brielle LeMire	Bill Whiteside
Joseph Manglona	Kristine & Brandon Williams
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Desmond McMahon Family	Andy Zelinko
Nilda A. Medalle	

Email [bulletin@stmirvine.org](mailto:bulletin@stmirvine.org) to add a name to be included for one month

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](http://stmirvine.org/rosary)

## October - Month of the Holy Rosary

*Prayer Partners* Supporting Others with Prayer

On the [stmirvine.org](http://stmirvine.org) website:

- Submit Prayer Intentions
- Submit Answered Prayer Testimonials
- View and Pray for the Online Intentions
- Become a [Prayer Partner](#) - Pray for the Intentions

EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

“  
NOW WE  
MUST HELP  
EACH OTHER  
TO GET TO  
HEAVEN.”

- BLESSED CHARLES I OF AUSTRIA

## PLEDGE COMMITMENT

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

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as of **9/20/24**

as of 6/1/24

Over 550 families have contributed.  
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**PLEDGES FULFILLED**



“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate.”

- Mk 10:7-9

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# STM CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

C1 Class: 10/9  
C2 Class: 10/16

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 this Sunday, October 6th!  
Be sure to bring a white t-shirt,  
sunglasses, and a towel!



## REP. CORNER




### 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.



### Volunteers Still Needed for 2024/2025

 We are still in need of a few teachers for  
this new REP year, especially for some of  
our older students (4th & 5th grades)  
along with a couple of First Communion prep  
Classes. 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.



### ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOLERS



Don't forget—we have an EDGE Meeting  
THIS Tuesday (10/8) at 7PM.  
We hope to see you there!



For any questions, call the REP  
Office at (949) 551-8029 or email  
[rep@stmirvine.org](mailto:rep@stmirvine.org).

## God's Word - It's ALIVE!



*New Groups starting  
this Fall....*



STM SFC  
STM Small Faith Communities



### "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/>

## 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](mailto:kimmievu@gmail.com)

### when women PRAY T-SHIRTS AND DONATIONS

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

1. Scan the QR code or go to: [www.stmirvine.org](http://www.stmirvine.org) and click on WWP T-shirt order form.
2. Place your order and/or make your donation.
3. Keep your receipt: on your phone or printed to show at pickup.
4. Pickup is available on the patio after all the Masses through Oct. 12.
  - On line orders will be accepted through Oct 10th 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.



## 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).

# OCIA

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## 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](mailto:gordonwalters11@gmail.com)



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There have been numerous reports of parishioners receiving scam texts and emails using the name Fr. Eugene Lee. Please note, if the email address does not end with "[stmirvine.org](http://stmirvine.org)" it is NOT legitimate. If you happen to have his cell phone number, please double check to see if the number for the text message matches the number you have in your cell phone contact list. Also, Fr. Eugene will never personally ask you for gift cards, or your bank account information! If you have ANY suspicion whatsoever about a request or text or email purportedly coming from Fr. Eugene, please be sure to call the office and double check. Never respond to any email or text that you find suspicious.

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

That is why a man leaves his father and mother  
and clings to his wife,  
and the two of them become one flesh. (Gn 2:24)

### Psalm:

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives. (Ps 128)

### Second Reading:

He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated  
all have one origin. (Heb 9:11)

### Gospel:

"Therefore what God has joined together,  
no human being must separate." (Mk 10:9)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

To follow Jesus, we must cast off all illusions of importance and wisdom. We must embrace our own smallness, rejoice in our own weakness. In doing that, we become like true children, and discover the saving strength of our God.

## Observances for the week of October 6, 2024

- Sunday:** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday:** Our Lady of the Rosary  
**Wednesday:** St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs;  
St. John Leonardi, Priest  
**Friday:** St. John XXIII, Pope  
**Next Sunday:** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Saint of the week

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850 -1917) dreamed of being a missionary. She first served Italian immigrant populations, from New York to Chicago, and across the U.S. She is the first United States citizen to be canonized and is the Universal Patron of Immigrants.

## Prayer for Marriage

God, pour Your blessings upon those You have called to marriage. Strengthen the bonds of their unions. May Your love be revealed in the ways they cherish and support each other, in good times and bad, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health. Amen.



# HOLY SPIRIT NITE

**GUEST SPEAKER**  
**KATHLEEN BECKMAN**  
 AUTHOR & EVANGELIST



**STM PARISH HALL**

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

**OCT | 25<sup>th</sup> | 2024**  
**FRIDAY 7:30-9PM**

WITH INVESTITURE OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL



# HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER MEETING

1st & 3rd Fridays  
 7:30pm  
 Multipurpose Room

Scan for more information



Questions? [HolySpiritstm@gmail.com](mailto:HolySpiritstm@gmail.com)

## Questions of the Week

### First Reading:

Today's reading from Genesis provides the foundation for our Christian understanding of marriage. Who in your life has a happy and successful marriage?

### Second Reading:

The author of Hebrews teaches us we are united with Jesus as one family in our suffering and death. Are there any family members who need your support and comfort this week?

### Gospel:

The Pharisees learned that Jesus holds a higher standard on marriage than even Moses. Does Jesus's position on marriage surprise you?

# 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](mailto:careyes2018@gmail.com)

## Join us every Sunday!

# TMIY

THAT MAN IS YOU!  
 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**  
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# Grief Support Group

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## 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
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Deacons	Tony Patronite, Tin Nguyen, Leonard Sun & Bernie Ocampo	(9) 551-8601
Facilities Manager	Ed Ferguson	(9) 551-8601
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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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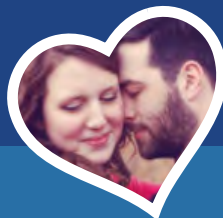
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This Public Square Rosary, sponsored by **America Needs Fatima**, will be one of over 22,000 rallies that will take place all across the United States on that day.

Please join us in praying the rosary for our nation on

**Saturday, October 12, 2024 at 12:00 noon.**

**The local Public Square Rosary Rally will take place on the lawn area at the corner of Culver Blvd and Barranca Pkwy, Irvine**

For more info, contact:

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