



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

51 Marketplace Irvine, CA 92602 · 949-551-8601 · www.stmirvine.org



Mass schedule

Daily— Monday to Saturday: 8 am*

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 6:00pm

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

TEXT TO GIVE: (949) 919-5494



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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

Parochial Vicar Emeritus

Weekend Assistants

Deacons

Founding Pastor

Rev. Eugene J. Lee

Rev. Thomas Tran

Rev. Francis Li

Rev. William Krekelberg

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:

949-551-8601

After-hours emergency:

949-551-8601 ext. 7

Fax:

949-551-5879

Religious Education:

949-551-8029

Youth Ministry:

949-551-8602

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm



October 8, 2023

**27TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

"Therefore, I say to you,
the kingdom of God will be
taken away from you and
given to a people that
will produce it's fruit."

- Mt 21:43



Elena Monico
Jean Chieng Tung Navarro



TURKEY HANDLERS WANTED: NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!



Plucky and his family will be visiting STM again this year on **Oct 28th & 29th**
One weekend only! We want to share this delightful ministry with all of our
parish family, so anyone who wishes to be a 'turkey handler' - before and
after the Mass you attend - **please call Kathy @ 949-701-3763.**

Helping others in Jesus' name is truly a blessing!

Volunteer opportunities are limited so sign up soon!

Thank you and may God Bless you!

Collections and Expenses

9-25-23 to 10-1-23

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$14,005	\$18,023	\$32,028
Maintenance Fund	\$122	\$380	\$502
Other income	\$102,300	\$2,265	\$104,565
Total income	\$116,427	\$20,668	\$137,095

Regular Expenses	\$20,166
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Believe & Grow Capital Campaign	\$9,395	\$3,955	\$13,350
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We appreciate your continued financial support of the parish during these challenging times. If you would like to give, please click on the e-giving link in the top corner of the STM website to set up or update your e-giving. If you have questions, please call the office. All donations to the *Believe & Grow Together Campaign* will be used exclusively to pay for the construction costs to build the new Parish church. Moreover, Maintenance Fund donations can be used to pay for the construction costs to build the new Parish church and for the maintenance and repairs of the existing Parish buildings and property.

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 10/7	4:00pm	Dcn Tin Nguyen
	6:00pm	† Lourdes Guadamor
Sun 10/8	8:00am	Valentina Bizzarri Pamela Aguilar Victor Cinco Meredith Rattay † Tony Arboleda † Mary H. Cavalieri † Felisa Vinluan † Domingo Empalmado † Arulsamy Pillai † Lilia Gampon
	9:30am	PRO POPULO
	11:30am	† Maria Goretti Kayleen
	1:00pm	† Victor L Leon
	3:00pm	Elaine Chiou
	5:00pm	Jonathan Bergler
Mon 10/9	8:00am	Jacinda Fulcher
Tues 10/10	8:00am	Lisa Busch
Wed 10/11	8:00am	Steven Tran
Thurs 10/12	8:00am	Lizet Esmeralda Ramos
Fri 10/13	8:00am	Jacinda, Lucia Kaitlyn & Francisco Binh
Sat 10/14	8:00am	Becky Koopowitz Luis and Ginny Villa † Monett Cabrera & Nancy Medina † Isabel Gomez † Rodolfo Maristela



PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Flory Aguilar	Patrick Mar
Eddie Anderson	Fred Martinez
Sal Baldomar	Terry & Kathy McGaughan
Froy Becerra	Ross Meador
Sofia Cardona	Christy Miller
Carole Caplett	Jim Miller
Cynthia Chavez	Virginia Miller
Lou and Nancy Chereny	Linda Moore
Elaine Chiou	Sharon Morley
Paul Cook	Baby Rosemary Mungia
Amy Cooney	Matthew Muro
Victor Cota	Ernie Natividad
Sebastian de Leon	James Natividad
Beata Durdovic	Karen Norton
Cecelia Duzynski	Aileen Perez
Kathy Ellis	Dave Perry
Joseph Franco	Jerry & Evie Pilkington
Bill Flood	Jacqueline Claire Poznanski
Tony Galati	Donna Publico
Marco Gama	Sandra Quezada
Anthony Gaona	George Quitarano
Alina Gram	Paula Jane Ramirez
Tina Halberg	Guadalupe Rivas
CJ Hassett	Pauline Rocha
Doug & Kathie Hibbard	Donna Rohrer
Eric Howarth	Eileen Rossi
Brooke Huismans	Ann Rupp
Maria A. Johnson	Norma Santiago
Sharon Jones	Haseen Sarpas
Natalie and Warren Julian	Susan Shadley
Jacqueline Lamm	Mark Stannard
Kevin Lee	Tara Summers
Patrick Lee	Maria Guadalupe Vasquez
Dolly Lewis	Jesus Villanueva
Jack Light	Raymund Villanueva
Richard & Jackie Lombardi	Kristine and Brandon Williams
Joseph Manglona	Michele Wills

Please email bulletin@stmirvine.org to add a name.
Names will be included for one month, if requested.

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

OCTOBER

Month of the *Holy Rosary*

*Week 2: Pray for the
respect of the life of
the poor, homeless,
and oppressed*

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



HOLY SPIRIT

PRAYER MEETING

1st & 3rd Fridays

7:00 PM

Multipurpose Room

*Be still, and know that I am God.
- Psalm 46:10*

*Listen. Reflect.
Ponder.*

*Love. Adore.
Surrender.*

*Pray. Meditate.
Contemplate*

*Transcend. Deepen.
Enter.*

*Find healing, peace,
and power.*

*Breathe. Rest.
Pause*

Simply be with God.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

EVERY FRIDAY AT 6 PM

24-Hour Adoration: Mon, Oct 23rd

FALL FAMILY FUN FAIR

A DAY OF FUN FOR
THE WHOLE FAMILY!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

10:30am - 2:30pm

COSTUME PARADE | GAMES | PUMPKIN DECORATING
FALL CRAFTS | FOOD & BEVERAGES

Hosted by:

Knights of Columbus, Msgr. Timothy J Doyle Council # 13111



CONFIRMATION WED 7PM

Confirmation Schedule

C1: Oct 11, Oct 25, Nov 8, Nov 29, & Dec 6

C2: Oct 4, Oct 18, Nov 1, Nov 15, Dec 6, & Dec 13

YOUTH MINISTRY SUN 6PM

YTH NITE

All High School Teens are invited to our High School YTH NITE on Sunday Oct 15th. YTH NITES are Sunday night gatherings for teens to come and learn about how to apply their faith in their daily life while meeting with other Catholic youth. YTH NITES begin after the 5pm Mass and include dinner. See you there!

CONFIRMATION WED 7PM

C1 Confirmation Retreat

Attention All C1 Families, please be sure to turn in your liability forms and retreat payment no later than Oct 11th. If you need another copy, please reach out to Abraham at Abraham@stmirvine.org

YOUTH MINISTRY MON 7PM

Monday Night Bible Study

Join us Mondays at 7pm in the hall for a bible study on the upcoming Sunday's readings. Get to know God's voice in the bible so you can discern the voice of God out in the World.



REP. CORNER



BLESSING OF PETS



A big THANK YOU to Father Eugene, Father Thomas, Deacon Tony 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-outs of our parishioners and their animals of all shapes and sizes that joined us for this fun time.

If anyone has any photos of the event they would like to share, please send them to the REP office.



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 400 students currently enrolled, but we still have some space! Classes are filling up fast, so please get registered right away!

Also, we are in need of a few more volunteer teachers. Please contact the REP Office at (949) 551-8029 for more information.



The Library Corner

The St Thomas More Parish Library staff would like to wish all our parishioners a Happy 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Parish Library will be open today from 9:00am to 12:00 noon.

What is your conversion story to the Catholic Church? Are you a cradle Catholic, were you converted from a Protestant faith or were you an atheist before finding your way home? There is nothing more miraculous and powerful in this world than a conversion story to the Catholic Church. A conversion story is amazing because it points to the worthy work of God's grace. It is powerful because it has the capacity to be used by grace to change people's lives. The STM Parish Library has a great book on this topic entitled, *'From Atheism to Catholicism'*, authored by Marcus Grodi. Marcus lays out a collection of testimonies by former atheists who have found a new life in the Catholic Church. This gives us an insider's view of the fatal weaknesses of atheist thinking that lead people to deny the existence of God. These intensely personal stories refute virtually every atheistic objection to God while explaining the arguments and events that eventually led them into the Catholic Church.

From The When Women Pray Core Team

We wish to extend our appreciation to Fr. Eugene Lee, Fr. Thomas Tran, our STM family, STM staff, donors, sponsors, volunteers and the Knights of Columbus for helping to make When Women Pray 2023 a resounding success! We could never pull off an event this large without your support, so
THANK YOU!



Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done?
Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? (Is 5:4)

Psalm:

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. (Is 5:7a)

Second Reading:

Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me,
Then the God of peace will be with you. (Phil 4:9)

Gospel:

"What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?"
They answered him,
"He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants." (Mt 21:41)

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God's kingdom is open to anyone who will produce its fruit. He offers it to every single one of us. We must be ready to bring forward the goodness of God into each and every day.

Observances for the week of October 8, 2023

- Sunday:** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Columbus Day; St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest
- Wednesday:** St. John XXIII, Pope
- Saturday:** St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Usher Appreciation & Breakfast



All ushers (past and present)
&

Parishioners interested in joining the Usher Ministry
are welcome to attend

Saturday, October 14th, 2023
8am (Mass) - 11am

SANTO ROSARIO EN ESPAÑOL - HOLY ROSARY IN SPANISH

A partir de agosto, acompáñanos a rezar el Santo Rosario cada martes de 7:00pm-8:30pm, aquí en nuestra parroquia de Santo Tomás Moro, en el salón #2. Meditaremos los misterios y haremos una reflexión del Evangelio del domingo.

Para más información, puedes comunicarte con Ana Bedoya (arbbgu@hotmail.com) o con cualquiera de nosotros del Ministerio Hispano después de la misa dominical de la 1:00 pm.

(Te esperamos!)



"El Rosario me ha acompañado en los momentos de alegría y en los momentos de tribulación. A él, he confluído tantas preocupaciones y en él siempre he encontrado consuelo".

-San Pablo II



ANGEL TREE ELVES NEEDED!



STM's Advent Angel Tree annual event is an uplifting ministry to be shared with all of our parish family, so that anyone who wishes to can have a role in work for our good Lord for the joy of others!

If you can help at a weekend Mass on:

Dec 2nd & 3rd and Dec 9th & 10th

please sign up at stmirvine.org/AngelTree or use the QR code
(*Applicants under age 12 please sign up with an adult.)



Deadline to sign up is Friday, Oct 27th.

We hope you will participate to provide a more prayerful Christmas to others in need.
Thank you and may God Bless you! **Questions? call Kathy @ 949-856-2727**

Creating a Culture of Life

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

radical
solidarity



Support can absolutely make a difference. Let's do what we can to never let a woman feel so alone and desperate as to abort her child. Awareness of the numerous resources available to women and couples who find themselves too overwhelmed to carry through with pregnancies can quite possibly save a life. Donating and volunteering at these various organizations in our local area will be concrete ways to build a Culture of Life.

PREGNANCY CLINICS / MEDICAL CLINICS

Obria: Fully licensed health care clinic – physical, mental, spiritual, and social needs – before, during and after pregnancy. 877-558-0333. <https://obria.org>

Horizon Pregnancy Clinic: Numerous services including mobile clinics. 714-897-7500 or text to 657-204-6507. <https://www.horizonpc.org>

La Habra Life Center: Licensed medical clinic offering pregnancy related services. 562-691-9395. <https://lahabralifecenter.org>

Santa Ana Life Center: Mentors/ walks with mothers, provides/refers for needed services. 714-835-5433. <https://www.lifecenterofsantaana.org>

Options United: A 24-hour hotline that can connect anyone in the US to their local pregnancy help centers. 877-398-7734. <https://www.optionsunited.com>

SHELTER / HOUSING / FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Precious Life Shelter: Emergency, transitional and single parent efficiency program providing for pregnant women with no place to live. 562-431-5025. <https://www.preciouslifeshelter.org>

Casa Teresa: A program-based shelter for pregnant women in crisis who are 18 or older. 714-538-4860. <https://casateresa.org>

Mary's Path: Nationally accredited short-term residential therapeutic program facility for pregnant and parenting youth, ages 12 to 21 from the foster care system. 714-730-0930. <https://www.maryspath.org>

Let Them Live: 73% of women have abortions due to financial burden. Let Them Live offers financial support so they can choose life instead. 203-450-HELP. <https://letthemlive.org>

FOSTER CARE / ADOPTION SUPPORT

Orange County – Adoption and Foster Care
<https://www.ssa.ocgov.com/adoptfoster-care-youth-services>

Olive Crest – Adoption and Foster Care
<https://www.olivecrest.org/orange-county/>
714-543-5437

Holy Family Services (Adoption & Foster Care)
<https://hfservices.ladiocese.org/>
1231 E. Chapman Avenue Fullerton, CA 92831
714-680-6100

POST-ABORTION HEALING

Orange Diocese – Hope and Healing After Abortion
<https://rcbo.org/ministry/office-for-family-life/topics/pastoral-care/hope-healing-after-abortion/>
800-722-4356

Rachel's Vineyard

A powerful weekend retreat for healing held in various times and places across the United States.
www.rachelsvineyard.org
877-HOPE-4-ME (877-467-3463).

PRAYER / SUPPORT

40 Days for Life. An internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses.
www.40daysforlife.com

We Were Born Ready. Born Ready is the California Catholic Conference's forum to empower, equip, mobilize, resource Catholics to fulfill their baptismal call to serve women, children, and families, especially women in difficult and unexpected pregnancies.
www.wewerebornready.com

Knights of Columbus. The largest Catholic fraternal organization in the country has committed \$5 million to support prolife pregnancy centers across the country through a program called ASAP (Assistance and Support After Pregnancy). www.kofc.org

Respect Life. RespectLife.org is a project of the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities. The Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, under the guidance and direction of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, works to teach respect for all human life from conception to natural death, and organize for its protection. To serve this goal, we develop resources on pro-life topics in support of the Church's mission to proclaim that every human life is a precious gift from God. www.respectlife.org

California Catholic Conference. The CCC is the official public policy voice of the Catholic Church of California. They advocate with policy makers and the public to advance the Catholic vision of human life and dignity. All are encouraged to be a part of the CCC's "Action Alerts" to receive updates on legislative activities that might require the Catholic voice to be heard. Cacatholic.org/action-alerts

This list can be found on our website at stmirvine.org

8" glass paraffin candles

Oct 14 & 15 and 21 & 22

Two styles:

St. Michael the Archangel & clear white candle with a Cross

Each candle has a burn time of six days and would be great for the upcoming holidays and prayer time.

\$10 for one or \$15 for two

This YLI fundraiser will support our seminarians, as well as Church and Community needs. Thank you for your support!

HOMELESS LUNCH Ministry
BY THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

You are invited to pack sack lunches in the multipurpose room for our homeless neighbors

**Monday, October 16th
5:00pm**

Questions? Contact Kim: kimmievu@gmail.com

"When I was hungry you gave me food..." Matthew 25:35

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STM Small Faith Communities

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Supporting Others with Prayer

On stmirvine.org

October, The month of the Holy Rosary

➤ Enter Prayer Intentions
➤ Enter Answered Prayer Testimonials
➤ View and Pray for the Online Intentions
➤ Become a Prayer Partner – Pray for the intentions once a week

**Grieving a death?
Holidays can
be hard.**

Grief & Share
**Surviving
the Holidays**

St. Thomas More Catholic Church
Saturday November 18, 2023 10:00 am-12:00 pm
PLEASE register at: griefshare.org/holidays

STM Text 2 Give

Three easy steps!

Step 1- Text 'GIVE' to **949-919-5494**
Step 2- Fill out information ONE time. Make sure to include your phone #.
Step 3 - Next time just text your donation amount to **949-919-5494**

Save **949-919-5494** in your contacts as **STM Give**

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OCIA CHANGE A LIFE FOREVER INVITE SOMEONE TO BECOME CATHOLIC

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

For those who:

- want to be CATHOLIC
- want to be CONFIRMED
- or simply want to LEARN

Come and See - Every Thursday at 7:00pm
Led by Rev. Eugene J. Lee, Pastor
Contact: Deacon Bernie Ocampo @ deaconbernie@stmirvine.org
also available in Vietnamese, Chinese and Spanish

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	Jerry Donaldson	(9) 552-5485
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 Grow Together Campaign	Lisa VanDorpe	(7) 357-3080
Bulletin Editor	Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Building Committee	Keith Rattay	(9) 551-8601
Deacons	Tony Patronite, Tin Nguyen, Leonard Sun & Bernie Ocampo	(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	Windy Lozano	(9) 551-8601
Confirmation	Abraham Villela	(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
Children's Homeless Lunch Ministry	Kim Lee	(7) 293-8987
Chinese Community	Deacon Leonard Sun	(7) 932-1689
Corazon	Norma Jean Womack	(9) 903-1472
Filipino Community	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	(9) 294-2875
Knights of Columbus Council #13111	Jake Lowe	(657) 363-7281
Respect Life	Chris Gonzales	(9) 551-8601
Safety Ministry	Fred Simon	(310) 508-5053
STM Veterans	Sgt. Bob Kohler	(9) 552-1895
St. Vincent de Paul	Bill Chacon	(9) 331-1020
Vietnamese Ministry	Huan Le	(7) 261-9893
Young Ladies Institute	Gloria Glenn	(9) 294-9175

Spiritual Development

Adult Faith Formation / Bible Study	Tara Reynaud	(9) 551-8601
Christ Renews His Parish	Tony Patronite	(9) 307-6215
Devotional Life Committee	Julie Whiteside	(7) 615-7205
Cursillo	Susan Navarrete	(9) 345-9130
Legion of Mary	Trisha Smith	(7) 473-3714
Library	Sam & Diana Adams	(7) 321-2405
Life Teen – High School & Young Adults	Abraham Villela	(9) 551-8602
More Moms	Krystal Padley	(9) 551-8601
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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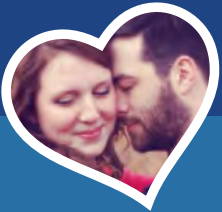
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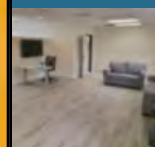
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