



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 Tony & Mrs. Mary Patronite
Deacon Tin & Mrs. UyenLan Nguyen
Deacon Leonard & Mrs. Nancy Sun
Deacon Bernie & Mrs. Pam Ocampo
†Rev. John E. Janze

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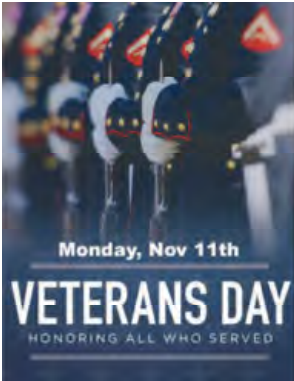
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November 11, 2024

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, I say to you,
this poor widow put in
more than all the other
contributors to the treasury."
- Mk 12:43





In observance of the holiday, the parish offices will be closed.

In emergency, call (949) 551-8601 ext 7

Church will be open for Masses at: 8:00am & 6:00pm

Collections and Expenses

10/25/2024– 11/3/2024

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$18,760	\$17,684	\$36,444
Maintenance Fund	\$170	\$430	\$600
Other income	\$10,899	\$2,573	\$13,472
Total income	\$29,829	\$20,687	\$50,516

Regular Expenses	\$37,971
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Capital Campaign	\$37,436	\$44,025	\$81,461
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Campaign Expenses	\$154
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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 11/9 4:00pm Louise Dang
6:00pm Vivian Knisely
- Sun 11/10 8:00am †Norberto Gimenez
9:30am †Daniel Do-Khanh
11:30am Jimbo Lozano
Eloisa Estanislao
†All Souls Novena
†Carol Haley
†Claudia Salgado Ceballos
†Cristina Villanueva
†Anthony Grasso
†Walter Stephenson
†John Jeffrey McGrew
†Crescencio Tiu
1:00pm †Raul Quiroga
3:00pm PRO POPULO
5:00pm †Nick Victoriano, Jr.
- Mon 11/11 8:00am Rosie Muñoz
6:00pm †Crescencio Tiu
- Tues 11/12 8:00am †Peter Nguyen
6:00pm †Patrick Woepse
- Wed 11/13 8:00am Fr. Angelus Echeverry
6:00pm Fr. David Gonzalez
- Thurs 11/14 8:00am Ron Mostero
6:00pm Matthew Nguyen
- Fri 11/15 8:00am †Rita Reeves
6:00pm Teri Mostero
- Sat 11/16 8:00am



- Deirdre Morley †James Steves
- Mike Bergler †Michael Aimola
- †Anton Tac Tran †Maria Makowski
- †Joan Jereza †Vladek Makowski
- †John and Jeanette O'Connor †Marek Michel
- †Deceased Legion of Mary Members

PRAY FOR HEALING

- Flory Aguilar Ron Merse
- Baby Dean Alvero Deirdre Morley
- Froy Becerra Susan Navarrete
- Daniel Bernabe Ernie Natividad
- AJ Cabrera Eileen Ohlander
- Jasmine Cabrera Ben Pataray
- Kirsten Cabrera Sharon Pataray
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- Victor Cota Jacqueline Claire Poznoski
- Paul Curran Donna Publico
- Chaz Decoteau Sandra Quezada
- Cecelia Duzynski Ryan Quinn
- Nina Leones Espino George Quitoriano
- Tony Galati Paula Jane Ramirez
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- Anthony Gaona Guadalupe Rivas
- Lisa Greubel Jose Guadalupe Rivera
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- Drew Hoang Norma Santiago
- Cristeta Jaropillo John Selig
- Sharon Jones Tara Summers
- Angela Judy Sally-Ann Thomas
- Natalie and Warren Julian Lisa Turner
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- Vivian Knisely Jesus Villanueva
- Lauren Leal Raymund Villanueva
- Brielle LeMire Bill Whiteside
- Joseph Manglona Kristine & Brandon Williams
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- Nilda A. Medalle Andy Zelinko

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

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
 Fiscal Year: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024
 Note: Figures rounded to thousands

CASH ON HAND	6/30/2024
Checking – Operating Fund	\$ 342,000
Savings – Building Fund (for building maintenance)	\$ 456,000
TOTAL CASH ON HAND	\$ 798,000

INCOME STATEMENT SUMMARY	7/1/2023 – 6/30/2024
Revenues	
Ordinary Collections – Masses	\$ 1,758,000
Ordinary Collections – Special Liturgical Celebrations & Religious Goods	\$ 181,000
Apostolic Ministries	\$ 288,000
Other Income (includes campaign pledges not yet collected)	\$ 6,657,000
Total Revenues	\$ 8,884,000
Expenses	
Salaries & Benefits & Taxes (and related expense)	\$ -1,030,000
General Parish Administration (non-payroll)	\$ -1,001,000
Apostolic Ministries Expenses	\$ -313,000
Diocesan Parish Assessment	\$ -193,000
Depreciation	\$ -270,000
Total Expenses	\$ -2,807,000
NET INCOME	\$ 6,077,000
Less Income from Capital Campaign (net of expenses)	\$ -5,727,000
Less Interest Income	\$ -292,000
Depreciation	\$ 270,000
Income from Operations	\$ 328,000

*All information presented above has been officially reviewed and confirmed accurate by the Church Finance Council according to the guidelines set forth by the Bishop of Orange.
 Council Members Include: Pierre Gagnon, Jeff Flocken, John Hassett, Luke Hung, Natalie Jensen, Sergio Pena, and Ashley Vu.
 For more information, please contact the parish office.*



STM CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY



Follow us



Next C1 Class: 11/6
Next C2 Class: 11/13

Upcoming Youth Nights:
11/17 & 12/15

All high school teens are invited to the Youth Night! The night will end at 8:15pm and dinner will be provided.

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!

REP. CORNER



In honor of Veteran's Day, the REP Office will be closed on Monday, November 11th.

Please remember in your prayers all of our veterans and their families.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

REP families please don't forget to bring your non-perishable foods, paper goods or grocery gift cards this week for our "Attitude of Gratitude" Food Drive for our St. Vincent de Paul and Homeless Lunch ministries. Don't forget, our donation deadline is November 14th.



Save the Date!!!

November 30th & December 1st



Our Annual "Sock It To Me" Sock Drive hosted by our 6th, 7th & 8th

Grade REP students. Please start collecting new socks to spread the warmth of the season to some of our homeless neighbors.

Grieving a loss?

Know someone

who is?



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November 23 - 10:00-12:00 noon

REGISTER AT: griefshare.org/holidays

VETERANS DAY

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

PAST & PRESENT



St. Thomas More Veterans

Poster display in courtyard for all STM Veterans

November 9th & 10th



More info: stmveterans.us & stmirvine.org

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Our prayer group has been reading the lives of some saints, and we were struck by how some of them thought they were such sinners. Why would such holy people think they had such serious sin?

Answer:

Professional athletes practice the fundamentals of their sport over and over again, reaching for better form, consistency, and better performance. They focus on the basics, review past performances, and visualize greater success. Practice makes better, if not perfect!

Spiritual masters such as the saints also looked for perfection. They practiced their faith in the search for holiness, grace, and virtue. Through sacraments, prayer, study, good works, and penance, they raised their level of awareness, their sensitivity to the presence of God, the demands of the Gospel, and the workings of the Holy Spirit. They examined their consciences daily, reviewing the day for moments of failure and times that they could have been more virtuous in one way or another. They resolved to do better, be more attentive and alert!

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November 9th & 10th



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



Therefore, anything that would distract them or interfere with their relationship with God would be like a small black spot on a bright white wall — you can't miss it! The great saints were aware of sin and the presence of evil because they were so tuned in to the struggle between good and evil that was fought in their own lives, hearts, and souls. We must guard against becoming desensitized to sin in our lives and unaware of the harm it causes us. A goal of any spiritual practice is to become more aware of our sinfulness so that we seek God's forgiving and healing love.



Saint of the week

St. Gemma Galgani (1878-1903) was an Italian layperson who lived an intense prayer life. She experienced ecstasies, was reported to levitate, and received the grace of the holy stigmata. She is called the "Daughter of the Passion" because of her deep union with Christ's Passion.

Prayer of Generosity

Oh God, whose generosity cannot be outgiven, mold my heart to mimic Yours.
Teach me what it means to be giving, knowing that whatever I have is a gift, from Your abundance. Blessed be Your name.
Amen.

Observances for the week of November 10, 2024

- Sunday:** 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day
- Tuesday:** St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
- Wednesday:** St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
- Friday:** St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin
- Next Sunday:** 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Poon Jesus Nazareno will be at STM: Nov 16-23 Brief History of the Black Nazarene

In 1606, a group of Augustinian Recollect missionaries led by Fr. Benito de San Pablo from Spain journeyed from Mexico to Manila. They brought with them religious images from Acapulco Mexico, which depicted the Passion of Christ. One of them is that of Christ Carrying the Cross called the "Black Nazarene" (Poon Jesus Nazareno). The Black Nazarene has a dark hue because the image was originally carved from very dark timber called mesquite. Some years after its arrival in the Philippines, the Friars were reportedly afraid that the growing number of devotees, wanting to pay reverence would eventually damage the image. They ordered a replica to be made which was sent to Manila. These two images were kept in the Church in Intramuros. On Jan. 9, 1787, Archbishop Basilio Sancho de Santa Justa y Rufina ordered the transfer of one of the images to the Church in Quiapo. (The other image of the Black Nazarene got destroyed in the Battle of Manila). The Church then made it an annual practice to bring out this image and parade it on the streets to commemorate the transfer of the Black Nazarene from Intramuros to Quiapo Church. This became its Feast Day, called the "Traslacion" (transferring of a sacred object), celebrated every January 9.

In 1650, Pope Innocent X approved the veneration of the image as a sacramental. In 1880, Pope Pius VII granted a Plenary Indulgences to those who would pray piously before the image of the Black Nazarene. And in 1987, Pope John Paul II raised the status of the Black Nazarene Shrine in Quiapo, Manila to that of a Minor Basilica. What attracts Filipinos to the Black Nazarene? First, they are reminded on the great Love of God, who willingly accepted His Passion and Death on the Cross, to save humanity. Filipinos strongly identify with the passion and suffering of Jesus that the image depicts. Many devotees of the Black Nazarene relate their poverty and daily struggles to the Passion of Christ as He carried His Cross. Many also believe in its miraculous powers, with numerous devotees testifying that they were cured of illnesses, their prayers answered, like having a child, family relationships were saved, passing difficult exams, or even receiving job offers and many other testimonies by simply praying to the Black Nazarene. To protect the surviving image of the Black Nazarene from further damage, the Archdiocese of Manila commissioned a Filipino sculptor to make some replicas of the image of the Black Nazarene. This image we now have in the Diocese of Orange is one of the official replicas coming from the Basilica of the Black Nazarene in Quiapo, Manila and blessed by its rector. In the Philippines, every Friday is known as "Quiapo Day" since the novena prayers for the Black Nazarene is held on this day nationwide. At the end of each Mass in the Basilica, devotees pay homage to the Lord by clapping their hands. Some devotees express their veneration by kissing the Foot of the Black Nazarene (Paghalik) or wiping their handkerchief (Pagpupunas). The Black Nazarene is the most popular devotion among Filipinos. Millions of Catholic devotees participate in the procession during its Feast Day. Visit stmirvine.org to view the schedule of events happening here at St. Thomas More!



FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS COLLECTED
Sun, Nov 10th



Canned food & dry packaged food
Monetary donations are also accepted

Please: NO fresh produce
NO bread or pastries
NO personal hygiene products
Thank you for your generosity!



Holiday Food Pantry

Nov 13 & 27 and Dec 11 & 18: Noon to 1pm

THANKS GIVING



Donations can be dropped anytime from Oct 27th - Nov 10th. Collection boxes will be placed in front of the parish office and by the St. Nicholas Room.



The Legion of Mary is forming a **Young Adult Praesidium** called **Our Lady of Fatima**

Are you 18 to 29 years old?
Do you feel called to do something for God?
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Our Lady of Fatima Praesidium meet on **Sundays at 2:30 pm - 4:00pm, Room #1**
Contact Luke Smith: 714-715-0909 or smithLC2020@gmail.com



Parish Blood Drive

Friday, November 22nd
STM Multi-Purpose Room
12:00pm - 6:00pm

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Register online: redcrossblood.org
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Questions of the Week

First Reading:

We hear how the Lord spared the widow and her son from starvation and death in the days of the prophet Elijah. How do you think society can best help those on the margins who are really struggling?

Second Reading:

Hebrews teaches us that Jesus' death took away the sins of many and that at his Second Coming, Jesus will bring eternal salvation to all believers. When do you imagine Jesus will return?

Gospel:

Jesus praises the widow who gives to the poor despite her own poverty. Do you have family or friends who likewise selflessly give to others?

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— ST. CLARE OF ASSISI



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 **Believe
AND
BUILD**
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Make your Prayer



Celebrating 25 years of STM Family!
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Get your "gift tag" angel ornaments on
Nov 30th & Dec 1st

Please return gift cards, toys and bikes by Dec 15th




"The Lord, always sowing his word,
just asking an open heart to listen and
willingness to put it into practice."
- Pope Francis



 **Join US!**

STM SFC
STM Small Faith Communities



 **COLOR**
Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



 **HOLY SPIRIT
PRAYER MEETING**

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

Scan for more information


Questions?
holyspiritstm@gmail.com

**Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week**

Jesus praises the widow's bravery in offering
all she has. He is calling us to be brave,
challenging us to give even — especially —
when it hurts. Then, our gifts become more
than just good deeds. They become acts of
radical trust in God.

Prayer
Partners Supporting Others
with Prayer



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Month of the Holy
Spirit in Liturgy

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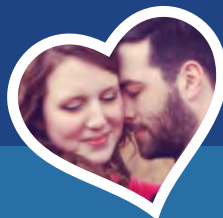
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