



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

Weekend Assistants

Deacons

Founding Pastor

Parochial Vicar Emeritus

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

†Rev. William Krekelberg

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949-551-8601

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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

November 12, 2023

32ND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

"You know neither
the day nor the hour."
- Mt 25: 13





Rest in Peace  Fr. Bill Krekelberg
Lautaro Archimede Torres



**St. Thomas More
Veterans**
Poster display in
courtyard
Nov 11th and 12th



More info: stmveterans.us &
stmirvine.org

*Marriage
Banns*

Richelle Homo & Jason Tsang

Collections and Expenses

10/30/2023– 11/5/2023

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$18,962	\$20,592	\$39,554
Maintenance Fund	\$21	\$475	\$496
Other income	\$18,022	\$3,185	\$21,207
Total income	\$37,005	\$24,252	\$61,257

Regular Expenses	\$49,790
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Believe & Grow Capital Campaign	\$3,800	\$4,415	\$8,215
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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 11/11	4:00pm	†Dominico P. Do
	6:00pm	All Veterans
Sun 11/12	8:00am	†Agnes Quinto Sinocruz Sheila Tomlin †Jennifer Francis Kohler Vilma de Garcia †Lucille Garant Purita Silang
	9:30am	Mr & Mrs Nick and Nicole Castello
	11:30am	†Helen Samia
	1:00pm	†Pedro Mena Cazares
	3:00pm	†Nagab Lee
	5:00pm	Pro Populo
Mon 11/13	8:00am	Susan Navarrete
Tues 11/14	8:00am	Matthew Nguyen
Wed 11/15	8:00am	Gerlie P. Maristela
Thurs 11/16	8:00am	Kenneth Hoying
Fri 11/17	8:00am	Katie Simpson
Sat 11/18	8:00am	George LeMire Mary and Matthew Wong Elise Le Christian Le Carole Caplett
		†Elzer ILagan †Gregorio ILagan †Agnes Quinto Sinocruz †Marcelino Zordilla †Lautaro Archimede Torres



PRAYERS FOR HEALING

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Sebastian de Leon	James Natividad
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Natalie and Warren Julian	Susan Shadley
Jacqueline Lamm	Mark Stannard
Kevin Lee	Tara Summers
Patrick Lee	Maria Guadalupe Vasquez
Greg Leech	Jesus Villanueva
Dolly Lewis	Raymund Villanueva
Jack Light	Kristine & Brandon Williams
	Michele Wills

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

Join us starting on November 12



7:30AM in the MPR



Rev. William Krekelberg

*entered eternal life on
Sunday, November 5, 2023*



*May eternal rest grant unto him oh Lord;
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace.*



Young Ladies Institute is hosting a
Bake Sale during the
When Women Pray

**Holiday Boutique on
Nov. 19th from 9am-3pm.**

We invite all parishioners to bring a
favorite baked treat (cookies, cakes,
breads) to the Bake Sale table
that morning between
7am-12:30pm.

Thank you, in advance, for your
"yummy" contributions!!

Gospelize Your Story



Small Faith Communities
Gather in Gratitude

Come together for an evening of
fellowship, praise and sharing!

Tuesday, November 14th at 7pm in the Parish Hall

RSVP: stmirvine.org/SFCevent



Parish Blood Drive

Monday, November 20th

STM Multi-Purpose Room
Donation appointments: 1:00pm - 7:00pm

Give a Pint--SAVE A LIFE!

Please take an hour of your time to make a real difference to someone in need.
An appointment must be scheduled prior to donation date.

Register online: redcrossblood.org
Use sponsor code **stthomasmoreirv**

**Or visit the sign-up table on the patio
after all Masses: Nov 11/12 & 18/19**



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**



STM CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Upcoming Confirmation Classes

C1 Classes: Nov 29 and Dec 6

C2 Classes: Nov 15, Dec 6 and 13

Upcoming YTH Nites at 6PM

All High School Teens are invited to our High School YTH NITES. The Sunday night gatherings are for teens to come and learn about how to apply their faith in their daily life. Upcoming YTH NITES on Nov 19 and 26

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



HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

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



Save the Date!!!

December 2nd & 3rd

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.



UPCOMING REP EVENTS:

Nov. 13-17: "Attitude of Gratitude" Food Drive

Nov. 20-24: Thanksgiving Break—No REP classes

Dec. 1: EDGE *Fun, Fellowship & Friends* Night

Dec. 2-3: Middle School Sock Drive

Dec. 3: ADVENT BEGINS



The Library Corner

The Parish Library will be open today from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

As a Catholic, is going to Mass and taking Holy Communion become just another routine for you? Have you assumed an indifference to taking Communion as an ordinary part of your growing faith? This dullness can settle into your soul and obscure the glory of meeting your Lord in Communion. Your love of Holy Communion should be growing stronger as a preparation for Heaven. If you would like help with this topic and direction to draw on the spiritual resources that God gives you in every Communion then the STM Parish Library has a great book for you. This book is entitled, '*How to Get More Out of Holy Communion*', authored by Saint Peter Julian Eymard, canonized by Pope John XXIII on 9 December 1962. St Peter Julian Eymard shows you a valuable biblical course on how to receive Communion, 'the Bread of Life'. St Peter Julian Eymard also gives his advice about how to make your post-Communion thanksgiving more fruitful. Saint John Paul II named Peter Julian Eymard the 'Apostle of the Eucharist'.

Grieving a death? Holidays can be hard.

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Surviving
the Holidays

St. Thomas More Catholic Church
Saturday November 18, 2023 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Everyone in our community grieving the loss of a loved one is welcome to join GriefShare "Surviving the Holidays". It is a program designed to provide you with the help you need to get through the holidays as comfortably as possible.

There will be a GriefShare video and some discussion, all served up in a Holiday Spirit. Trust that God will be with you and that you are free to choose to do things a bit differently this year.

PLEASE REGISTER AT GRIEFSHARE.ORG

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: Wed, Nov 22nd

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER MEETING

1st & 3rd Friday

7 pm in MPR

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with Prayer

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Month of the Holy
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On stmirvine.org



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My dear brothers and sisters,

With immense gratitude, I write to all of you. I am constantly amazed at the generosity of the people of God, and I do not take lightly the duty to be the chief steward of the giftedness that is ours here at St. Thomas More. There is always the constant pressure to save, save, save, especially with the building project looming. The good financial health of our parish should ultimately translate to shining the light of Christ ever brighter. In this regard, I am not only immensely grateful for the financial gifts to our parish, but to the countless servants who sacrifice so much of their time to help run our events, activities, programs, and ministries here. It is indeed so inspiring to see.

I would also like to say a brief word about our building campaign. As you can see, we are over the \$10 million mark. When will we start our final (hopefully final) push for the capital campaign? January 2024. How much more do we need to raise? \$10 to \$12 million. The more we raise the higher quality we can build. Can we do it? Yes! I have had a few very positive indications from prospective high donors. We also have a potentially game-changing arrangement that we can make with the Diocese. (More on this later --- I hope!) We also see the financial health of our parish, which is good. So, all these factors combined show that we can do this! All I ask is that people prepare their hearts for this final push and even start to budget and save. In the meantime, I want all to know that we have made a lot of progress in assembling a dream team of professionals who will help to ensure the ultimate success that we are all seeking. More on this later!

Ultimately, all our gifts come from our loving God, and we live in gratitude by using all of what he has given to us for the building of his Kingdom.

Thank you all sincerely.

In Christ,



Fr. Eugene J. Lee.
Pastor

Dear fellow Parishioners,

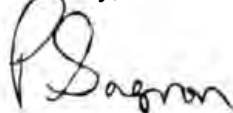
On behalf of the STM Finance Council, I am pleased to report the highlights of our parish's financial performance for the 12 months ending June 30th, 2023. Thanks to your generosity, the financial health of the parish continues to be positive. As Father Eugene mentioned, our funds to build our new church has exceeded \$10,000,000. Our cash position remains strong, and any extra cash (over and above the cash required to meet our monthly requirements), has been funneled to the Capital Campaign fund.

Other financial highlights are as follows:

- Sunday collections were up 9%. These funds are essential for the day-to-day running of our parish.
- Expenses were up 21%. Most of these increases were due to inflationary pressures and additional services offered by our ministries.
- Net Income was up 46%, mostly due to a 60% increase in our Capital Campaign revenue.

All in all, our Balance Sheet remains strong, with very little debt. We are extremely grateful for the financial gifts of our parishioners. Your donations enable the parish to continue growing religious programs and services, while patiently preparing for the building of our new church.

Sincerely,



Pierre Gagnon
Chair, STM Finance Council

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
Fiscal Year: July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023
Note: Figures rounded to thousands

CASH ON HAND	6/30/2023	6/30/2022	Change
Checking – Operating Fund	\$ 593,000	\$ 517,000	76,000
Savings – Believe & Grow Fund (Capital Campaign)	\$ 9,598,000	\$ 7,913,000	1,685,000
Savings – Building Fund (for building maintenance)	\$ 412,000	\$ 368,000	44,000
TOTAL CASH ON HAND	\$ 10,603,000	\$ 8,798,000	1,805,000

Note: Monies donated to the Believe & Grow Fund are to be used solely for our new church buildings and cannot be moved from this fund.

OPERATING FUND ACTIVITIES (Accrual Basis)	7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023	7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022	Change
Revenues			
Ordinary Collections – Masses	\$ 1,595,000	\$ 1,454,000	141,000
Ordinary Collections – Special Liturgical Celebrations & Religious Goods	\$ 225,000	\$ 264,000	-39,000
Apostolic Ministries	\$ 358,000	\$ 234,000	124,000
Other Income (includes pledges for capital campaign)	\$ 1,694,000	\$ 1,056,000	638,000
Total Revenues	\$ 3,872,000	\$ 3,008,000	864,000
Expenses			
Salaries & Benefits & Taxes (and related expense)	\$ -983,000	\$ -911,000	-72,000
General Parish Administration (non-payroll)	\$ -749,000	\$ -593,000	-156,000
Apostolic Ministries Expenses	\$ -394,000	\$ -187,000	-207,000
Diocesan Parish Assessment	\$ -171,000	\$ -159,000	-12,000
Depreciation	\$ -261,000	\$ -262,000	1,000
Total Expenses	\$ -2,558,000	\$ -2,112,000	-446,000
NET INCOME	\$ 1,314,000	\$ 896,000	418,000

BUILDING FUND ACTIVITIES	7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023	7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022	Change
Balance as of June 30, 2022	\$ 7,913,000	\$ 6,811,000	1,102,000
Incoming Funds:			
Cash Contributions	\$ 1,477,000	\$ 987,000	490,000
Account Interest	\$ 239,000	\$ 116,000	123,000
Total Incoming Funds:	\$ 1,716,000	\$ 1,103,000	613,000
Funds Usage:			
Capital Campaign (Architectural & Engineering Expenses)	\$ 0	\$ 0	0
Capital Campaign (Consulting Fees)	\$ -32,000	\$ 0	-32,000
Capital Campaign (General Campaign Expenses)	\$ 0	\$ 0	0
Total Funds Usage:	\$ -32,000	\$ 0	-32,000
Balance as of June 30, 2023	\$ 9,598,000	\$ 7,913,000	1,685,000

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.

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	Barbara Catiller	(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	Rick Lamoreux	(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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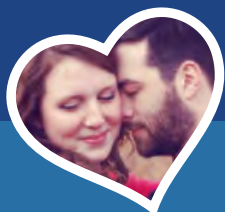
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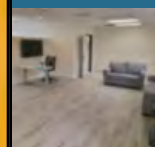
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