



# 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

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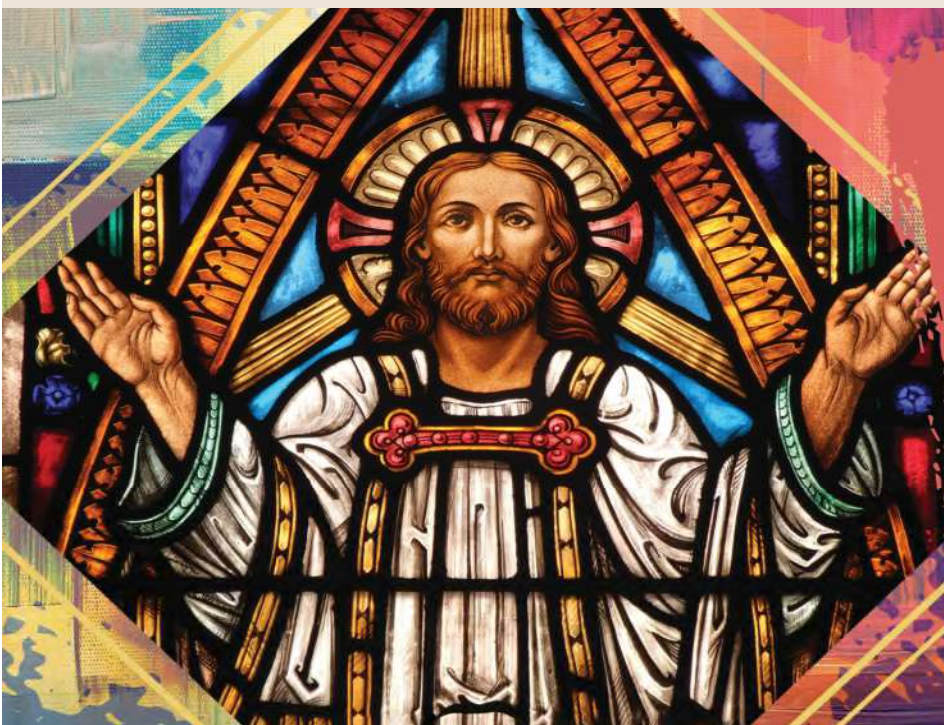
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**November 16, 2025**

**33RD SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

"I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." - Lk 21:15

# WELCOME to STM!



Donna Babbs  
Ann Pan  
Michele Wills

## Prayers for Healing

Racquel Aguinaldo	Ron Merse
Flory Aguilar	Deirdre Morley
Kaden Aiello	Rosie Muñoz
Froy Becerra	Susan Navarrete
Daniel Bernabe	Ernie Natividad
Bob Bowcock	Steven Norris
Felicia Carazo	Bill Oesterreich
Kelly Carter	Ben Pataray
Lou and Nancy Chereny	Sharon Pataray
Michael Collins	Norma Peckson
Thomas Conner	Armando Peña
Paul Curran	Ivania Piskulich
Chaz Decoteau	Jacqueline Claire Poznoski
Mary Rose Del Mundo	Sandra Quezada
Cristina Dulce	Ryan Quinn
Cecelia Duzynski	George Quitarano
Jamael Edwards	Al & Elizabeth Rangitsch
Chantelle Fausto	Matilda Reyna
Ted Fliller	Maryhelen Rios
Tony Galati	Guadalupe Rivas
Marco Gama	Jose Guadalupe Rivera
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Lisa Greubel	Donna Rohrer
Regina Hager	Jimmy Rocha
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Drew Hoang	Norma Santiago
Cristeta Jaropillo	Deacon John Selig
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Natalie and Warren Julian	Donny Stoufus
Chris Kasko	Lisa Turner
Tiesha Kelley	Pete Villanueva
Vivian Knisely	Jesus Villanueva
Ashly Leal	Raymund Villanueva
Lauren Leal	Linda Vito
Brielle LeMire	Bill Whiteside
Etienne Lemye	Andy Zelinko
Joseph Manglona	Joe & Judy Zwetow
Nilda A. Medalle	

## Mass Intentions

Sat 11/15	4:00pm	†Joseph Hai Nguyen & Martha Muoi Nguyen
	6:00pm	†Antonio Afonso
Sun 11/16	8:00am	†Angeles U. Pacheco
	9:30am	Jennifer Natividad
		Rosanna Lewis
		†Carol Haley
		†Jean Liddi
		†Ann Alice Northford
		†Brandon Wilson
		†Amit Shah
		†Michele Wills
		†Ann Pan
		†Angelita Lua Diaz
	11:30am	†Anthony Tac Tran
	1:00pm	†Maggie Colin
	3:00pm	†Ping-Li Liu
		†Shao Xiang Liu
		†Yanlin Tang
	5:00pm	PRO POPULO
Mon 11/17	8:00am	Robbie Shake
	6:00pm	†Maria and Andre Kasko
Tues 11/18	8:00am	†Katalin Roszler
	6:00pm	†Beverley Fulton
Wed 11/19	8:00am	Rey and Stella Papas
	6:00pm	†Susan Cory
Thurs 11/20	8:00am	George Lemire
	6:00pm	†Louis Fucito
Fri 11/21	8:00am	Vilma Rugger
	6:00pm	Thanh Troung
Sat 11/22	8:00am	Estrella Maristela
		Mike San Juan
		Antonette Garcia
		†Carl Edwin Leonard
		†Michele Wills
		†Patricio Salcedo

## Collection Report

10/20/2025 – 10/26/2025

Sunday Collections	\$ 24,607.00
Believe & Build, BGT, BGT2	\$ 159,703.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 11,515.00
Misc Income (Mass Intentions, etc)	\$ 12,817.00

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

**On [stmirvine.org](http://stmirvine.org)**  
**Enter Your Prayer Intentions**  
**Enter Answered Prayer Testimonials**  
**Become a Prayer Partner – Pray for the Intentions once a week**

*Let us pray for you!*

**FOOD PANTRY**  
will collect donations  
**Sunday, November 16**

### Suggested items:

**Canned foods: canned chicken, tuna, soup, and fruit**  
**Dry packaged food: rice, cereal, pasta and beans**

Monetary donations are accepted and appreciated since Second Harvest no longer receives federal funds to purchase eggs, milk and meat for us. Your monetary donations will help us to continue to provide these items to our guests. Please don't purchase these items for us as we are not able to store them. **Thank you for your generosity!**

**Food Pantry Open: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays: Noon to 1pm**



## PLEDGE MATCH CHALLENGE

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**All new pledges will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$100,000!**

*Now through the end of the year or until the \$100,000 is reached!*

*That means every new pledge — big or small — will go twice as far toward helping us reach our \$30+ million goal.*

*Now is the perfect time to join the mission and make your impact count!*



*Make your Pledge*

GROUNDBREAKING - APRIL 25, 2026

## Questions of the Week

### First Reading:

The prophet Malachi tells us that those who “fear” the Lord will be spared at God’s coming judgment. What does it mean to “fear the Lord”?

### Second Reading:

Paul gave the Thessalonians some very practical advice: work quietly and eat your own food! Are you open to taking advice from a loved one?

### Gospel:

Jesus forewarned his followers that they will be persecuted for their faith in him, even with relatives and friends. How do you support friends and co-workers who are fellow believers?



**During the month of November, we will honor our loved ones at STM in the following ways:**

**Poster display** in the church of the names during the month of November.

**All Saints Day - Sat, Nov 1: Masses at 8:00am & 10:00am at Noon** we will gather together at the grave of Fr. John Janze at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery (St. Jude Section) to pray for the faithful departed.

**Sat, Nov. 1: All Souls Vigil Mass: Mass of Remembrance at 6pm**. Names of the loved ones who had their Funeral Mass at STM within the last year will be mentioned during the Mass.

**All Souls Day - Sun, Nov. 2:** Regular Sunday Mass schedule

**All Souls Novena: Nov. 2 –10.** Envelopes are available by the entrances of the church and in the office lobby. The intention envelopes will be on the altar throughout the Novena.

**Book of the Dead:** All are invited to enter names of their loved ones. The book will be displayed by the statue of the Blessed Mother throughout the month of November.

**Ofrenda:** The Hispanic Ministry will decorate the Ofrenda for All Souls Day with photos of loved ones to honor those who have passed away. All are welcome to add something to remember their loved ones. Fr. Justice will bless the Ofrenda.

**Thanksgiving Mass: Thursday, November 27 at 9:00am**



### Parish Blood Drive

**Monday, November 24, 2025**

**STM Multi-Purpose Room  
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](https://redcrossblood.org)

Use sponsor code **stthomasmoreiv**

Or visit the sign-up table in the patio after all Masses November 8/9, 15/16, and 22/23



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### Poinsettia Sale

**December 6 & 7**

**Take them home to enjoy!  
Thank you for your support!**







# NEW CHURCH CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

## GROUNDBREAKING - APRIL 25, 2026



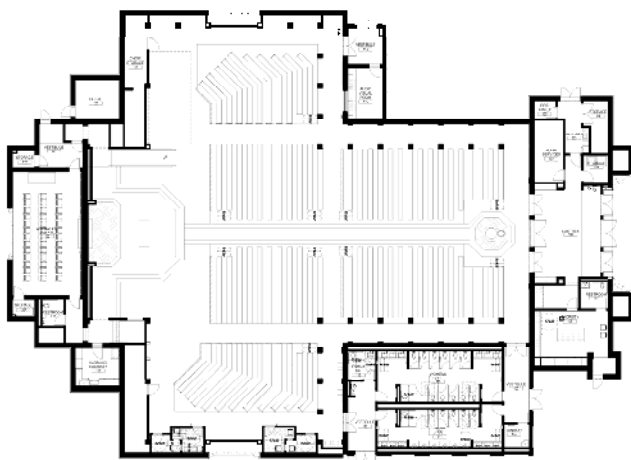
### TIMELINE OF KEY CONSTRUCTION MILESTONES (APPROXIMATE)

- Detailed Design Completed: June 2025
- Complete Construction Documents: October 2025
- Obtain Building Permits: October 2025 - January 2026
- Bid & Award Construction Contract: Nov 2025 - Jan 2026
- Mobilize Contractor and Break Ground: Spring 2026
- Approximate completion: October 2027

*(Subject to change)*



*All renderings are preliminary*





## VISION FOR THE CHURCH DESIGN - FROM FR. EUGENE LEE, PASTOR

**The three driving principles for the design of the church building are:**

- † The Kingship of Christ
- † The sacredness and centrality of the Holy Eucharist
- † The beauty of the Church as the Mystical Body of Christ

**Preliminarily some highlights and features of the church interior include:**

- Cruciform church, which will seat approximately 950 people
- Beautiful reredos creating the setting for the tabernacle as the true center of the church.
- Double-sided tabernacle: visible from both the main sanctuary and the enclosed Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- Central mosaic mural exalting the kingship of Christ
- Holy Spirit relief in the ceiling at the intersection of the nave and transept
- Arches with ambulatory (walkway on the sides of the church)
- Decorative coffered ceiling
- Shrine to the Blessed Mother
- Confessionals with screens
- Acoustical treatment to make the spoken word easily understandable



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**\$20 M**

**\$18 M**

**\$16 M**

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PLEGGES**





## STM CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

### Next Classes:

C1- Wed, Dec 3 at 7:00pm

C2- Wed, Dec 10 at 7:00pm

©STM.YTH Teen Leader Retreat

Paperwork is in the Youth Ministry Office  
Due November 21

# "VALUE"

*Made in His Image*

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Theme: "Value — Made in His Image"

Paperwork is available in the Youth Ministry Office and due November 21. All confirmed high school juniors and seniors are welcome to attend.

"I will praise thee, for thou hast wonderfully made me; thy works are wonderful, and thy soul knoweth right well."

12/05 - 12/07 PSALM 139:14

**Next Youth Night**  
**Sunday, Nov 16:**  
**6:00-8:00pm**  
Join is for Faith,  
Fellowship and Fun!

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 | 6-8:00 PM

# YOUTH night

Thanksgiving

A Heart of Gratitude

## REP. CORNER



### ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOLERS



Don't forget—we have an EDGE Meeting THIS Tuesday (11/18) at 7PM. We hope to see you there!



**Save the Date!!!**

**November 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**

Our Annual "Sock It To Me" Sock Drive hosted by our 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade REP students. Please start collecting new socks to spread the warmth of the season to some of our homeless neighbors.



### HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

A special THANK YOU to all of our Faith Formation families that contributed in some way to our "Attitude of Gratitude" Food Drive for our Homeless Lunch Ministry.



You have helped bring the love of our parish to many who are struggling this holiday season!

## The 2025 Pastoral Services Appeal

**Blessed are you who are now hungry,  
for you will be satisfied.**

THE 2025 PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL

Together, we can make a difference! Your financial contributions to the PSA enable us to continue our vital ministries and outreach programs.



"Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied."  
Luke 6:17

## STM SFC



No matter what, don't stop  
worshiping, praising, or praying!

## JOIN US!

STM Small Faith Communities







## 100th Anniversary First Saturday Devotion

\* On December 10, 1925, Jesus and Mary appeared to Sr. Lucia of Fatima to ask for the First Saturday Devotion to obtain conversion and peace in the world.

\* On January 4, 2025, Cardinals Raymond Burke and Robert Sarah announced a global call to all the faithful to respond to this 100 year request.

**Join us every  
First Saturday  
of each month at the  
8am Mass**  
- St. Thomas More Church -






Almsgiving is a key part of Jubilee Year 2025. Performing works of mercy, such as generous donations to the poor, is one way to obtain a plenary indulgence.

## Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee 2025

### NOVEMBER

#### JUBILEE OF THE POOR

- **November 1st - 2nd** - Plucky is collecting monetary donation for holiday meals for local families.
- **November 1st thru 9th** - Homeless Lunch Ministry Food & Hygiene Kit Drive. Please see Church Bulletin for list of items to donate.
- **November 16th** - St. Vincent de Paul is collecting dry and canned goods and monetary donation to help those in need, especially rental assistance during the holidays.





## Surviving the Holidays

November 22, 2025 at 10:00 am-12:00 noon

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Please Register at: [GriefShare.org/holidays](https://GriefShare.org/holidays)



### "SOCK IT TO ME WEEKEND"

**Middle School Sock Drive**  
**November 29 & 30**



Please donate **NEW**  
socks for adults and  
children after all  
Masses.



## OCIA

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**Are you thinking about becoming a  
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AND REGISTRATION, CONTACT  
**MARIE OBILLOS**  
[OCIA@stmirvine.org](mailto:OCIA@stmirvine.org)

## HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

**FREE ADMISSION**

**FOOD  
MUSIC  
RAFFLES\***

\*No purchase necessary

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**Sunday, Nov 23, 2025  
9AM to 2PM**

The logo for the Holy Spirit Prayer Meeting, featuring a dove in flight above the text "HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER MEETING".

**HOLY SPIRIT  
PRAYER MEETING**

1st & 3rd Fridays  
**7:30pm**  
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**THAT MAN IS YOU!**  
BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART  
**7:00 AM in MPR**

## THANK YOU!!!

The Homeless Lunch Ministry  
would like to thank everyone  
who helped support our food &  
hygiene kit drive. Together we  
gathered over 1100 food items  
and 1400 hygiene kit items!!!  
Thank you for all you do for our  
brothers & sisters in need!





## 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	Kwang Nguyen	(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
Bulletin Editor	Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Deacons	Tin Nguyen & Leonard Sun	(9) 551-8601
Facilities Manager	Ed Ferguson	(9) 551-8601
Hospitality/Donut Ministry	Fr. Thomas Tran	(9) 551-8601
Parish Business Manager	Mireya Moreno	(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	Mike Fahey	(9) 551-8602
First Communion	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
First Reconciliation	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)	Sonny & Marie Obillos	(9) 668-5201
Marriage Case Support	Contact office	(9) 551-8601
Marriage Encounter	Mike & Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Wedding Coordinator	Mary Jane Rin	(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) 551-8601
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	John Royston	(7) 743-9774
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	Ann Johnson	(9) 374-1547

### Spiritual Development

Adult Faith Formation	Tara Reynaud, Denyse Gagnon, Mary Jane Rin	(7) 925-9992
Bible Study (Bible Focused Formation)	Margaret Cunningham	(7) 552-8711
Christ Renews His Parish	Steve Hastert & Stacey Howmann	(7) 319-9947 (9) 939-0998
Cursillo	Susan Navarrete	(9) 345-9130
Devotional Life Committee	Julie Whiteside	(7) 615-7205
FOCUS	Steven Debolt & Emily Ambrosio	(9) 382-4324
Holy Spirit Prayer Team	John Moran	(7) 401-4728
Legion of Mary	Trisha Smith and Janeth Ostowari	(7) 473-3714 (9) 307-2716
Library	Romali Dsouza	(9) 551-8601
Life Teen – High School	Arlyn Pandes	(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 (Bible Focused Formation)	Teresa LeMire	(7) 832-1770
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**Saturday! 8:30a-1:30p**  
**22TH  
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