



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

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Chinese Chaplain
Weekend Assistants

Deacons

Founding Pastor

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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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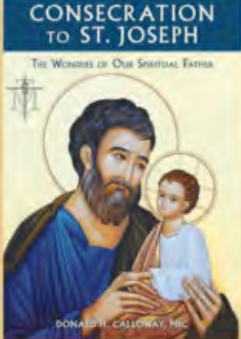
November 17, 2024

MY WORDS
WILL NOT
PASS AWAY.

— MARK 13:31 —

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH
THE WONDERS OF OUR SPIRITUAL FATHERS

Join the 33-Day Consecration to St. Joseph

Begins Nov 26th after 6pm Mass (bring your book)
Ends on Dec 28th after 6pm Mass (bring your written but unsigned consecration)

Spanish books available in parish office.
English books available on Amazon.



Plucky collected \$6,683!
Thank you for providing a hot meal to those in need this Thanksgiving!

Collections and Expenses

11/4/2024– 11/10/2024

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$17,243	\$12,944	\$30,187
Maintenance Fund	\$645	\$120	\$765
Other income	\$12,697	\$2,617	\$15,314
Total income	\$30,586	\$15,681	\$46,267

Regular Expenses \$10,662

Capital Campaign \$135,858 \$17,764 \$153,622

Campaign Expenses \$84,844

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 11/16 4:00pm †Departed members of the Vu family
6:00pm †Fernando Celis
- Sun 11/17 8:00am PRO POPULO
9:30am †Gregorio Ilagan
11:30am †Rebecca Sanoria Abao
1:00pm †Linda Rede
3:00pm †Edward Chu
5:00pm †Velia Perez
†Javier Hernandez Vasquez
†Loc Vu
†Teresa Nguyen Thi Ruu
†Regina G. Magante
†Mary Masterson
- Mon 11/18 8:00am Johanna Harris
6:00pm †Heng-Wu Lo
- Tues 11/19 8:00am †Alexander Roleda
6:00pm †Kathleen Fliller
- Wed 11/20 8:00am George K. Lemire
6:00pm Alena and Joseph Franson
- Thurs 11/21 8:00am Hannah Olivia Bogdanov
6:00pm †Robert Spellmire
- Fri 11/22 8:00am Estrella Maristela
6:00pm †Jose Navarro, Jr.
- Sat 11/23 8:00am Teresa Tran



PRAY FOR HEALING

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| Flory Aguilar | Susan Navarrete |
| Baby Dean Alvero | Ernie Natividad |
| Froy Becerra | Eileen Ohlander |
| Daniel Bernabe | Ben Pataray |
| AJ Cabrera | Sharon Pataray |
| Jasmine Cabrera | Liz Pennington |
| Kirsten Cabrera | Jacqueline Claire Poznoski |
| Lou and Nancy Chereny | Donna Publico |
| Victor Cota | Sandra Quezada |
| Paul Curran | Ryan Quinn |
| Chaz Decoteau | George Quitariano |
| Cecelia Duzynski | Paula Jane Ramirez |
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Email bulletin@stmirvine.org to add a name to be included for one month



Parish Blood Drive



Friday, November 22nd

STM Multi-Purpose Room

12:00pm – 6:00pm

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**

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who came out for the Father John E. Janze Memorial Golf Tournament.

Your kind support and generosity made this a tremendous success for which we are very grateful.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Msgr. Timothy J. Doyle Council #13111 St. Thomas More

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do Catholics pray to Mary and the saints?

Answer:

One of the statements of faith we make when we pray the Nicene Creed and the Apostles Creed is that we believe in "the communion of saints." The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that this communion (another word for community) includes all the faithful on earth, the souls in Purgatory, and the blessed women, men, and children who are in heaven. This teaching is grounded in our belief that, through Baptism, we are united with Christ and to one another with bonds that are stronger even than death.

And so from the time of the early Church, Christians have turned to other believers for prayers and assistance, including those who have gone before us, confident that God hears the prayers of all of His children. While we ask the saints (and one another) for prayers and support, we remember that the saints join us in prayer. But it is God who blesses and sanctifies us.

When we think of Mary and the saints in heaven, we have to remember that we can turn to them for intercession and assistance because they were faulted, limited human beings, just like us. This means that they are able to understand our struggles, doubts, fears, joys, and hopes. But as we learn their stories, we can also begin to recognize that they stand out in the history of the Church because they persevered in their commitment to follow Christ. Whether they were ordained, vowed religious, martyrs, husbands, wives, or even children, they show us that holiness is possible. We can not only follow their example but also benefit from their prayerful support.

Our devotion to the saints and gratitude for their witness, prayers, and protection should also be an inspiration for us, especially when we become aware of the needs of others or when others ask us to pray for them. We are called to share the blessings we receive. This is also part of our own journey of growing in holiness.



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Pledge Appeal

November 23 & 24

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STM CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY



C1 Class: 11/20
C2 Class: 12/4

Upcoming Youth Nights: 11/17, 12/15
All high school teens are invited to Friendsgiving this Sunday after the 5pm Mass. Join us as we grow in fellowship and gratitude for all the God has given us! Come hungry, dinner will be provided! The night will end at 8:15pm.

Join us Mondays at 7pm for Youth Bible Studies! We'll go over the readings for the upcoming Sunday's Mass and grow with one another in fellowship & community!

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REP. CORNER



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 St. Vincent de Paul and Homeless Lunch ministries. You have helped bring the love of our parish to many who are struggling this holiday season!



ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOLERS



Don't forget—we have an EDGE Meeting THIS Tuesday (11/19) at 7PM. We hope to see you there!



Save the Date!!!



November 30th & December 1st
Our Annual "Sock It To Me" Sock Drive hosted by our 6th, 7th & 8th Grade REP students is coming up. 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

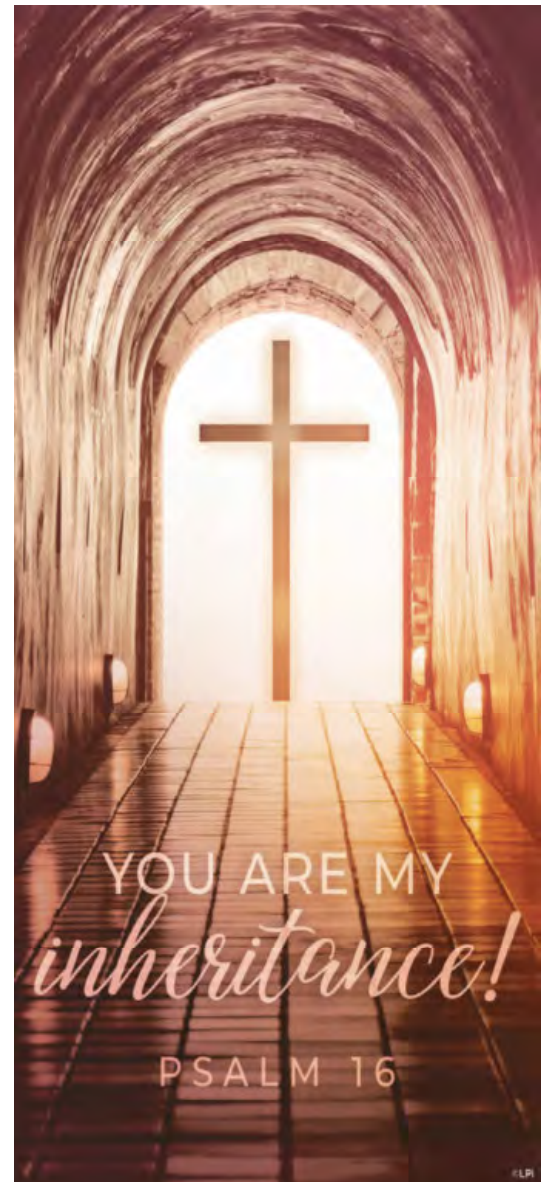
REGISTER AT: griefshare.org/holidays



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

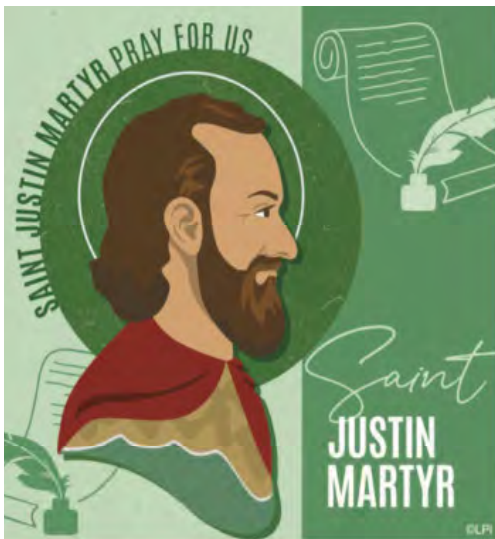
In 1606, a group of Augustinian Recollect missionaries led by Fr. Benito de San Pablo from Spain journeyed from Mexico to Manila. They brought with them religious images from Acapulco Mexico, which depicted the Passion of Christ. One of them is that of Christ Carrying the Cross called the “Black Nazarene” (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!



“And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.” - Mk 13:26-27

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Saint of the week

St. Justin Martyr (c. 100 - 165) was a second century apologist whose detailed texts which show the depth of the Catholic tradition were meant to dispel rumors of the early Church practices during the Roman persecution. An eyewitness account of his martyrdom still survives today.

Prayer of Seasons

As the seasons change,
be with me.
As my life shifts and shapes,
be with me.
As I face what the future holds,
be with me.
As I seek the beauty to be
found today, help me to find
you there.
Amen.

Buy a tag & be a sponsor to decorate the church for the Christmas Season!
 Visit the Art & Environment table in the courtyard
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We wish you a happy and blessed Christmas!

Observances for the week of November 17, 2024

- Sunday:** 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
- Thursday:** The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Friday:** St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
- Saturday:** St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

It sometimes feels like God is silent, like he sets himself apart from us and our struggles on earth. But Jesus reminds us of the fig tree, who can feel the coming of spring deep within itself. In the same intuitive way, we know the voice of God. Listen.

Questions of the Week

First Reading:

The prophet Daniel foresaw a time of great distress and ultimate judgment for the living and the dead. Who supports you when you are feeling anxious or are deeply worried?

Second Reading:

The author of Hebrews emphasizes Jesus's death as the final offering for the forgiveness of sins, making us "perfect forever" in eternal life. What do you find most curious about the idea of being perfect in eternal life?

Gospel:

Jesus speaks to his disciples about the signs that will accompany his Second Coming, even though only God the Father knows the exact time. How should one best prepare for this unknown future?

The Legion of Mary is forming a
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Our Lady of Fatima

Are you 18 to 29 years old?

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Our Lady of Fatima Praesidium meet on

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Contact Luke Smith: 714-715-0909 or
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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



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7:30pm

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Questions?
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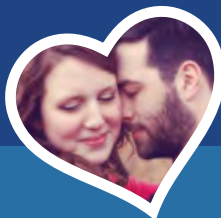
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