



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

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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.

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

Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm

November 19, 2023

**33RD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**



“Well done, my good and
faithful servant.”

— Mt 25:21





Rest in Peace  Fr. Bill Krekelberg
Lautaro Archimedeiz Torres



Marriage Banns Richelle Homo & Jason Tsang

Collections and Expenses

Due to early bulletin deadlines, collections and expenses will be reported later.



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 11/18	4:00pm	†Anthony Tac Tran
	6:00pm	†Mr and Mrs Vu
Sun 11/19	8:00am	Noa Orion Buhler
	9:30am	†Simeon Calilung, Jr. Sandy Wood Don Gibson Richard & Juana Oreb †Jeanni Liddi †Hilson Shen †Agnes Quinto Sinocruz Stella Papa †Abraham Dela Cruz †Evelina Nicolas-Villanueva
	11:30am	†Kathleen Filler
	1:00pm	Pro Populo
	3:00pm	†Agnes Quinto Sinocruz
	5:00pm	Andrew Nguyen
Mon 11/20	8:00am	Fr Angelus Echeverry
Tues 11/21	8:00am	Hannah Bogdanov
Wed 11/22	8:00am	Estrella Maristela
Thurs 11/23	9:00am	†Anna Nguyen
Fri 11/24	8:00am	Nico Lozano
Sat 11/25	8:00am	Nilda A. Medalle †Agnes Quinto Sinocruz Johanna Harris †Jose Jimenez Sr. Hernandez Family



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

Rev. William Krekelberg

entered eternal life on Sunday, November 5, 2023

VIGIL SERVICE:

Tuesday, November 28

7:00 pm at St. Thomas More Church

FUNERAL MASS:

Wednesday, November 29

10:00 am at St. Thomas More Church

Reception in the STM courtyard following.

INTERMENT (GRAVESITE):

Wednesday, November 29

2:00 pm at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery



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



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BAKE SALE

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!!

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



There will be no REP classes, and the REP office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday from November 20th-24th.

The REP Staff wishes all of our students, teachers and families a blessed Thanksgiving holiday full of family, food and fun!



Save the Date!!!
December 2nd & 3rd

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



ATTENTION ALL EDGE STUDENTS--
Our EDGE Night of *Fun, Fellowship & Friends* at BOOMERS is coming up on Friday, December 1st from 6-9PM. Please contact the REP Office for information on registering for this fun event!



The Library Corner

The St Thomas More Parish Library staff would like to wish all our parishioners a Happy 33th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Parish Library will be open today from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

What Sacrament is described as the most beautiful example of Christ's love for us? If you said, the Eucharist, you are correct. Jesus, our Lord, veils Himself in the appearance of the Bread of Life. The blessed Eucharist awakens a deeper awareness of the incredible gift and glory that God has given us in His presence in the Eucharist. The STM Parish Library has an excellent book entitled, *'The Blessed Eucharist'*, authored by Fr. Michael Muller. Father Michael discusses how to discover what a treasure the Sacrament is, sharing countless compelling accounts of miracles involving the Eucharist. He includes quotations from Scripture and the Saints reflecting the virtues that can be obtained only from Holy Communion. There is nothing that gives so much pleasure to our Lord Jesus Christ as a heart truly resolved to commune with Him in union with God. It is a privilege of all Catholics to feed on the flesh of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion. As God said, 'Whosoever shall glorify me, him will I glorify'. The Eucharist means thanksgiving, so have a blessed Thanksgiving Day.



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.

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HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER MEETING

1st & 3rd Friday

7 pm in MPR

TMIY

THAT MAN IS YOU!
BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S QUIET HEART

7:30AM in the MPR



FAITHFUL

“Well done, my good and faithful servant.”

MATTHEW 25:21

*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.

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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.)



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

She brings him good, and not evil,
all the days of her life.
She obtains wool and flax
and works with loving hands. (Prv 31:12-13)

Psalm:

Blessed are those who fear the Lord. (Ps 128)

Second Reading:

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness,
for that day to overtake you like a thief.
For all of you are children of the light
and children of the day. (1 Thes 5:4-5)

Gospel:

"Since you were faithful in small matters,
I will give you great responsibilities.
Come, share your master's joy." (Mt 25:21)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God entrusts special gifts to each of us, but they are not gifts to be hoarded and hidden. Let's work each and every day to multiply those gifts in the world.

Observances for the week of November 19, 2023

- Sunday:** 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday:** The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Wednesday:** St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
- Thursday:** St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr;
St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr; Thanksgiving Day
- Friday:** St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
- Saturday:** St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Saint of the week

Blessed Carlos Manuel or, Blessed Charlie, was a Puerto Rican layman who dedicated his life to serving the Church. He worked and studied diligently to spread his love of the Catholic faith, especially the liturgy and sacred music to all those he touched.

Prayer

Oh God, Father of Goodness, who inspired Blessed Carlos Manuel with an ardent devotion to the Paschal Mystery and moved by the generosity of Your grace, led him to the joyful celebration of the mysteries celebrated in the Liturgy; You also filled your servant with apostolic zeal and love for those in need.

Grant us, through his intercession, that, celebrating with faith the holy mysteries of the Death and Resurrection of Your Son, we may live in life what we celebrate in the Liturgy. Grant us, too, the special grace that we now ask of you (ask for the grace that is desired).

Through Jesus Christ your Son and our Lord. Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.pmariamm.org/vida-4-beato-carlos-manuel.html#:~:text=Oh%20Dios%2C%20Padre%20de%20Bondad,y%20amor%20a%20los%20necesitados>. Translation by LPi.)

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of November 19, 2023

Sunday:

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday:

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday:

2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday:

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday:

1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

Friday:

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday:

1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday:

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a kid, I hated playing Monopoly because my siblings and friends always seemed to win. But worse was how it happened. Scared to risk my fake money on buying properties, I'd hold on to it. My opponents hungrily bought up the various real estate squares on the board. Then, inevitably, my poor, low-equity self would land on their spots, pay them rent, and my money would drain to zero. It seemed so unfair. The rich get richer, and the poor get poorer. I had to learn that monopoly money is meant to be spent. I was scared to lose some of it. So, I lost all of it.

How do we see what we possess? Jesus' parable about the talents is not really about economics but about the investability of everything he entrusts to us. How marvelous that everyone in the fable who places talents in the open market doubles their investment. The only one who doesn't is the man who fearfully buries his one talent. Jesus' success strategy for us seems to be, whatever we have, get it out of our *possession*. Risk it as quickly and as fully as we can.

You and I have precious gifts. We have valuable things to invest — time, talents, treasure. The Lord invites us to be brave and even somewhat reckless, to give as much away as possible. If we give it away in the direction of love and truth, it will grow. If we hold on to it in fear, the little we have will be taken away. Let me challenge you this week: find something in your life you're holding on to, and risk it by giving it away. It won't double if you hold on to it.

— Father John Muir

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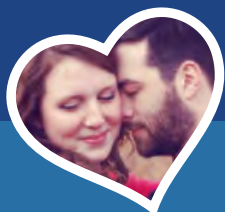
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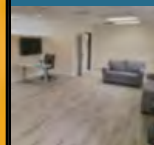
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