



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:
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Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm
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Youth Ministry: 949-551-8602

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November 30, 2025

1st Sunday OF ADVENT

**WELCOME
to STM!**



Jassel Luna

Prayers for Healing

Racquel Aguinaldo
 Flory Aguilar
 Kaden Aiello
 Froy Becerra
 Daniel Bernabe
 Bob Bowcock
 Felicia Carazo
 Kelly Carter
 Lou and Nancy Chereny
 Michael Collins
 Thomas Conner
 Paul Curran
 Chaz Decoteau
 Mary Rose Del Mundo
 Cristina Dulce
 Cecelia Duzynski
 Jamael Edwards
 Chantelle Fausto
 Ted Fliller
 Tony Galati
 Marco Gama
 Anthony Gaona
 Lisa Greubel
 Regina Hager
 Doug & Kathie Hibbard
 Drew Hoang
 Cristeta Jaropillo
 Angela Judy
 Natalie and Warren Julian
 Chris Kasko
 Tiesha Kelley
 Vivian Knisely
 Ashly Leal
 Lauren Leal
 Brielle LeMire
 Etienne Lemye
 Joseph Manglona
 Nilda A. Medalle
 Ron Merse

Deirdre Morley
 Rosie Muñoz
 Susan Navarrete
 Ernie Natividad
 Steven Norris
 Bill Oesterreich
 Jocelyn Pandes
 Ben Pataray
 Sharon Pataray
 Norma Peckson
 Armando Peña
 Ivania Piskulich
 Jacqueline Claire Poznoski
 Joe Prusinski
 Ryan Quinn
 George Quitarano
 Al & Elizabeth Rangitsch
 Matilda Reyna
 Maryhelen Rios
 Guadalupe Rivas
 Jose Guadalupe Rivera
 Celsa Roberti
 Donna Rohrer
 Jimmy Rocha
 Arjan Sami
 Norma Santiago
 Deacon John Selig
 Richard Stock
 Donny Stoufus
 Lisa Turner
 Pete Villanueva
 Jesus Villanueva
 Raymund Villanueva
 Linda Vito
 Bill Whiteside
 Andy Zelinko
 Joe & Judy Zwetow

Mass Intentions

Sat 11/29 4:00pm Joonsik Peter Kang
 6:00pm †Eulogio Enrique
 Sun 11/30 8:00am PRO POPULO
 9:30am †Kevin Haley
 11:30am †Maria and Andre Kasko
 1:00pm Chris and Natalie Jensen
 3:00pm †James Huang
 5:00pm †Ann Pan
 †Sharell Rupiper
 †Michele Wills
 Mon 12/1 8:00am †Bob Kim
 6:00pm The Chiou & Yeh Family
 Tues 12/2 8:00am †Michele Wills
 6:00pm Wensong Huang
 Wed 12/3 8:00am †Michelle Wills
 6:00pm Megan Lui
 Thurs 12/4 8:00am †Michele Wills
 6:00pm †Jorge Lavayen
 Fri 12/5 8:00am †Edward Andrade
 6:00pm †Hortensia Ibarra
 Sat 12/6 8:00am †Michele Wills



Collection Report
 11/10/2025 – 11/16/2025

Sunday Collections	\$ 28,899.00
Believe & Build, BGT, BGT2	\$ 50,313.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,200.00
Misc Income (Mass Intentions, etc)	\$ 4,845.00

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

*Christmas
Flowers*

**Buy a tag &
be a sponsor
to decorate the
church for the
Christmas Season!**

Visit the Art & Environment
table in the courtyard

Nov 29 & 30
\$20 per tag

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  Msgr. Timothy J. Doyle Council #13111

Poinsettia Sale

December 6 & 7

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

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEASON *of* ADVENT

***The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

Monday, December 8th

A Holy Day of Obligation | Mass Times:
8:00 AM, 12:30 PM, 6:00 PM (multilingual)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Weekly Confessions

Saturdays | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Advent Penance Service

Thursday, December 11th | 7:00 PM

Additional Confessions:

Friday, December 12th | 8:30 AM & 6:30 PM

Saturday, December 13th | 8:30 AM & 1:00 PM

Friday, December 19th | 8:30 AM & 6:30 PM

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday, December 12th

Las Mañanitas de la Virgen de Guadalupe
6:00 AM Mass (Spanish/English)

8:00 AM Daily Mass

6:00 PM Daily Mass

Advent Night of Adoration and Praise

Friday, December 12th | 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

A special night of Eucharistic Adoration
and praise music.

***“Christmas Around the World”
Christmas Concert***

Thursday, December 18th | 7:00 PM

Celebrate the birth of Christ through
sacred music and carols from Catholic
communities around the globe, united
in a joyful song of praise.

Hosted by the STM choirs.

Simbang Gabi

Saturday, December 20th | 7:30 PM

Evening Mass and devotional festivities,
hosted by the Filipino Ministry. All are
welcome.

“True North: Birthday for Jesus”

Sunday, December 21st | 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

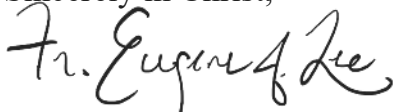
Come celebrate a fun Advent night of
music, reflection, and prayer for the whole
family.



Dear Parishioners,

Your faith radiates! There are countless stories of people who have encountered Christ in a special way here at St. Thomas More Church. The Gospel cannot be hidden under a basket but must be put on a lampstand so that all may see its light. The many small faith community facilitators, the Bible study leaders, ministry leaders, volunteers and the many more who bless the parish as participants ALL together make this place shine. Though this report is a financial report, it should be emphasized that the contributions that the people of God offer at this parish cannot really be quantified. There is so much sacrifice, service and love abounding here. And yes, the money matters. I am acutely aware of the sweat, stress and strain that you must endure to make a living and that I have a serious responsibility to be a prudent steward of your offerings. Thank you all so much. Let us all remain united in mission.

Sincerely in Christ,



Fr. Eugene Lee
Pastor

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

On behalf of the STM Finance Council, I am pleased to report that, for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 2025, the financial health of our Parish continues to be solid thanks to your generosity and the sound fiscal management exercised by Father Eugene and the Parish staff. From a Profit and Loss standpoint, our total income, excluding Capital Campaign revenue, was slightly better than projected. As can be expected in these times of rising costs, total expenses were also slightly higher than originally projected. Although we show a slight loss of \$354,680 for the year, this loss can be entirely attributed to a non-cash accounting adjustment to our Depreciation expense from prior years of \$417,753. From a Balance Sheet standpoint, our cash position to run Parish operations is more than adequate and we have very little debt.

As we head into the next fiscal year, we are so appreciative of your continued support. We're in an excellent financial position to start construction of our new Church facility, while simultaneously continuing to grow our religious programs and services.

With gratitude,

Pierre Gagnon
Chair, STM Finance Council

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Actual Income and Expenses / Statement of Financials
Fiscal Year 2025 (July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025)

<u>Income / Expenses</u>	
<u>Income</u>	
Ordinary Income	\$ 1,865,224.00
Ministry Income	\$ 77,669.00
Community Outreach & Enrichment	\$ 275,472.00
Parish Maintenance Fund	\$ 30,735.00
Diocesan Collections	\$ 140,275.00
Other Income	\$ 359,299.00
CAL OES Grant	\$ 193,203.00
Total Income	\$ 2,941,877.00
<u>Expenses</u>	
Salary & Benefit Expense	\$ 1,134,714.00
Diocesan Expense	\$ 238,462.00
Church & Office Supply/Expenses	\$ 132,381.00
Rectory & Plant Supply/Expenses	\$ 115,113.00
Community Outreach & Enrichment Expenses	\$ 241,799.00
Diocesan Collections	\$ 138,805.00
Ministry Expense	\$ 161,365.00
Professional Services	\$ 80,876.00
Utilities Expense	\$ 142,591.00
Property Tax & License Expense	\$ 73,144.00
Misc Expense	\$ 150,552.00
**Depreciation Expense	\$ 686,756.00
Total Expense	\$ 3,296,558.00
**Net income (Deficit)	\$ (354,681.00)
<u>Capital Campaign</u>	
Income - Donations, Pledges, Interest	\$ 6,150,392.00
Expenses	\$ (111,128.00)
<u>Misc Income</u>	
ERC Income	\$ 219,098.00

<u>Statement of Financials</u>	
<u>Assets</u>	
Operating account	\$ 999,585.00
General Savings	\$ 255,707.00
Building Fund	\$ 16,177,760.00
<u>Other Assets</u>	
Accounts Receivables	\$ 9,000.00
Campaign Pledge Receivables	\$ 5,216,614.00
Other Investments	\$ 35,345.00
<u>Fixed Assets</u>	
Building and Improvements	\$ 21,625,310.00
Accum Depr. Land Bldg & Improve	\$ (5,252,154.00)
Upgrades & Const in progress	\$ 1,124,724.00
Asset Total	\$ 40,191,891.00
<u>Liabilities</u>	
Accts Payable: Vendors	\$ 101,670.00
Deferred Revenue	\$ 14,073.00
Accrued Vacation	\$ 59,884.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 175,627.00
<u>Equity</u>	
Designated	\$ 10,271.00
Temporarily Restricted	\$ 8,738,876.00
Restricted	\$ 384,334.00
Total Equity	\$ 9,133,481.00
Earnings & Income	\$ 30,882,783.00
Total Liabilities and Assets	\$ 40,191,891.00

*^ Deficit attributed to a non-cash adjustment on Depreciation expense

STM CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Next Classes:

C1- Wed, Dec 3 at 7:00pm

C2- Wed, Dec 10 at 7:00pm

LAST ONE OF 2025!

Bible Study

4 ALL TEENS

Mon/ 12.01

7:00PM - 8:30PM in Fireside Room

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Sock It To Me Weekend

is THIS weekend (Nov. 29th & 30th).

Our EDGE Middle School classes will be collecting NEW socks after Masses. Please be generous and donate as many pairs of NEW socks as you can. Let's spread the warmth of our parish to the less fortunate of Orange County as we prepare for Christmas.



All REP classes return this week from our Thanksgiving Break! The REP Staff hopes all of our students, teachers and families had a blessed Thanksgiving holiday full of family, food and fun!



ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOLERS



Don't forget—we have an EDGE Meeting THIS Tuesday (12/2) at 7PM. We hope to see you there!



For any questions, call the REP office at (949) 551-8029 or email rep@stmirvine.org



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YEARS OF
Building God's Kingdom

As we prepare to celebrate our 30th Anniversary in 2026, please send us photos you have from our STM history.

Send photos to: photos@stmirvine.org or drop them off at the parish office. Thank you!

STM SFC



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

Join Us!

STM Small Faith Communities



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

FISHING TRIP

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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FEAST OF SAINT ANDREW,
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7:30AM-12PM

PLEDGE MATCH CHALLENGE

For the greater glory of God!

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

St. Andrew Christmas Novena Begins November 30th - December 24th



It is piously believed that whoever recites the St. Andrew Christmas novena FIFTEEN times each day from the feast of St. Andrew (November 30th) until Christmas Eve will obtain the favor requested.

St. Andrew Christmas Novena

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold.

In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires,
[here mention your request]

through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.



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
When Women Pray	Paula Hines	(7) 746-1802

If you are feeling called to serve in one or more of our ministries, please email: serve@stmirvine.org



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
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Prayer for Advent – Arise

Bless God’s Holy Name!
Prepare our hearts for Your coming, Lord.
Awaken them from any places that have become sleepy or despondent.
Inspire us with new visions.
Be with us as we climb closer to You.
Amen.




ANGELS WANTED!



STM’s Advent Angel Tree Ministry is seeking volunteers to help 15 minutes before and after Mass to be a “Tree Host”

Nov 29-30, Dec 6-7, Dec 13-14
and
to sort and wrap gifts on Dec 15-16

Please call Kathy @ (949) 856-2727 if you can help!



HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER MEETING

1st & 3rd Fridays
7:30pm
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Presentadora:
Hna. Hilda Mateo, MGSps. D.Min.

Sábado 6 de diciembre 2025
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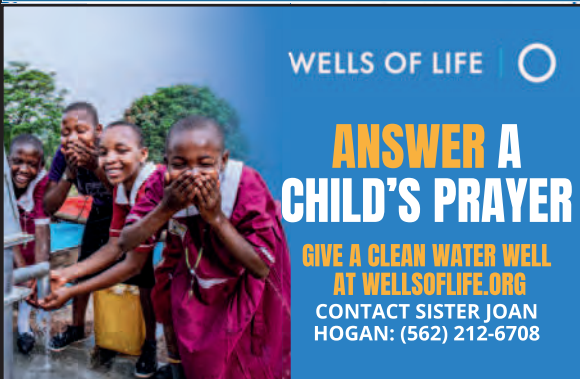


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4:30 PM - Procession By Parishes of Parols & Pennants
Holy Mass (By Bishop Kevin Vann)
Choir: Holy Rosary Philippine Chamber Chorale

6:00 PM - Paskuhan in The Arboretum
Program (Christmas Carols, Rondalla, Kulturang Sayaw, Mano po Ninong at Ninang, ** Games, Raffles & Prizes)

9:00 PM - Party Ends

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