



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH

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Rendering of our new church

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
Parochial Vicar Emeritus
Weekend Assistants

Deacons

Rev. John E. Janze

Rev. Kiet Ta
Rev. William Krekelberg
Rev. Joseph Horn, O Praem
Rev. Joseph Justice
Deacon Tony & Mrs. Mary Patronite
Deacon Stan & Mrs. Fran Necikowski
Deacon Tin & Mrs. UyenLan Nguyen
Deacon Leonard & Mrs. Nancy Sun
Deacon John & Mrs. Michelle Selig

Mass Schedule

Daily: 8:00am
Saturday Vigil Masses:
4:00pm: Bi-lingual Vietnamese/English
5:30pm: English
Sunday Masses (English):
8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 5:00pm
2:15pm: Bi-lingual Spanish/English
12:45pm: Chinese (1st & 4th Sundays)
12:45pm: Tridentine (2nd Sunday)

Morning Prayer

7:30-7:50am: Monday - Saturday Mornings

Reconciliation:

3:00-4:00pm Every Saturday (or by appointment)

Adoration: Fridays 6:30-7:30pm

24 Hour Adoration:

From 8:30am on 12/23 to 8:00am on 12/24

Office Information:

Office: 949-551-8601
After hours emergency: 949-228-2127
Fax: 949-551-5879
Religious Education: 949-551-8029
Youth Ministry: 949-551-8602

Office Hours:

Monday - Wednesday: 8:30am-5:00pm
Thursday and Friday: 8:30am-4:30pm
Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm

Baptisms: Call the Church office to schedule an appointment; please allow five weeks advance notice. Baptisms are held on the third and fifth Sundays of each month (if applicable), immediately following the 11:15 AM Mass.

Marriages: In accordance with Diocesan Policy, engaged couples are to begin their marriage preparation program at least six months before their date of marriage.

Please note: For Baptisms or Weddings, you must be a practicing Catholic and a member of the parish. To be a Godparent, you must be a practicing and Confirmed Catholic and if married, married in the church.



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Sunday

of

Advent

The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song.

Isaiah 35:1-2

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December 15, 2019

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

Psalms — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

Gospel — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

Wedding Banns



Duc (Doug) Le & Sky Pelham
Ryan Moreno & Yuritzi Jimenez



Rest in the love of Christ

Genaro Lozano



Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy.

— Isaiah 35:10a



THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE 12/16/19—12/22/19

Monday	6:30pm	K of C Admissions Committee Mtg
12/16	7:00pm	AFF Bible Study
	7:00pm	Legion of Mary
	7:00pm	Spanish Bible Study
	7:15pm	Finance Council Meeting
Tuesday	9:15am	AFF Bible and Movie Study
12/17	3:30pm-6:30pm	REP Advent Parties
Wednesday	8:30am	Library Open
12/18	2:00pm-6:30pm	REP Advent Parties
	7:30pm	Fr. Justice Reflections
Thursday	8:30am	Library Open
12/19	9:00am	AFF Bible and Book Study
	3:30pm-6:30pm	REP Advent Parties
	6:30pm	SVDP Board Meeting
	7:00pm	CRHP Men's Meeting
Friday	4:30pm	Simbang Gabi
12/20	6:30pm	VM Core Group Meeting
	6:30pm	Adoration
Saturday	9:00am	Deacon's Bible Study
12/21	9:00am	Christmas Decorating in church
	1:00pm	VM Faith Enrichment
	2:00pm	REP for Disabled
	2:00pm	VM Christmas Party
	3:00pm	Reconciliation
	4:00pm	Vietnamese Mass
	5:00pm	VM Faith Enrichment & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Library Open
	5:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday	8,9:30, 11:15am	Masses
12/22	8:45am	Library Open
	12:45pm	Chinese Mass
	2:15pm	Spanish Mass
	2:30pm	CM RCIA
	5:00pm	Mass

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

My Dear People,

Today's theme on the Readings: REASON TO REJOICE

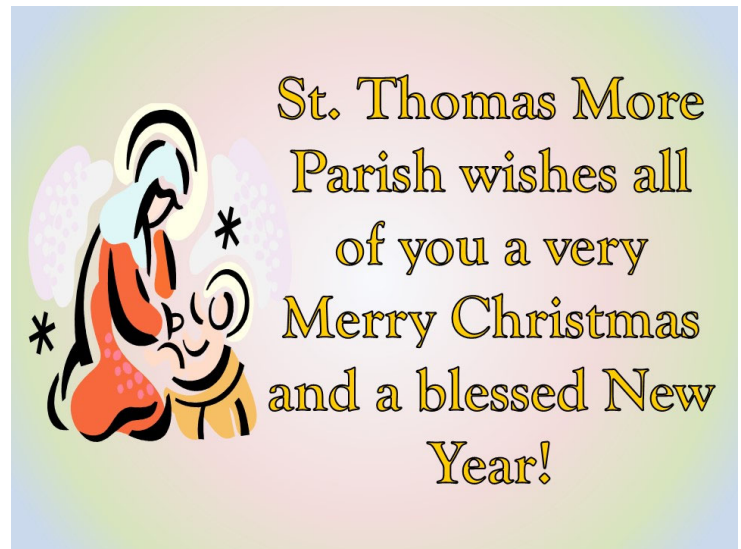
Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and "the coming of the Lord." But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as Gaudete (Latin for "rejoice") Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing.

Today's first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God's saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God's presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah's prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus' presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: "The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them" (Matthew 11:5). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

In Christ,
Father John

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	8:00AM	Marcella Maurer
	9:30AM	Angelito Apostol
	11:15AM	Pro Populo
	2:15PM	Cesar Acosta
	5:00PM	†Erasmus Lombardi
Monday	8:00AM	†Frank & Agnes Gilmore
Tuesday	8:00AM	†Donald Regener
Wednesday	8:00AM	Craig Regener
Thursday	8:00 AM	Fr. Angelus Echeverry
Friday	8:00AM	†Frank & Agnes Gilmore
Saturday	8:00AM	Barbara & Joe Krenek Valentina Bizzarri Steve Cory Teresa Tran Anna Mau Nguyen †Fr. John Kim †Brett Cole †The Arakawa Family †The Sungyoe Kim Family †Mazie Bonfiglio †Joseph Bonfiglio
	4:00PM	Jackie Stevenson
	5:30PM	



PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING

Oliver Allen	Margaret Hills	Nam Van Nguyen
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Baby Zane Cabazon	John Kain	Norma Quyang
Linda Carter	Quinn Kelly	Dorian Reis
Hui-Mei Chen	Jim Kendall	Fr. Jim Reis
Clara Connor	Houman Khaghani	Lorraine Reyes
Alexandra Conti	Jett Knight	Ponciano Reyes
Petra Cordova	Michael Knisely	Sheila Russo
Ellie Dainko	Ty Vivian Knisely	Anita Ruwaldt
Henry Damigella	Elizabeth Kulas	Jackson & Gerri Scharff
Jim Danaher	Richard Kulas	
Diana & Liberato DeVeyra	Deborah Kurilchyk	Lt. Col. Ed Smith
Larry Doan	Larry Lathrum	Michelle Suh
Jacob Espinoza	Todd Leeds	Tara Summers
Lois Farish	Jack Light	Liz Thomas
Marsha Feldstein	Gloria MacCormack	Gail Tierney
Howard Frankel, MD	Bob Machado	Maria To
Lourdes Frias	Andrea Maciel	Denise Trujillo
Cynthia Fox	Betty Mackintosh	Jack Troung
Lillian Gibson	Mercedes Mantilla	Kimberly Truong
Lois Gorman	Cavan McGaffney	David Valentine
Alice Green	Connie Mellott	Lisette Valenzuela
Emma Hager	Durvalina Menezes	Daniel Villareal
Tina Halberg	Mike Michalek	Jim Vessey
Phyllis Hammond	Stephanie Mispagel	Hanh Vu
Mike Harvey	Agnes Motley	Pam Wayne
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Robert Henry	Susan Navarette	Bill Westlund
Jan Hilbert	Karen Norton	Mike Winchester
Annette Hills		Linda Yipp

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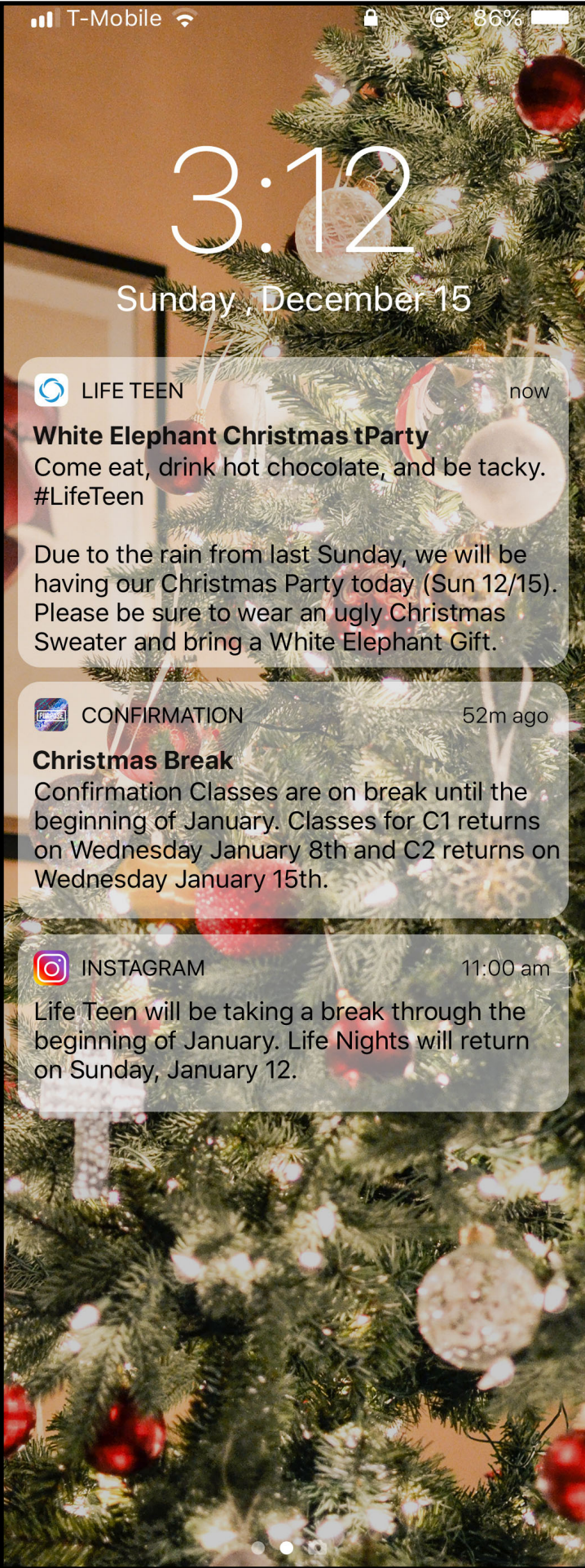
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12-2-19 to 12-8-19*

Sunday Collection	\$28,274
Believe & Grow Together Capital Campaign	\$18,053
Believe & Grow Together Phase 2	\$54,398
Building Fund	\$ 2,461
Other Income	\$ 2,032
Regular Expenses	\$18,343
Feast of the Immaculate Conception	\$ 569
Retired Religious Fund:	\$ 7,143

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, Building 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!

Please call the office when it is time to remove a name.



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Sunday, December 15

LIFE TEEN now

White Elephant Christmas tParty
Come eat, drink hot chocolate, and be tacky.
#LifeTeen

Due to the rain from last Sunday, we will be having our Christmas Party today (Sun 12/15). Please be sure to wear an ugly Christmas Sweater and bring a White Elephant Gift.

CONFIRMATION 52m ago

Christmas Break
Confirmation Classes are on break until the beginning of January. Classes for C1 returns on Wednesday January 8th and C2 returns on Wednesday January 15th.

INSTAGRAM 11:00 am

Life Teen will be taking a break through the beginning of January. Life Nights will return on Sunday, January 12.

REP CORNER



REP ADVENT CELEBRATIONS

To all of our REP students: Don't forget this week we will be having our Annual REP Advent Celebrations. You won't want miss this! Parents are invited to help out, as well!



ADVENT THANK YOU'S

A special thank you to the entire Kindergarten team for working so hard getting our little ones ready for their singing debut at the 9:30 AM Mass this weekend. Our parish is truly blessed by all of our volunteers and families.



There is only one more week of REP classes in 2019! Our Christmas break begins December 20th. Our REP classes will resume the week of January 5th for all grades.

The Library Corner

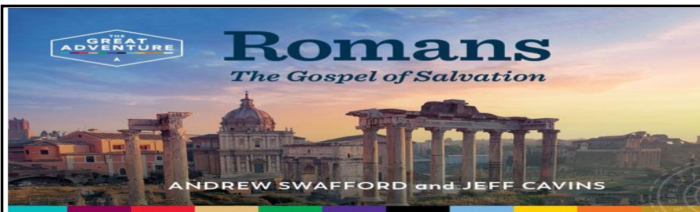
The Third Sunday of Advent.

As we continue to anticipate His coming:
"Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." (Jas. 5:8)



Be ready to greet Him!

The library is here for you with many excellent materials. Come in to see the great things the Lord has made ready for you!
Be Filled with His Joy!



Paul's letter to the *Romans* has always been at the center of reflection, conversion, and controversy.

This study will give you an authentically Catholic, comprehensive, and simple way to understand this challenging epistle. Dn. Tony Patronite will facilitate.

Saturdays at 9:00am in the Fireside Room

Format is DVD, followed by lively discussion and fellowship. For more info or to register contact:

Janice@stmirvine.org or 949-551-8601

Advent Possibilities!



Welcome to the journey of Advent, the liturgical season of waiting! We wait in prayer, penance, and hope for Christ our Savior.

These free online daily emails can comfort us in our time of waiting, and show us the way in our daily walk toward holiness.

- Dynamic Catholic - written and 2-minute video reflections by Matthew Kelly and others. Sign up at www.bestadventever.com
- Daily Advent Gospel Reflections by Bishop Robert Barron (Proclaiming Christ in the Culture) Sign up at wordonfire.org
- Daily Advent Notes - Dr. Tim Gray of Augustine Institute will unpack the meaning of this season and its rich traditions, as well as offer practical advice for making this Advent your best yet. Register at <https://formed.org/advent>

St. Thomas More Church - Irvine, CA

Christ Renews His Parish

RENEWAL WEEKEND FOR 2020

Women's Weekend

JAN 18-19

For Questions Call:

ANNETTE - 949-857-6231

NATALIA - 949-378-0184

CYNTHIA - 714-614-3839

Learn more & Register at:

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Monday, 12/23 - 8:30am
to Tuesday 12/24 - 8:00am
& Fridays from 6:30-7:30pm



Learning to Listen to the Word of the Lord

Each Sunday we respond: "Thanks be to God" at the end of the Readings at Mass. Are we really grateful? Have we actually understood what the reading was saying? Come and explore the Sunday Readings and learn about forming a real relationship with Jesus Christ through His Word. Each Wednesday at 7:30pm Fr. Joe Justice will lead a study on the Sunday Readings and help to teach a deeper way of prayer based on God's Word.

Classes meet every Wednesday at 7:30pm in SN Room

CURSILLO

Cursillo is a "short course" in Christianity and is sanctioned by the Diocese of Orange. The Cursillo Movement is an encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. Come experience His love and get a taste of heaven.

Upcoming Winter 2020 Events

Men's Weekend 1/16 to 1/19

Women's Weekend 1/30 to 2/2

Venue: Divine Word Retreat Center

For more information and registration please contact:
Susan Naverette - snaverette150@gmail.com 949-345-9130

Reconciliation

Saturday
Dec 7, 14, 21 & 28
3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Simbang Gabi – Night Novena Mass

Come and celebrate this beautiful Filipino Christmas Tradition

Friday, December 20, 2019
 Procession of Filipino Saints will be @ 6:45 PM
 Novena Mass starts @ 7:00 PM

Reception with light snacks and refreshments will follow after Mass

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Jesus, Mary and Joseph, may I breathe forth my soul in peace with you.
 -St. Josep's last words

December 17

St. Josep Manyanet i Vives
 19th-century Spanish priest who founded religious communities that spread devotion to the Holy Family around the world

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EVE OF THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Tuesday, Dec 31st
Mass @ 8:00 am & 5:30pm
English

Celebration to follow
5 pm Mass

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
 Monday: Las Posadas begins
 Saturday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Not a Holy day of Obligation

Wednesday, Jan 1st
Mass
8:00 am

Volunteers Needed

The campaign committee is looking for volunteers to help support the ongoing efforts of our capital campaign.
For details or interest, please contact Lisa Van Dorpe 714-357-3080

Lord, come and save us
 -Psalm 146

USHERS NEEDED

“ Please take a moment before or after mass to sign up in the Sacristy for one or more of the Christmas Masses.

All parishioners are welcome to assist with this important ministry.

Should you choose to volunteer, please contact Stephen Luchetta @ (949) 733-1192



ATTENTION EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Extraordinary Ministers are needed for the following services: Christmas Eve, Christmas Day & New Years Eve.

Please visit the sacristy after Mass and sign-up for at least one of these services.



REP Christmas Break



There are no REP classes & the REP Office will be closed December 22nd- January 3rd

Have a blessed Christmas holiday!



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SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS (c. 1542-1591)

December 14

How beautiful the experience of love for God and neighbor, a fire deep within! How disheartening when love suddenly cools and our souls grow dark, our prayer arid. How painful when misunderstanding, even rejection, comes our way, sometimes from those we least expect. For all such "seasons of the soul," an inspiring fellow-pilgrim is the poet and mystic John of the Cross. As a young Carmelite, he was recruited by Teresa of Ávila for her Discalced ("barefoot," evangelical poverty) Carmelite reform, striving to renew the Church from within after the Protestant Reformation had led countless religious away. John suffered unspeakably harsh abuse, even imprisonment, from friars who rejected this reform. Yet during these times of deepest suffering, John composed spiritual masterpieces that still guide souls to God, their titles reflecting his own painful yet ultimately victorious journey: from The Dark Night of the Soul through The Ascent of Mount Carmel to his Spiritual Canticle and The Living Flame of Love. John summarized his spirituality simply: "Put love where there is no love, and you will find love."—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**Volunteers Needed!!!
Saturday, December 21st
at 9:00 am to decorate
the inside of the church!**

**The more volunteers the
faster it is completed!!**

Thank you!



*Be patient, for the coming of the Lord
is as sure as the rain*

-James 5:7-10

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH MINISTRIES

Adult Faith Formation / Bible Study	Janice LaVelle	(9) 551-8601
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Building Committee	Keith Rattay	(9) 559-6464
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Capital Campaign	Lisa VanDorpe	(7) 357-3080
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Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP)	Tony Patronite	(9) 307-6215
Christian Outreach	Carole Caplett	(7) 351-0077
Confirmation	Abraham Villela	(9) 551-8602
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	Tin Nguyen & Leonard Sun	(9) 551-8601
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Events Coordination Committee	Loy Gibson	(7) 573-1367
Faces of Faith	Bill Hanson	(9) 551-6897
Filipino Community	Charlie Torres	(9) 551-8601
Finance Council	Pierre Gagnon	(7) 508-9429
Hispanic Ministry	Frank Ornelas (9) 857-9044	Patty Trujillo (7) 270-5073
Homeless Lunch Ministry	Margaret Cunningham	(7) 552-8711
Italian Catholic Federation (ICF)	Donna Stahl	(9) 552-3345
Knights of Columbus (K of C)	Dan Harley	(7) 240-5898
Lectors	Jeffrey Turcotte	(9) 551-5565
Legion of Mary	Linda Hughes	(9) 559-1124
Library	Jay Hills	(9) 551-8602
Marriage Case Support	Paul Geiger	(7) 505-5412
	Michael Michalek	(9) 551-2304
	Mary Patronite	(9) 551-8601
Marriage Encounter	Jim & Cheryl Skudlarski	(9) 551-9156
Marriage In The Lord	Keith & Meredith Rattay	(9) 559-6464
More Moms	Alena Franson	(9) 378-8874
Music Director, Including Wedding Music	Keith Rattay	(9) 551-8601
Music - Mass Saturday 5:30pm		(9) 551-8601
Music - Mass Sunday 8:00am	Steve Hager	(7) 639-4040
Music - Mass Sunday 9:30am	Keith Rattay	(9) 559-6464
Music - Mass Sunday 11:15am	Joanna Marconi	(7) 335-8688
Music - Mass Sunday 2:00pm - Spanish	Patty Trujillo	(7) 270-5073
Music - Mass Saturday 4:00p - Vietnamese/English	Anthony Bui	(7) 209-2876
Music - Mass Sunday 5:00pm	Lexie Coliflores	(9) 551-8601
Music - Mass 1st & 4th Sundays - Chinese	Liliana Hsueh-Gutierrez	(626)475-1215
Music - Tridentine Mass - 2nd Sunday 12:45pm	Esther Park	(9) 551-8601
Parish Business Manager	Stephanie Miller	(9) 551-8028
Parish Office Manager	Lisa Bergler	(7) 371-1640
Pastoral Council	Josh Baker	(7) 734-3319
Pilgrim Virgin	Michele Wills	(7) 404-9824
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)	Michael Michalek	(9) 551-2304
Religious Education	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Respect Life	Chris Gonzales & Janice LaVelle	(9) 551-8601
St. Thomas More Veterans	Sgt. Bob Kohler	(9)552-1895
St. Vincent de Paul Society	Bill Chacon	(9) 331-1020
Small Groups	Janice LaVelle	(9) 551-8601
Spanish Bible Study	Teresa LeMire	(7) 832-1770
Taize Prayer	Charlotte Freund	(9) 551-8601
Ushers	Steve Luchetta	(9) 733-1192
Vietnamese Ministry	Huan Le	(7) 261-9893
Wedding Coordinator	Marcella Maurer	(9) 551-8601
Welcoming Committee	Vince Salico	(7) 389-7726
Young Adults	Abraham Villela	(9) 551-8602
Young Ladies Institute (YLI)	Rhonda Kersting	(7) 292-8251
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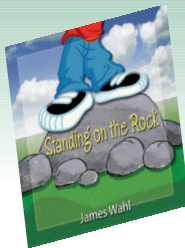
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12:00 Midnight

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