



SAINT THOMAS MORE
 CATHOLIC PARISH
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Office Hours:
 Monday - Wednesday: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
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 Saturday : 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Morning Prayer

Wednesday & Friday Mornings
 7:30-7:50 AM
 Inside Church

Reconciliation: Every Saturday from
 3:00-4:00 PM or by appointment.

Adoration: Fridays 6:30-7:30PM

24 Hour Adoration:

**8:30am Friday, December 21st to 8am
 Saturday, December 22nd**

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.

Pastor

Parochial Vicar
 Parochial Vicar Emeritus
 Weekend Assistants

Deacons

Rev. John E. Janze

Rev. Paul Thai Trinh
 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

Church Etiquette: The Priest / Celebrant is the last person in and the first one out at each Eucharistic Celebration.

Mass Schedule

Daily	8:00 AM
Vietnamese/English Mass (Saturday)	4:00 PM
Saturday Vigil	5:30 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM
	9:30 AM
	11:15 AM
	5:00 PM
Spanish/English Mass	2:15 PM
Chinese Mass 1 st & 4 th Sundays	12: 45PM
Tridentine Mass 2 nd Sunday	12: 45PM



*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.*



Third Sunday of

Advent

December 16, 2018

I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.
Luke 3:16

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Your God will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).
Psalm — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12:6).
Second Reading — Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! (Philippians 4:4-7).
Gospel — Whoever who has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. Whoever who has food should do likewise (Luke 3:10-18).

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CHRISTMAS OFFICE SCHEDULE

The church office will be open until 4pm on Monday, December 24th and closed on Tuesday, December 25th and Wednesday, December 26th in observance of Christmas. In addition, the office will be closed on Tuesday, January 1st in observance of New Years Day. Our priests, deacons and entire church staff wish all of you a very blessed Christmas!

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE 12/17/18—12/23/18

Monday 12/17	6:00-9:15pm	YLI Christmas Party
	6:00-9:00pm	YM Core Meeting
	7:00-8:30pm	Legion of Mary
	6:30-9:30pm	K of C Admissions
	7:00-8:30pm	Finance Council
	7:00-9:00pm	AFF Bible Study
	7:30-8:30pm	RCIA
Tuesday 12/18	7:00-8:30pm	HM Spanish Bible Study
	9:15-11:00am	AFF Bible/Movie Study
	1:30-2:30pm	SVDP Food Pantry
	1:30-8:30pm	REP Advent Parties
Wednesday 12/19	7:00-9:15pm	CRHP Women
	8:30am-11:00am	Library Open
	1:30-7:30pm	REP Advent Parties
	7:00-8:30pm	Confirmation 1 Class
	7:00-9:15pm	Respect Life Meeting
Thursday 12/20	7:30-9:15pm	Reflections with Fr. Justice
	8:30am-12:30pm	Library Open
	1:30-7:00pm	REP Advent Parties
	7:00-8:30pm	Confirmation 1 Class
	7:00-9:00pm	Pastoral Council Meeting
	7:00-8:30pm	SVDP Board Meeting
	7:00-9:00pm	CRHP Men
Friday 12/21	9:00-11:00am	AFF Bible/Book Study
	8:30-Midnight	Parish Adoration
	6:30-9:30pm	VM Core Group Meeting
Saturday 12/22	7:00pm	Simbang Gabi Novena Mass
	Midnight-8:00am	Parish Adoration
	9:00am	Christmas Decorating
	1:00-4:00pm	VM Faith Enrichment
	3:00-4:00pm	Reconciliation
	3:00-4:00pm	RCIA
	4:00pm	Vietnamese-English Mass
5:00-7:00pm	VM Faith Enrichment	
Sunday 12/23	5:30pm	English Mass
	8, 9:30, 11:15am	English Masses
	8:45am-1:00pm	Library Open
	12:45pm	Chinese Mass
	2:15pm	Spanish Mass
	5:00pm	English Mass
	6:00-8:30pm	Life Teen Life Night



Rest in the Love of Christ
Simon Peter Cabral
Alfredo Peña



My Dear People,

Today's theme on the Readings: REJOICE!

Today has traditionally been called "Gaudete Sunday." The Latin tag is derived from Paul's appeal in the second reading to "rejoice always in the Lord," and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God's work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is "the season of joy." Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

In Christ,
Father John

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	8:00AM	†Norma Netto
	9:30AM	†Gilbert Lopes
	11:15AM	†Oliva Aldana
	2:15PM	†Arena Schiffman
	5:00PM	†Irene Serrao
Monday	8:00AM	†Cheryl Krupp
Tuesday	8:00AM	†Rose Velia Rios
Wednesday	8:00AM	Rosemary Bennett
Thursday	8:00AM	†Frank & Agnes Gilmore
Friday	8:00AM	†Susan Haraga
Saturday	8:00AM	†Nieves Ginete Pre-born Babies Adam Wasikowski Myke Kevin San Juan Joey Raymond Gonzales Jimmy San Juan Heidi Nadal †Jeffrey Fabie †Pamela Gardner †Flor del Pilar
	4:00PM	†Pedro Sampang
	5:30PM	†Maria Albuerne



Special Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious

Religious give thanks. A religious sister writes, "When we see the generous response of so many thousands of persons in order to help us, religious men and women, we are left speechless." Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

USHERS NEEDED

As our STM Parish Community continues to grow, we are again anticipating very large crowds at all Masses for the upcoming Christmas Season. 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



PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING



Joe Allee	Gayle Ham	Agnes Pamintuan
Mike Anderson	Margaret Hawley	Regina Park
Judy Anselmo	Robert Henry	Susie Patrick
Bill Burk	Clara Honea	Deacon Tony Patronite
Mary & Joe Bush	Dominador Hontucan	Charlie Perrea
Baby Zane Cabazon	Elsa Jatwani	Norma Quayang
Hui-Mei Chen	Theresa Johnston	Ponciano Reyes
Don Chisholm	Sharon Jones	Anita Ruwaldt
Clara Connor	Doris Jordan	Jackson & Gerri Scharff
Alexandra Conti	Cheri Rimando-Juarez	Liz Thomas
Petra Cordova	Ty Vivian Knisely	Maria To
Cheryl Cornelius	Elizabeth Kulas	Bob & Denise Trujillo
Ellie Dainko	Richard Kulas	Jack Troung
Ann D'Alessandro	Larry Lathrum	David Valentine
Henry Damigella	Greg Leeds	Daniel Villareal
Jim Danaher	Jim Lewis	Jim Vessey
Larry Doan	Frances Lodato	John Weber
Marsha Feldstein	Bob Machado	Michele Wills
Howard Frankel, MD	Andrea Maciel	Mike Winchester
Cynthia Fox	Cavan McGaffney	Mary Wong
Reynaldo Garcia	Howard Mellott	Prospero Ylagan
Rob F. Gorman	Stephanie Mispagel	Joe Zwetow
Emma Hager	Agnes Motley	
Tina Halberg	Susan Navarette	
	Karen Norton	

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Tuesday:	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Thursday:	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
Friday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Saturday:	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45



Check our website: stmirvineym.org
for all current Youth-related information and office hours.

Next Sessions:

- **C1 Class = Dec 19th or 20th
7:00pm - 8:30pm**
- **C2 Class = Jan 16th or 17th
7:00pm - 8:30pm**

Confirmation One Retreat at STM
Save the Date!
January 12, 2019
9:00am to 6:30pm



R.E.P. CORNER



REP ADVENT CELEBRATIONS

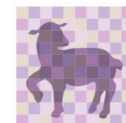


To all of our REP students: Don't forget this week we will be having our Annual REP Advent Celebrations. You won't want miss this! Parents are invited to help out, as well!



First Communion Families:

Please remember to practice all of the basic prayers (especially the Act of Contrition) & steps to Reconciliation over our Christmas break. First Reconciliation will be scheduled shortly after our return to Classes.



There is only one more week of REP Classes in 2018! Our Christmas break begins December 23rd. Our REP classes will resume the week of January 6th for K-5th and on January 15th for 6th-8th grades.

The Library Corner



Good Sunday to you on this Third Sunday of Advent! Have you been making ready for His arrival? Today St. Paul tells us to "Rejoice in the Lord always...", for He is near, while in the Gospel, St. John the Baptist assures us that, "one mightier than I is coming". How awesome that the one who's birth we are preparing to celebrate is "the Alpha and the Omega, Who is and Who was and Who is to come, the Almighty", "the great and Holy One of Israel". The very thought of it is overwhelming. The library has books and other materials to help us slow down, take stock, and bring into focus what is happening. Please stop by and make use of this wonderful resource that has been provided for you by all of those who have generously supported the library through donations in-kind, with cash, by their labor and in their prayers.

To all of you donors, we say a heartfelt **Thank You!**

Library Hours:

Sun. 8:45 – 12:45; Wed. 8:30 – 10:30; Thurs. 8:30 - Noon

The Filipino Christmas tradition
continues with the celebration of the
Filipino Evening Novena Mass

***Simbang Gabi* at STM Parish**

December 21, 2018 at 7:00 PM



It is a show of devotion to God for the heightened anticipation for the birth of Christ. Enjoy listening to Christmas Carols, a post-Mass snack and meet and greet our fellow parishioners.

“Find Your Greatness”

A Dynamic Catholic Event

Delve into the four life-giving spiritual habits of engaged Catholics. The presenter, Dominick Albano, will help us discover and master the four signs of being a dynamic Catholic. Learn how to apply the habits to our parish in order to energize our community and the world around us. STM will be co-hosting with St. Cecilia's.

February 15, 2019 6:30pm - 10:30 pm

St. Cecilia's Church in Tustin

To purchase a ticket, contact: janice@stmirvine.org or 949-551-8601

Or visit: www.DynamicCatholic.com

The \$25 ticket includes admission to the event as well as a bag full of great resources on the day of the event!

This popular event will be promoted throughout the Diocese, so don't delay in getting your tickets!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

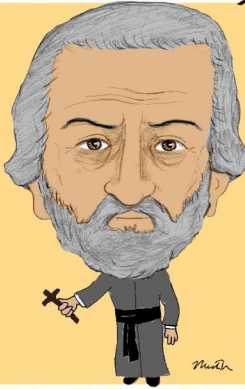
Years ago, the trick question on religion quizzes would be to name all the liturgical colors, or the colors of the vestments worn at Mass. Rose is a color seldom seen, used at most two days a year. Today, “Gaudete Sunday,” is one of those days. The name of the day is drawn from an opening verse in the old Latin Mass texts: *Gaudete* is Latin for “Rejoice!” This year’s Gospel certainly reflects that mood as Elizabeth feels her infant within her leaping for joy at the presence of Mary. Mary’s visit to her aged cousin is an act of compassion between women, as two kinswomen who are bearing children into the world share their joy.

Some churches retain the custom of having the priest wear rose vestments today, and many will use a rose candle in the Advent wreath. Violet is the official color for Advent and Lent, but many parishes employ different hues for each season, trying to keep them distinct. In medieval times, dye was costly, and poor parishes used unornamented plain cloth for vestments. Dyes were expensive and some colors, particularly purple, difficult to achieve. In England, purple dye was made from mollusks, yielding at best a deep indigo or blue and not the desired violet. Thus, the color of Advent in the British Isles has long been a deep blue, reminding many people of Mary’s presence at the heart of the Advent mystery. That theology is largely unplanned: it’s all because of the clams!

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If you have too much to do, with God's help you will find time to do it all.




St. Peter Canisius
Dutch Jesuit priest who reformed universities and attracted many back to the Catholic faith; known as the Second Apostle of Germany
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December 21

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent; *Las Posadas* begins
Tuesday: International Migrants Day
Friday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

Eucharistic Adoration



Friday, 12/21 8:30am
to Saturday, 12/22 8:00am
& Friday's 6:30 - 7:30 pm



WE ARE MAKING A NEW SCHEDULE FOR THE 24 HR. ADORATION ON THE 22ND OF THE MONTH.

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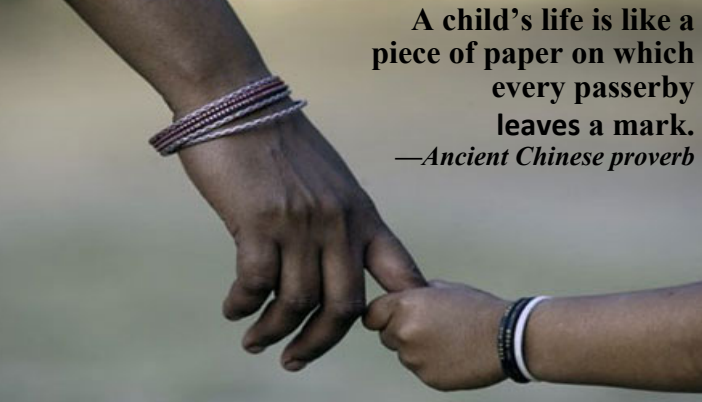
INCLUDE YOUR NAME, E-MAIL AND THE HOUR THAT YOU WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PRAY BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

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Christmas Eve Masses
For Masses @ 4 & 6 pm ONLY

Christmas Day
For Masses @ 8 & 10 am ONLY

DO NOT PARK IN TARGET PARKING LOT



A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every passerby leaves a mark.
—Ancient Chinese proverb



2018 Christmas Services



CONFESSIONS/RECONCILIATION

Saturday, December 22

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm at St. Thomas More Parish

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL

Monday, December 24

4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 8:00 pm (Vietnamese-English)
and 12:00 midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY

Tuesday, December 25

8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon, 2:00 pm (Spanish)
NO 5:00 pm

EVE OF THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Monday, December 31

8:00 am and 5:30 pm

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

8:00 am – Not a Holy Day of Obligation



THE SEASON OF GIVING

This holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported St. Thomas More Church this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings or if you plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up, especially around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. Visit www.stmirvine.org or contact the STM Office at (949)551-8601 for more information.

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH MINISTRIES

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Chinese Ministry	Jean Navarro	(9) 637-9366
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Christian Outreach	Carole Caplett	(7) 351-0077
Confirmation	Tim Reid	(9) 551-8602
Corazon	Norma Jean Womack	(9) 559-5639
Cursillo	Bernie Ocampo	(9) 468-6604
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Eucharist to the Homebound	Dn. Stan & Fran Necikowski	(7) 505-4816
Extraordinary Ministers	Jerry Donaldson	(9) 552-5485
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
Italian Catholic Federation (ICF)	Donna Stahl	(9) 552-3345
Junior Legion of Mary		
Knights of Columbus (K of C)	Bill Flood	(252) 634-8909
Lectors	Jeffrey Turcotte	(9) 551-5565
Legion of Mary	Trisha Smith	(7) 997-9959
Library	Jay Hills	(9) 551-8602
Marriage Case Support	Paul Geiger	(7) 505-5412
	Michael Michalek	(9) 551-2304
	Mary Patronite	(9) 552-3533
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	Tim Reid	(9) 551-8602
Music - Mass 1st & 4th Sundays - Chinese	Saliann Mao	(7) 350-8698
Music - Tridentine Mass - 2nd Sunday 12:45pm	Nina Perez	(9) 551-8601
Parish Office Manager	Theresa Nault	(9) 551-8028
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	(9) 551-8601
St. Thomas More Veterans	Art Pandes	(7) 862-0439
St. Vincent de Paul Society	Bill Chacon	(9) 551-8601
Small Groups	Janice LaVelle	(9) 551-8601
Spanish Bible Study	Teresa LeMire	(7) 832-1770
Stewardship		
Taize Prayer	Charlotte Freund	(9) 551-8601
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Wedding Coordinator	Marcella Maurer	(7) 544-0865
Welcoming Committee	Vince Salico	(7) 389-7726
Young Adults	Tim Reid	(9) 551-8602
Young Ladies Institute (YLI)	Ann Johnson	(9) 374-1547
Youth Ministry	Tim Reid	(9) 551-8602



Events around the Diocese of Orange



Hope & Healing After Abortion This ministry provides emotional, spiritual, and sacramental support to women who have had an abortion, significant others who were part of the decision to abort, as well as professionals who may have assisted in this procedure. All conversations are held in the strictest confidence. To speak with a companion minister who has been specifically trained in this very sensitive area of ministry, please call 1-800-722-4356.

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