



SAINT THOMAS MORE
CATHOLIC PARISH
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Office Hours:
Monday - Wednesday: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Thursday and Friday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
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:
22nd of the Month 8:30am-8am on the
23rd

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	1st & 4th Sundays 12:45PM
Tridentine Mass	2nd 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.*



Fourth Sunday of

Advent

December 23, 2018

Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,
cried out in a loud voice and said,
"Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

Luke 1:41-42

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).

Gospel — Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).

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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

12/24/18—12/30/18

Monday 12/24	4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm 12:00am	Christmas Eve Masses (Vietnamese-English Mass) Midnight Mass
Tuesday 12/25	8am, 10am, Noon 2:00pm No 5:00pm Mass	Christmas Day Masses (Spanish-English Mass) Parish Office Closed
Wednesday 12/26		Parish Office Closed No events scheduled
Thursday 12/27		Regular Office Hours No events scheduled
Friday 12/28	4:00-8:00pm 6:30-7:30pm 6:30-9:30pm	Homeschool Christmas Party Adoration VM Core Group Meeting
Saturday 12/29	1:00-4:00pm 3:00-4:00pm 3:00-4:00pm 4:00pm 5:00-7:00pm 5:30pm	VM Faith Enrichment Reconciliation RCIA Vietnamese-English Mass VM Faith Enrichment English Mass
Sunday 12/30	8, 9:30, 11:15am 8:45am-1:00pm 2:15pm 5:00pm	English Masses Library Open Spanish Mass English Mass



**REP
Christmas
Break**



**There are no REP classes &
the REP Office will be
closed December 23rd-
January 6th**

Have a blessed Christmas holiday!



*Merry Christmas from
St. Thomas More*

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 Day. 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!

My Dear People,

Today's theme on the Readings: MEMORIES AND DREAMS

Throughout our lives, we retain the language and habits of our native region and family of origin. Should we return to our home after a long absence, we quickly revert to its familiar speech and practices. Our deep memory is reflected in old stories and words and speech patterns. This familiarity runs like an underground river and accompanies us wherever we go.

Not only do we remember, we are incorporated into and made part of a greater memory. In remembering and recollecting, we are in turn gathered up and re-collected.

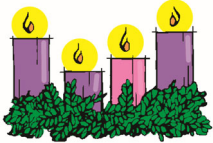
Today we remember Mary, a small figure travelling the country roads to visit Elizabeth. All the great pronouncements and dreams of the prophets point to this time when the Lord's words to Mary would be gathered and fulfilled. The memories of her people are alive in her, and memories of her nourish our own living faith.

In Christ,
Father John

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	8:00AM	†Mercedes & Ed Groves
	9:30AM	Pro Populo
	11:15AM	Mestor & Delia Yap
	12:45 PM	†Brandon Wilson
	2:15PM	†Ruby Hill
	5:00PM	†Iris Tabas
Monday	8:00AM	†Susana Rimando
	4:00PM	†Amy D'Souza
	6:00PM	The Gillivan Family
	8:00PM	Teri Mostero
	Midnight	Pro Populo
Tuesday	8:00AM	The Nguyen Majkoski Family
	10:00AM	Ron Mostero
	Noon	Abbot Hayes & Norbertine Community
	2:00PM	The Nault Family
Wednesday	8:00AM	Karen Ramm
Thursday	8:00AM	Regan Welch
Friday	8:00AM	Clifford Nimrod
Saturday	8:00AM	Dang Nguyen
		Heidi Nadal
		†Teresa McKeagney
		†Nathaniel Y. Cualoping
		†Jose T. Carreon
		†Julia Doris Oviedo
		†Juana Jacinta Ampuero
		†Remy Rochford
		†Cecilia Ovadia
		†John Kogat
		†Louis Piazza
	4:00PM	The Cuevas Family
	5:30PM	The Gracey Family



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Tuesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Friday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52



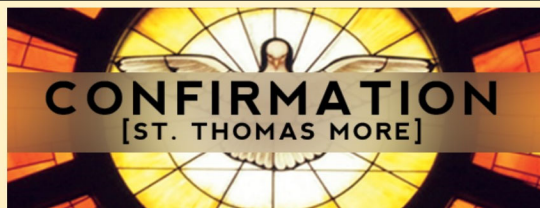
PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING



Joe Allee	Gayle Ham	Agnes Pamintuan
Mike Anderson	Margaret Hawley	Regina Park
Judy Anselmo	Robert Henry	Susie Patrick
Bill Burk	Clara Honca	Deacon Tony Patronite
Mary & Joe Bush	Dominador Hontucan	Charlie Perrea
Baby Zane Cabazon	Elsa Jatwani	Norma Quyang
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.





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

PLEASE TURN IN BY THE END OF DECEMBER:

- † C1 & C2 STUDENTS: BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES
- † C2 STUDENTS: SPONSOR LETTERS AND SPONSOR REFLECTION PAPER

NEXT SESSIONS:

C1 RETREAT AT STM :
JANUARY 12, 2019
9:00AM TO 6:30PM

C2 CLASS = JAN 16TH OR 17TH @ 7PM - 8:30PM

LIFE TEEN

MERRY CHRISTMAS!
NO LIFE NIGHT UNTIL JANUARY
ENJOY THE BREAK!

LET US FIND
OUR REST IN THEE

R.E.P. CORNER



MERRY CHRISTMAS



The REP staff wishes all of our students, teachers and families a happy, holy and joyous Christmas!

See you all in 2019!

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.



Religious Education classes & the REP

Office will be on break for the Christmas holidays from December 23rd through January 7th.



We look forward to seeing you and your family in the new year!

The Library Corner

May the joy and peace of His coming fill you now and forever.

Give yourself a well - deserved Christmas gift by making use of your parish library. Great reading, viewing, and listening opportunities are available.

The only cost: the sixty seconds it takes you to fill out your library card. Where else can you find such a meaningful gift at such a reasonable price?

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM YOUR LIBRARY STAFF!

Overflow Parking

Orange County Parks Library Parking

Christmas Eve Masses

For Masses @ 4 & 6 pm ONLY

Christmas Day

For Masses @ 8 & 10 am ONLY

DO NOT PARK IN TARGET PARKING LOT



"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!

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.

O COME, LONG FORETOLD

*O come, Desired of nations,
Whom priest and prophet long foretold
Will break the captive fetters,
Redeem the long-lost fold.
Dear Savior, haste; come, come to earth,
Dispel the night and show your face,
And bid us hail the dawn of grace.*

—Simon J. Pellegrin (1663-1745), Tr. by Mary of St. Philip (1825-1904)



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December 27

St. John the Beloved
Gospel-writer and beloved disciple of Christ
who remained with Christ to the foot of the cross

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Monday:	Vigil of Christmas
Tuesday:	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Wednesday:	St. Stephen; First Day of Kwanzaa
Thursday:	St. John
Friday:	The Holy Innocents
Saturday:	Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In ancient pagan Rome, these days in mid-December were a time for general slacking off at work and far too much rejoicing. The period of leisure after the harvest and a whole cluster of pagan festivals were a force for the church to reckon with. The Saturnalia, breaking out on December 17, was a time of high living and loose morals. Christians were advised by their bishops to drop out of the mayhem and do some serious fasting. A famous church council at Saragossa in Spain made a season of fasting mandatory from December 17 to December 23, exactly coinciding with the Saturnalia. The bishops at that time were perhaps less concerned with preparing for Christmas than with resisting the kind of loose living going on.

Modern times have restored a bit of the Saturnalia spirit to our culture, so that a general period of partying with a vague connection to religion is now upon us. How does a Christian keep balance? The practice of charity by remembering the poor in our gift-giving, of hospitality in finding a place at our holiday tables for the poor and lonely, and of daily prayer in the home and at church are great helps. Although Advent is not a penitential season like Lent, it is a time for making room in our lives for what matters most.

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Christmas Masses

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



ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH MINISTRIES

Adult Faith Formation	Janice LaVelle	(9) 551-8601
Altar Servers	Tina Le	(7) 356-7607
Baptism	Stephanie Miller	(9) 551-8601
Bereavement	Rosie Muñoz	(9) 551-8601
Building Committee	Keith Rattay	(9) 559-6464
Bulletin Editor	Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Chinese Community	Paul Fan (9) 726-0940 Josephine Yang	(9) 751-9362
Chinese Ministry	Jean Navarro	(9) 637-9366
Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP)	Tony Patronite	(9) 307-6215
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
Deacons	Tony Patronite, Stan Necikowski, Tin Nguyen & Leonard Sun	(9) 551-8601
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
Marriage Encounter	Mary Patronite	(9) 552-3533
Marriage In The Lord	Jim & Cheryl Skudlarski	(9) 551-9156
More Moms	Keith & Meredith Rattay	(9) 559-6464
Music Director, Including Wedding Music	Alena Franson	(9) 378-8874
Music - Mass Saturday 5:30pm	Keith Rattay	(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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