



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
Tridentine Mass	2nd Sunday
	12: 45PM
	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.*



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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

After three days Jesus' parents found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

Luke 2:46

DECEMBER 30, 2018

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or *Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14*.

Psalm — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or *Psalm 128*.

Second Reading — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2, 21-24) or *Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]*.

Gospel — The boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. They found him in the temple, in the midst of the teachers (Luke 2:41-52).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
 Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
 Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
 Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE 12/31/18—1/6/19

Monday 12/31	8am & 5:30pm 8:30-9:30am 6:00-7:00pm	Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary Not a Holy Day of Obligation Legion of Mary Fr. John's New Years Party
Tuesday 1/1	8am Mass only	Solemnity of Mother of God Parish Office Closed
Wednesday 1/2	6:30-9:30pm	K of C Monthly Meeting
Thursday 1/3	8:30am-12:30pm	Library Open
Friday 1/4	6:30-7:30pm 6:30-9:30pm	Adoration VM Core Group Meeting
Saturday 1/5	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 1/6	8, 9:30, 11:15am 8:45am-1:00pm 12:45pm 2:15pm 2:15pm 2:15pm 5:00pm	Feast of the Epiphany Library Open Chinese Mass Chinese RCIA Chinese Faith Enhancement Spanish Mass English Mass



Collections and Expenses:

Sunday Collection (12-16-18)	\$21,961
Sunday Collection (12-17-17)	\$20,604
Electronic Giving	\$ 7,780
Building Fund	\$ 384*
<i>Believe & Grow Together</i> Capital Campaign	\$84,710**
Regular Expenses (12-10 to 12-15-18)	\$35,287

*for current building
 **for future Church

Thank you for your generosity!

My Dear People,

Today's theme on the Readings: HOME IS WHERE THE FAMILY IS

The idea, dream, and reality of family is so strong and durable that we use it to describe all that is best about human gatherings. We speak of the family of nations, of our church and parish families. The greatest compliment we can pay a friend or gracious host is to say that we feel at home with them, we feel part of the family.

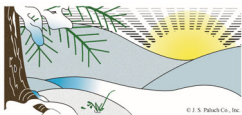
Families are the first crucibles in which love is tested and tempered. Jesus himself was one of three people who lived in the shadow of each other. This family, like our own, did not always "get it right," but they always tried to. These three "amateurs" were on holiday, and one of them got lost. Two were worried sick and took great measures to find the third, a boy after all, who was seeking the meaning of his calling. He found his vocation—to do his Father's work—but he also returned home with his parents.

In Christ,
Father John

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	8:00AM	†Kathleen Mae Plotnik
	9:30AM	†Gene San Juan
	11:15AM	Pro Populo
	2:15PM	†Nathaniel Y. Cualoping
	5:00PM	†Cuong John Joseph Le
Monday	8:00AM	Sr. Marietta Natividad
	5:30PM	Erlinda Gonzalez
Tuesday	8:00AM	Deirdre Morley
Wednesday	8:00AM	†Frank Ramos
Thursday	8:00AM	†Nicasio Jimenez
Friday	8:00AM	Ronald Hoying
Saturday	8:00AM	†Remy Rochford †Angela Singson †Tobey Kim Fr. Angelus Echeverry †Beverly Rose Frank Newland †Laura Harrigan Peters †Marvin Claudio Campos †Eugenio Pertubal †Romeo Antipolo †Paz Navarro Jacob Castor
	5:30PM	



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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 Quyang
Linda Carter	Theresa Johnston	Ponciano Reyes
Hui-Mei Chen	Sharon Jones	Debbie Rivera
Don Chisholm	Doris Jordan	Anita Ruwaldt
Clara Connor	Cheri Rimando-Juarez	Jackson & Gerri Scharff
Alexandra Conti	Ty Vivian Knisely	Liz Thomas
Petra Cordova	Elizabeth Kulas	Maria To
Cheryl Cornelius	Richard Kulas	Bob & Denise Trujillo
Ellie Dainko	Larry Lathrum	Jack Troung
Ann D'Alessandro	Greg Leeds	David Valentine
Henry Damigella	Jim Lewis	Daniel Villareal
Jim Danaher	Frances Lodato	Jim Vessey
Larry Doan	Bob Machado	John Weber
Marsha Feldstein	Andrea Maciel	Michele Willis
Howard Frankel, MD	Cavan McGaffney	Mike Winchester
Cynthia Fox	Howard Mellott	Mary Wong
Reynaldo Garcia	Stephanie Mispagel	Prospero Ylagan
Rob F. Gorman	Agnes Motley	Joe Zwetow
Emma Hager	Susan Navarette	
Tina Halberg	Karen Norton	

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

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

Interested?
E-MAIL-CALL-TEXT
DEACON TONY
tpat7@cox.net or
(949) 307-6215

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



Rest in the Love of Christ
Angelito Apostol





CONFIRMATION [ST. THOMAS MORE]

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



NO LIFE NIGHT.
SEE YOU JAN. 13TH!

HELLO 2019

Happy New Year!

from STM Youth Ministry

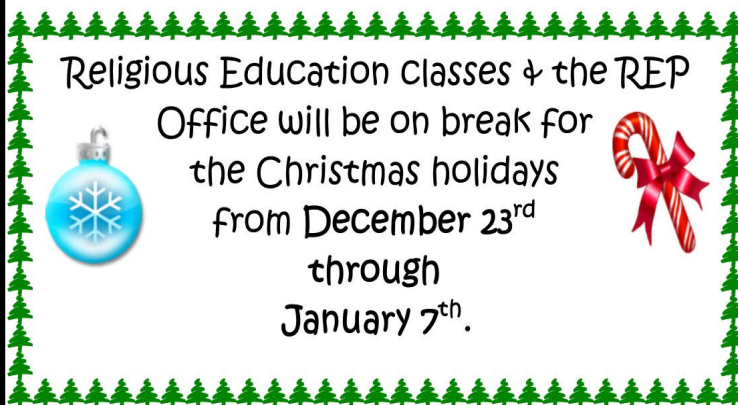
R.E.P. CORNER



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



The REP staff hopes that all of our families will have a prosperous and faith-filled 2019! We look forward to seeing you all in the new year!



Religious Education classes & the REP Office will be on break for the Christmas holidays from December 23rd through January 7th.



First Communion Families:



Please remember to practice all of the basic prayers (especially the Act of Contrition) & steps



to Reconciliation over our Christmas break. Remember, First Reconciliation is scheduled for January 26th at 1:00 PM.

The Library Corner

The New Year is upon us, so why not include our spiritual lives in our New Year's Resolutions for 2019?

What if each of us resolves to read at least **one book, each quarter of the year**, that will inspire and deepen our Catholic spirituality. That's only **four (4) books** for the entire year. By this time next year, we would all be richer and wiser in our faith.

While growth in the ways of the world can be important, Jesus tells us to ... "seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness..." (Mt. 6:33.) and to "store up treasures in heaven..." For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." (Mt. 6:20-21)

Resolve to grow in faith during 2019. The library is ready to assist!

Next weekend we will have our **check-out table** on the patio. Plan to come by and browse.

“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

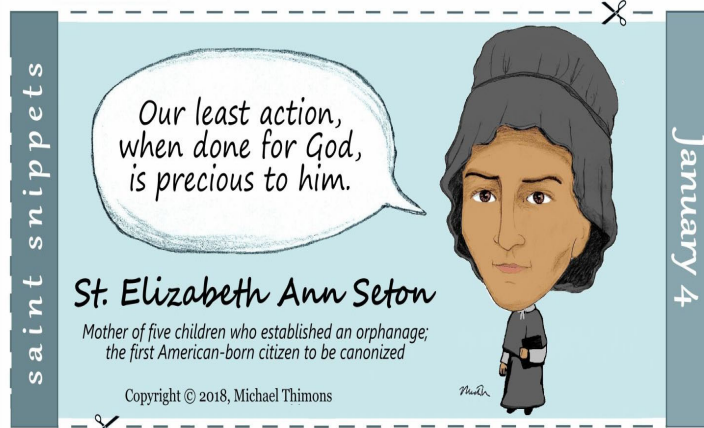
Or visit: www.DynamicCatholic.com

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!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Monday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I: New Year’s Eve
Tuesday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year’s Day
Wednesday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
Thursday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Friday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; First Friday
Saturday: St. John Neumann; First Saturday



A graphic titled "saint snippets" on the left and "January 4" on the right. It features a cartoon illustration of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. A speech bubble next to her says, "Our least action, when done for God, is precious to him." Below the illustration, it reads: "St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Mother of five children who established an orphanage; the first American-born citizen to be canonized." At the bottom, it says "Copyright © 2018, Michael Thimons".

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today’s feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom.

In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.

There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage—the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life’s journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind!

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RECONSECRATION

Once again, the Annual Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary, known as the *St. Louis Marie de Montfort Consecration* will be recited publicly here at *St. Thomas More Parish* during the *New Year's Eve Mass* on *Monday, December 31st* at *5:30pm*. If you have already taken the consecration, but would like to renew it to gain the additional indulgences and strength, simply attend this Mass, where you will be given the text of the consecration to recite corporately with the group, at the appropriate section of the Mass. We hope many will avail themselves of this powerful spiritual opportunity. Pope John Paul II was a fervent advocate of this consecration, which he regarded as the reference point of his entire spiritual life.



**Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.**

— 1 John 3:2a

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IF I'D HAD A CELL PHONE, IT WOULDN'T HAVE TAKEN THREE DAYS TO FIND ME



When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety."

And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" Lk 2:48-49

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.



EVE OF THE SOLEMNITY

OF MARY

Monday, Dec 31st

Mass @ 8:00 am & 5:30pm

English

Celebration to follow

5:30 pm Mass



SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Not a Holy day of Obligation

Tuesday, Jan 1st

Mass

8:00 am

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
	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
Ushers	Steve Luchetta	(9) 733-1192
Vietnamese Ministry	Huan Le	(7) 544-9893
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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