

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.

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Rev. Joseph Justice

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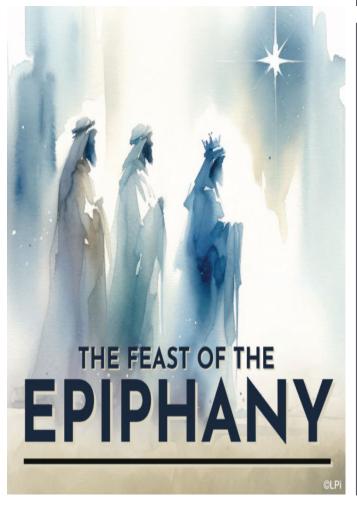
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Welcome to God's Family

Ezra Ngoc Pham Mila Ann Ravichandran





MASSINTENTIONS

Sat 1/4 6:00pm †Quirino Villanueva

Sun 1/5 8:00am Jim San Juan

Stephanie Zapalac

Ryan Zapalac

†Adoracion Calagui

†Leon Sr. Calagui

†Emiliana Natividad

9:30am PRO POPULO

11:30am †Cristina Laarni David

1:00pm †Edward Andrade

5:00pm †Rosario Izquierdo

Mon 1/6 8:00am Naim Isaac Aguilar

6:00pm Steve & Devon Hills

Tues 1/7 8:00am †Cathy Colmar

6:00pm Bob Hart

Wed 1/8 8:00am Haruka Lemire

6:00pm †Annette Carlos

Thurs 1/9 8:00am Mike Jensen

6:00pm †Francisco Javier Lozoya

Fri 1/10 8:00am Anne Nguyen 6:00pm †Maureen Atkins

Sat 1/11 8:00am Ernie and Mila Paredes

Teresa Tran Johanna Harris Deidre Morley

Pray for the Sick

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Saint Thomas More Church's

BIBLE READING MARATHON

In celebration of the SUNDAY OF THE WORD of God on January 26, 2025
we will be reading the whole Bible NONSTOP, day and night!







BEGINS Saturday, January 25, 2025 at 4:00pm
Estimated 80 hours to complete!
Reading will take place in the STM Library
The entire reading will be livestreamed on stmirvine.org

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Organized by STM'S Small Faith Communities Ministry and the Devotional Life Committee.

For questions contact: devotional@stmirvine.org





R.E.P. CORNER



WELCOME BACK!!

Our REP Kindergarten—8th grade classes will be back in full swing THIS week. Welcome back to all of our students and teachers! The REP Staff hopes that everyone had a good break and is ready to return for a fun and exciting New Year!





ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

Don't forget—we have an EDGE Meeting



THIS Tuesday (1/7) at 7PM.

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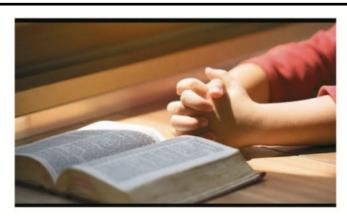
We hope to see you there!





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





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STM Small Faith Communities



Join US!



St. Thomas More & The Life Center of Santa Ana are Hosting a Community Gathering For LIFE!



Walking with Moms in Need, a nationwide movement to support pregnant and parenting mothers, is growing across our Diocese! By bridging the gap between the support that can be found in our parishes and the surrounding community resources, we can better work together to help mothers and fathers facing difficult circumstances.

Whether you are part of a parish ministry or just curious how to be more involved in bringing hope to those vulnerable to abortion, you will leave with the tools and inspiration to be better equipped to build the Kingdom.

Saturday, January 11th, 10:00am - 12:00pm St. Thomas More Multipurpose Room

Hear from Father Eugene who will open the gathering with a prayer and message, Megan Morris, Director of the Life Center of Santa Ana, and Rebecca Freeman, Pastoral Care Ministry Coordinator. The Holy Spirit is calling YOU to be part of this lifesaving effort!

For more information, contact: <u>jmlavelle2003@yahoo.com</u> or <u>megan@lifecenterofsantaana.org</u>.

Let's come together to build a stronger, more compassionate community for moms and families in need!

WALK FOR LIFE LA

CELEBRATING THE DIGNITY OF EVERY HUMAN LIFE



Sat, January 18th, 2025

8:00am MASS @ STM

9:00am Bus leaves STM for LA

11:00am KICK - OFF @ OLVERA STREET

1:00pm ONE LIFE FESTIVAL @ LA HISTORICAL PARK

4:00pm BUS DEPARTS LA to RETURN to STM

It's about justice for the unborn, 50,000 lives in CA and over 5,000 in Orange County each year.

Babies lost have no voice and have no justice without our voice.





THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

- Mt 2:10-11







Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The news of the Messiah unsettled Herod. We see his anxiety clearly in today's Gospel. This is what Christ has come to do, after all. He has come to shake things up. Are we ready to be unsettled?

Questions of the Week

First Reading:

Isaiah foresees a time when the people of Jerusalem will be overwhelmed with happiness and prosperity. What gift could you receive that would bring you great joy?

Second Reading:

Paul informs the Ephesians that he received a revelation of God's plan to save all people through Christ Jesus. What do you think makes your friends or relatives open to this idea?

Gospel:

The visit of the magi teaches us about God's desire for the whole world know about his Son, Jesus. When do you first recall hearing about Jesus?

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Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Besides the Wise Men, what is significant about the Epiphany?

Answer:

Epiphany means "manifestation," or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This part of Matthew's infancy narrative differs from Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph's long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact?



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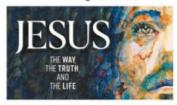
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Become a Prayer Partner - Pray for the Intentions once a week

New Bible Studies at St. Thomas More

English







10 Sessions - Beginning Week of January 20, 2025

Optional days and times are available for both studies.

Register at stmirvine.org/BFFregister Questions? BibleStudy@stmirvine.org



Devotions, Explained!

The Epiphany household blessing is an ancient practice in the Church. This tradition is a beautiful way to observe the coming of the magi while invoking God's blessing on your home and all who enter it. All that is needed is chalk and a prayerful heart!

Prayer of Rejoicing

Fill our hearts, Lord, with rejoicing as we seek and discover You. Your ways are full of wonder, glory, surprise, and joy.

Amen.

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