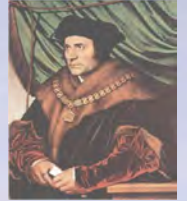




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Mass schedule

Daily– Monday to Saturday: 8 am*

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 6:00pm

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

TEXT TO GIVE: 949-344-2801



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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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Parochial Vicar

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Rev. Kiet Ta

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Deacon Leonard & Mrs. Nancy Sun

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†Rev. John E. Janze

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Youth Ministry:

949-551-8602

Office Hours:

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Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm

JANUARY 8, 2023 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



*Behold, the star that they had seen
at its rising preceded them,
until it came and stopped
over the place
where the child was.*

~ Matthew 2:9





Second Collection Next Weekend

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Africa, Latin America, and Eastern Europe. For many in Africa, Latin America and Eastern Europe, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support to the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ.



Collections and Expenses
12-19-22 to 1-1-23-(2 weeks)

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$16,373	\$20,487	\$36,860
Maintenance Fund	\$3,945	\$1,019	\$4,964
Other income	\$15,135	\$4,469	\$19,604
Christmas	\$70,079	\$2,665	\$72,744
Total income	\$105,532	\$28,642	\$134,174
	Regular Expenses		\$74,654
Believe & Grow Capital Campaign	\$1,474	\$21,464	\$22,938

We appreciate your continued financial support of the parish during these challenging times. If you would like to give, please click on the e-giving link in the top corner of the STM website to set up or update your e-giving. If you have questions, please call the office. 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, Maintenance 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!



- Sat 1/7 4:00pm The Majkoski-Nguyen Family
6:00pm Tristan Clark
Mary & Claude Summers
†Bettie Matesich
- Sun 1/8 8:00am Ron and Becky Hoying
9:30am Patricia Hans
11:30am Pro Populo
1:00pm Haruka LeMire
5:00pm †Charles Thai
- Mon 1/9 8:00am Steve Cory
- Tues 1/10 8:00am †Fr John Janze
- Wed 1/11 8:00am †Cassandra Dang
- Thurs 1/12 8:00am Marc LeMire
- Fri 1/13 8:00am †Gregoria Tan
- Sat 1/14 8:00am Katherine Rebolledo
Andrew Reynado
All Souls living and deceased
†Thomas Costello



Rest in the Love of Christ

Theresa Haider
Rosalinda Jimenez
Linda Taylor



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Please email bulletin@stmirvine.org to add a name. Names will be included for one month, if requested.



Thank you!

Thank you to the donors and volunteers for the fresh Christmas trees and poinsettias. Your generosity is very much appreciated and we thank you for helping make our church look beautiful during the Christmas season!



Noche de Reflexión En Español

“Una Vida en Cristo: Oración y Servicio”

Esta noche nos ofrecerá la oportunidad de tener un crecimiento en oración y a vivir un encuentro personal con Cristo.

Presentador: Rev. Padre Allan Deck, S.J.

El Padre Jesuita Allan Figueroa Deck es un Distinguido Académico en Teología Pastoral y Estudios Latinos y tiene un doble nombramiento como Profesor en los Departamentos de Estudios Teológicos y Estudios Chicanos / Latinos / en la Universidad Loyola Marymount

El Día Lunes 23 de Enero 2023

Iglesia St. Thomas More

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6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Para más información: Blanca Bermúdez (949) 254-0543
Cerraremos la noche con la exposición del Santísimo.

Night of Reflection (Spanish Only)

"A Life in Christ: Prayer and Service"

This evening will offer us an opportunity to have a growth in prayer and to live a personal encounter with Christ.

Presenter: Rev. Father Allan Deck, S.J.

Jesuit Father Allan Figueroa Deck is a Distinguished Scholar in Pastoral Theology and Latino Studies and holds a dual appointment as Lecturer in the Departments of Theological Studies and Chicano/Latino/a Studies at Loyola Marymount University.

Monday, January 23, 2023

St. Thomas More Church

51 Marketplace Irvine CA 92602

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

For more information: Blanca Bermudez (949) 254-0543
We will close the night with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

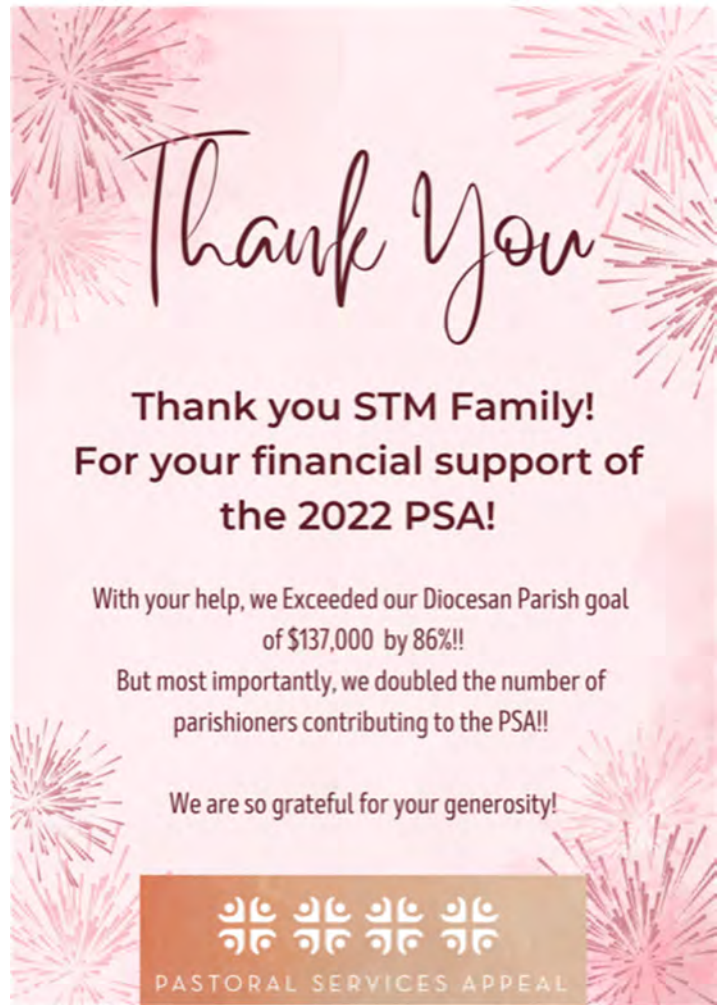
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — All the nations will worship you, Lord (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrive looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).



Thank you STM Family!
For your financial support of
the 2022 PSA!

With your help, we Exceeded our Diocesan Parish goal
of \$137,000 by 86%!!

But most importantly, we doubled the number of
parishioners contributing to the PSA!!

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PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL



*Come to me, all you who labor
and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.*

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

EVERY FRIDAY AT 6PM TO 7PM

24-Hour Adoration on the 23rd this Month!



CONFIRMATION

WED 7PM

Sponsor Forms & Saint Reports Are Due

Attention C2 families! Sponsor forms and Saint reports were due December 17th. Please turn in sponsor forms in person to the youth ministry office and please email saint reports to Confirmation@stmirvine.org. If you have any questions, please let us know.



YOUTH MINISTRY

SAT 8AM

Stuebenville West Youth Conference

This high-energy youth conference where thousands of high school teens are invited to encounter Jesus Christ through dynamic speakers, engaging music, the Sacraments, small group discussions, and fellowship with other teens. The conference is being held July 14-16 in Tucson, Arizona. For more information please contact abraham@stmirvine.org



CONFIRMATION

WED 7PM

Confirmation Class Schedule.

C1: Wed 1/18, Wed 2/1, Wed 2/15, Wed 3/1

C2: Wed 1/11, Wed 1/25, Wed 2/8, Wed 3/1



YOUTH MINISTRY

SUN 6PM

YTH NITE

Join us on Sunday (1/15) for YTH NITE! YTH NITES are for High School teens to come together in community, have dinner, and learn how to apply their Catholic faith to their lives. We can't wait to see you! YTH NITE begins after the 5PM Mass and ends at 8:00PM!



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 6th, 7th & 8th Graders!!!

Want to spend the day at Knott's Berry Farm with hundreds of other students for fun, faith & fellowship? Come join us Saturday, February 18th from 8:30AM-7PM!

We'd love to have you join us! Please contact Lisa Busch at lisa@stmirvine.org or call the REP Office to register.



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



The Library Corner



The St. Thomas More Parish Library staff would like to wish all our parishioners a Happy Epiphany of the Lord Sunday. The Parish Library will be open today from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Have you ever thought how our suffering and confinement for God and His Church could lead people to the Lord? The STM Parish Library has a perfect book on this topic entitled, *'Five Loaves and Two Fish'*, authored by Venerable Cardinal Francis-Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan. Shortly after being named Bishop of Saigon, he was arrested by the communist police and sent to prison. He spent thirteen years in communist prisons, and nine of them in solitary confinement, but his spiritual growth and evangelization work was just getting started. Cardinal Van Thuan offers his life story as an example of the great things God can work through his servants. He recalls this experience using seven points: Live in the present, God will show you what He wants you to do, Prayer, Eucharist, Love and Unity, the Immaculate Mary and Choose Jesus. In this way we are to give our all to God, receiving much in return for our suffering.

MEN'S RETREAT

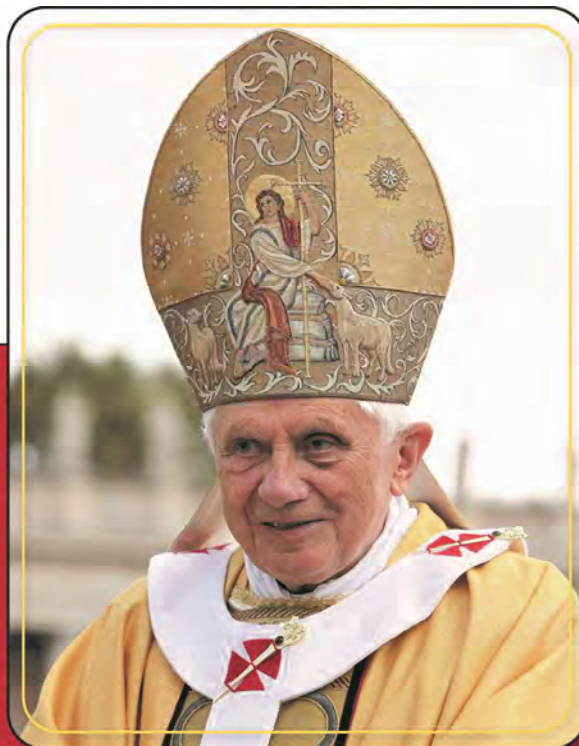
February 17 - 19, 2023

Who is Jesus Christ? Who am I?
Finding the divinity within.

We often try to discover the complex relationship between ourselves and Jesus Christ. We want to know what it should be, how deep it should be, what does Christ want of us, is Christ within us, and if so, where can we find the divine within us?

The Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center invites the men of STM to join on this epic adventure to the interior of our souls. The retreat center provides a private room and bath, delicious meals, beautifully landscaped grounds and the guidance of the Passionist Retreat Team. The atmosphere of this silent, preached retreat will lay paths for this exploration. Reservations can be made by

contacting our Parish Captain:
Mark Kreyche at 714-914-2689 or at
mkgreyche@gmail.com
or you may register directly at:
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- How to pay for the wedding.
- Can we afford a honeymoon?
- Start your life together debt free.

Financial Peace starts Saturday, January 7th at 9am in St Nicholas Room.

For more information go to: stmirvine.org
or email: financialpeace@stmirvine.org
To register for class: fpu.com/1156313





Thank you ANGELS!



Dear STM Parish Family: Your outpouring of love and support for the many families who were represented on the 2022 Advent Angel Tree has been amazing! You all contributed over \$65,000 in gift cards, checks and cash, and toys and bikes and other items to the military, Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem, and five other local charity organizations! And when Catholic Charities reached out to us with an urgent request to help additional families, your response was awesome! Sincere thanks to all who sponsored families or volunteered to assemble and package the gifts. Our STM family provided extra love and warmth this Christmas to more than 500 families and over 1,000 children; may God bless you all during this special season of giving!





WE ARE HIRING!

Capital Campaign Administrative Assistant/Friday Receptionist

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Works as a liaison with the Capital Campaign Committee, assists Pastor with projects and deadlines, processes monthly statements for capital campaign, coordinates campaign activities, maintains and updates database, interacts with donors regarding pledges, prepares and mails thank you letters, attends and participates in staff meetings, performs any other job-related duties as necessary in the department and/or as assigned by supervisor.

QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE:

Ability to maintain confidentiality, attention to detail, excellent knowledge of Google Suite, Excel, Word, graphic design experience with various publishing and social media platforms, good public relations skills, ability to work flexible hours.

Applicants apply to Lisa Bergler, Office Manager at Lbergler@stmirvine.org or contact her at (949) 551-8601 ext. 213.

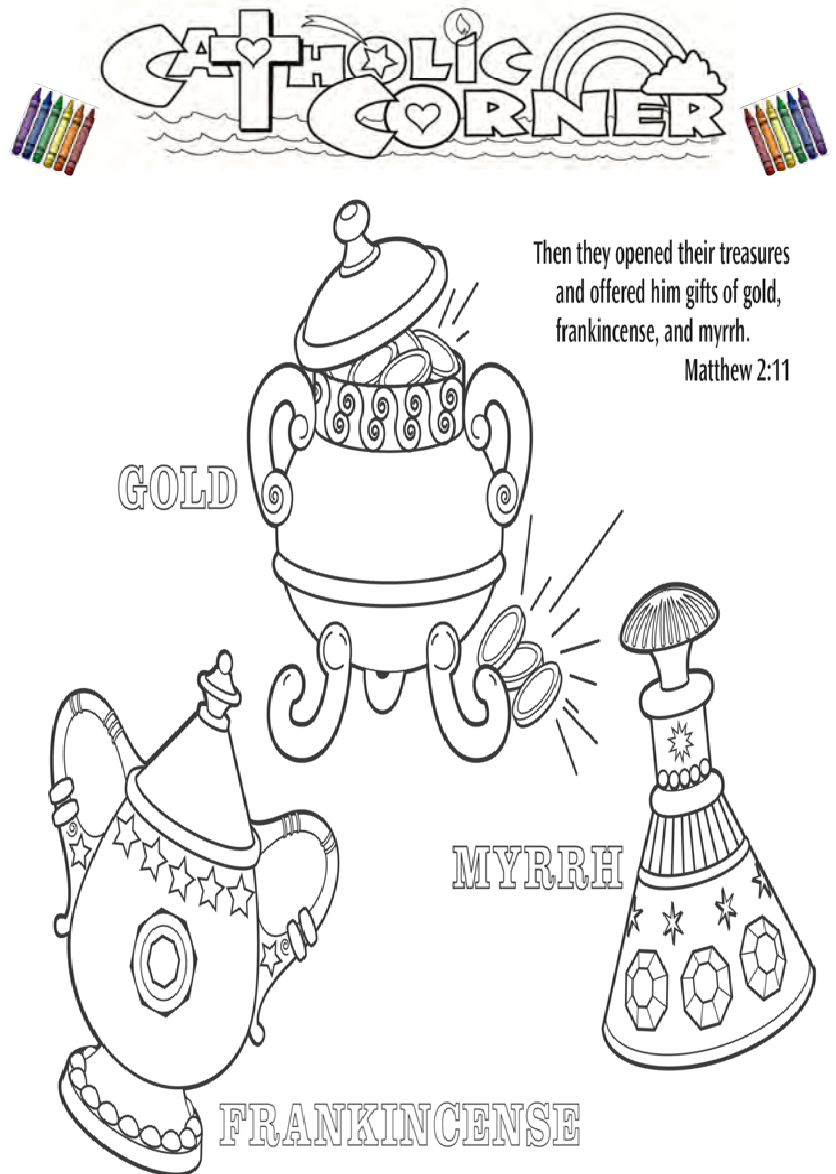
Why should I become a registered member of St. Thomas More Catholic Church?

If you are attending Mass on a regular basis at St. Thomas More, we invite you to engage with us. Registered parishioners enjoy these benefits:

- STM offers opportunities and support as you journey in faith, through praying, serving, giving, learning and belonging.
- Registered parishioners receive important updates throughout the year so that you can keep up-to-date on important parish news.
- Registered parishioners receive preference when choosing dates for celebrations such as weddings or funerals.
- Other parishes often request verification of a person's status as a practicing Catholic, attendance at Mass, etc., when that person has been asked to be a Godparent or Sponsor. Without registration, no such verification can be made.
- Your Sunday offerings are confidentially recorded by parish staff for proof of donation for tax purposes.

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Register today online at www.stmirvine.org or call the parish office at 949-551-8601.



St. Thomas More Ministries



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CURSILLO

Cursillo is a Spanish word meaning "short course".
Cursillo is sanctioned by the Diocese of Orange.

Do you want to live a more Christ centered life but would like more direction? Consider living your **Cursillo** weekend.

Cursillo is an encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. Weekends are held at Divine Word Retreat Center in Riverside, California starting on Thursday evening and ending on Sunday evening. Participants stay overnight for talks, discussions, daily Mass and Communion, and visits to the Blessed Sacrament. Talks include topics about the Christian Ideal, the Catholic Faith, and the Christian approach to the world. Men and women around the world are using their **Cursillo** experience to answer God's call to prayer, study and service. Come and experience God's bountiful love!

Men's Cursillo Weekend: Jan 19-22

Women's Cursillo Weekend: Feb 2-5

Spanish, Filipino and Vietnamese Weekends are also available. For dates or more information, please visit the website at www.occursillo.org

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Orange Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (ODCCW) invite all women of Orange County to our January general gathering.

Our keynote speaker is
Father Eugene Lee.

Father Eugene will be speaking on the topic of "**Reverence enhances our relationship with Christ.**"



Join us on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at St. Thomas More Catholic Church. Mass starts at 8:00 am followed by the Rosary in the church. Registration begins at 9:00 am at the parish hall, followed by fellowship and breakfast. The suggested donation of \$25.00 includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Adjournment by 12:00PM. For reservations visit our website at www.ocdccw.org to register online or contact Susan Navarrete @ snavarrete150@gmail.com or 949-345-9130 if you wish to pay at the door. Registration is now open. We look forward to seeing you there! Please invite a friend.