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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

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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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MATTHEW 2:10

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 7, 2024



Danilo Castaneda
Adulfa F. Loresto



The Young Ladies Institute would like to express their gratitude to the parishioners and friends of St. Thomas More for participating so generously in the recent Christmas See's Candy Fundraiser. We raised enough funds to significantly increase our annual gift to the Bishop for the education of our seminarians.

Thank you very much for sharing in our efforts. Your generosity is very much appreciated! May you have a happy and blessed New Year!

Join us on Monday, Jan 8th at 7:00pm in the MPR for our monthly meeting. We look forward to seeing you!

Due to early bulletin deadlines, collections and expenses will be reported later.

We will have a second collection next weekend, January 13 & 14 for the Church in Africa, Latin America and Eastern Europe.

"The chief service I owe you, O God, is that every thought and word of mine should speak of you."

St. Hilary

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sat 1/6 | 4:00pm | Vu Family |
| | 6:00pm | †Anne Shelly Badger |
| Sun 1/7 | 8:00am | †Edward Andrade |
| | 9:30am | †Vina Villanueva |
| | | Meredith Rattay |
| | 11:30am | Ray & Bridget Marchetti |
| | 5:00pm | PRO POPULO |
| Mon 1/8 | 9:00am | Haruka LeMire |
| Tues 1/9 | 8:00am | †Francisco Javier Lozoya |
| Wed 1/10 | 8:00am | Kevin Nguyen |
| Thurs 1/11 | 8:00am | St. Therese of Lisieux Small Faith Community |
| Friday 1/12 | 8:00am | Marc LeMire |
| Sat 1/13 | 8:00am | Teresa Tran |
| | | Johanna Harris |
| | | Sister Marietta Natividad |
| | | †Kang Soo Kim |



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JANUARY 6, 2024 THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Chalk the House **Epiphany House Blessing**

(Instructions for House Blessing can be found on STM Website)

Epiphany marks the occasion of a time-honored Catholic tradition of "chalking the doors."
The chalking of the doors is a centuries-old practice throughout the world, though it appears to be somewhat less well-known in the United States. The formula for the ritual — adapted for 2024 — is simple: take chalk of any color and write the following above the entrance of your home.

20 + C + M + B + 24

The numbers represent the New Year.

2 meanings for CMB

(Caspar) (Melchior) & (Balthasar) the traditional Magi names
& "Christus Mansionem Benedicat"
Latin for "May Christ Bless this House"

The "+" signs represent the cross.

We dedicate our year to God from its very outset, asking His blessing on our homes and on all who live, work, or visit there.

**Pick up your blessed chalk and Home
Blessing instruction available at Church on
January 6th - 7th.**

STM CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Happy New Year from the STM Youth Ministry Office!

Upcoming Confirmation Classes

C1 Classes: Jan 10 & 24

C2 Classes: Jan 17 & Jan 31

Confirmation classes will be on Christmas break from 12/18 – 1/5. Class meetings will resume 1/10 with Confirmation 1.

Upcoming YTH Nites at 6PM

All High School Teens are invited to our High School YTH NITES. The Sunday night gatherings are for teens to come and learn about how to apply their faith in their daily life.

Monday Night Bible Study

Join us Mondays at 7pm in the Parish Hall for a Bible study on the upcoming Sunday's readings. Get to know God's voice in the Bible so you can discern the voice of God out in the world.



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 (1/9) at 7PM.

Come check out all of the fun plans coming up this year.

We hope to see you there!



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



The Library Corner

The Parish Library will be open today from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

This Sunday the Catholic Church celebrates the solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. This solemnity commemorates the visit of the Magi to worship the Baby Jesus. The Church first celebrated this event at the end of the second century, and later it was designated as a Feast Day at the Council of Tours 567. But do we really understand the significance of this event? The gospel of Matthew says, that the Magi from the East were overjoyed at seeing and following the star and when entering the house where the baby Jesus and Mary were they immediately prostrated themselves and did the Christ child homage. This prostration by the Magi is very significant because this act shows total submission, compliance, humility, adoration and worship to the King of Kings, God. In addition to this homage, they also brought gifts of gold, as a gift for kings; frankincense, used in divine worship; and myrrh, representing Christ as the Suffering Servant and Prophet. This Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah, Son of God and Savior, and marks the day that Jesus was revealed to the world. May the Lord Bless you and keep you.

WALK FOR LIFE LA

CELEBRATING THE DIGNITY OF EVERY HUMAN LIFE

Sat, January 20th, 2024



8:00am MASS @ STM

9:00am BUS LEAVES for LA

11:00am KICK - OFF @ OLVERA STREET

1:00pm ONE LIFE FESTIVAL @ LA HISTORICAL PARK

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Joseph of Cupertino Classical Academy (JCCA) is Orange County's first Catholic, classical, hybrid program, combining the strengths of both traditional school and homeschool. The Academy will launch at St. Thomas More Parish in the Fall 2024, offering a full curriculum for students up to grade 10.

Students of JCCA's formative, classical curriculum will benefit from in-class professional instruction three days per week. The other two weekdays will rely on parental involvement and family unity to further the students' academic growth and faith formation.

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**SUNDAY,
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Join us for a look at this beautiful tradition and explore the history and current practices surrounding the choice to wear a chapel veil.

Hear from women who have made a choice to veil in the
Real Presence of Jesus.

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."
- Mt 2:1-2

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..... **COMING SOON**

Saint Thomas More Church's

BIBLE READING MARATHON

In celebration of the **SUNDAY OF THE WORD** of God on
January 21, 2024
we will be reading the whole Bible **NONSTOP**, day and night!

*"Remain in my
Word."*
John 8:31



- ◇ BEGINS Jan 20 (Sat) at 4:00 pm. ◇
- ◇ Estimated 80 hours to complete! ◇
- ◇ Reading will take place in the parish LIBRARY ◇
- ◇ The entire reading will be livestreamed at stmirvine.org. ◇

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Liturgical Life

Questions of the Week

First Reading

Isaiah foresaw a future when the Lord would use Israel as His instrument to shine His glory into the world. What could you do this week to show God's glory to others?

Second Reading


Paul met a lot of resistance when he spoke of God's "revelation" that Gentiles are "coheirs" and "copartners" with Jews in the divine promise fulfilled in Christ Jesus. How welcoming are you to outsiders?


Gospel Reading

In the story of the magi's visit, we see the prophecies of Isaiah (our first reading) fulfilled with the treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh given to the Holy Family. What gift do you give to the Lord?

GROWING WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE B

 **COLOR**
 Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Epiphany of the Lord • Matthew 2:1-12

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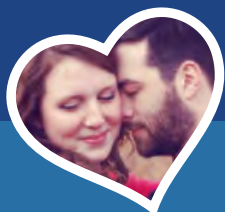
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A walk with St. Elizabeth of the Trinity



Friday, January 13, 2024

8:30 AM - 12 PM in the church

Presented by Dr. Christina Chan

* Light refreshments in the courtyard



Morning of Recollection – St. Elizabeth of the Trinity's prophetic message of "Let yourselves be loved" is timely and necessary. This is why Pope St. John Paul II, in his homily at her beatification in November 1984, spoke of her as "a brilliant witness to the joy of being rooted and grounded in love." "Letting ourselves be Loved" is allowing God to fill us up with Himself, to become like Himself so that we can offer Him joyfully to the world.

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By Fr. Sebastian Walshe, O. Praem



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Whether you are single or in a relationship, understanding church teachings and how it applies to our relationships help us foster a deeper love for one another.

Fr. Sebastian Walshe is a Norbertine Canon of the Abbey of St. Michael in the Diocese of Orange, California, where he is the Dean of Studies and a Professor of philosophy for the seminary program. Fr. Sebastian is a regular guest on Catholic Answers and EWTN. He has also authored several books, including "Understanding Marriage and Family: A Catholic Perspective."

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