



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

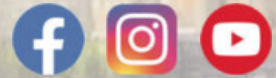
24 Hour Adoration: on the 22nd of every month

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.

Pastor

Parochial Vicar
Chinese Chaplain
Weekend Assistants

Deacons

Founding Pastor

Rev. Eugene J. Lee

Rev. Thomas Tran
Rev. Francis Li
Rev. Joseph Horn, O Praem
Rev. Joseph Justice
Deacon Tony & Mrs. Mary Patronite
Deacon Tin & Mrs. UyenLan Nguyen
Deacon Leonard & Mrs. Nancy Sun
Deacon Bernie & Mrs. Pam Ocampo
†Rev. John E. Janze

Office Information

Office hours:
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January 12, 2025

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The Holy Spirit descended upon him.
- Lk 3:21-22a

Welcome
to STM!



Jacob Bridenbecker
Aurora Jiya Ku



McFroilan A. Troy Lumantes
& Briana Puente



Emily Jean Foster
Henry Wood

MASST INTENTIONS

- Sat 1/11 4:00pm †Anna An Thi Pham
6:00pm †Richard Kulas
- Sun 1/12 8:00am Chris Jensen
9:30am Micah Rin
Aurora Fernandes
†Vina Villanueva
†Ann Fernandez
11:30am PRO POPULO
1:00pm Marc Lemire
5:00pm †Josefino Anzures
- Mon 1/13 8:00am †Tom and Jennie Costello
6:00pm †Emma Campos
- Tues 1/14 8:00am Majkoski-Nguyen Family
6:00pm Lou Figueroa
- Wed 1/15 8:00am †Fabe Abueg
- Thurs 1/16 8:00am †Priscilo Sy
6:00pm Steve Cory
- Fri 1/17 8:00am Windy Lozano
6:00pm †Sister Lourdes Remedios
- Sat 1/18 8:00am Lindsay Prosinski
Diana Lee



Collections and Expenses

12/16/2024– 1/5/2025 (3 weeks)

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$69,940	\$70,189	\$140,129
Maintenance Fund	\$1,008	\$1,478	\$2,486
Other income	\$160,583	\$7,215	\$167,798
Christmas	\$39,818	\$7,330	\$47,148
Total income	\$271,349	\$86,213	\$357,562

Regular Expenses \$110,477

Capital Campaign \$530,496 \$105,622 \$636,118

Campaign Expenses \$980

If you would like to give online, please click on the e-giving link in the top corner of the STM website. All donations to the capital campaign will be used exclusively to pay for the construction costs to build the new church. Moreover, maintenance fund donations can be used to pay for the construction costs to build the new church and for the maintenance and repairs of the existing buildings and property. If you have questions, please call the office. Thank you for your generosity!

Pray for the Sick

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| Flory Aguilar | Nilda A. Medalle |
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| Daniel Bernabe | Susan Navarrete |
| AJ Cabrera | Ernie Natividad |
| Jasmine Cabrera | Eileen Ohlander |
| Kirsten Cabrera | Ben Pataray |
| Kelly Carter | Sharon Pataray |
| Lou and Nancy Chereny | Armando Peña |
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| Victor Cota | Jacqueline Claire Poznoski |
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| Doug & Kathie Hibbard | Tara Summers |
| Drew Hoang | Sally-Ann Thomas |
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| Angela Judy | Pete Villanueva |
| Natalie and Warren Julian | Jesus Villanueva |
| Miriam Kasperowicz | Raymund Villanueva |
| Tiesha Kelley | Bill Whiteside |
| Vivian Knisely | Kristine & Brandon Williams |
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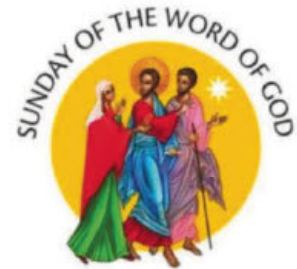
..... **COMING SOON**

Saint Thomas More Church's

BIBLE READING MARATHON

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

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



BEGINS Saturday, January 25, 2025 at 4:00pm
Estimated over 100 hours to complete!
Reading will take place in the STM Library
The entire reading will be livestreamed on stmirvine.org

SIGN UP FOR YOUR SPOT!

FOR FULL DETAILS & TO SIGNUP TO
TAKE YOUR SLOT GO TO OUR PARISH WEBSITE
AT STMIRVINE.ORG OR SCAN THIS QR CODE:



Gospelize Your Story

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

For questions contact: devotional@stmirvine.org



STM CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Next class:
C1 Class Jan 22
C2 Class: Jan 15

Upcoming Youth Nights: 1/12, 1/26, 2/2, 3/30

Teens, we invite you to the first Youth Night of 2025, Tongue of Fire! Join us this coming Sunday, 1/12 after the 6pm Mass as we learn about the impact of our words. The night will end at 8:15pm and dinner & dessert will be provided.



Join us Mondays at 7pm for Youth Bible Studies in the Fireside Room! We'll go over the readings for the upcoming Sunday's Mass and grow with one another in fellowship & community!

Follow us

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REP. CORNER



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 8th from 8:15AM-7PM!

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



FIRST RECONCILIATION RETREAT REMINDER



To all of our FC2 families—

SAVE THE DATE!

Our First Reconciliation Retreat on Tuesday, January 28th at 6:30PM.

This retreat is for students & parents and will be a great boost for all of our students preparing for their First Reconciliation.



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



**God speaks to us through His
Word. Have a listening heart!**



New Year's Resolution? Join Us!



STM SFC

STM Small Faith Communities



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

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The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for St. Thomas More would like to thank all the parishioners who donated to our ministry in the fourth quarter. Without your support, we wouldn't have been able to help families keep a roof over their heads, heat their homes, or put food on their tables.

We're seeing an increasing number of requests for utility and rental assistance, and our pantry numbers are growing as well, all evidencing the strain inflation, higher interest rates, and layoffs are putting on people. And thankfully, with your help, we're able to provide this assistance to prevent families from being evicted, or losing water, gas, or electricity services. In addition, we help them secure food through our food pantry, which is open the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 12:00 to 1:00 pm at the back of the church.

For the quarter ending December 31st, we deployed \$3,881 in rental assistance to help five families with housing needs. In addition, we deployed \$3,594 to help seven families pay their utility bills. And we served an average of fifty families at each of our Food Pantries by partnering with Second Harvest of Orange County and supplementing their deliveries at a cost of roughly \$1,750 a month. In November, we provided our pantry clients with a \$40 Kroger gift card to buy a turkey and fixings for Thanksgiving, and thanks to the Angel Tree, we were able to provide all of our pantry clients with Target gift cards to help with Christmas.

It's important to note that there was a period of roughly 6 weeks, from early October to mid-November, in which we were very low on funds and were not providing assistance. Fortunately, in mid-November we received a \$5,000 grant from SVDP's Orange County Council. And in December we were blessed with \$15,655 in donations from our parish community, which helps us tremendously as we head into the new year.

If you're interested in learning more about the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and how we help those in need, please call 949-331-1020 or email us at volunteer@svdpstm.org. If you'd like to donate, you can do so through the e-giving portal on the church website. Thank you so much and God bless.

Rick Lamoreux,
President, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Thomas More Conference.



**BLESSING
OF THE
THROAT**

Devotions, Explained!

Catholics traditionally receive a blessing of the throat on the feast day of St. Blaise (Feb. 3), who was a bishop and martyr of fourth-century Armenia. During the blessing, a cross is formed from two blessed candles that are held over the throat.

Prayer for Baptism

Oh God,
You desire each of us to be a part of Your sacred family, called and invited into relationship with You. May the grace of our Baptisms surround us anew, who are beloved and chosen by You.

Amen.

**Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week**

"The people were filled with expectation," writes Luke. And so we find ourselves, two thousand years later, filled with expectation, with longing. Who can give us what we seek? Only the one upon whom the dove descended. Follow him.

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New classes start in late January 2025! Every Thursday at 7:00 pm

Contact: Deacon Bernie Ocampo or sign up online at stmirvine.org

New Bible Studies at St. Thomas More

English Espanol

10 Sessions - Beginning Week of January 20, 2025
Sessions on weekday mornings, evenings; and Saturday mornings
Optional days and times are available for both studies.

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

Want to learn more about the Gospel of Luke?

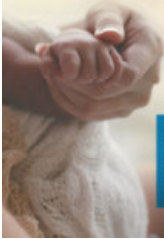
Come join Diaconate Candidate Rick Cabral for a three session Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke. Mondays at 7:00 PM

Jan 13 - Luke: Chapters 1 – 9:50 *Jesus, Sinners and Disciples in Luke*
Feb 3 - Luke: Chapters 9:51 – 19:44 *Jesus' Journey to Jerusalem*
Feb 10 - Luke: Chapters 19:45 – 24:53 *The Passion and Resurrection of Jesus*

Dear Friends at St. Thomas More,
Bless you all for your kindness in gathering socks for us to give out to those in need, whether on the street or just getting out of jail. We appreciate how generously you shared so that others could have warmth and dignity. Thank you for practicing works of mercy with us! Bless you!

Leia & all at Isaiah House

“As the family goes,
so goes the nation,
and so goes the
whole world
in which
we live.”
ST. JOHN PAUL II



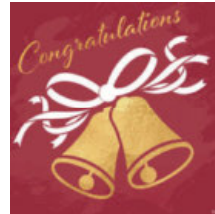
Day of Prayer
for the Legal
Protection of
Unborn Children

The Respect Life Ministry
invite all to join the
upcoming Mass for the
Protection of the Unborn

Wednesday, January 22

6:00 PM Mass &
Special Pro-Life Rosary

*Jan 22nd is also our 24-Hour
Eucharistic Adoration*



Congratulations to Ernesto and Milagros Paredes on celebrating 60 Years of Marriage. Ernie and Mila hail from the same hometown of Santa Cruz, Ilocos Sur (Philippines). Ernie immigrated to the U.S. to join the Navy in 1959, while Mila immigrated in 1962 to become a

Nurse. Through fate, they reconnected here. They were married in Chicago, Illinois on January 11, 1965. Today they reside in Northwood, their home for the past 45 years. They are joined by their 3 kids Glenn, Gerry and Lani. They are also blessed with 4 grandchildren (Careesa, Janessa, Jacqlyn and Jacob) and 2 great-grandchildren (Jerricah and Genevieve). We wish them a Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary!



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at STM

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Marriage Encounter	Mike & Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
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Small Faith Communities	Denyse Gagnon	(7) 501-7848
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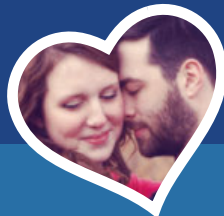
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- 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. - Session 3 - (Bring Flower from Home for Consecration to Mary)
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