



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

## Pastor

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Rev. Joseph Justice

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Youth Ministry:

949-551-8602

## Office Hours:

**Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm**

**Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm**



**JANUARY 21, 2024**

**3RD SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

**"Come after me,  
and I will make you  
fishers of men."**

**- Mk 1:17**





**HOMELESS LUNCH Ministry**  
BY THOMAS MCHONE, CATHOLIC, CHURCH

You are invited to pack sack lunches in the multipurpose room for our homeless neighbors

**Monday, Jan 22nd**

**5:00pm**

**Questions? Contact Kim: [kimmievu@gmail.com](mailto:kimmievu@gmail.com)**

"When I was hungry you gave me food..." Matthew 25:35



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|-------------|---------|---------------------------|
| Sat 1/20    | 4:00pm  | †Mr & Mrs Vu Huu Chuong   |
|             | 6:00pm  | †Maureen Atkins           |
| Sun 1/21    | 8:00am  | †Bart & Lilia Gampon      |
|             | 9:30am  | †Danilo Castaneda, Jr.    |
|             | 11:30am | PRO POPULO                |
|             | 1:00pm  | Rosemary Puentes          |
|             | 5:00pm  | †Priscila Del Mar         |
|             |         | †Joseph Piazzon           |
|             |         | †Ann Piazzon              |
|             |         | †Rafael Carrillo          |
|             |         | †Eduardo Navarro Ibanez   |
| Mon 1/22    | 8:00am  | Peter and Anne Nguyen     |
| Tues 1/23   | 8:00am  | Gregorio A. Reyes         |
| Wed 1/24    | 8:00am  | Gianna Cabral             |
| Thurs 1/25  | 8:00am  | †Adora C. Baluyut         |
| Friday 1/26 | 8:00am  | Steve Cory                |
| Sat 1/27    | 8:00am  | Deirdre Morley            |
|             |         | †Al Spellmire             |
|             |         | †Thomas & Jennie Costello |
|             |         | †Adulfa Lorresto          |



### Collections and Expenses

1/8/2024 – 1/14/2024

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$20,320	\$10,906	\$31,226
Maintenance Fund	\$683	\$40	\$723
Other Income	\$3,353	\$385	\$3,738
Church in Africa, Latin America and Eastern Europe	\$12,572	\$165	\$12,737
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$36,929</b>	<b>\$11,496</b>	<b>\$48,425</b>

<b>Regular Expenses</b>	<b>\$22,551</b>
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Believe & Grow Capital Campaign	\$2,010	\$2,980	\$4,990
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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.

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# BIBLE READING MARATHON

The purpose of this Bible Reading Marathon is to give thanks to God for gifting us with his precious Word and to raise awareness of how crucial the Holy Bible must be in our faith lives. On September 30, 2019, Pope Francis issued a "Motu Proprio" declaring that the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time will hereby be Sunday of the Word of God.

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



**Go to [STMIRVINE.ORG](http://STMIRVINE.ORG) and click on the play button to watch!**

The reading started on the vigil of the Sunday of the Word of God (Saturday, January 20th) at 4 pm and will continue nonstop until the last verse of the Book of Revelation which we anticipate will be around evening of Wednesday, January 24.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SIGNED UP TO PARTICIPATE!**

**ALL TIME SLOTS HAVE BEEN FILLED!**



Gospelize Your Story

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

For questions contact: [devotional@stmirvine.org](mailto:devotional@stmirvine.org).



# STM CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

## Upcoming Confirmation Classes

C1 Classes: Jan 24

C2 Classes: Jan 31

## YTH Nites: Sunday at 6PM

High school teens, join us this Sunday after the 5pm Mass for a message and Adoration. The topic is called Family Plan-the importance of family and the community that makes up the Catholic Church. Dinner and dessert will be provided. The night will end at 8pm. See you there!

## 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



### ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOLERS



Don't forget—we have an EDGE Meeting **THIS Tuesday (1/23)** at 7PM. We hope to see you there!



### ATTENTION 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders!!!

Want to spend the day at Knott's Berry Farm with hundreds of other students for fun, faith & fellowship? Come to Middle School Youth Day on: **Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**8:15AM-7PM!**

We'd love to have you join us! Please contact Lisa Busch at [lisa@stmirvine.org](mailto: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](mailto:rep@stmirvine.org).



## The Library Corner

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

This weekend, our parish is planning on reading the entire Bible, cover to cover. What does God say about reading the Bible? In Revelation 1:3, God will bless those who read His word, listen to it and obey it. In 1 Timothy 4:13, God says to devote yourself to the public reading of Scriptures. Also, it is stated that Ezra read his Bible every day and the Ethiopian eunuch who read the Scriptures in his chariot, and was then baptized. In Deuteronomy 17:18-20, God says that rulers should read God's Word every day to learn to fear God, live in reverent obedience and to be humble. In Mark 12:10-26, Jesus often asked, 'haven't you read in Scripture', referring to His expectation that His people read and know the Bible. The main reason to read the Bible, is to help us place our faith in Jesus, who is the Savior of the world. Let us pray to the Lord to help show us how to live out what we have just read in the Bible. Amen.





# MASS FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN, FOR AN INCREASE IN THE CULTURE OF LIFE, AND FOR THE SUPPORT OF MOTHERS AND FAMILIES IN NEED

Monday, January 22nd, 7:00 pm

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out. (Jon 3:10)

### Psalm:

Teach me your ways, O Lord. (Ps 25)

### Second Reading:

For the world in its present form is passing away. (1 Cor 7:31)

### Gospel:

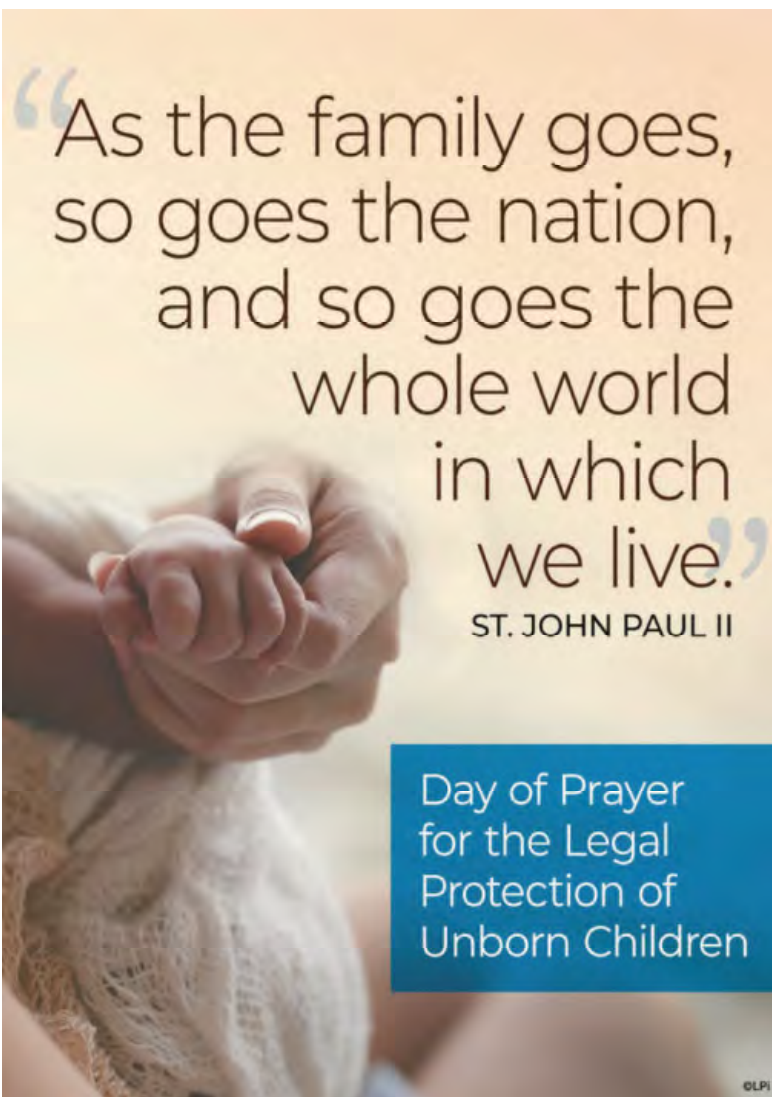
Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mk 1:14-15)

## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The disciples were fishing when Christ found them, hard at work to support their families, casting their nets into the sea. Sometimes when God calls us, we are in the middle of something else. Don't be afraid to change your plans to follow Him.

## Observances for the week of January 21, 2024

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- Tuesday:** St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
- Wednesday:** St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Thursday:** The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- Friday:** Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- Saturday:** St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic Schools Week



“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  
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## DAY OF PRAYER

*for the Legal Protection  
of Unborn Children*

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**EVERY FRIDAY AT 6PM TO 7PM**

**24-Hour Adoration on Monday, Jan 22nd!**

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





## Questions of the Week

### First Reading

The people of Nineveh (the capital city of the Assyrian Empire and historic enemy of Israel) repented of their sins when they heard Jonah's warning of God's impending destruction of their city. What motivates you to repent?

### Second Reading

Paul encouraged the believers in Corinth to live with a sense of urgency and in a radically different way than before coming to faith in Jesus. In what way are you living counter-culturally as a person of faith?

### Gospel Reading

This Sunday we hear the first words of Jesus in Mark's account of the call of the first disciples: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." Jesus taught that the time had come for God to come and reclaim His world. What excites you about this message?



**Sunday, February 4th**



**Pancake Breakfast after all morning Masses!**



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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 1:14-20

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First Reconciliation	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
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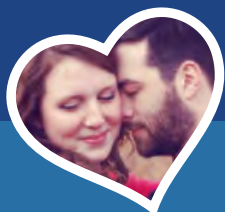
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## World Day of the Sick Mass

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Saturday, February 10, 2024

10 a.m.



Christ Cathedral  
13280 Chapman Avenue  
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Celebration held in  
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## National Marriage Week Mass & Date Night

Friday, February 9, 2024

Arboretum @Christ Cathedral campus  
6 pm Mass with Bishop Timothy Freyer

For this year's celebration, there will be a **special Mass with a blessing for married couples** by Bishop Timothy Freyer. Bring the whole family!

- **Date Night kits** will be provided for couples to take with them to continue their evening date offsite after Mass.
- **Childcare** will be available at the cathedral campus after Mass so couples can enjoy their date night out on their own.
- Check out our list of nearby restaurants where couples can go on their dinner date ([rcbo.org/marriage-week](http://rcbo.org/marriage-week)). Please make your own reservations in advance.

Your RSVP would be appreciated by February 5 so we can prepare for your date night kit and/or childcare needs. More info and RSVP at:

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