

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 1:30 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

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

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1/20/2025-1/26/2025				
	Collection	E-Giving	Total	
Sunday Collection	\$13,792	\$12,211	\$26,003	
Maintenance Fund	\$102	\$125	\$227	
Other income	\$7,307	\$1,620	\$8,927	
Total income	\$21,201	\$13,956	\$35,157	
	Regular Expenses		\$49,701	

Collections and Expenses

Capital Campaign \$74,453

Campaign Expenses \$0

\$85,094

\$10,641

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!



Sat 2/1	6:00pm	Bob & Sandy Catiller
Sun 2/2	9:30am 11:30am 1:00pm	Judi Costello The Chiou Family PRO POPULO Sera Lemire Marcia Noonan
Mon 2/3		†Nela Tempongko
	-	Pete Villanueva
Tues 2/4	8:00am	John & Ricardina Liu
	6:00pm	†Alvin Cabrera
Wed 2/5	8:00am	†Biniam Haile
		Patricio De La Cabada
Thurs 2/6	1	†Rosauro Toledo
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Fri 2/7		The Majkoski-Nguyen Family
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Sat 2/8	8:00am	†Emiko Lim
		Teresa Tran





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Email <u>bulletin@stmirvine.org</u> to add a name to be included for one month



WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Presentation of the Lord Question:

Luke's Gospel is the only one to mention the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. What is Luke trying to communicate here and what connection does it have with Mary?

Answer:

February 2 is exactly forty days after December 25, the nativity of Jesus. Jewish law (Ex 13:2, 12) dictated that Jesus, as the firstborn, be consecrated to God. This was done by the parents as they presented their Son in the Temple.

Jewish law further specified (Lv 12:2-8) that a mother was ritually impure after giving birth, and that she had to wait a set period of time (forty days for a boy) before she was to offer a sacrifice to the Lord for purification.

The convergence of these two Jewish regulations occasions Luke's account of both the Presentation of the Lord and the Purification of Mary. These days the liturgical emphasis is more on the Presentation of Jesus. Luke highlights the role of Simeon and Anna, two righteous Jews who recognized Jesus as the longawaited Messiah and praised God for being able to see and experience such a marvel in their lifetimes.

Simeon's prayer concerning the special role of Jesus states that Jesus is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles." This phrase eventually originated the custom of blessing candles on this day

which were to be used in the ceremonies, rituals, and processions throughout the church year. Thus February 2 is also known as Candlemas Day. This day is indeed a rich feast to be savored.



WE DID IT AGAIN!!

We read the entire Bible cover-to-cover, during our STM 2nd Annual Bible Reading Marathon! Great job everyone! A big thank you to those who signed up and read, especially in the wee hours of the night!

Thank you to all of those who organized, set up and maintained our livestream: Steve Rin and Jerry Donaldson; and thank you to the Devotional Life Committee, to our STM parishioners, families and friends who logged on to share in the beautiful readings of our Holy Bible!

We are hopeful that this has inspired a newfound appreciation for the gifts of the Word of God in our parish.

Please faithfully consider joining one of our vibrant Small Faith Communities or Bible Studies in order to delve into the Word on a regular basis. To sign up, please visit the STM website at <u>stmirvine.org</u>.

Finally, a special thanks to Fr. Eugene for the inspiration and direction on this event, and to Fr. Thomas and our deacons for their constant support. We are truly blessed by our readers, especially at 1:00am! God is good!



INVITATION

MARRIED/ENGAGED COUPLES & SINGLE YOUNG ADULTS

EXPERIENCE STRONGER CATHOLIC MARRIAGES

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP) CLASS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 10AM- NOON - STM ROOM 3

receive supernatural graces and authentic healing

NO COST TO ATTEND

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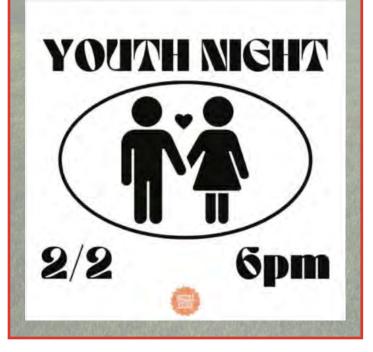
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Next classes: C1 Class: 2/5 C2 Class: 2/12

Upcoming Youth Nights: 2/2 & 3/30

High school teens, join us for the Youth Night this Sunday (2/2) after the 5pm Mass exploring dating, holy relationships, and marriage through the lens of the Church! Dinner & dessert will be provided and the night will end at 8:15pm.









Our First Reconciliation Retreat was a HUGE success!! Special THANK YOUs go out to all of our First Communion students, parents, Catechists and Clergy that helped make this such a great event.



ATTENTION 6th, 7th 4 8th Graders!!! It's not too late to sign-up for Middle School Youth Day at Knott's Berry Farm! Come join hundreds of other Middle Schoolers on Saturday, February 8th (8:15AM-7PM)! Please contact Lisa Busch at <u>lisa@stmirvine.org</u> or call the REP Office to register right away.



Join Us!!

Small Faith Communities

SFC

Year of the Snake

LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION



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Sunday, February 9, 2025

10:30 AM - Chinese Lion Dance 12:30 PM - Vietnamese Dragon and Cultural Dances

Face Painting Egg Rolls - Sesame Balls - New Year Candies - Hot Tea

ALL ARE WELCOME

Questions of the Week

First Reading:

Malachi prophesied a coming messenger who will purify those making offerings to the Lord. How do you prepare for Sunday worship?

Second Reading:

Hebrews teaches that Jesus was tested and suffered so that he could be merciful and understanding with our struggles and challenges. What are you facing this week that Jesus could help you with?

Gospel:

Mary and Jospeh received incredible news from Simeon and Anna about the infant Jesus at his presentation in the Temple. Who helps you process startling or unsettling information?

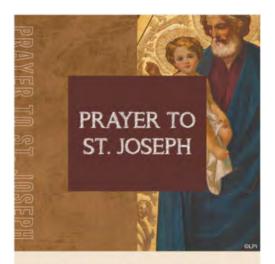


Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Anna and Simeon saw greatness and glory in the face of a tiny babe. Jesus was insignificant in the eyes of others who looked for the Messiah in the gilded halls of kings. But Anna and Simeon recognized God when they saw him. Do we?



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Devotions, Explained!

For centuries, Christians have relied on the intercessory prayers of Joseph, earthly spouse of the Blessed Virgin and foster father of Christ. One particular novena prayer to St. Joseph is often called "the unfailing prayer to St. Joseph."

Prayer of Faith

Dear God,

Open my eyes to Your movement in my life. And, even when I don't see it or don't understand, help me to rely on the promises of Your love and mercy.

Amen.



New Bible Studies at St. Thomas More Espanol English Sacerdote, Profeta, Rey THE LIFE 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 0101.000 00 **Christ Renews His Parish** CHRIST RENEWS. Men's Weekend Women's Weekend Sat & Sun, March 1-2, 2025 Sat & Sun, March 8-9, 2025 St. Thomas More Church, Irvine St. Thomas More Church, Irvine Register today at www.christrenewsoc.com Join us for an amazing weekend. Renew your faith. Connect with new friends. Grow your relationship with Jesus. FOUNDED BY JESUS ON THE ROCK OF ST. PETER I FD RY THE HILLY SPI Do you want to be a Catholic? Praise God and Welcome! THE CATHOLIC CHURCH CHANGE A LIFE INVITE SOMEONE TO Try OCIA, the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (also known as RCIA) CENTERED IN THE ELICHARIST SIETI BY THE WIDEN OF DOD New classes start in late January 2025! Every Thursday at 7:00 pm Contact: Deacon Bernie Ocampo or sign up online at stmirvine.org Join us every Sunday! PRAYER MEETING 1st & 3rd Fridays THAT MAN IS YOU! 7:30pm Multipurpose Room 7:00 AM in MPR



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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



Begins Jan 18th!

9:00 am St. Nicholas Room

Questions? Contact: financialpeace@stmirvine.org





A Day of Family Reflection: fr. **Proclaiming Christ's Victory in the** midst of Spiritual Battles

Saturday, February 22, 9am - noon @ St Thomas More Parish Hall

Featured speaker

Kathleen Beckman, author & evangelist



Fellowship and refreshments during intermission and after the event



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For more information, please visit: WWW.OCCUrsillo.org

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MARRIED & ENGAGED COUPLES Join us for a half-day retreat as we enter into the mystery of Nazareth.

Mass will be

celebrated

at 8:30

St. Cecilia Church 1301 Sycamore Ave. Tustin,CA Msgr. Sammon Center

> SATURDAY | MARCH 15 7:30 AM - 1:00 PM \$25.00 PER COUPLE

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Celebration held in Honor of Our Lady of Lourdes



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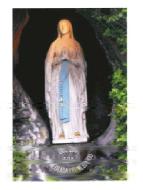
World Day of the Sick Mass

Bishop Timothy Freyer Principal Celebrant

Saturday, February 8, 2025 10 a.m.



Christ Cathedral 13280 Chapman Avenue Garden Grove, CA 92840



Lenten Morning Reflection "THE WHAT AND HOW OF HOPE" Fr. Christopher Smith, Rector Emeritus, Christ Cathedral

Saturday, March 1, 2025

St.Cecilia Church, 1301 Sycamore, Tustin 8:30 AM Mass followed by continental breakfast. Reflection by Fr. Smith from 9:45 AM - 12:30 PM Contact Beverly at 714-642-6455 for reservation. Reservation deadline 2/26. \$20 per person

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7 @ 7PM . HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH



Join us on Friday, February 7, at 7 PM for an inspiring evening with acotaimed actor and Catholic failth advocate Jim Caviezal, Best known for his powerful portrayal of Jesúa in *The Passion of the Christ* and his recent role in Sound of Freedom. Jim will share his personal testimony and explore how we can experience true "FREEDOM" in Christ. This special event comes just weeks before he begins production on *The Resurrection* — a rare opportunity to hear his story and deepen your faith.

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