



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Saint Thomas More Welcomes All



*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  
Pastor Emeritus  
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Weekend Assistants

#### **Deacons**

#### **Rev. Eugene J. Lee**

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Rev. John E. Janze  
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Rev. Joseph Horn, O Praem  
Rev. Joseph Justice

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Deacon Bernie & Mrs. Pam Ocampo

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#### **Office Hours:**

**Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm**  
**Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm**



NOVEMBER 28, 2021

There will be signs in the sun,  
the moon, and the stars.  
When these signs  
begin to happen,  
stand erect and  
raise your heads  
because your  
redemption is at hand.

Luke 21:25, 28



**FIRST**

**Sunday**  
OF

*Advent*



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

**Psalm** — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

**Gospel** — There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Be vigilant (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** First Sunday of Advent;

Hanukkah begins

**Tuesday:** St. Andrew, Apostle

**Wednesday:** World AIDS Awareness Day

**Friday:** St. Francis Xavier

**Friday:** St. John Damascene; First Friday

**Saturday:** First Saturday

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 11/27	8:00am	Theresa Sandiego
Monday 11/29	8:00am	†Therese Schwartz
Tuesday 11/30	8:00am	Brian Fitzpatrick
Monday 12/1	8:00am	†Robert Kim
Thursday 12/4	8:00am	†Anita Oesterreich



## Advent Angels Needed!

Fr. Eugene has approved that for 2021, toys and bikes and other gift items will be available for parish “shoppers” on STM’s Advent Angel Tree. Santa’s elves are seeking helpers during all weekend Masses **Dec 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>** and **Dec 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>**.

Help will also be needed during the **week of Dec 13<sup>th</sup>** to sort and tag and bag the gifts being picked up by the charities that same week.

If you are interested in bringing joy to others please call Kathy or Terry @ 949-701-3763

### Daily Mass:

**Monday – Saturday: 8:00 AM**

### Vigil Mass Times

4:00 PM Vietnamese/English  
6:00 PM English

### Sunday Mass Times

8:00 AM English  
10:00 AM English  
12:00 PM Spanish/English  
5:00 PM English

**Morning Prayer:** Wed & Fri 7:30am to 7:50am  
**Adoration:** Every Friday 6:00pm to 7:00pm  
**Saturday Confessions:** 1:00pm to 3:00pm

**Mass will be available online for the sick and homebound on Sundays at 10:00am and Monday-Saturday at 8:00am**

**For spiritual advisement, please contact the priest to schedule an appointment.**

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

#### First Sunday of Advent

*Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Thomas More Parish,

**Today's theme on the readings: WATCHFUL CONFIDENCE**

We the Church enter into Advent and the new liturgical year with a call for a watchful confidence. Our readings were originally addressed to communities undergoing great loss and confusion. Jeremiah speaks confidently of God fulfilling the ancient promises to Israel, even during a time of foreign invasion. Paul speaks of God leading the Church into holiness, while the community longs for the coming of Jesus. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus speaks of powerful signs and of great confusion to come, but emphasizes that we may look forward knowing that God brings not cause for despair, but hope. We celebrate Advent to remind each other of God's faithfulness. We are to be watchful, to see how God is stirring up our world. God disturbs both our pride and our complacency, and brings us healing and justice. We prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus, confident that God indeed fulfills all these divine promises. . Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Sincerely In Christ,  
Father Eugene

**Collections and Expenses**

11-8-2021 to 11-14-21

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$17,567	\$8,556	\$26,123
Believe & Grow	\$110	\$701	\$811
BGT- Phase 2	\$738	\$3,535	\$4,273
Building Fund	\$1,425	\$190	\$1,615
Other income	\$5,410	\$1,791	\$7,202

Regular Expenses	\$58,064
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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, Building 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!**

***Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.***

Your gift to next week's second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous.

***READINGS FOR THE WEEK***

**Monday:** Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday:** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:** Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;

Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Sunday:** Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11;

Lk 3:1-6



***PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING***

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|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
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| Renee Andrade            | John Heffernan      | Thuy-Lieu Nguyen          |
| Judy Anselmo             | Robert Henry        | Quy Nguyen                |
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| Hui-Mei Chen             | Elizabeth Kulas     | Robert Arnold Rull        |
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| Jacob Espinoza           | Mercedes Mantilla   | Baby Catherine Tseng      |
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| Alice Green              |                     |                           |

***Please call the office when it is time to remove a name.***

LIFE TEEN

Now

### YOU Theology Of The Body Small Groups

YOU. Life, Love, and the Theology of the Body introduces teens to the truth that life is not, in fact, all about them; it is about going out of themselves to be a sincere gift for others. YOU meets Mondays at 7pm in room 3.

LIFE TEEN

Thu 7:00 PM

### XLT - Wednesday 12/1 at 7PM

XLT is a special night of praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, and a talk by Fr. Eugene. This night is a requirement for parents and student's of C1 & C2 and is open to the entire parish to attend.

CONFIRMATION

WED 6:00 PM

### Confirmation Class Schedule

-C1 Dates: , Dec 1, & Dec 8, Jan 5, Jan 19, Feb 2.  
-C2 Dates: Dec 1, & Dec 15, Jan 12, Jan 26, Feb. 9

\*There are no Confirmation classes during Thanksgiving week.

## R.E.P. CORNER



SOCK It To Me Weekend is THIS weekend (Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>).

The Middle School REP classes will be collecting NEW socks after Masses next weekend.



Please be generous and donate as many pairs of NEW socks as you can. Let's spread the warmth of our parish to the less fortunate of Orange County as we prepare for Christmas.



All REP classes return this week from our Thanksgiving Break! The REP Staff hopes all of our students, teachers and families had a blessed Thanksgiving holiday full of family, food and fun!



### CIRCLE OF GRACE

Safe Environment Training

Circle of Grace Safe Environment

Training to all of our students in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grades this week in Classes.

It is important that all of our students attend classes this week. Parents are also invited to attend this important presentation.

### The Library Corner

First Sunday of Advent



The St Thomas More Parish Library staff would like to wish all our parishioners a Happy First Sunday of Advent. The Parish Library will be open today.

The new Liturgical Year commences with the first Sunday of Advent. At this time, the Catholic Church reminds us of a new beginning and about the first coming of the Christ child at Christmas. The Parish Library has a great book on this topic titled, 'Joy to the World', authored by Scott Hahn. Hahn takes us through all the elements of Christmas: the Christ child, Mary and the Annunciation, St Joseph, King Herod, angels, shepherds, Bethlehem, the Maji and much more. This is the incarnate entrance of God into the world, the one and only time in human history, which renewed the world and the fall of Eden was reversed.

This is the reason for our joy and why we celebrate Advent and the coming of Christmas.



# Eucharistic Ministers

## Information & Training Meeting

Saturday, Dec. 4th  
9:30 am in Parish Hall

New Applicants Welcome



### PLEASE BE AN ANGEL THIS CHRISTMAS

We again have a large number of families who will be unable to experience and enjoy a traditional Christmas this year. Organizations that we will support with toys and bikes and merchandise cards include Catholic Charities of OC, STM St. Vincent de Paul, USMC/USN at Camp Pendleton, and other local charities. The moms and premature babies of Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem will also benefit from your generosity.

STM's 2021 Annual Angel Tree will be adorned with "gift tag" angel ornaments on

**November 27 & 28 and  
December 4 & 5**

We hope you will participate and help to provide a more prayerful and joyful Christmas to others in need.

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I surrender myself into your hands without reserve, and with boundless confidence, for you are my Father.

**Bl. Charles de Foucauld**

French cavalry officer, explorer, and geographer who became an inspirational priest and hermit. He was martyred in Algeria by tribal raiders in 1916.

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December 1

SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Filipino Ministry Presents

# Simbang Gabi

For the whole parish to join together and enjoy as the Filipino community shares their beautiful culture with food, dance and music.

ADORATION, MASS AND FESTIVITIES

December 17  
6 PM Adoration  
7:15 PM Mass  
8:15 PM Festivities



## Parish Blood Drive Monday November 29, 2021

1:00 pm – 7:00 pm

St. Thomas More

Multi-Purpose Room

**No "walk-ins" accepted - Please make an appointment**  
All blood donors will receive a \$10 Amazon e-gift card!

visit the Red Cross website at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)  
(Use sponsor code [stthomasmoreiv](http://stthomasmoreiv))

Hosted by Knights of Columbus Council #13111

# Advent Season

**WED, DEC 8** MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
(Holy Day of Obligation)  
7 pm (Tue Vigil) | 8 am | 5 pm | 7 pm (Multi-languages)



## "ANTICIPATING EMMANUEL"

(A Special Evening of Music, Reflection, Prayer & Eucharistic Adoration)  
*Come with your whole family and enjoy a peaceful evening of music, reflection, prayer, & Eucharistic Adoration.*

**FRI, DEC 10**  
**7 PM**

**THU, DEC 16** ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE (CONFESSIONS)  
**7 PM**  
*Prepare the way of the Lord. Many priests from other parishes will be here to impart the Sacrament of Reconciliation.*

**FRI, DEC 17** FILIPINO SIMBANG GABI  
(ADORATION, MASS, AND FESTIVITIES)  
6 pm Adoration | 7:15 pm Mass | 8:15 pm Festivities  
*For the whole parish to join together and enjoy as the Filipino community shares their beautiful culture with food, dance, and music.*

## OTHER GREAT EVENTS HAPPENING AT ST. THOMAS MORE!

**SAT & SUN, NOV 27 & 28** *Middle School Sock Drive* (Bring new socks to give to the poor) & *Angel Tree* (Contribute Christmas gifts to the needy)

**MON, NOV 29 | 1 PM** *Knights of Columbus Red Cross Blood Drive*

**WED, DEC 1 | 7 PM** *Advent XLT: A special night of praise music and Eucharistic Adoration for the parish*

**SAT, DEC 4 | 5 PM** *Vietnamese Penance Service*

**SAT & SUN, DEC 4 & 5** *Knights of Columbus Poinsettia Sale*

**SAT, DEC 11 | 5 PM** *Vietnamese Advent Retreat* (Chủ đề "Vững Bước Trong Bình An")

**SUN, DEC 12 | 6 AM** *Las Mañanitas a la Virgen de Guadalupe*

**SUN, DEC 12 | 6:30 PM** *Life Teen Christmas Party*

**TUE, DEC 14 & WED, DEC 15** *REP Advent parties for all classes*

**SAT, DEC 18 | 5 PM** *Vietnamese Christmas Party*

**SUN, DEC 19 | 12 PM** *Misa de Las Posadas / Mass of the Inn* (Span/Eng)

# Young Ladies Institute *virtual* SEE'S CANDY FUNDRAISER



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This Christmas Season, YLI See's Candy Fundraiser has gone **Virtual!**

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\*Please be advised: All funds raised from this campaign will be applied to YLI. However, should this function no longer be viable for any reason – including a force majeure or act of God incident – or should any funds remain after the function has been paid for in full, then the balance of the fundraised money shall be transferred to the Parish's general operating fund to be used at the discretion of the Parish to further its mission.

**IT'S COOKIE TIME!**

## STM CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE

**Friday Dec. 3, 2021 • 7pm**  
**Multi-Purpose Room**

Please bring two dozen of your favorite cookies individually wrapped and in your own container/platter for exchanging and another container to take cookies home.

We will be accepting donations of women's winter attire on behalf of Isaiah's House at the event: hand warmers, mittens, fluffy socks, underwear and bras, beanies (knit caps)

Sponsored by When Women Pray  
Questions: paulahines57@gmail.com

## ANNUAL SOCK DRIVE

Our 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Religious Education students will be hosting the annual sock drive for the clients of Isaiah House **THIS** weekend, November 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. They will be collecting NEW socks for adults and children after all the Masses. Get the entire family involved while helping make Christmas a little warmer for our less fortunate brothers and sisters.



## Ways to Give to STM:



• Secure e-giving on our website: [www.stmirvine.org](http://www.stmirvine.org)



• In basket at Mass



• Mail your check or drop it off in our parish lobby



• Use your smartphone via GivePlus app (Vanco)



• Donate stock, life insurance or retirement plans

• Employer Matching Gifts



• Amazon Smile will donate 0.5% of the eligible purchases to STM!

**Thank you for your continued support!**

# St. Thomas More Ministries



## Liturgy Support

Altar Servers	Tina Le	(7) 356-7607
Eucharist to the Homebound	Fran Necikowski	(7) 505-4816
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Jerry Donaldson	(9) 552-5485
Lectors	Tara Reynaud	(7) 925-9992
Music Director, Including Wedding Music	Keith Rattay	(9) 551-8601
Sacristans	Pam Ocampo	(9) 468.6704
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## Sacraments

Baptism Coordinator	Windy Lozano	(9) 551-8601
Confirmation	Abraham Villela	(9) 551-8602
First Communion	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
First Reconciliation	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)	Michael Michalek	(9) 551-2304
Marriage Case Support	Michael Michalek	(9) 551-2304
	Mary Patronite	(9) 551-8601
Marriage Encounter	Jim & Cheryl Skudlarski	(9) 551-9156
Marriage In The Lord	Meredith & Keith Rattay	(9) 559-6464
Wedding Coordinator		

## Service

Bereavement	Rosie Muñoz	(9) 551-8601
Children's Homeless Lunch Ministry	Kim Lee	(7) 293-8987
Chinese Community	Deacon Leonard Sun	(7) 932-1689
Corazon	Norma Jean Womack	(9) 903-1472
Filipino Community	Charlie Torres	(9) 551-8601
Grief Share Ministry	K.C. Riley	(7) 875-8126
Hispanic Ministry	Frank Ornelas (9) 857-9044	Patty Trujillo (7) 270-5073
Homeless Lunch Ministry	Jessica Silva	(9) 294-2875
Knights of Columbus Council #13111	Ed Francis	(858) 229-2490
Respect Life	Chris Gonzales	(9) 551-8601
STM Veterans	Sgt. Bob Kohler	(9) 552-1895
St. Vincent de Paul	Bill Chacon	(9) 331-1020
Vietnamese Ministry	Huan Le	(7) 261-9893
Young Ladies Institute	Mary O'Leary	(9) 305-6810

## Parish

Believe and Grow Together Campaign	Lisa VanDorpe	(7) 357-3080
Bulletin Editor	Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Building Committee	Keith Rattay	(9) 551-8601
Deacons	Tony Patronite, Tin Nguyen, Leonard Sun & Bernie Ocampo	(9) 551-8601
Hospitality/Donut Ministry	Deacon Tony Patronite	(9) 307-6215
Parish Business Manager	Stephanie Miller	(9) 551-8601
Parish Office Manager	Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Welcoming Committee	Vince Salico	(7) 389-7726

## Spiritual Development

Adult Faith Formation / Bible Study	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Life Teen – High School & Young Adults	Abraham Villela	(9) 551-8602
Religious Education	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Christ Renews His Parish	Tony Patronite	(9) 307-6215
Cursillo and When Women Pray	Susan Navarrete	(9) 345-9130
Legion of Mary	Trisha Smith	(7) 473-3714
Library	Sam & Diana Adams	(7) 321-2405
Spanish Bible Study	Teresa LeMire	(7) 832-1770

If you are feeling called to serve in one or more of our ministries,  
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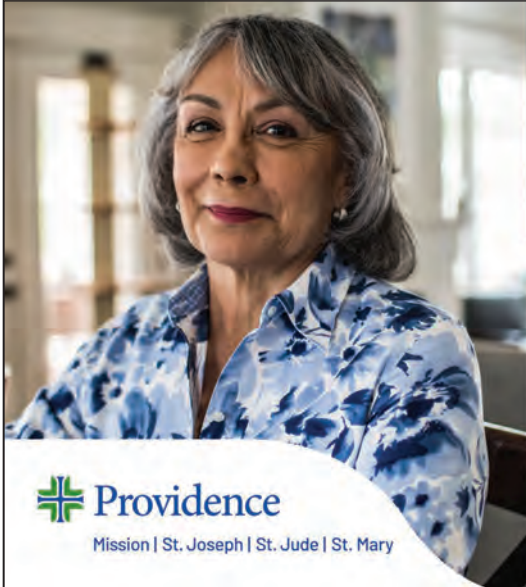
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