



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

TEXT TO GIVE: (949) 919-5494



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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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Weekend Assistants

Deacons

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949-551-8601 ext. 7

Fax:

949-551-5879

Religious Education:

949-551-8029

Youth Ministry:

949-551-8602

Office Hours:

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

Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm

December 3, 2023

**1st
Sunday
OF ADVENT**





Rita M. Ruggerio

**Next weekend, December 9th and 10th,
there will be a second collection for
Retirement Fund for Religious.**



PLUCKY THE TURKEY 2023 RESULTS

Thank you for your generous support!

ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES IN NEED:

Catholic Charities of OC	\$6,000
STM St. Vincent de Paul Ministries	\$2,000
STM Homeless Lunch Ministry	\$2,000
TOTAL:	\$10,000



Collections and Expenses

11/13/2023– 11/26/2023 (2 weeks)

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$47,219	\$22,462	\$69,681
Maintenance Fund	\$406	\$190	\$596
Other income	\$8,397	\$2,380	\$10,777
Thanksgiving	\$2,276	\$235	\$2,511
Total income	\$58,299	\$25,267	\$83,566

Regular Expenses	\$48,350
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Believe & Grow Capital Campaign	\$63,594	\$6,120	\$69,714
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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.

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 12/2 4:00pm †Dominico & Maria Vu Huu Chuong
6:00pm †Leodegario Lopez

Sun 12/3 8:00am †Fr Bill Krekelberg
9:30am Avelino Paz
11:30am Pro Populo
1:00pm †Juan & Maria Rodriguez
5:00pm

Marietta Tan	†Irene Tan
Johanna Oh-Niessen	†Teresa Lee
Julian Prosinski	†Paul Park
	†Teresa Park
	†Doreen Patricia De Mott
	†Dewayne Cleve Smith
	†Maurice Brazier

Mon 12/4 8:00am †Anita Oesterreich

Tues 12/5 8:00am †Edward Andrade

Wed 12/6 8:00am †All Souls in Purgatory

Thurs 12/7 8:00am Natalie Jensen

Friday 12/8 8:00am Anthony and Amapola Cruz
5:00pm Robert Wills
7:00pm The Bogdanov Family

Sat 12/9 8:00am Maurice Navarro
Deirde Morley
†Richard Martin
†Clark Pilcher



PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Flory Aguilar
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Raymund Villanueva
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Michele Wills

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Names will be included for one month, if requested.***

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEASON *of* ADVENT

Advent Night of Adoration & Praise

Wednesday, December 6th - 7:00pm
A special night of Eucharistic Adoration
featuring beautiful music by "Ephphata"

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, December 7th: 7:00pm (Vigil)
Friday, December 8th: Mass times:
8:00am, 5:00pm & 7:00pm (multi-lingual)

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday, December 12th:
6:00am Mass (Spanish/English):
Las Mañanitas a la Virgen de Guadalupe
8:00am Mass
7:00pm Holy Spirit Nite with Emily Wilson

"Stellar Christmas"

Friday, December 15th
6:00pm: Adoration
7:15pm: A special Advent night of
music, reflection, and prayer for the
whole family

Simbang Gabi

Saturday, December 16th
7:30pm - 10:30pm
Mass and festivities

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Weekly Confessions
Saturdays 1:00pm - 3:00pm
(including December 23rd)

Advent Penance Service
Monday, December 18th | 7:00pm

Extra Confessions:
December 11th - 16th | 8:30am
December 19th - 22nd | 7:00pm

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23rd:
4:00pm (Vietnamese/English)
6:00pm
8:00pm (Chinese/English)

Sunday, December 24th:
8:00am
9:30am
11:30am
1:00pm (Spanish/English)



STM CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Upcoming Confirmation Classes

C1 Classes: Dec 6

C2 Classes: Dec 6 and 13

Advent XLT-Night of Adoration & Praise
Wednesday, December 6th @ 7pm

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. Upcoming YTH NITES on Dec 3 and 10.

Monday Night Bible Study

Join us Mondays at 7pm in the 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



Sock It To Me Weekend is **THIS** weekend (Dec. 2nd & 3rd). Our EDGE Middle School classes will be collecting **NEW** socks after all Masses. 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.



ATTENTION FAMILIES!!

Please join us Friday, December 15th for



STELLAR CHRISTMAS,



a very special Advent evening of music, fun, and prayer for the whole family! So, bring the family and spend some time preparing for the coming of the Baby Jesus at Christmas.



Our Stellar buddies will be there too!!



It will be out of this world!



The Library Corner

The STM Parish Library staff would like to wish all our parishioners a Happy First Sunday of Advent. The Parish Library will be open today from 9am to 1pm.

On December 8th, the Church observes the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast celebrates the fact that Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in order to be a most perfect vessel for the Savior, was herself conceived without original sin and without any stain. But do we really know what the Immaculate Conception means? The grace given to Mary is a permanent and a unique gift from God. So, the grace that Mary enjoyed was extended over the whole of her life, from conception onward. She was in a state of sanctifying grace from the first moment of her existence. This feast day was declared in 1854 by Pope Pius IX. There are many references to the Immaculate Conception that may be found in the Bible; Gabriel said, 'Hail, Full of Grace, the Lord is with you'; Mary as 'Woman', alludes to Eve, who is called 'Woman'; Mary as the Woman of the New Creation and Eve as the Woman before the Fall; and the early Church Fathers like Justin Martyr and Irenaeus express solid support of this doctrine. Ave Maria, Gratia Plena, Dominus Tecum. Remember, this is a Holy Day of Obligation.

ADVENT XLT

WHOSE LOVE ENDURES
THROUGH GENERATIONS

Night of Adoration & Praise
Speaker: David Calavitta
Music by "Ephphatha"

DECEMBER
6
2023
7PM

WORSHIP
MESSAGE
ADORATION

ALL ARE INVITED

Noche de Reflexión y Adoración al Santísimo

En Español
Lunes, Dec 4, 2023
6:15 pm - 8:30 pm

**"Guadalupe la Estrella
de la Evangelización"**

St. Thomas More Parish Hall
Presentador: **Presenter: Reverend Joseph Justice**
Para más información: Blanca Bermúdez (949) 254-0543

"ESCUCHA, PONLO EN TU CORAZON, HUIO MIO EL MENOR, QUE NO ES NADA LO QUE TE
ESPANTO", LO QUE TE AFLIGIO; QUE NO SE PERTURBE TU ROSTRO, TU CORAZÓN; NO TEMAS
ESTA ENFERMEDAD NI NINGUNA OTRA ENFERMEDAD NI COSA PUNZANTE, AFLICTIVA.
¿NO ESTOY AQUÍ YO, QUE SOY TU MADRE? ¿NO ESTAS BAJO MI SOMBRA Y RESGUARDO?



**IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION
of Mary**

Mass Times:
Thursday, December 7th
Vigil Mass: 7:00 PM

Friday, December 8th
8:00 AM
5:00 PM
7:00 PM (multi-lingual)

Holy Day of Obligation

Gospelize Your Story

STM Small Faith Communities are
journeying together through the
Season of Advent.

All are welcome to join us at any time.
Come Gospelize Your Story!



STM SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES
WWW.STMIRVINE.ORG/SFC

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Misa de Las Mañanitas

Tuesday, December 12th
@6:00 a.m.

*Followed by a reception in the multipurpose room.
Por favor traiga un platillo para compartir.*



Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

Advent is a time for waiting, for hoping, for
praying. It is a time for reflecting on the special
work to which God calls us all. Stay alert. Show
Him you are listening.

HOLY SPIRIT NITE

Tuesday, Dec 12th
Emily Wilson
7:00 - 9:00 PM
@STM



Observances for the week of December 3, 2023

- Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Advent
- Monday:** St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday:** St. Nicholas, Bishop
- Thursday:** St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Friday:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Saturday:** St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Advent



ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.



ANGEL TREE



The deadline to return Angel Tags and gift items is

Sunday, December 10th

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



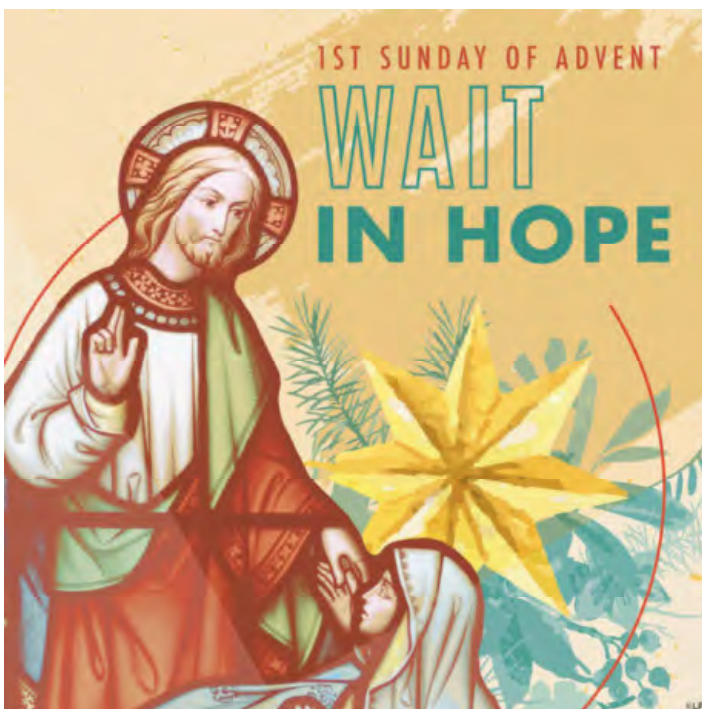
TMIY
THAT MAN IS YOU!
BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART
7:30AM in the MPR



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.

Visit jccacademy.org to learn more about the Academy's mission and to engage with its leadership.





The Knights of Columbus



Poinsettia Sale

December 2nd & 3rd

Take them home to enjoy!
Thank you for your support!





Art & Environment Ministry Poinsettia Sale

December 8th, 9th & 10th

Take one home or
fill out a tag to donate to the church for Christmas decorations
\$20 each

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Young Ladies Institute

CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

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December 2-3 & December 9-10

Available at the YLI table in the courtyard after Mass.

Gratefully wishing all of you a blessed holiday season!




SANTO ROSARIO EN ESPAÑOL - HOLY ROSARY IN SPANISH

A partir de agosto, acompáñanos a rezar el Santo Rosario cada martes de 7:00pm-8:30pm, aquí en nuestra parroquia de Santo Tomás Moro, en el salón #2. Meditaremos los misterios y haremos una reflexión del Evangelio del domingo.



Para más información, puedes comunicarte con Ana Bedoya (arbbgu@hotmail.com) o con cualquiera de nosotros del Ministerio Hispano después de la misa dominical de la 1:00 pm. ¡Te esperamos!



Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you. (Is 63:19)

Psalms:

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. (Ps 80)

Second Reading:

The testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 1:6-7)

Gospel:

"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming." (Mk 13:35)



HOLY SPIRIT
PRAYER MEETING

1st & 3rd Friday
7 pm in MPR

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ADVENT
Hope Peace Love Joy

ST. THOMAS MORE MINISTRIES

Liturgy Support

Altar Servers	Mary Jane Rin	(9) 627-7125
Art & Environment	Amee Cuevas	(9) 551-8601
Eucharist to the Homebound	Fran Necikowski	(7) 505-4816
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Jerry Donaldson	(9) 552-5485
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Parish

Believe and Grow Together Campaign	Lisa VanDorpe	(7) 357-3080
Bulletin Editor	Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
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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

Sacraments

Baptism Coordinator	Windy Lozano	(9) 551-8601
Confirmation	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8602
First Communion	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
First Reconciliation	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)	Deacon Bernie & Pam Ocampo	(9) 468-6604
Marriage Case Support	Contact office	(9) 551-8601
Marriage Encounter	Mike & Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Wedding Coordinator	Marcella Maurer	(9) 551-8601




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	Mernie Empalmado	(9) 307-7479
Grief Share Ministry	K.C. Riley	(7) 875-8126
Hispanic Ministry	Victor Cota	(9) 400-7743
Homeless Lunch Ministry	Jessica Silva	(9) 294-2875
Knights of Columbus Council #13111	Jake Lowe	(657) 363-7281
Respect Life	Chris Gonzales	(9) 551-8601
Safety Ministry	Fred Simon	(310) 508-5053
STM Veterans	Sgt. Bob Kohler	(9) 552-1895
St. Vincent de Paul	Rick Lamoreux	(9) 331-1020
Vietnamese Ministry	Huan Le	(7) 261-9893
Young Ladies Institute	Gloria Glenn	(9) 294-9175

Spiritual Development

Adult Faith Formation / Bible Study	Tara Reynaud	(9) 551-8601
Christ Renews His Parish	Tony Patronite	(9) 307-6215
Devotional Life Committee	Julie Whiteside	(7) 615-7205
Cursillo	Susan Navarrete	(9) 345-9130
Legion of Mary	Trisha Smith	(7) 473-3714
Library	Sam & Diana Adams	(7) 321-2405
Life Teen – High School & Young Adults	Bella Magetti & Hayley Moore	(9) 551-8602
More Moms	Krystal Padley	(9) 551-8601
Prayer Partners	Mary Cope	(7) 900-0632
Religious Education	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Small Faith Communities	Denyse Gagnon	(7) 501-7848
Spanish Bible Study	Teresa LeMire	(7) 832-1770
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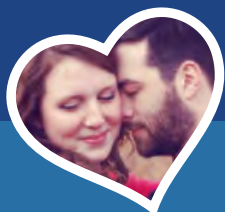
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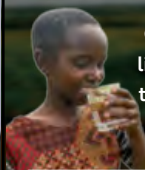


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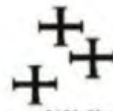
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- 1:30 PM** - Procession By Parish of Parols & Pennant
- Holy Mass (Bishop Kevin Vann)
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- 2:30** - Salo-Salo in Bishop Freyer Hall (Potluck)
Program (Rondalla, Kulturang Sayaw,
Mano po Ninong at Ninang**, Games,
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- 5:30** - Party Ends

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