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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.

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Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm
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DECEMBER 5, 2021

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Luke 3:3



SECOND
Sunday
OF *Advent*



MASS INTENTIONS

| | | |
|----------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| Wednesday 12/1 | 8:00am | †Robert Kim |
| Thursday 12/2 | 8:00am | †Edward Andrade |
| Friday 12/3 | 8:00am | Maria San Diego |
| Saturday 12/4 | 8:00am | †Anita Oesterreich |
| | | Jacob and Kate Hallahan |
| | | †Tone Diaz |
| | | Rosita Trinidad |
| | | Meli Cayada |
| | | †Prospero Ylagan |
| | | †Edward Andrade |
| | | †Antonette Christensen |
| | | Andrew & Alicia Whalen |
| | | †Maria & Vladek Makowski |
| | | Ann & Jacqui |
| | | †Charles Xavier & Doris |
| | | †Susan Pinke |
| | | †All Souls in Purgatory |
| | 4:00pm | †Dominico & Maria Chuong Vu |
| | 6:00pm | Joyce Yolandawati |
| Sunday 12/5 | 8:00am | Pro Populo |
| | 10:00am | †Antonio Maralit |
| | 12:00pm | †Claudio Bedoya |
| | 5:00pm | Edward Tseng |
| Monday 12/6 | 8:00am | Sandi Aduna |
| Tuesday 12/7 | 8:00am | †Ana Maria Nga Phan |
| | 7:00pm | Don & Betsy Lansigan |
| Wednesday 12/8 | 8:00am | Connie San Juan |
| | 5:00pm | Robert Wills |
| | 7:00pm | Anthony & Amapola Cruz |
| Thursday 12/9 | 8:00am | Carolyn Dear |
| Friday 12/10 | 8:00am | †Simon Cabral |
| Saturday 12/11 | 8:00am | †Catherine Georges |
| | | Debi & Michael Whalen |
| | 6:00pm | Jeannette Smith |
| Sunday 12/12 | 6:00am | Julie Hoying |
| | 8:00am | Natalie Jensen |
| | | †Frank and Agnes Gilmore |
| | | Nicholas Dear |
| | 10:00am | Marilyn Hogbin |
| | 5:00pm | Pro Populo |
| | | Healthcare workers |



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.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Stand on the heights, Jerusalem; see your children rejoicing that they are remembered by God. A merciful and just God leads Israel in joy (Baruch 5:1-9).

Psalms — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — May your love increase in knowledge to discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the day of Christ (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

Gospel — John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All flesh shall see the salvation of God (Luke 3:1-6).

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Rest in the love of Christ
 Jesus Alberto Villasana



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16,

18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



Today's theme on the readings: A DEEP CHANGE OF HEART

When John proclaimed a baptism of repentance, as today's Gospel relates, he called people to a deep change of heart. For John the Baptist, repentance was not simply regret for past failings, but a commitment to orient life around God's desires and purposes. What might living in alignment with God's desires look like? Our readings offer some clues. Baruch indicates that when mercy and justice are embraced like a royal garment, we may see the fruits of repentance. Paul notes how the Holy Spirit has been active within the church in Philippi, forming them to live in a loving and united community of faith, so they may witness to the love of God. And John himself suggests that a repentant heart clears a path for God to enter, leveling the mountains and valleys of our resistance, so that God might dwell within.

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Collections and Expenses

11-22-2021 to 12-5-21 (2 weeks)

| | Collection | E-Giving | Total |
|-------------------|------------|----------|----------|
| Sunday Collection | \$38,627 | \$21,766 | \$60,393 |
| Maintenance Fund | \$805 | \$1,215 | \$2,020 |
| Other income | \$18,498 | \$3,509 | \$22,007 |
| Total income | \$57,930 | \$26,490 | \$84,420 |

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| Regular Expenses | 43,954 |
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| Believe & Grow Capital Campaign | \$13,195 | \$16,749 | \$29,944 |
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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, the Maintenance Fund donations can be used to pay for the construction costs to build the new Parish church and for the maintenance as well as repairs of the existing Parish buildings and property. **Thank you!**



This weekend, we will have a special collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Your gift to this special collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous. Thank you!

**Advent
Penance
Service**

**Thurs,
Dec 16
7pm**

Fr. Eugene & Fr. Kiet
will offer extra
confession times:

Dec 13-18
after 8 am Mass
&
Dec 20-23
starting at 7 pm



Welcome to God's Family

Desmond Chang
Kora Chang
Mira Chang
Nathan Martin



PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING

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| Stacey Allen | Tina Halberg | Benjamin Nicanor |
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| Renee Andrade | Shirley Hecker | Thuy-Lieu Nguyen |
| Judy Anselmo | John Heffernan | Quy Nguyen |
| Alicia Arrellano | Robert Henry | Kyle Osbourne |
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| Maria Botello | Angela Jack | Charlie Perrea |
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| Rick Denham | Jack Light | Tara Summers |
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| Larry Doan | Minerva Lopez | Liz Thomas |
| Beata Durdovic | Aida Lopez-Tan | Gail Tierney |
| Chela Echenique | Alicia Lowe | Xuan Tran |
| Kathy Ellis | Gloria MacCormack | Denise Trujillo |
| Linda Emanuel | Humberto Mackay | Jack Troung |
| Thomas Erhard | Myrna Malazarte | Kimberly Truong |
| Richard Erhard | Kristin Mann | Baby Catherine Tseng |
| Teresita Escala | Mercedes Mantilla | David Valentine |
| Jacob Espinoza | Cherry Marinas | Daniel Villareal |
| Guadalupe Figueroa | Cavan McGaffney | Jim Vessey |
| Lena Fisher | Kathleen McKinley | Hanh Vu |
| Cynthia Fox | Connie Mellott | Alicia Walters |
| Howard Frankel, MD | Durvalina Menezes | Shayne Walters |
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| Jose Gonzales, Jr. | Marie Moya | Jim Wood |
| Marisela Gonzalez | Susan Navarrete | Linda Yipp |
| Lois Gorman | Ramon Navarro, Jr. | Andy Zelinko |
| | Mary Nelson | |

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

STM YTH

Now

YOU Theology Of The Body Small Groups

Theology of the Body small groups will be taking December off. Small groups will resume January 10th at 7pm.

STM YTH

Thu 7:00 PM

YTH Night - Christmas Party Sunday, 12/12

All High School students are invited for our Christmas party YTH Night. For more information, check out our social media accounts @STM.YTH

CONFIRMATION

WED 6:00 PM

Confirmation Class Schedule

C1 Dates: Dec 8, Jan 5, Jan 19, Feb 2.

C2 Dates: Dec 15, Jan 12, Jan 26, Feb. 9.t



R.E.P. CORNER



ATTENTION FAMILIES!!

Please join us this Friday, December 10th at 7 PM for *Anticipating Emmanuel*, a very special Advent evening of music, Adoration and the Christmas story. Many of our REP students have volunteered to make this story come to life. So, bring the family and spend some time in preparation for the coming of the baby Jesus.



Looking for a great way to get into the holiday spirit? Make sure to attend the 10 AM Mass next Sunday, December 12th. Our Kindergarteners will be singing Christmas Carols.

You don't want to miss this!



CIRCLE OF GRACE Safe Environment Training

Circle of Grace Safe Environment Training for all of our students in Kindergarten through 5th grades has been sent home through email. Parents and guardians, please make sure to complete the material sent home for your child and send us the Acknowledgement of Completion form. Please direct any questions or concerns to the REP Office at (949) 551-8029.

The Library Corner

Second Sunday of Advent



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

As we journey through the Advent season, we prepare ourselves to celebrate the nativity of Christ, and to reflect on God's infinite love for us all. The Parish Library has an excellent book on this topic titled, 'Advent and Christmas Wisdom from St Thomas Aquinas', authored by Father Andrew Carl Wisdom. These daily scripture readings and meditations offer us a better understanding of the importance of our personal relationship with God. We all can use these reflections and meditations to slow down and remember that because of God's love for us all, Jesus was born and through Him, salvation is ours.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Mass Times:

Tuesday, December 7th

Vigil Mass: 7:00 PM

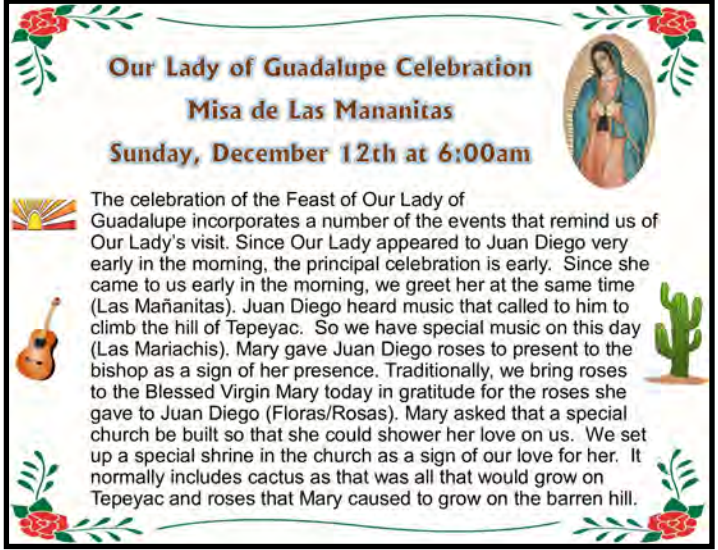
Wednesday, December 8th

8:00 AM

5:00 PM

7:00 PM (multi-lingual)


Holy Day of Obligation



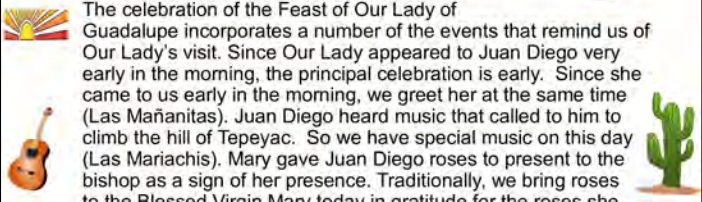
Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

Misa de Las Mañanitas

Sunday, December 12th at 6:00am



The celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe incorporates a number of the events that remind us of Our Lady's visit. Since Our Lady appeared to Juan Diego very early in the morning, the principal celebration is early. Since she came to us early in the morning, we greet her at the same time (Las Mañanitas). Juan Diego heard music that called to him to climb the hill of Tepeyac. So we have special music on this day (Las Mariachis). Mary gave Juan Diego roses to present to the bishop as a sign of her presence. Traditionally, we bring roses to the Blessed Virgin Mary today in gratitude for the roses she gave to Juan Diego (Floras/Rosas). Mary asked that a special church be built so that she could shower her love on us. We set up a special shrine in the church as a sign of our love for her. It normally includes cactus as that was all that would grow on Tepeyac and roses that Mary caused to grow on the barren hill.



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Filipino Ministry Presents

Simbang Gabi

DECEMBER 17

ADORATION, MASS
AND FESTIVITIES

6:00 PM Adoration 7:15 PM Mass 8:15 PM Festivities



Young Ladies Grand Institute
A CATHOLIC WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

*All ladies of the parish,
please join us for our
monthly meeting on
Monday, Dec 13th
at 7:00 p.m.
in the
multipurpose room.*

*We look forward to
sharing about who we
are and what we do for
our Church and our
community.*

Contact
Carol Warpeha
at 949-280-5791



PLEASE BE AN ANGEL THIS CHRISTMAS!

December 4th & 5th

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

Questions? Contact: Terry & Kathy @ 949-701-3763

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, DEC 4 | 5 PM Vietnamese Penance Service

POSTPONED TO DEC 11 & 12 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)

Christmas Season

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASSES: FRI, DEC 24

4 pm | 6 pm | 8 pm (Viet/Eng)

CHRISTMAS MASSES: SAT, DEC 25

12 am (Midnight) | 8 am | 10 am | 12 pm (Span/Eng)

NO 5 pm Mass

THE MOST HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

DEC 25 (SAT VIGIL) & SUN, DEC 26

Sat Vigil Masses: 4 pm (Viet/Eng) | 6 pm

Sun: 8 am | 10 am | 12 pm (Span/Eng) | 5 pm

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD MASS

(NEW YEAR'S EVE) MASS: FRI, DEC 31

6 pm (Vigil Mass) followed by a reception in the courtyard

10:30 pm Vigil Mass followed by Adoration & celebration

(Countdown to the New Year in silence
while adoring the King of Kings)

(NEW YEAR'S DAY): SAT, JAN 1

9:00 am

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD:

JAN 1 (SAT VIGIL) & SUN, JAN 2

Sat Vigil Masses: 4 pm (Viet/Eng) | 6 pm

Sun: 8 am | 10 am | 12 pm (Span/Eng) | 5 pm

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD:

JAN 8 (SAT VIGIL) & SUN, JAN 9

Sat Vigil Masses: 4 pm (Viet/Eng) | 6 pm

Sun: 8 am | 10 am | 12 pm (Span/Eng) | 5 pm



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 |
| Ushers | Frank Ornelas (9) 857-9044 | Joe Martin (9) 385-3741 |

Sacraments

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| 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

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 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 |
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| Hispanic Ministry | Frank Ornelas (9) 857-9044 | Patty Trujillo (7) 270-5073 |
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| 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

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| Hospitality/Donut Ministry | Deacon Tony Patronite | (9) 307-6215 |
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| Parish Office Manager | Lisa Bergler | (9) 551-8601 |
| Welcoming Committee | Vince Salico | (7) 389-7726 |

Spiritual Development

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|--|-------------------|--------------|
| 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 |

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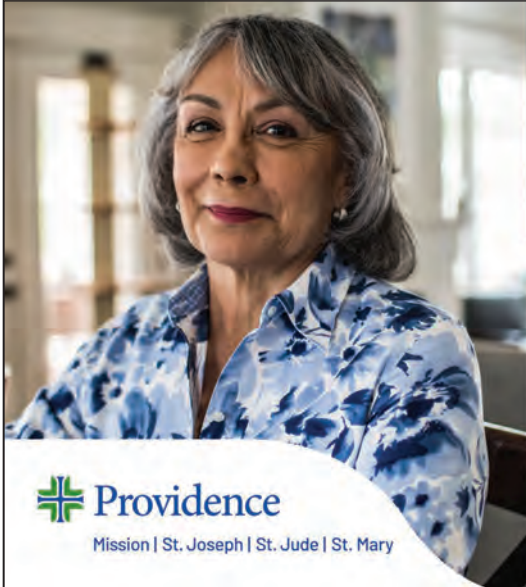
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