



# 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\*  
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 6:30pm

**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



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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

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 Tin & Mrs. UyenLan Nguyen  
Deacon Leonard & Mrs. Nancy Sun

†Rev. John E. Janze

### Office Information

Office hours:  
Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm  
Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm  
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December 7, 2025



**WELCOME  
to STM!**



Donna Babbs  
Ann Pan  
Michele Wills

## Prayers for Healing

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Felicia Carazo  
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Michael Collins  
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Cristina Crouth  
Paul Curran  
Chaz Decoteau  
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Cristina Dulce  
Cecelia Duzynski  
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Chantelle Fausto  
Ted Fliller  
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Marco Gama  
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Doug & Kathie Hibbard  
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Natalie and Warren Julian  
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Tiesha Kelley  
Vivian Knisely  
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Lauren Leal  
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Ryan Quinn  
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Donna Rohrer  
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Arjan Sami  
Norma Santiago  
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  Msgr. Timothy J. Doyle Council #13111

**Poinsettia Sale**  
**December 6 & 7**

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

## Mass Intentions

- Sat 12/6 4:00pm †Ana Maria Phan Thi Kieu Nga  
6:00pm Allen Chiou and Family
- Sun 12/7 8:00am †Ana Maria Phan Thi Kieu Nga  
Natalie Jensen  
†Aurelio and Pacita San Diego  
Hai Nga Family  
The Simon Family  
Claire Calaway  
Ryan Millhouse  
†Verle Sjogren  
9:30am PRO-POPULO  
11:30am †Ann Fernandez  
1:00pm †Ramon Casillas & Marie Esther Martinez  
3:00pm †James Huang  
5:00pm Julie Yonemura
- Mon 12/8 8:00am Megan Lui  
12:30pm Robert Wills  
6:00pm Anthony and Amapola Cruz
- Tues 12/9 8:00am †Reggie Maliapo  
6:00pm Carolyn Dear
- Wed 12/10 8:00am Brian and Jane Wong  
6:00pm †Simon Cabral
- Thurs 12/11 9:00am Loretta Gall  
6:00pm Klaus Bauch
- Fri 12/12 6:00am Nicholas Dear  
8:00am †Anita Manalili-George  
6:00pm †Raul Suito



## Collection Report

11/10/2025 – 11/16/2025

Sunday Collections	\$ 28,899.00
Believe & Build, BGT, BGT2	\$ 50,313.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,200.00
Misc Income (Mass Intentions, etc)	\$ 4,845.00

*Young Ladies Grand Institute*

**Christmas See's Candy  
Fundraising Event**

**Sunday, Dec 14 and Sunday, Dec 21**  
**8:00 am - 2:30 pm**

Available in the courtyard after Mass.  
Cash and checks only. No credit cards.  
Supplies will be limited.

Thank you for supporting our charities, especially the education of seminarians.

*We wish you a happy and blessed Christmas!*

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

# SEASON *of* ADVENT

## *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

*A Holy Day of Obligation* | Mass Times:  
8:00 AM, 12:30 PM, 6:00 PM (multilingual)

## *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

### **Weekly Confessions**

Saturdays | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

### **Advent Penance Service**

Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> | 7:00 PM

### **Additional Confessions:**

Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> | 8:30 AM & 6:30 PM

Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> | 8:30 AM & 1:00 PM

Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> | 8:30 AM & 6:30 PM

## *Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe*

**Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

Las Mañanitas de la Virgen de Guadalupe  
6:00 AM Mass (Spanish/English)

8:00 AM Daily Mass

6:00 PM Daily Mass

## *Advent Night of Adoration and Praise*

**Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> | 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM**

A special night of Eucharistic Adoration  
and praise music.

## *“Christmas Around the World” Christmas Concert*

**Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> | 7:00 PM**

Celebrate the birth of Christ through  
sacred music and carols from Catholic  
communities around the globe, united  
in a joyful song of praise.

Hosted by the STM choirs.

## *Simbang Gabi*

**Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup> | 7:30 PM**

Evening Mass and devotional festivities,  
hosted by the Filipino Ministry. All are  
welcome.

## *“True North: Birthday for Jesus”*

**Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> | 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM**

Come celebrate a fun Advent night of  
music, reflection, and prayer for the whole  
family.



## STM CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

### Next Classes:

C2- Wed, Dec 10 at 7:00pm

C1- Wed, Dec 17 at 7:00pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 | 6-8:15 PM

# YOUTH night

Food. Games. Fellowship.

Christmas Celebration: Joy to the World

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## R.E.P. CORNER



### REP ADVENT SCHEDULE



We have REP classes this week (12/9 & 12/10) and our special REP Advent Celebrations NEXT week (12/16 & 12/17).

You won't want miss them!

The REP Team hopes that all of our families and catechists are having a blessed Advent so far.



### ATTENTION ALL EDGE STUDENTS

**EDGE** Our EDGE Night of *Fun, Fellowship & Friends* at BOOMERS is coming up on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-9PM. Please contact the REP Office for information on registering for this fun event!



### SAVE THE DATE--



"Reason for the Season" Family Event  
Please join us Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30PM for a special family evening of music, fun, and prayer for the whole family! Bring the family and spend some time preparing for the coming of Baby Jesus at Christmas.

Our TRUE NORTH buddies will be there too!!



# 30

YEARS  
OF  
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As we prepare to celebrate our 30th Anniversary in 2026, please send us photos you have from our STM history.

Send photos to: [photos@stmirvine.org](mailto:photos@stmirvine.org) or drop them off at the parish office. Thank you!

## STM SFC



We may enjoy God on the mountaintops, but we get to know Him in the valleys.

### Join Us!

STM Small Faith Communities





# BE AN ANGEL THIS CHRISTMAS!



YOUR DONATIONS BENEFIT:

Catholic Charities of OC

STM's St. Vincent de Paul & Homeless Lunch Ministry

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Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem

Life Center of Santa Ana & other local charities

**Get your "gift tag" angel ornaments after Mass  
Please return gift cards, toys and bikes by Dec 14th!**



Please call Kathy @ (949) 856-2727 if you have questions.



## PLEDGE MATCH CHALLENGE

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*Make your Pledge*



GROUNDBREAKING — APRIL 25, 2026

## St. Andrew Christmas Novena Begins November 30th - December 24th



*It is piously believed that whoever recites the St. Andrew Christmas novena FIFTEEN times each day from the feast of St. Andrew (November 30th) until Christmas Eve will obtain the favor requested.*

### St. Andrew Christmas Novena

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold.

In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, [here mention your request] through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.



YOUTH X YOUNG ADULT X HOLY SPIRIT MINISTRIES



12TH DECEMBER, '25  
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM  
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## A SPECIAL NIGHT OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND PRAISE

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Immaculate Conception • Luke 1:26-38

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**CHRISTMAS**  
AROUND THE WORLD

THURSDAY

18 DECEMBER 2025

St. Thomas More Parish Hall | 7 pm

CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF CHRIST THROUGH SACRED MUSIC AND  
CAROLS FROM ALL CHOIRS AT STM, SHARING MUSIC AROUND THE  
GLOBE, UNITED IN A JOYFUL SONG OF PRAISE.

# 100th Anniversary First Saturday Devotion

\* On December 10, 1925, Jesus and Mary appeared to Sr. Lucia of Fatima to ask for the First Saturday Devotion to obtain conversion and peace in the world.

\* On January 4, 2025, Cardinals Raymond Burke and Robert Sarah announced a global call to all the faithful to respond to this 100 year request.

Join us every  
First Saturday  
of each month at the  
8am Mass  
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FILIPINO MINISTRY

# Simbang Gabi

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20TH  
7:30PM MASS  
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

ST. NICHOLAS

## Devotions, *Explained!*

St. Nicholas is sometimes merged with the modern figure of Santa Claus in the collective imagination. But St. Nicholas was a real-life bishop, a follower of Jesus whose example of Christian self-giving endures hundreds of years after his death.



Sunday, December 21  
6:30PM

Family fun for everyone!  
(S'mores & hot chocolate will be served)  
All are welcome!!!



## ST. THOMAS MORE MINISTRIES

### Liturgy Support

Altar Servers	Mary Jane Rin	(9) 627-7125
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### Parish

Believe and Build Capital Campaign	Lisa VanDorpe	(7) 357-3080
Bulletin Editor	Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Deacons	Tin Nguyen & Leonard Sun	(9) 551-8601
Facilities Manager	Ed Ferguson	(9) 551-8601
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Parish Business Manager	Mireya Moreno	(9) 551-8601
Parish Office Manager	Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Welcoming Committee	Vince Salico	(7) 389-7726

### Sacraments

Baptism Coordinator	Maggy Gall	(9) 551-8601
Confirmation	Mike Fahey	(9) 551-8602
First Communion	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
First Reconciliation	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)	Sonny & Marie Obillos	(9) 668-5201
Marriage Case Support	Contact office	(9) 551-8601
Marriage Encounter	Mike & Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Wedding Coordinator	Mary Jane Rin	(9) 551-8601

### Service

Bereavement	Rosie Muñoz	(9) 551-8601
Chinese Ministry	Deacon Leonard Sun	(7) 932-1689
Corazon	Norma Jean Womack	(9) 903-1472
Filipino Ministry	Mernie Empalmado	(9) 551-8601
Grief Share Ministry	K.C. Riley	(7) 875-8126
Hispanic Ministry	Victor Cota	(9) 400-7743
Homeless Lunch Ministry	Jessica Silva & Kim Lee	(9) 294-2875 (7) 293-8987
Knights of Columbus Council #13111	John Royston	(7) 743-9774
Respect Life	Chris Gonzales	(9) 551-8601
Safety Ministry	Franck Reynaud	(7) 906-7569
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	Ann Johnson	(9) 374-1547

### Spiritual Development

Adult Faith Formation	Tara Reynaud, Denyse Gagnon, Mary Jane Rin	(7) 925-9992
Bible Study (Bible Focused Formation)	Margaret Cunningham	(7) 552-8711
Christ Renews His Parish	Steve Hastert & Stacey Howmann	(7) 319-9947 (9) 939-0998
Cursillo	Susan Navarrete	(9) 345-9130
Devotional Life Committee	Julie Whiteside	(7) 615-7205
FOCUS	Steven Debolt & Emily Ambrosio	(9) 382-4324
Holy Spirit Prayer Team	John Moran	(7) 401-4728
Legion of Mary	Trisha Smith and Janeth Ostowari	(7) 473-3714 (9) 307-2716
Library	Romali Dsouza	(9) 551-8601
Life Teen – High School	Arlyn Pandes	(9) 551-8602
More Moms	Rosanna Iseri Novia	(9) 354-2547
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 (Bible Focused Formation)	Teresa LeMire	(7) 832-1770
When Women Pray	Paula Hines	(7) 746-1802

If you are feeling called to serve in one or more of our ministries, please email: [serve@stmirvine.org](mailto:serve@stmirvine.org)

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with Prayer



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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The story of Advent is a story of repentance. John the Baptist held up a mirror to the chosen people. He urged them to look at what they saw there. This Advent, will we look in the mirror? Will we choose repentance?

## Observances for the week of December 7, 2025

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Advent
- Monday:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Tuesday:** St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
- Wednesday:** Our Lady of Loreto
- Thursday:** St. Damasus I, Pope
- Friday:** Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Saturday:** St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Advent



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## Prayer for Advent – Peace

Come, Lord Jesus!  
Bring your peace to our world.  
Inspire reconciliation, heal divisions, bind wounds, rewrite scripts.  
You are the Prince of Peace,  
bring that light into every space.  
Amen.



# STM SILENT RETREATS

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### Women's Retreat: Jan 30 - Feb 1, 2026

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714-402-1127 or [sewingmh1@yahoo.com](mailto:sewingmh1@yahoo.com)

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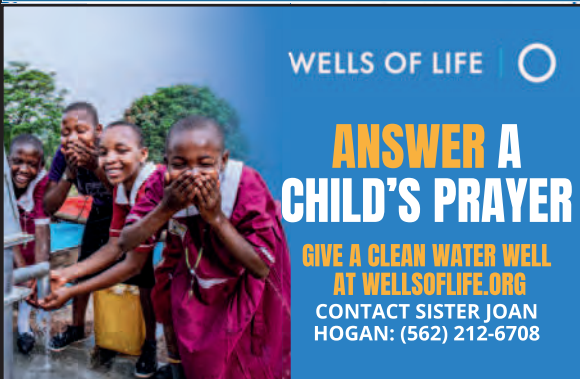


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town	home	Spirit
country	Elizabeth	blessed

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