



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

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Chinese Chaplain
Weekend Assistants

Deacons

Founding Pastor

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Rev. Francis Li
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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

Office Information

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December 8, 2024

Welcome
to STM!



Monday, December 9th

Mass Times:
8:00 AM
5:00 PM
7:00 PM (multi-lingual)

Holy Day of Obligation



Michael Graves
Norberto Piccolo

Collections and Expenses

11/18/2024– 12/1/2024 (2 weeks)

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$33,788	\$27,871	\$61,659
Maintenance Fund	\$950	\$520	\$1,470
Other income	\$125,644	\$3,466	\$129,110
Thanksgiving	\$2,374	\$35	\$2,409
Total income	\$162,757	\$31,892	\$194,649

Regular Expenses \$100,792

Capital Campaign \$72,875 \$26,430 \$99,305

Campaign Expenses \$31,909

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!

MASS INTENTIONS

- Sat 12/7 4:00pm †John Bui
6:00pm PRO POPULO
- Sun 12/8 8:00am †John Bui
9:30am Bryan and Jean Wong
Huy and Thi Family
Lou Figueroa
Paul Fernandes
Emmanuel and Raquel Fernandes
†Marc Cabrera
†Carl Magdaleno
†Jackie Kelliher
†Jocelyn McKnight
†Norberto Piccolo
11:30am The Del Villar Family
1:00pm †William Emmanuel Saligan
5:00pm Anthony and Amapola Cruz
- Mon 12/9 8:00am Robert Wills
5:00pm †Maria and Andrej Kasko
7:00pm †Leocadia Martin
- Tues 12/10 8:00am †Crysta Kavanaugh
6:00pm Mark Bacong
- Wed 12/11 8:00am †Sharon Jones
6:00pm Carol Fernandez
- Thurs 12/12 6:00am Nicholas Dear
8:00am Kasko Family
6:00pm †Jack Light
- Fri 12/13 8:00am †Cecilia and Valentino Bae
6:00pm †Souls in Purgatory
- Sat 12/14 8:00am Alan Lemire



Pray for the Sick

- Flory Aguilar
- Baby Dean Alvero
- Froy Becerra
- Daniel Bernabe
- AJ Cabrera
- Jasmine Cabrera
- Kirsten Cabrera
- Kelly Carter
- Lou and Nancy Chereny
- Paul Cook
- Victor Cota
- Paul Curran
- Chaz Decoteau
- Cecelia Duzynski
- Nina Leones Espino
- Maria Fernandes
- Tony Galati
- Marco Gama
- Anthony Gaona
- Lisa Greubel
- CJ Hassett
- Doug & Kathie Hibbard
- Drew Hoang
- Cristeta Jaropillo
- Angela Judy
- Natalie and Warren Julian
- Miriam Kasperowicz
- Tiesha Kelley
- Vivian Knisely
- Lauren Leal
- Brielle LeMire
- Joseph Manglona
- Terry & Kathy McGaughan
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- Ron Merse
- Paul Miller
- Deirdre Morley
- Susan Navarrete
- Ernie Natividad
- Eileen Ohlander
- Ben Pataray
- Sharon Pataray
- Liz Pennington
- Jacqueline Claire Poznoski
- Donna Publico
- Sandra Quezada
- Ryan Quinn
- George Quitarano
- Paula Jane Ramirez
- Al & Elizabeth Rangitsch
- Guadalupe Rivas
- Jose Guadalupe Rivera
- Pauline Rocha
- Donna Rohrer
- Norma Santiago
- John Selig
- Tara Summers
- Sally-Ann Thomas
- Lisa Turner
- Pete Villanueva
- Jesus Villanueva
- Raymund Villanueva
- Bill Whiteside
- Kristine & Brandon Williams
- Michele Wills
- Andy Zelinko

Email bulletin@stmirvine.org to add a name to be included for one month

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEASON *of* ADVENT



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, December 9th

A Holy Day of Obligation | Mass times:
8:00am, 5:00pm, 7:00pm (multi-lingual)

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Thursday, December 12th

6:00am Mass (Spanish/English) & Las
Mañanitas a la Virgen de Guadalupe

8:00am Daily Mass

6:00pm Daily Mass

"The Greatest Story Ever Told" Musical Production

("LA HISTORIA MÁS GRANDE JAMÁS CONTADA")

Saturday, December 14th | 7:30pm

Reflect on the birth of Jesus through
narration, music, singing, cultural
dance, and live illustration.

Hosted by the Hispanic Ministry.
English translation through projection.

33-Day Consecration to St. Joseph

November 26th to December 28th

Discover the wonders of our spiritual
Father

Go to stmirvine.org for details on how
to participate in this powerful devotion.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Weekly Confessions
Saturdays 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Advent Penance Service
Tuesday, December 17th | 7:00pm

Extra Confessions:
Friday, December 13th
8:30am & 6:30pm
Saturday, December 14th
8:30am & 1:00pm
Friday, December 20th
8:30am & 6:30pm
Saturday, December 21st
8:30am & 1:00pm

"Scuba Christmas"

Sunday, December 8th
6:30pm - 8:00pm

A special Advent night of
music, reflection, and prayer
for the whole family

Simbang Gabi

Saturday, December 21st
7:30pm Mass and festivities,
hosted by the Filipino Ministry



STM CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY



Upcoming Youth Night: 12/15

Next classes:
C1 Class 12/11
C2 Class: 12/18

Join us Mondays at 7pm for Youth Bible Studies! We'll go over the readings for the upcoming Sunday's Mass and grow with one another in fellowship & community!

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REP. CORNER



ATTENTION FAMILIES!!
Please join us **THIS Sunday, December 8th** for **SCUBA 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 **SCUBA buddies** will be there too!!



REP ADVENT SCHEDULE
We have REP classes this week (12/10 & 12/11) and our special REP Advent Celebrations **NEXT week (12/17 & 12/18)**. 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 Sunday, December 15th from 1-4PM. Please contact the REP Office for information on registering for this fun event!



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OUR LADY OF Guadalupe

Thursday,
December 12th

6:00am Misa de Las Mañanitas
8:00am & 6:00pm Daily Mass

Poinsettia Sale
December 14th & 15th

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

Prayer Partners Supporting Others with Prayer

Advent
The Lord is Near

Let us pray for you!

On stmirvine.org
Enter Your Prayer Intentions
Enter Answered Prayer Testimonials
Become a Prayer Partner - Pray for the Intentions once a week

Young Ladies Grand Institute
Christmas See's Candy
Fundraising Event

Pre-Order: Nov 20 - Dec 8
Pick up and additional sales:
Dec 7-8 & Dec 14-15

Available in the courtyard after Mass & pre-order.
Thank you for supporting our charities, especially the education of seminarians.
We wish you a happy and blessed Christmas!

thank you

Due to the generosity of our parishioners, the Young Ladies Grand Institute was able to donate money to two schools from our School Supply Drive this year. One of the schools, St. Anne's in Santa Ana, used the money to help buy uniforms for their newly formed Mariachi Band. They made their first performance early this month during a visit from the President of our organization and we received permission to share this photo with all of you. Thank you again for all you do for our parish ministries!

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 November 26 - December 28

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ADVENT Penance Service

Tuesday,
Dec 17th
7:00pm

Additional Confession Times:
Friday, Dec 13th: 8:30am & 6:30pm
Friday, Dec 20th: 8:30am & 6:30pm
Saturdays: 1:00pm




ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Simbang Gabi

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 21, 2024
7:30PM MASS
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW



**Why do we do that?
Catholic Life Explained**

Question:

What is the Hispanic Advent custom of "Las Posadas"?

Answer:

"Posada" is the Spanish word for inn or lodging. "Las Posadas" refers to a traditional Advent custom in preparation for the birth of Jesus, beginning on December 16. For nine successive evenings, groups reenact the search of Mary and Joseph for shelter in Bethlehem.

Two children dress as Mary and Joseph, sometimes with Mary riding on an actual donkey. They are usually accompanied by children dressed as angels and shepherds along with the Wise Men. Adults accompany them as they process to designated homes where they sing Christmas songs and request lodging. Part of the group enters the home and becomes the chorus that responds to the request for lodging. In the beginning the request is rebuffed. They move to several more homes where the ritual is repeated. Eventually, at the last home, their need is recognized, and they all enter the home where a party ensues. This is repeated in different neighborhoods and homes each of the nine days.

While this custom teaches children an important aspect of the Christmas story, it also emphasizes the need for hospitality to strangers and the continual need we all have to make room for Jesus in our "posada." As we struggle to arrive at a fair and just immigration policy, it would be good to recall the fact that Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were also immigrants looking for a hospitable place to dwell.




We will begin at 1:00pm by "knocking" on the St. Thomas More Parish Hall doors reenacting Mary and Joseph's journey. *Empezaremos a las 1:00pm con pedir posada en las puertas del salón parroquial.*

Light food and piñatas following Mass. *Comida ligera y piñatas después de la Misa.* Please bring a dish to share.

Las Posadas

Sunday, Dec 22nd



STM LIBRARY GRAND RE-OPENING!

Come on over to the STM Library after Mass next Sunday, December 15th and meet the new librarians: Suzanna and Romali! They have exciting new plans for the library, so stop in to check it out! They will be happy to help you find the right book for you and your family!

ST. THOMAS MORE MINISTRIES

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Holy Spirit Prayer Team	John Moran	(7) 401-4728
Legion of Mary	Trisha Smith and Janeth Ostowari	(7) 473-3714 (9) 307-2716
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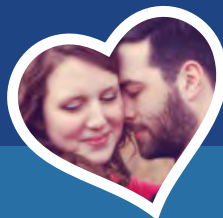
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PASKUHAN NG PAMILYANG PILIPINO 2024
(A Simbang Gabi Kickoff Celebration)

DECEMBER 14, 2024, SATURDAY, 4:30 PM-9 PM
CHRIST CATHEDRAL
13280 CHAPMAN AVE GARDEN GROVE, CA 92840

4:30 PM - Procession By Parishes of Parols & Pennants
Holy Mass (Bishop Thanh Thai Nguyen)
Choir: Holy Rosary Philippine Chamber Chorale

6:00 PM - Salo-Salo in Large Gallery Hall
Program (Christmas Carols, Rondalla, Kulturang Sayaw, Mano po Ninong at Ninang, ** Games, Raffles & Prizes)

9:00 PM - Party Ends

****Be a Ninong or Ninang - Bring cash in \$1 bills (at least total of \$20 or more) to give to children present. Bring your young children or apo.**
Please come in your favorite Filipiniana/Barong attire.
Suggested Donation: \$10 per adult; children 12 years & under are free; \$40 for family of 5 (13 years & above). You must register to save your seat. You may also bring any traditional dessert to share (suman, kakanin, puto bumbong, etc.).

SPACE IS VERY LIMITED. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.
Deadline to register - December 8, 2024, Sunday:
To register, scan the QR Code, complete the form & donate with any credit card.

Or call: Cheri - 714-914-8201; Clara - 650-714-7137; Dr Tess - 714-213-4715
Donate by any of the following ways:
1) Check payable to San Jose Filipino Ministry (Memo: Simbang Gabi)
Mail to: 1235 S. Magnolia Ave Anaheim, CA 92804-5115
2) ZELLE to San Jose Filipino Ministry - "donate@dosjfm.org"




Part-Time 5th/6th Grade Teacher Opening

Joseph of Cupertino Classical Academy (JCCA) is a Catholic, classical, hybrid program located at St. Thomas More Parish. JCCA blends traditional teacher-led instruction with the familial benefits of homeschooling. Position is 3 days per week. Compensation is commensurate with experience.

To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to the Interim Academy Director, Ashley Pagel: Ashley.Pagel@jccacademy.org

For more information about JCCA, visit our website: www.jccacademy.org




A Listening Heart

Responding Like Mary
With a Listening Heart

December 15, 2024

<https://bit.ly/3YzRjP7>

During Advent we invite single women ages 18-45 to gather with other women who desire to tap into the wisdom within and listen like Mary. We will reflect on Proverbs 20:5. Knowing what is right is like deep water in the heart; a wise person draws from the deep well within.



3:00 pm PT
5:00 pm CT
6:00 pm ET
7:30 pm NL

Hosted by:
Conference of Presentation Sisters

Advent Retreat for Adults

Saturday, December 14th English Only
or Sunday, December 15th
in English y Español 10am – 3pm

Mass and lunch are included. A freewill offering is greatly appreciated. Suggested donation \$35.00.
Please RSVP by December 6th Space is limited.

to 714-557-4538 or

RetreatCenter@joyfulapostolate.org

2927 S Greenville St. Santa Ana, CA 92704
www.joyfulapostolate.org/advent-retreat-2



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