



# 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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Chinese Chaplain

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Deacons

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Parochial Vicar Emeritus

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### Office Hours:

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

**Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm**



**December 10, 2023**



Edelmira Aviles  
Sandra Castaneda  
Kevin Haley  
Yolanda Valdivia

**Second Collection  
December 9th & 10th**



**Collections and Expenses**

11/27/2023– 12/3/2023

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$19,979	\$19,571	\$39,551
Maintenance Fund	\$434	\$395	\$829
Other income	\$10,663	\$705	\$11,368
Total income	\$31,077	\$20,671	\$51,748
	<b>Regular Expenses</b>		<b>\$41,785</b>
Believe & Grow Capital Campaign	\$12,770	\$3,890	\$16,660

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 12/9 4:00pm Pro Populo  
6:00pm Peter Kenneth Phung  
Taryn Atkins  
†John Joseph Cuong Le  
†John Baptist Long Tran  
†Leocadia Martin  
†Fr. Bill Krekelberg  
†Bridgett & Ray Marchetti  
†Graciano Santos, Sr.
- Sun 12/10 8:00am †Agnes Sinocruz  
9:30am †Simon Cabral  
11:30am †Valentino Bae  
5:00pm Sheila Evans
- Mon 12/11 8:00am †Cecilia Bae
- Tues 12/12 6:00am †Damasa Farjado  
8:00am Fr. Angelus Echeverry
- Wed 12/13 8:00am Kaitlyn Lucia Majkoski
- Thurs 12/14 8:00am Alan LeMire
- Friday 12/15 8:00am Matt Panas
- Sat 12/16 8:00am †Jose S. Navarro, Sr.  
Nancy Kobayashi †Bridget & Ray Marchetti  
Michael Girardi †Barbara Sutton  
Jerry & Evie Pilkington †Antonio Jugueta  
†Soledad Caringal  
†Susan Haragh



**PRAYERS FOR HEALING**

- |                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Flory Aguilar             | Fred Martinez               |
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| Victor Cota               | Aileen Perez                |
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**THIS WEEKEND:**

**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.

**YLI See's Candy Christmas Fundraiser**  
December 9th and 10th  
This is the last weekend to get treats for the loved ones on your gift list. Proceeds support charities, especially the education of seminarians.

**Angel Tree**  
The deadline to return gifts is Sunday, December 10th. Proceeds support STM Homeless Lunch Ministry, St. Vincent de Paul, Catholic Charities, Caterina's Club, Life Center of Santa Ana, Obria Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem, and USMC Camp Pendleton. Thank you for your generous support to help families in need this Christmas.



**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.*



**JOIN US FOR THE LAST**  
**HOLY SPIRIT NITE OF 2023**

**Tuesday, Dec 12th**

**Emily Wilson**  
presents "Holy Spirit, I Trust in You"  
and will lead us in worship songs. We  
will end with a prayer session.

**7:00 - 9:00 PM**



**STELLAR CHRISTMAS**  
SHINE JESUS LIGHT

**Friday, December 15**  
6PM Adoration  
6:30PM Event Begins  
All are welcome!!





**Hygiene Drive**

Help the homeless and donate new, travel sized hygiene items. Thank you for your generosity!

**Donation Items Needed:**

<b>Toothbrush</b>	<b>Deodorant</b>
<b>Toothpaste</b>	<b>Shaving Razor</b>
<b>Body Soap</b>	<b>Lip Balm</b>

Drop off items, by Dec 17th, to collection boxes located at any of the following 3 foyers:  
outside the MPR/St. Nicholas Room, outside the Front Office, outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel



**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](http://jccacademy.org) to learn more about the Academy's mission and to engage with its leadership.

# STM CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

## Upcoming Confirmation Classes

C1 Classes: Jan 10 & 24

C2 Classes: Dec 13, Jan 17 & Jan 31

Confirmation classes will be on Christmas break from 12/18 -1/5. Class meetings will resume 1/10 with Confirmation 1.

## 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.

## Monday Night Bible Study

Join us Mondays at 7pm in the Parish 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



### ATTENTION FAMILIES!!

Please join us THIS Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 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!



### REP ADVENT SCHEDULE



We have REP classes next week (12/12 & 12/13) and our special REP Advent Celebrations the following week (12/19 & 12/20). You won't want miss them! The REP Team hopes that all of our families and catechists are having a blessed Advent so far.

### The Library Corner



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 from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Did you know that Catholic Ecclesiology has divisions known as the 'three states of the Church'? The Catholic Church commemorates these divisions as the Church Militant, the Church Penitent and the Church Triumphant. These are terms represented and precisely stated in the Lumen Gentium by Pope Paul VI in 1964. The Church Militant is engaged in constant warfare against the world, sin, the flesh and the devil. The Church Penitent means repenting for those Christians that have died in the state of grace who are in Purgatory, being purified of their imperfections before entering heaven. The Church Triumphant means exulting and exceedingly rejoicing eternally in the glory of God, to whom they are united in the beatific vision, heaven. Lumen Gentium affirms the absolute necessity of the Catholic Church, founded by the Lord Himself, as the means of our salvation in Christ. Without the Church, we do not have the New Testament, the Sacraments, Sanctifying Grace, the Magisterium, the Saints and their intercession and the Salvation and Grace of the Holy Mass.



# ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

A voice cries out:  
In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!  
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!  
(Is 40:3)

### Psalm:

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your  
salvation. (Ps 85)

### Second Reading:

We await new heavens and a new earth  
in which righteousness dwells. (1 Pt 1:13)

### Gospel:

John the Baptist appeared in the desert  
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the  
forgiveness of sins. (Mk 16:4)

## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Christ is making a journey into each of our hearts  
this Advent. Clear away whatever blocks his way.  
Make straight the path. Invite him in.

## Observances for the week of December 10, 2023

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Advent
- Monday:** St. Damasus I, Pope
- Tuesday:** Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Wednesday:** St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
- Thursday:** St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Advent

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- Enter Prayer Intentions
- Enter Answered Prayer Testimonials
- View and Pray for the Online Intentions
- Become a Prayer Partner – Pray for the Intentions once a week



## 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!



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## GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE B



## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Our Lady of Guadalupe • Luke 1:39-47

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

# SEASON *of* ADVENT

## *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

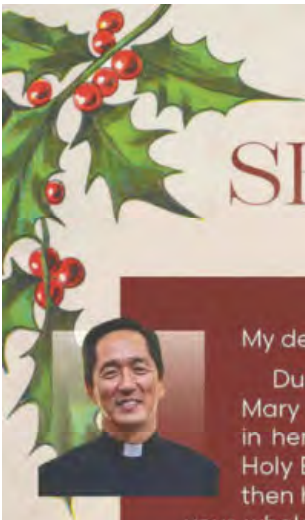
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11:30am

1:00pm (Spanish/English)



# SEASON *of* CHRISTMAS



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

During this Advent and Christmas season, I ask for all to join with the Blessed Mother Mary and ponder the most profound mystery and reality that the child who was incarnate in her womb, who was born in Bethlehem is the SAME Lord Jesus who we receive in the Holy Eucharist. Think about it! If this is indeed true, and you were to believe it more deeply, then how would this affect the way in which you approach the Mass? How would this affect your whole life?? My favorite Bible verse comes to mind: "Therefore, we who are receiving the unshakable kingdom should have gratitude, with which we should offer worship pleasing to God in reverence and awe" (Hebrews 12:28).

When Elizabeth encountered Jesus in the womb of Mary, when the angels announced his birth, when the shepherds and the magi came to visit the Christ-child, it was reverence and awe that exuded from them. And in many ways, their encounter was worship. Let us learn from them and be inspired by their faith and pray that we can approach the Holy Eucharist at Mass with the same reverence and awe. Jesus Christ came from the highest heights of heaven to the dusty streets of Israel ultimately to be with us in the Holy Eucharist so that we can truly have the promises of Christmas: hope, love, joy, and peace. We must be willing to make him the King in our lives, to conform our ways to his ways, to obey his will and to offer proper worship. Our devotion to the Holy Eucharist is the sure way to do all that.

Christmas then is all about us being able to receive him and to be with him in the Holy Eucharist. Christmas is all about CHRIST'S MASS which we now have the utmost privilege of celebrating every Sunday and every day!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Fr. Eugene Lee*  
Fr. Eugene Lee.

## THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

### CHRISTMAS VIGIL

Sunday, December 24th

4:00pm

6:00pm

8:00pm (Vietnamese/English)

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25th

12:00am (midnight)

8:00am

10:00am

12:00pm (Spanish/English)

2:00pm (Chinese/English)

## CELEBRATIONS WITHIN CHRISTMAS

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
Sunday, December 31st

Regular weekend Mass schedule

10:30pm Mass + Adoration Countdown  
to the New Year in silence while  
adoring the King of Kings

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
Monday, January 1st

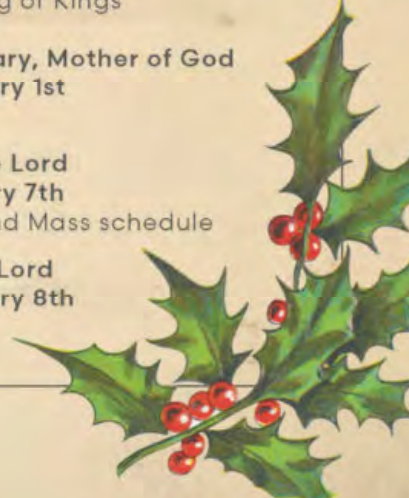
9:00am Mass

**Epiphany of the Lord**  
Sunday, January 7th

Regular weekend Mass schedule

**Baptism of the Lord**  
Monday, January 8th

8:00am Mass



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Vietnamese Ministry	Huan Le	(7) 261-9893
Young Ladies Institute	Gloria Glenn	(9) 294-9175

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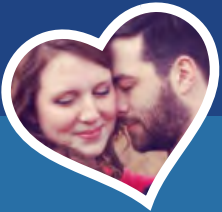
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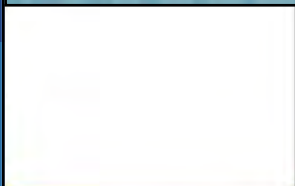
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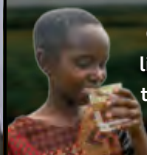
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