



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: 949-344-2801



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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

Parochial Vicar Emeritus

Weekend Assistants

Deacons

Founding Pastor

Rev. Eugene J. Lee

Rev. Kiet Ta

Rev. William Krekelberg

Rev. Joseph Horn, O Praem

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:

Office:

949-551-8601

After-hours emergency:

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

THIRD
SUNDAY OF

Advent



DECEMBER 11, 2022

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“Go and tell John what you hear and see:
the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed,
the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”

MATTHEW 11:4-5



Young Ladies Institute

CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

Candy will be available for pick-up!

Dec. 10th-11th (after all Masses)
 &
Dec. 18th (8am to Noon)

Gratefully wishing all of you a blessed holiday season!

Christmas Musical

The Prince of Peace

- A Grandmother's Reflection -

AN ADVENT NIGHT OF MUSIC, PRAYER & REFLECTION
 ON THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY OF JESUS

8 PM

Saturday Dec. 17

PARISH HALL

*Come to me, all you who labor
 and are burdened,
 and I will give you rest.*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

EVERY FRIDAY AT 6PM TO 7PM

24 HOUR ADORATION IS ON THE 22ND OF EACH MONTH

Sat 12/10	4:00pm 6:00pm	†Mr & Mrs Dominic & Maria Vu Huu Chuong Pro Populo
Sun 12/11	8:00am 9:30am	Steve Cory John & Pilita Moran †Edwin Silang †Damasa Fajardo †Bernice Goodenberger †Ignacio Orozco Maria Angeles Major Bill Flood †Charles Sabis †Bernie Gagnon Jack Light 11:30am †Teresa Park 5:00pm Jane and Brian Wong
Mon 12/12	6:00am 8:00am	The Majkoski Nguyen Family †Veronica Lyons
Tues 12/13	8:00am	†Valentino & Cecilia Bae
Wed 12/14	8:00am	Alan LeMire
Thurs 12/15	8:00am	†Wayne Caballero
Fri 12/16	8:00am	†Joel U. Munar
Sat 12/17	8:00am	Baby Johanna Harris Long and Chau Nguyen Mary Margaret O'Connor †Isabel Partida †Nora O'Connor †Pat Duthoy †Helen Rommel

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Misa de Las Mañanitas

Monday, December 12th

@6:00 a.m.

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

LAS POSADAS

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.*

Sunday, December 18th
1:00 PM Spanish - English Mass

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

TODAY'S READINGS

Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36
Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24



sunday
DECEMBER 11, 2022
 9AM - 3PM

Collections and Expenses 11-28-22 to 12-4-22

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$16,251	\$9,679	\$25,930
Maintenance Fund	\$355	\$768	\$1,123
Other income	\$12,785	\$1,388	\$14,173
Retired Religious	\$10,264	\$0	\$10,264
Total income	\$39,656	\$11,835	\$51,491

Regular Expenses	\$41,156
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Believe & Grow Capital Campaign	\$14,100	\$3,414	\$17,514
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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!



Join and celebrate with the
St. Thomas More Filipino Ministry

Simbang Gabi

Friday, December 16

Adoration 6PM

Mass 7:30PM

Reception & Festivities 8:30PM



Sign up for volunteer, monetary and dessert donations

St. Thomas More Catholic Church
 51 Market Street, Irvine 92602



The Knights of Columbus



Poinsettia Sale

December 10th & 11th

Thank you for your support!



Rest in the Love of Christ

Julie Boxley



PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING



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 George Quitariano
 Paula Jane Ramirez
 Donna Rohrer
 Eileen Rossi
 Ann Rupp
 Sr. Jeanne D'Arc Salinger, R.S.M.
 Norma Santiago
 Jack Scharff
 Susan Shadley
 Cheryl Skudlarski
 Fred Spitzkeit
 Jesus Villanueva
 Raymund Villanueva
 Roger Wells
 Michele Wills

Please email bulletin@stmirvine.org to add a name. Names will be included for one month, if requested.



 CONFIRMATION

WED 7PM

Sponsor Forms & Saint Reports Are Due

Attention C2 families! Sponsor forms and Saint reports are due by December 17th. Please turn in sponsor forms in person to the youth ministry office and please email saint reports to Confirmation@stmirvine.org. If you have any questions, please let us know.

 YOUTH MINISTRY

SAT 8AM

Thank You

Thank You to all our high school students that made over 250 lunches for our homeless brothers and sisters. God bless you and thank you to responding to God's call to love your neighbor.

 CONFIRMATION

WED 7PM

Confirmation Class Schedule.

C1: Wed 12/14, Wed 1/18, Wed 2/11

C2: Wed 12/7, Wed 1/11, Wed 1/25

 YOUTH MINISTRY

SUN 6PM

Christmas Party YTH NITE

Join us on Sunday (12/11) for YTH NITE! YTH NITES are for High School teens to come together in community, have dinner, and learn how to apply their Catholic faith to their lives. We can't wait to see you! YTH NITE begins after the 5PM Mass and ends at 8:00PM!



R.E.P. CORNER



REP ADVENT CELEBRATIONS



To all of our REP students: Don't forget this week we will be having our Annual REP Advent Celebrations. You won't want miss this! Parents are invited to help out, as well!



ATTENTION FAMILIES!!

Please join us Saturday, December 17th at 8 PM for *The Prince of Peace, A Grandmother's Reflection*, a very special Advent evening of music, prayer & reflection on the Nativity of Jesus. Bring the family and spend some time preparing for the coming of the Baby Jesus at Christmas.



There is only one more week of REP classes in 2022! Our Christmas break begins December 19th. Our REP classes will resume the week of January 8th for all grades.



The Parish Library will be open today from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The Third Sunday of Advent signifies the nearness of the Lord's coming. The Catholic Church celebrates this day as Gaudete Sunday, to Rejoice in the Lord always. The Mass color is either rose or violet to celebrate this day. Tomorrow the Catholic Church will celebrate the feast day of our Lady of Guadalupe. She is the patron saint of the Americas. Her miracle of the imprinted cloak and the fresh roses has puzzled scientists for centuries. This apparition of Mary to Juan Diego in the sixteenth century brought Christianity to the new world. The STM Parish Library has an excellent book on this topic entitled, '*Our Lady of Guadalupe*', authored by Carl A. Anderson. Our Lady of Guadalupe continues to inspire the devotion and appreciation for Her message of Love, Unity and Hope. This miraculous image is housed in Her shrine in Mexico City and is one of the most visited shrines in the world.

Advent Season

Monday, Dec. 12 | 6 AM (Span/Eng)

Las Mananitas a la Virgen de Guadalupe



Fri, Dec. 16 | 6 PM Adoration | 7:30 PM Mass & Festivities Filipino Simbang Gabi

Sunday, Dec. 18 | 1 PM (Span/Eng) Misa de Las Posadas / Mass of the Inn



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POINSETTIA SALE

Saturday, Dec. 10 & Sunday, Dec. 11

VIETNAMESE ADVENT RETREAT

Saturday, Dec. 10 at 5PM

WHEN WOMEN PRAY HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Sunday, Dec. 11 from 9AM - 3PM



Tuesday
DEC. 13
7 PM

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

"Forgive Our Trespasses
As We Forgive Those Who Trespass Against Us."

Mon. to Fri., Dec. 12-16 | 7 PM

Confession in the Evening

Mon. to Fri., Dec. 19-23 | 8:30 AM

Confession in the Morning



CHRISTMAS MASSES

SATURDAY, DEC. 24

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

SUNDAY, DEC. 25

12AM (Midnight) | 8AM | 10AM | 12PM (Span/Eng)

2PM (Chinese/Eng) | NO 5PM Mass

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

SATURDAY, DEC. 31

4PM (VIET/ENG) | 6PM | 10:30PM

Followed by Adoration and celebration

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

SUNDAY, JAN. 1

8AM | 9:30AM | 11:30AM

1PM (SPAN/ENG) | 3PM (CHINESE/ENG) | 5PM



The Society of
St Vincent de Paul
at St. Thomas More



Upcoming Food Pantry:
December 20th



For volunteer opportunities, please contact us at
volunteer@svdpstm.org.
Donations are greatly appreciated and can be made
through the E-GIVING link on the Saint Thomas More
Website at www.stmirvine.org

Obtain FINANCIAL PEACE at STM!

-Credit card debt from Christmas or vacation causing you stress?
-Need to get out of debt and don't know how?

Financial Peace begins Saturday January 7th at 9am in the
St Nicholas Room
.... a class that will change your life forever.

In the meantime, get acquainted, start listening to The Dave
Ramsey Show. Podcasts, Youtube,
Ramsey App, Sirius channel, local radio.

Contact the parish office or email:
financialpeace@stmirvine.org

To register for class: fpu.com/1156313



Join us for the **Christmas Novena**
that will be recited after the 8am
daily Mass (except Sunday) starting
on December 16 and ending on
December 24. Brochures with the
Christmas Novena are available at the
entrance of the Church. The Novena
can be prayed at home.

Do you like decorating?

The Art & Environment Ministry
would like to invite the parish
community to help decorate the
church for Christmas on
Saturday, Dec. 24 at 9:30 am.



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OR

Tuesdays 10-11:30 am January 10 - April 4, 2023
St. Thomas More Parish
Register at GriefShare.org



Advent Angels Needed!



Fr. Eugene & Fr. Kiet thank you
for your generous support of the
2022 Angel Tree!



Santa's elves are seeking helpers this weekend.

Help will also be needed during the week of Dec 12th
to sort, tag and bag the gifts being picked up by the
charities that same week.

If you are interested in bringing joy to others,
please call Kathy or Terry at (949) 701-3763.
Thank you, Angels!



WE ARE HIRING!

Capital Campaign Administrative Assistant/Friday Receptionist

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS as Capital Campaign Administrative Assistant:

Works as a liaison with the Capital Campaign Committee; assists Pastor with projects and deadlines; processes monthly statements for capital campaign; coordinates campaign activities; maintains and updates database; interacts with donors regarding pledges; prepares and mails thank you letters; attends and participates in staff meetings; performs any other job-related duties as necessary in the department and/or as assigned by supervisor.

QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE:

Ability to maintain confidentiality, attention to detail, excellent knowledge of Google Suite, Excel, Word, graphic design experience with various publishing and social media platforms, good public relations skills, ability to work flexible hours.

Applicants apply to Lisa Bergler, Office Manager at Lbergler@stmirvine.org or contact her at (949) 551-8601 ext. 213.

Why should I become a registered member of St. Thomas More Catholic Church?

If you are attending Mass on a regular basis at St. Thomas More, we invite you to engage with us. Registered parishioners enjoy these benefits:

- STM offers opportunities and support as you journey in faith, through praying, serving, giving, learning and belonging.
- Registered parishioners receive important updates throughout the year so that you can keep up-to-date on important parish news.
- Registered parishioners receive preference when choosing dates for celebrations such as weddings or funerals.
- Other parishes often request verification of a person's status as a practicing Catholic, attendance at Mass, etc., when that person has been asked to be a Godparent or Sponsor. Without registration, no such verification can be made.
- Your Sunday offerings are confidentially recorded by parish staff for proof of donation for tax purposes.

Registering with St. Thomas More Catholic Church is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish. Register today online at www.stmirvine.org or call the parish office at 949-551-8601.

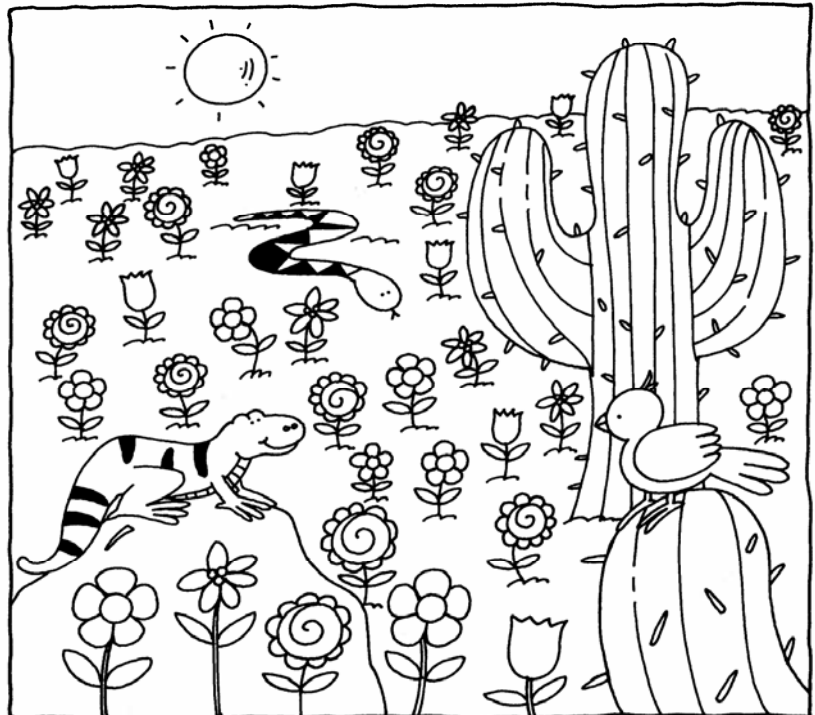
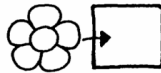


The prophet Isaiah talks about flowers blooming in the desert and dry land someday (Isaiah 35:1-2).

Look at the different flowers shown.

Count how many of each type there are.

Write the numbers inside the boxes.



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
Lectors	Ed Ferguson	(951) 313-4942
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

Parish

Believe and Grow Together Campaign	Lisa VanDorpe	(7) 357-3080
Bulletin Editor	Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Building Committee	Keith Rattay	(9) 551-8601
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	Abraham Villela	(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
Filipino Community	Mernie Empalmado	(9) 307-7479
Grief Share Ministry	K.C. Riley	(7) 875-8126
Hispanic Ministry	Frank Ornelas & Victor Cota	(9) 857-9044
Homeless Lunch Ministry	Jessica Silva	(9) 294-2875
Knights of Columbus Council #13111	Mike Smith	(9) 300-1913
Respect Life	Chris Gonzales	(9) 551-8601
STM Veterans	Sgt. Bob Kohler	(9) 552-1895
St. Vincent de Paul	Bill Chacon	(9) 331-1020
Vietnamese Ministry	Huan Le	(7) 261-9893
Young Ladies Institute	Cathy Wachtel	(9) 857-5037

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	Abraham Villela	(9) 551-8602
More Moms	Krystal Padley	(7) 345-2598
Religious Education	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Spanish Bible Study	Teresa LeMire	(7) 832-1770
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**THIRD
SUNDAY OF
Advent**

December 11, 2022



The desert and the parched land will exult;
the steppe will rejoice and bloom.
They will bloom with abundant flowers,
and rejoice with joyful song.

ISAIAH 35:1-2

GOOD NEWS

Good news is good news is . . . Today's messages from Isaiah (prophetic ancestor of John the Baptist and Jesus of Nazareth) and James (spiritual offspring of John and Jesus) both have messages that resonate across the five centuries that separate them: hope in the coming power and presence of God. Isaiah was attempting to comfort and encourage the people of Israel in geographic and spiritual exile. Their exile will end, Isaiah says, with God's presence shown forth through spectacular occurrences in nature. James likewise has a community in need of encouragement and hope, since they despair over the delayed parousia, the final coming of God in glory. In the meantime, James urges patient endurance. Until Jesus returns, they ought to persist without complaint, with the lives of the prophets as their guide. Then will come the time of sight, and healing, and life and . . . Good News for the poor!

PATIENCE . . . NOW!

A friend walked me through his newly planted garden to help me see how it would look in spring. He finally stopped and said, "You can't picture any of this, can you?" I couldn't until I saw it in full bloom the following springtime. Then I could understand why he planted the seeds where he had. Then I saw the beauty and bounty that his planting represented. "Tell John what you hear and see," Jesus says to John's disciples. The signs of the Messiah proclaimed by the prophets are beginning to bloom. Look and see! Hear the singing of those once mute and the rejoicing of the crowds who witness these works. The beauty and the bounty of our generous God are all around.

JUST IMAGINE

James wrote to a community experiencing hardship, like the exiled Israelites in today's first reading. Isaiah and James exhort people to trust that they will see God's presence in their midst once again, so be patient. That's easier said than done, isn't it? Saint Francis de Sales says to be patient with everyone, and most of all with ourselves. Patience means accepting suffering and delay without becoming angry or upset. Easier said than done. Praying for this virtue each day, sometimes often throughout the day, does help. Breathe in the Spirit of God and say, "Give me patience, Lord." Then exhale anger, upset, and impatience. Staring at a garden won't make a shoot spring up any faster; however, giving thanks for the seed, the water, the soil, and the Giver of all life can deepen our trust that the garden will grow. So be patient. Rejoice always. See and be the signs of God's beauty and bounty in our world today.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11