



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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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**Office Hours:**

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm  
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DECEMBER 12, 2021

Whoever has two cloaks  
should share with the  
person who has none.  
And whoever has food  
should do likewise.

Luke 3:11



**THIRD**  
Sunday  
OF *Advent*

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**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

<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>		
Monday 12/13	8:00am	†Trevor Torres
Tuesday 12/14	8:00am	Alan Lemire
Wednesday 12/15	8:00am	†Trevor Torres
Thursday 12/16	8:00am	†Rogelio Saldana
Friday 12/17	8:00am	Anthony Vincent Cruz
Saturday 12/18	8:00am	Teresa Tran †Buenaventurada San Jose-Ramos Jane Georges †Vicky Miramontes †Maria Luisa Miramontes †Javier Esparza
Sunday 12/19	6:00pm 8:00am 10:00am	Don Lansigan †Dominico & Maria Dinh Vu †Graciano Santos Sr. †Patricia Cunningham †Manuel Soriaga †Kathleen B. Fliller Dr. Vivian Mendoza
	12:00pm 5:00pm	Pro Populo †Nieves Rebolledo



**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** — Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

**Psalm** — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12).

**Second Reading** — Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:4-7).

**Gospel** — John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely (Luke 3:10-18).

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*Rest in the love of Christ*

Matt Fish  
Kathleen B. Fliller

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

**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 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23

**Thursday:** Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30

**Friday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

**Saturday:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

**Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

**Today's theme on the readings: REJOICE**

The prophetic writings we hear in today's scriptures call us to rejoice and celebrate the goodness of God. Zephaniah, Isaiah, Saint Paul, and John the Baptist in Luke's Gospel all follow the rich tradition of the Biblical prophets, a tradition that reaches full expression in Jesus. The prophets warn that human failings have truly disastrous consequences. All are summoned to repent, and to change their lives. Today we hear the Good News that God's gracious love exceeds and overcomes all human corruption. God has not given up on us. Indeed, God keeps pursuing us, and eagerly seeks to reconcile with us. God's initiative to set the world aright culminates with Jesus, whose coming John the Baptist announces. John's prophetic message summons us to join in God's reconciling work, by living generously and justly in our daily lives. As we rejoice in God's grace, we then extend the fruits of this grace to all. . Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**Collections and Expenses**

11-29-2021 to 12-5-21

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$21,709	\$15,243	\$36,953
Maintenance Fund	\$1,085	\$1,391	\$2,476
Other income	\$8,817	\$977	\$9,795
Retired Religious	\$11,213	\$9	\$11,222
Total income	\$42,825	\$17,622	\$60,447

Regular Expenses	\$35,788
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Believe & Grow			
Capital Campaign	\$6,658	\$7,114	\$13,772

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, Building 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!**



**PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING**



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|                          | Susan Navarrete     | Andy Zelinko              |
|                          | Ramon Navarro, Jr.  |                           |

**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



## 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!



## ADVENT THANK YOU'S



A special thank you to the entire Kindergarten team & parents for working so hard getting our little ones ready for their singing debut at the 10AM Mass this weekend. Our parish is truly blessed by all of our volunteers and families.



**Sock It To Me Weekend** was a great success! Our Middle School students collected hundreds of socks and over \$1,000 to benefit Isaiah House! Thank you to all that contributed in spreading the warmth of our STM family to our community these Advent & Christmas seasons.



## The Library Corner

Third Sunday of Advent



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

Last week on Wednesday we Catholics celebrated the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This solemn dogma was defined by Pope Pius IX in 1854 and Our Lady Immaculately Conceived is the patroness of the United States of America. The Parish Library has an excellent book on this topic titled, 'The Immaculate Conception', authored by Father Patrick Greenough. This is an invaluable book for understanding the Catholic Church's teaching on the Blessed Virgin and a great tool for evangelizing and explaining who Mary is and her essential role in our salvation. As we recall the greeting from the archangel Gabriel to Mary at the Annunciation, 'Hail Mary, Full of Grace'.

## Children's Homeless Lunch Ministry

You are invited to pack sack lunches for our homeless neighbors in the MPR on

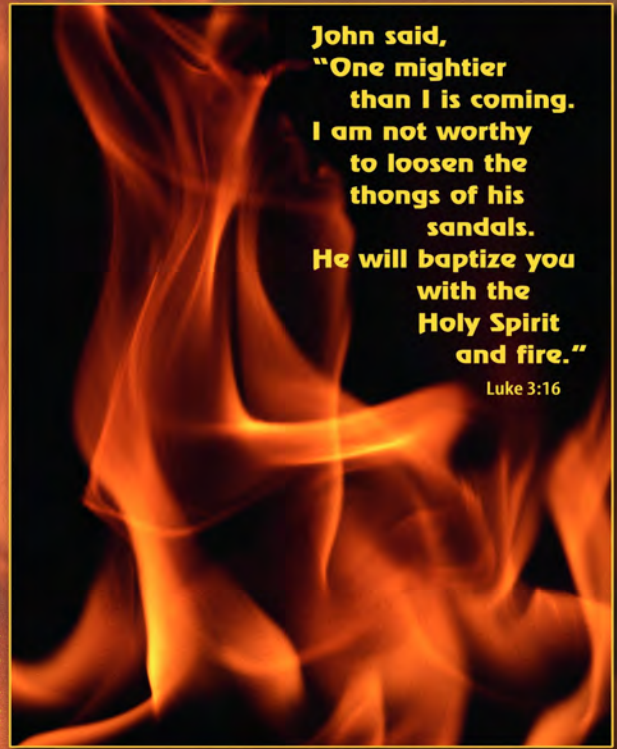
**Monday, December 20th**

**5:30pm**

**Who should attend: Children 14 and younger (elementary and jr high) with a parent, guardian, and/or REP teacher.**

**Any questions can be directed to Kim at [kimmievu@gmail.com](mailto:kimmievu@gmail.com) or 714-293-8987**

*"When I was hungry you gave me food..." Matthew 25:35*



**John said,  
"One mightier  
than I is coming.  
I am not worthy  
to loosen the  
thongs of his  
sandals.  
He will baptize you  
with the  
Holy Spirit  
and fire."**

Luke 3:16

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SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

*The Filipino Ministry Presents*

# Simbang Gabi

For the whole parish to join together and enjoy as the Filipino community shares their beautiful culture with food, dance and music.

ADORATION, MASS AND FESTIVITIES

December 17  
6 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  
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# Advent Season

**THU, DEC 16**  
**7 PM**

## ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE (CONFESSIONS)

*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 & SUN, 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)*

## AN ADVENT PRAYER

May the God of peace make us completely holy.  
May God keep us blameless in spirit, soul and body  
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Forever faithful is the One who calls us—God our Father!  
Expectant, let us live in joyful hope  
for the revelation of the glory  
of our God and Savior, Christ Jesus!  
To him be glory forever!  
Come, Lord Jesus! Your grace be with us all.

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# 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

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

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
Grief Share Ministry	K.C. Riley	(7) 875-8126
Hispanic Ministry	Frank Ornelas (9) 857-9044	Patty Trujillo (7) 270-5073
Homeless Lunch Ministry	Jessica Silva	(9) 294-2875
Knights of Columbus Council #13111	Ed Francis	(858) 229-2490
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	Mary O'Leary	(9) 305-6810

## 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

## Spiritual Development

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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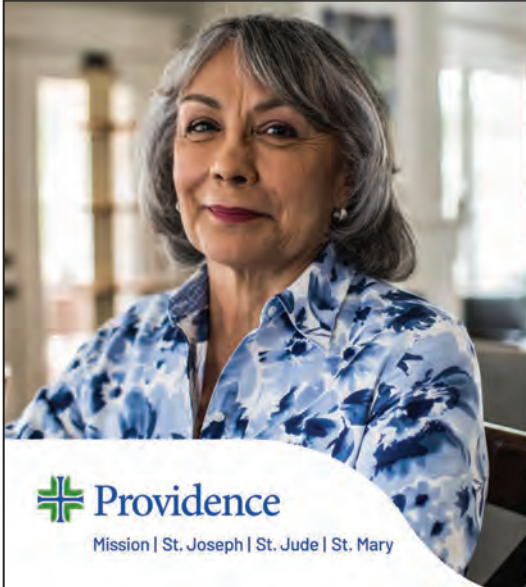
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### Feast of the Holy Innocents Candlelight Procession

**Sunday, December 28**

St. John the Baptist Church  
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**7:00 p.m. Rosary and Procession on campus**

**7:30 p.m. English Mass**

**Reception in the hall after Mass**



**PRAYER OF THE WEEK**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**  
 O God, who see how your people  
 faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity,  
 enable us, we pray,  
 to attain the joys of so great a salvation  
 and to celebrate them always  
 with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.  
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
 who lives and reigns with you  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 God, for ever and ever.



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