



# 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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After-hours emergency: 949-551-8601 ext. 7

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# 3rd Sunday OF ADVENT

December 14, 2025



**WELCOME  
to STM!**



Christopher Feliciano  
Pedro Lara

## Prayers for Healing

Racquel Aguinaldo	Ron Merse
Flory Aguilar	Deirdre Morley
Kaden Aiello	Rosie Muñoz
Froy Becerra	Susan Navarrete
Daniel Bernabe	Ernie Natividad
Bob Bowcock	Steven Norris
Felicia Carazo	Bill Oesterreich
Kelly Carter	Jocelyn Pandes
Michael Collins	Ben Pataray
Thomas Conner	Sharon Pataray
Cristina Crouth	Norma Peckson
Paul Curran	Armando Peña
Chaz Decoteau	Ivania Piskulich
Mary Rose Del Mundo	Jacqueline Claire Poznoski
Cristina Dulce	Sandra Quezada
Cecelia Duzynski	Ryan Quinn
Jamael Edwards	George Qutoriano
Chantelle Fausto	Al & Elizabeth Rangitsch
Ted Fliller	Matilda Reyna
Tony Galati	Maryhelen Rios
Marco Gama	Guadalupe Rivas
Anthony Gaona	Jose Guadalupe Rivera
Lisa Greubel	Celsa Roberti
Regina Hager	Donna Rohrer
Kevin Hayes	Jimmy Rocha
Doug & Kathie Hibbard	Arjan Sami
Drew Hoang	Norma Santiago
Gay Joyce	Deacon John Selig
Angela Judy	Richard Stock
Natalie and Warren Julian	Donny Stoufus
Chris Kasko	Lisa Turner
Tiesha Kelley	Pete Villanueva
Vivian Knisely	Jesus Villanueva
Ashly Leal	Raymund Villanueva
Lauren Leal	Linda Vito
Brielle LeMire	Bill Whiteside
Etienne Lemye	Andy Zelinko
Joseph Manglona	Joe & Judy Zwetow
Nilda A. Medalle	

## Mass Intentions

Sat 12/13	4:00pm	Kaitlyn Lucia Nguyen Majkoski
	6:00pm	Anna Canh Nguyen
Sun 12/14	8:00am	†Marilag Radovan Rivera
	9:30am	Paul Fernandes
		Emanuel and Raquel Fernandes
		†Marguerite McIntosh
		†Mercedes Tomioka
		†Fidel Madlangbayan Jr.
		†Damasa Fajardo
		†Anita George
		†Romeo E. Gozon
		†Edgar Yumang
		†Corazon Santiago
	11:30am	PRO-POPULO
	1:00pm	Alan Lemire
	3:00pm	†James Huang
	5:00pm	Cory Yonemura
Mon 12/15	8:00am	†Maggie Colin
	6:00pm	†Nestor Alvarado Hernandez
Tues 12/16	8:00am	†Rogelio Saldana
	6:00pm	†Vasile and Edith Moldovan
Wed 12/17	8:00am	Remi Fernandez
	6:00pm	Anthony Vincent Cruz
Thurs 12/18	9:00am	†Paulo Pancho
	6:00pm	Steve Cory
Fri 12/19	8:00am	†Dominic Than Nguyen
	6:00pm	†Anita George
Sat 12/20	8:00am	Rosa Phan
		Willie and Zeny Reynado
		Teresa Manalo
		†Anna Nguyen
		†Nazario Rema Perlas
		†Gerald Lemye
		†Feliciano Felipe

## Collection Report

11/17/2025 – 11/23/2025

Sunday Collections	\$ 33,460.00
Believe & Build, BGT, BGT2	\$ 139,443.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 265.00
Misc Income (Mass Intentions, etc)	\$ 16,096.00

Email [bulletin@stmirvine.org](mailto:bulletin@stmirvine.org) to add a name to be included for one month



**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.

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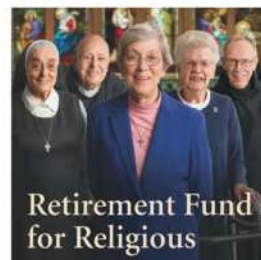
Thank you for supporting our charities, especially the education of seminarians.

*We wish you a happy and blessed Christmas!*



## Second Collection

**December 13 & 14**



**Retirement Fund  
for Religious**



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

# SEASON *of* CHRISTMAS



My Dear Parishioners,

As a young child, my parents ensured that we were surrounded by Christian influences. We often listened to catchy Christian children's music. We had a large, fifteen-volume illustrated children's Bible that I remember reading frequently. My mother would often snuggle up on the bed with her three children and read to us. There was also a cassette tape series of dramatized Bible stories that I spent countless hours listening to while in bed.

We went to church camps and events often. My parents had to exercise a tremendous amount of patience as we restlessly squirmed our way through the family rosary, which we prayed weekly until I was old enough to figure out how to rebel. We had a prayer altar that served as the center of our family prayers. Mass was non-negotiable, and my parents made sure that both soccer games and Sunday Mass would happen on any given Sunday, no matter what.

All of this is to say that as we approach Christmas, my thoughts turn to how deeply I love Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church He established. I thank my parents for persevering wisely through all the distractions and resistance to keep us close to Christ. May this season be a time to renew our love for and commitment to Jesus Christ, King of Kings, and Savior of the Universe!

Sincerely in Christ,

*Fr. Eugene J. Lee*

Fr. Eugene J. Lee  
Pastor



## THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

### CHRISTMAS VIGIL

**Wednesday, December 24th**

4:00 PM (English)

6:00 PM (English)

8:00 PM (Vietnamese/English)

### CHRISTMAS DAY

**Thursday, December 25th**

12:00 AM Midnight (English)

8:00 AM (English)

10:00 AM (English)

12:00 PM (Spanish/English)

2:00 PM (Chinese/English)



## CELEBRATIONS WITHIN CHRISTMAS

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph  
Sunday, December 28th**

Regular weekend Mass schedule

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> | 6:00 PM and  
10:30PM Mass** followed by Silent Countdown  
to the New Year with Eucharistic Adoration.

**Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> | 9:00 AM**

No Daily 6:00 PM Mass

**Epiphany of the Lord**

**Sunday, January 4th**

Regular weekend Mass schedule

**Baptism of the Lord**

**Sunday, January 11th**

Regular weekend Mass schedule





## STM CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

### Next Classes:

C1– Wed, Dec 17 at 7:00pm

C2– Wed, Jan 1 at 7:00pm

### Christmas Celebration: Joy to the World!

Experience Christmas with worship, fellowship, and festive fun at our last Youth Night of 2025.

December 14, 2025

Youth Ministry Christmas fellowship night

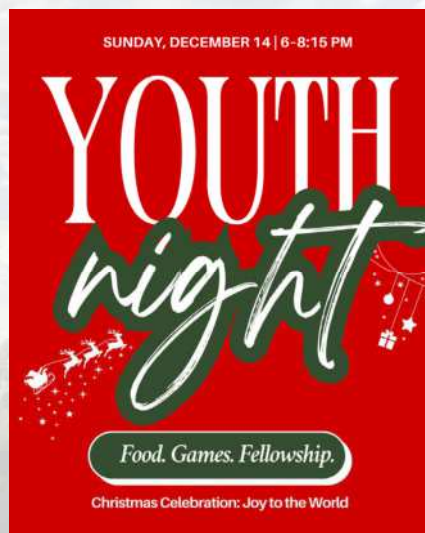
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## R.E.P. CORNER



### 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 to miss this! Parents are invited to help out, as well!



### ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

Don't forget—our last EDGE Meeting of 2025 is THIS Tuesday (12/16) at 7PM.



It will be a LOT of fun!

You won't want to miss it!



### ATTENTION FAMILIES!!



"Reason for the Season" Family Event

Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30PM



Bring the family and join us in special evening of music, fun, and prayer to prepare for the coming of the Baby Jesus at Christmas.



Our TRUE NORTH buddies will be there too!!



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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!

In this time of busyness...  
be sure to prepare your  
hearts for the coming of Jesus

Join US!

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STM Small Faith Communities







## PLEDGE MATCH CHALLENGE

*For the greater glory of God!*

**All new pledges will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$100,000!**

Now through the end of the year or until the \$100,000 is reached!

That means every new pledge — big or small — will go twice as far toward helping us reach our \$30+ million goal.


Now is the perfect time to join the mission and make your impact count!



*Make your Pledge*




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Thursday, December 18 at 7PM | STM Parish Hall

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AOG Choir • STM Vocal Quartet

## 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.







## STM ANGEL TREE

YOUR DONATIONS BENEFIT:  
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# Filipino Ministry Fellowship Parol Craft Session & Potluck


Join us for a step-by-step instructional session  
making a parol, with vibrant colors

Sunday  
December 14th  
STM MultiPurpose Room  
11:30 am - 2:30 pm




click the  
QR code  
in the Parol  
above to sign up  
for the potluck &  
RSVP by 12/12





## OCIA

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**Are you thinking about becoming a  
Catholic or completing your sacraments?**

CLASS STARTS OCT 16  
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AND REGISTRATION, CONTACT:  
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## STM SILENT RETREATS

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**Women's Retreat: Jan 30– Feb 1, 2026**

For more info contact: Maryhelen Rios  
714-402-1127 or [sewingmh1@yahoo.com](mailto:sewingmh1@yahoo.com)

**Men's Retreat: Feb 6-8, 2026**

For more info contact: Mark Kreyche  
714-914-2689 or [mkgkreyche@gmail.com](mailto:mkgkreyche@gmail.com)



### Prayer for Advent – New Growth

Dear God,

Bring new life! Your love creates and cultivates.  
Bring Your power into the places I think of as “deserts”  
and your grace to the prayers I fear may be “deserted.”  
You can redeem and restore, bring a new song to my heart.  
Amen.







## 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  
- St. Thomas More Church -



## A Simple Way to Give Back This Advent

Advent is a season of hope, peace, joy, and love. This is a perfect time to reflect on the blessings in your life and consider how you might share them with others. One meaningful way to do this is through eGiving.

eGiving is a simple, secure way to give online, making it easy to support our parish all year long. Please consider eGiving to support our parish and sustain ministries, programs, and services that strengthen our community and serve those in need every day.

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Thank you and may God bless your generosity.



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Sacristans	Pam Ocampo	(9) 468-6704
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### Parish

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Deacons	Tin Nguyen & Leonard Sun	(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
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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
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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)





**STM WINTER Bible Studies!**  
**Registration is OPEN! Scan here**  
**Winter 2026 Course List**



COURSE	DESCRIPTION	START DATES	FACILITATOR	GREAT STUDY GUIDES!
<b>Bible Basics!</b> <b>1 Session</b>	A Brief Overview of the Catholic Bible. Recommended for new Bible Study participants!	<b>One meeting!</b> <b>Monday, January 12</b> 7pm to 8:30pm Multi-Purpose Room	John Thai	
<b>Jesus: the Way, the Truth and the Life</b>  10 Sessions	Ascension Press award winning Bible Study on the life of Jesus.	<b>Saturday, Jan-17</b> 9:30-11:00 AM Fireside Room	Mark Kreyche	
		<b>Monday, Jan-26</b> 7:00-8:30 PM MPR	Margaret Cunningham	
<b>Genesis</b>  8 Sessions	"In the Beginning" for Beginners! Come explore!	<b>Tuesday, Jan-20</b> 7:00-8:30 PM Fireside Room	John Thai	
<b>Romans</b>  8 Sessions	Catholic, Comprehensive and Simple way to understand the overarching theme of Book of Romans!	<b>Tuesday, Jan-20</b> 7:00-8:30 PM Room 3	Janice LaVelle	
		<b>Wednesday, Jan-21</b> 9:30-11:00 AM Multi-Purpose Room	Leianna Utick	
<b>El Evangelio de San Mateo</b>	Las extensas secciones de enseñanza de este evangelio fueron usadas para instruir a los cristanos de los siglos primeros de la Iglesia. Este estudio te enterará de nuevo de el Maestro Primero.	<b>Lunes, 26 de enero</b> 7:00 – 8:30 PM St. Nicolas Room	Victor Cota	
		<b>Miércoles, 21 de enero</b> 10:00-12:00 PM St. Nicolas Room	Teresa LeMire	

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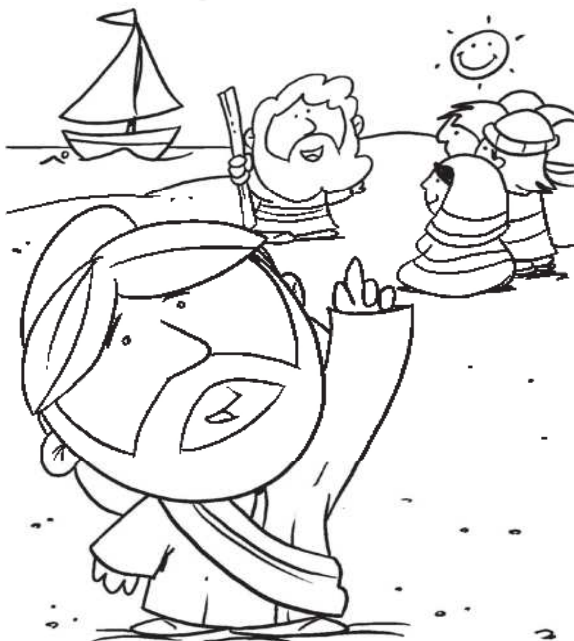


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