



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

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WELCOME to STM!



Christopher Feliciano
Pedro Lara

Prayers for Healing

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Bob Bowcock	Steven Norris
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Michael Collins	Ben Pataray
Thomas Conner	Sharon Pataray
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Cecelia Duzynski	Ryan Quinn
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Chantelle Fausto	A1 & Elizabeth Rangitsch
Ted Fliller	Matilda Reyna
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Marco Gama	Guadalupe Rivas
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Regina Hager	Donna Rohrer
Kevin Hayes	Jimmy Rocha
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Drew Hoang	Norma Santiago
Gay Joyce	Deacon John Selig
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Natalie and Warren Julian	Donny Stoufus
Chris Kasko	Lisa Turner
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Vivian Knisely	Jesus Villanueva
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Brielle LeMire	Bill Whiteside
Etienne Lemye	Andy Zelinko
Joseph Manglona	Joe & Judy Zwetow
Nilda A. Medalle	

Email 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.
Cash and checks only. No credit cards.
Supplies will be limited.

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

We wish you a happy and blessed Christmas!



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

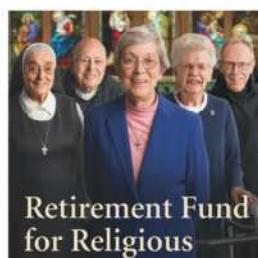
Collection Report

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

Second Collection

December 13 & 14



Retirement Fund
for Religious

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. Eugène 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 31st | 6:00 PM and
10:30PM Mass followed by Silent Countdown to the New Year with Eucharistic Adoration.
Thursday, January 1st | 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:

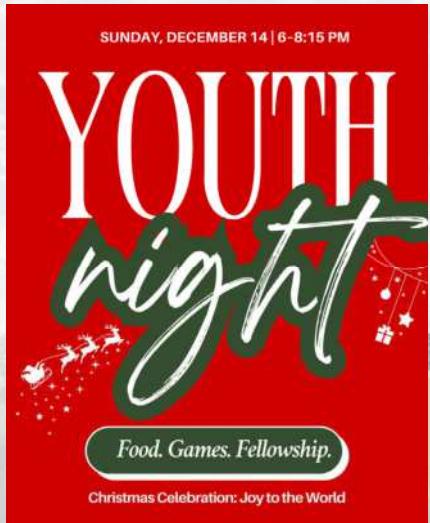
C1– Wed, Dec 17 at 7:00pm
C2– Wed, Jan 1 at 7:00pm

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
A joyful evening celebrating Emmanuel —
God with us

Featuring worship

Includes Christmas games, carols, Christmas treats,
community time, and a small gift exchange
Open to all high school teens!



Follow us



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 or drop them off at the parish office. Thank you!

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YEARS

OF

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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!

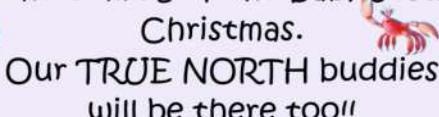
EDGE You won't want to miss it!



ATTENTION FAMILIES!!

"Reason for the Season" Family Event
Sunday, December 21st 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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*In this time of busyness...
be sure to prepare your
hearts for the coming of Jesus*





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!

Believe AND BUILD ST. THOMAS MORE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

GROUNDBREAKING — APRIL 25, 2026



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CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF MUSIC FROM ACROSS CULTURES AS **EVERY STM MUSIC MINISTRY** PERFORMS TOGETHER IN ONE UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT



Thursday, December 18 at 7PM / STM Parish Hall

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Hager Family - Spanish Ministry
 Vietnamese Ministry - Filipino Ministry
 Praise & Worship Ensemble - Children's Choir - All Mass Choirs - Youth Ministry
 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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STM's St. Vincent de Paul & Homeless Lunch Ministry
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Please return gift cards, toys and bikes by Dec 14th!

Please call Kathy @ (949) 856-2727 if you have questions.



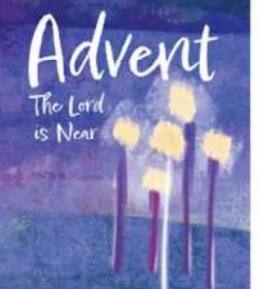
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Enter Your Prayer Intentions
Enter Answered Prayer Testimonials
Become a Prayer Partner – Pray for the Intentions once a week



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
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STM SILENT RETREATS
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FAITH: TRUSTING IN THE GOD WHO WAITS FOR YOU!

Women's Retreat: Jan 30– Feb 1, 2026

For more info contact: Maryhelen Rios
714-402-1127 or sewingmh1@yahoo.com

Men's Retreat: Feb 6-8, 2026

For more info contact: Mark Kreyche
714-914-2689 or mgkreyche@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

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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.

It's easy to get started. Here are the ways to sign up:

- Text "SUNDAY" to 949-919-5494
- Scan QR Code

Thank you and may God bless your generosity.



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Sacraments

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Confirmation	Mike Fahey	(9) 551-8602
First Communion	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
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Service

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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
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Devotional Life Committee	Julie Whiteside	(7) 615-7205
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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



STM WINTER Bible Studies!

Registration is OPEN! Scan here



Winter 2026 Course List

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

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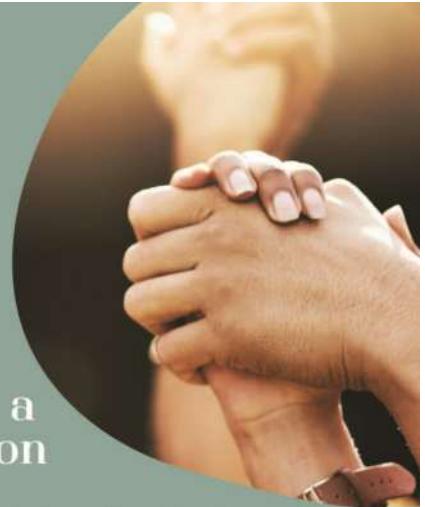


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