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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.

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Parochial Vicar Chinese Chaplain Weekend Assistants

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Rev. Joseph Horn, O Praem

Rev. Joseph Justice

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Deacon Leonard & Mrs. Nancy Sun

Deacon Bernie & Mrs. Pam Ocampo

†Rev. John E. Janze

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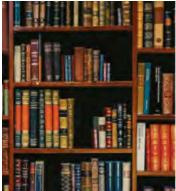
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949-551-5879 Religious Education: 949-551-8029







Library Re-Opening

The STM library will be re-opening Sunday, December 15th!

Come by after Mass to meet our new librarians, Romali and Suzanna.

The library will be open following all morning Masses.



Marcelina Isip



Sat 12/14 4:00pm Joon Sik Peter Kang

6:00pm Steve Cory

Sun 12/15 8:00am PRO POPULO

9:30am Dennis Prager 11:30am Sonya Nguyen

†Deacon Paul & Sylvia Lee

1:00pm Leonardo Peña Reyes

3:00pm †Henry Hu

5:00pm †Cristina Villanueva

Mon 12/16 8:00am Marie Obillos

6:00pm Regina Park

Tues 12/17 8:00am †Jim Lewis and Alana Lewis-Blake

6:00pm Anthony Vincent Cruz 8:00am †All Souls In Purgatory

Wed 12/18 8:00am †All Souls In Purgator 6:00pm Marie Obillos

Thurs 12/19 8:00am †Anna Nguyen

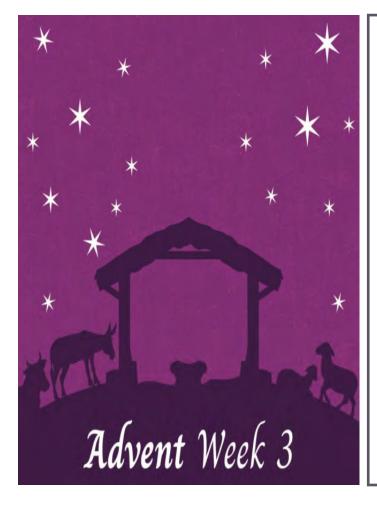
6:00pm †Lourdes Guadamor

Fri 12/20 8:00am Teresa Tran

6:00pm †Susan Haraga

Sat 12/21 8:00am The Paredes Family





Pray for the Sick

Froy Becerra Daniel Bernabe AJ Cabrera Jasmine Cabrera Kirsten Cabrera Kelly Carter Lou and Nancy Chereny Paul Cook Victor Cota Paul Curran Chaz Decoteau Cecelia Duzynski Nina Leones Espino Maria Fernandes Tony Galati Marco Gama Anthony Gaona Lisa Greubel CJ Hassett Doug & Kathie Hibbard Drew Hoang Cristeta Jaropillo Angela Judy Natalie and Warren Julian Miriam Kasperowicz Tiesha Kelley Vivian Knisely Lauren Leal Brielle LeMire Joseph Manglona Nilda A. Medalle

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Ron Merse Paul Miller Deirdre Morley Susan Navarrete Ernie Natividad Eileen Ohlander Ben Pataray Sharon Pataray Liz Pennington Jacqueline Claire Poznoski Donna Publico Sandra Quezada Ryan Quinn George Quitoriano Paula Jane Ramirez Al & Elizabeth Rangitsch Guadalupe Rivas Jose Guadalupe Rivera Pauline Rocha Donna Rohrer Norma Santiago John Selig Tara Summers Sally-Ann Thomas Lisa Turner Pete Villanueva Jesus Villanueva Raymund Villanueva Bill Whiteside Kristine & Brandon Williams Michele Wills Andy Zelinko

Email <u>bulletin@stmirvine.org</u> to add a name to be included for one month

SEASON of CHRISTMAS

Dear Brothers and Sisters.



As 2024 draws to a close, I am overwhelmed with gratitude. It is difficult to describe how grateful I am for the privilege of witnessing day to day such exquisite faithfulness from all of you. Honestly, it is an avalanche of grace that pours upon me, In the midst of a world full of distractions, pitfalls, allures, and traps, you, the faithful people of God, have chosen the way of Christ. I am always greatly touched by the beauty of your hearts that desires to simply keep trying; hearts that persevere through failures and weaknesses to stay on the path of Christ.

As the magi traveled for miles to encounter Christ, I see so many of you go through so much on your way to the Christ-child. I'm sure the shepherds' daily lives were challenging, tending sheep in the cold frigid air, or under the stiffing sun, and managing the business side of raising sheep. Likewise, I see all of you come from the complexity of daily life, but like the shepherds, you see the angels and go in haste to meet the child in the manger of the Eucharist.

Christmas is about God dwelling among us; God becoming a human to remind humans that it is great to be human. God wants to bless your daily lives, and pull out the best in you. The Christmas message is that God walkswith you day to day. Through his conception, birth, childhood, adulthood, suffering, death and resurrection, Jesus Christ enters into every fiber of the human experience to shine light upon it all. Jesus comes from his throne in the highest heights of heaven, to the lowliest places in our lives, to say, "Do not be afraid. I'm right here with you. Trust in me. Follow me."

Sincerely in Christ.

Fr. Eugene J. Lee Pastor

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

CHRISTMAS VIGIL Tuesday, December 24th

4:00pm

6:00pm

8:00pm (Vietnamese/English)

CHRISTMAS DAY Wednesday, 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 & Joseph Sunday, December 29th

Regular weekend Mass schedule

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Wednesday, January 1st

Mass times: 9:00am & 6:00pm Mass Vigil Mass: Tuesday, December 31st 10:30pm Mass, followed by Silent Countdown to the New Year with Eucharistic Adoration.

Epiphany of the Lord Sunday, January 5th

Regular weekend Mass schedule

Baptism of the Lord Sunday, January 12th

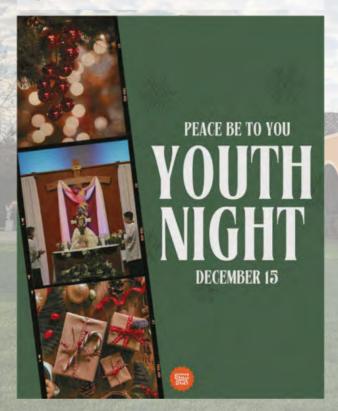
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STM CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

C2 Class: 12/18 C1 Class: 1/8

Upcoming Youth Nights: 12/15, 1/12, 1/26

All high school teens are invited to the last Youth Night of 2024 this Sunday (12/15) after the 5pm Mass! Join us for Adoration and a white elephant gift exchange. Be sure to bring a wrapped \$15 gift. As always, dinner will be provided and the night will end at 8:15pm.



Join us Mondays at 7pm for Youth Bible Studies in the Fireside Room! We'll go over the readings for the upcoming Sunday's Mass and grow with one another in fellowship & community!

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!



THANK YOU!!

All our SCUBA buddies wanted to send a special thank you to Lisa Busch 4 the team

for a great SCUBA CHRISTMAS.

Our families really enjoyed it!

It was a true undersea "Advent"ure!



We only have one more week of REP classes in 2024! Our Christmas break begins December 20th.

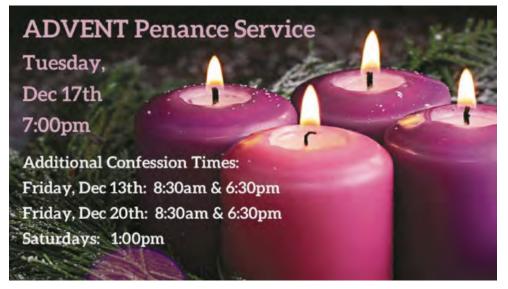
Our REP classes will resume the week of January 6th for all grades.



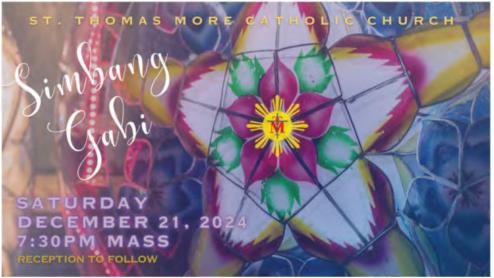
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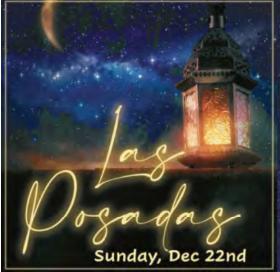
STM Small Faith Communities











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.

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



HOLIDAY FOOD PANTRY

December 18th: Noon to 1pm



Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

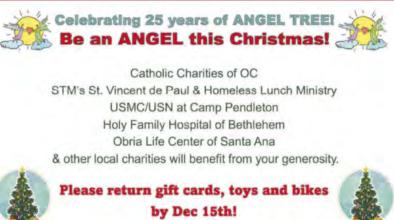
With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it's easy to stray.

Answer

Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation. reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.







Young Ladies Grand Institute

Christmas See's Candy Fundraising Event



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Dec 7-8 & Dec 14-15

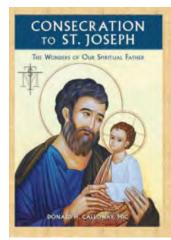


Available in the courtyard after Mass & pre-order.

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

We wish you a happy and blessed Christmas!





33-Day Consecration November 26 - December 28

God Entrusted His Beloved Son and the Blessed Virgin Mary to St. Joseph.

Entrust your family to St. Joseph!

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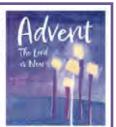




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Help and Encouragement after the death of a loved one.

Tuesdays 10:00-11:30 AM January 14 - April 8, 2025

> St. Thomas More Multipurpose Room

Please Register At griefshare.org

St. Thomas More community did it again!



Through your generosity, we were able to donate over 1,300 pairs of socks and over \$700 to Isaiah House. Thanks for

bringing the warmth of our parish to those in need this Christmas!



·· COMING SOON

Saint Thomas More Church's

BIBLE READING MARATHON

In celebration of the SUNDAY OF THE WORD of God on January 26, 2025
we will be reading the whole Bible NONSTOP, day and night!







BEGINS Saturday, January 25th at 4:00pm
Estimated to take over 80 hours to complete!
Reading will take place in the STM Library
The entire reading will be livestreamed on stmirvine.org

SIGN-UP INFORMATION COMING SOON!



Organized by STM'S Small Faith Communities Ministry and the Devotional Life Committee.

For questions contact: devotional@stmirvine.org



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