



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

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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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Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm

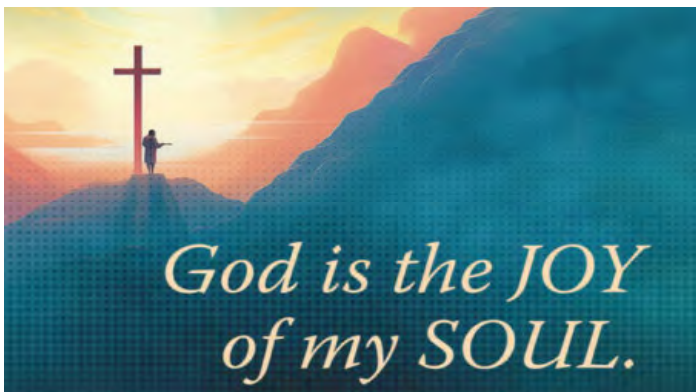




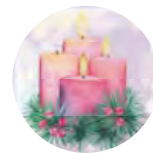
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MASS INTENTIONS		
Sat 12/16	4:00pm	The Vu Family
	6:00pm	†Maria Aszterbaum
Sun 12/17	8:00am	Regan Punsalan Canh Nguyen Cinco-Hedde Family †Fr. Bill Krekelberg †Kevin Haley †Norma Mendoza & Tess Gregorio †Anna Testa
	9:30am	Pro Populo
	11:30am	Anthony Vincent B. Cruz
	1:00pm	Maraja Vargas
	3:00pm	†Naugab Lee
	5:00pm	†Nick Victoriano, Jr.
Mon 12/18	8:00am	St. Theresa of Avila Sm. Faith Community
Tues 12/19	6:00am	†Anna Nguyen
Wed 12/20	8:00am	†Feliciano Felipe
Thurs 12/21	8:00am	Teresa Tran
Friday 12/22	8:00am	Steven Tran
Sat 12/23	8:00am	†Joseph Lui †Edelmira Aviles †Henry †Amy D'Souza †Jose S. Navarro, Sr.
		Bill Oesterreich Mary Margaret O'Connor Beth D'Souza



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SEASON *of* CHRISTMAS



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

During this Advent and Christmas season, I ask for all to join with the Blessed Mother Mary and ponder the most profound mystery and reality that the child who was incarnate in her womb, who was born in Bethlehem is the SAME Lord Jesus who we receive in the Holy Eucharist. Think about it! If this is indeed true, and you were to believe it more deeply, then how would this affect the way in which you approach the Mass? How would this affect your whole life?? My favorite Bible verse comes to mind: "Therefore, we who are receiving the unshakable kingdom should have gratitude, with which we should offer worship pleasing to God in reverence and awe" (Hebrews 12:28).

When Elizabeth encountered Jesus in the womb of Mary, when the angels announced his birth, when the shepherds and the magi came to visit the Christ-child, it was reverence and awe that exuded from them. And in many ways, their encounter was worship. Let us learn from them and be inspired by their faith and pray that we can approach the Holy Eucharist at Mass with the same reverence and awe. Jesus Christ came from the highest heights of heaven to the dusty streets of Israel ultimately to be with us in the Holy Eucharist so that we can truly have the promises of Christmas: hope, love, joy, and peace. We must be willing to make him the King in our lives, to conform our ways to his ways, to obey his will and to offer proper worship. Our devotion to the Holy Eucharist is the sure way to do all that.

Christmas then is all about us being able to receive him and to be with him in the Holy Eucharist. Christmas is all about CHRIST'S MASS which we now have the utmost privilege of celebrating every Sunday and every day!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Eugene Lee
Fr. Eugene Lee.

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

CHRISTMAS VIGIL

Sunday, December 24th

4:00pm

6:00pm

8:00pm (Vietnamese/English)

CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, 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 and Joseph
Sunday, December 31st

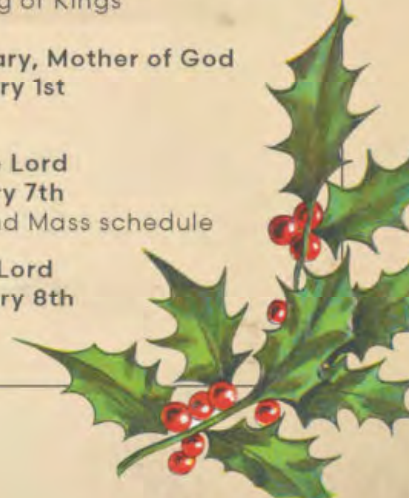
Regular weekend Mass schedule

10:30pm Mass + Adoration Countdown
to the New Year in silence while
adoring the King of Kings

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Monday, January 1st
9:00am Mass

Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday, January 7th
Regular weekend Mass schedule

Baptism of the Lord
Monday, January 8th
8:00am Mass



STM CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Upcoming Confirmation Classes

C1 Classes: Jan 10 & 24

C2 Classes: Jan 17 & Jan 31

Confirmation classes will be on Christmas break from 12/18 -1/5. Class meetings will resume 1/10 with Confirmation 1.

Upcoming YTH Nites at 6PM

All High School Teens are invited to our High School YTH NITES. The Sunday night gatherings are for teens to come and learn about how to apply their faith in their daily life.

Monday Night Bible Study

Join us Mondays at 7pm in the Parish Hall for a Bible study on the upcoming Sunday's readings. Get to know God's voice in the Bible so you can discern the voice of God out in the world.



R.E.P. CORNER



THANK YOU!!



All our Stellar buddies wanted to send a special thank you to Lisa Busch & the team for a great STELLAR CHRISTMAS. Our families really enjoyed it! It was out of this world!



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!



There is only one more week of REP classes in 2023! Our Christmas break begins December 21st.



Our REP classes will resume the week of January 7th for all grades.



The Library Corner

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 from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

The Third Sunday of Advent is themed as a day of anticipation and 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.

Have you ever had trouble understanding the big picture of the Bible? Have you ever wanted to read through the entire Bible but have not? Have you ever wanted to deepen your knowledge of the Bible? If your answer to these questions is yes, then the STM Parish Library has an exciting book for you. The name of this book is, 'Walking with God', authored by Tim Gray and Jeff Cavins. Tim and Jeff unpack the central story woven throughout Scripture and present it in an easy-to-understand manner. They take you on a journey through the narrative books of the Bible: the ones that tell the story and present a panoramic view of God's glorious plan of salvation. You will witness the fascinating story of our Catholic faith and see how you fit into God's plan for all of humanity. (PRG) Gaudete in Domino.



THIS WEEK:

Advent Penance Service: Monday, December 18th at 7:00pm

Homeless Lunch Ministry: Monday, December 18th at 5:00 pm in multipurpose room. We will prepare sack lunches and hygiene kits for our homeless brothers and sisters.

24-Hour Adoration: Friday, December 22nd

COMING UP:

The Parish Offices will be closed for Christmas Break from December 24th through January 1st. In case of emergency, please dial (949) 551-8601 ext 7. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Weekly Confessions
Saturdays 1:00pm - 3:00pm
(including December 23rd)

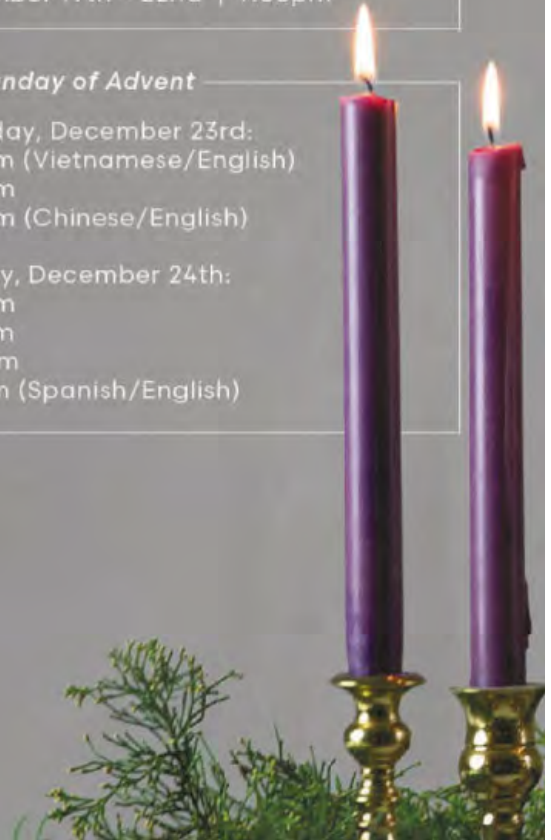
Advent Penance Service
Monday, December 18th | 7:00pm

Extra Confessions:
December 11th - 16th | 8:30am
December 19th - 22nd | 7:00pm

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23rd:
4:00pm (Vietnamese/English)
6:00pm
8:00pm (Chinese/English)

Sunday, December 24th:
8:00am
9:30am
11:30am
1:00pm (Spanish/English)



Hygiene Drive

Help the homeless and donate new, travel sized hygiene items. Thank you for your generosity!

Donation Items Needed:

- | | |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| Toothbrush | Deodorant |
| Toothpaste | Shaving Razor |
| Body Soap | Lip Balm |

Drop off items, by Dec 17th, to collection boxes located at any of the following 3 foyers: outside the MPR/St. Nicholas Room, outside the Front Office, outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel



Joseph of Cupertino Classical Academy (JCCA) is Orange County's first Catholic, classical, hybrid program, combining the strengths of both traditional school and homeschool. The Academy will launch at St. Thomas More Parish in the Fall 2024, offering a full curriculum for students up to grade 10.

Students of JCCA's formative, classical curriculum will benefit from in-class professional instruction three days per week. The other two weekdays will rely on parental involvement and family unity to further the students' academic growth and faith formation.

Visit jccacademy.org to learn more about the Academy's mission and to engage with its leadership.

..... **COMING SOON**

Saint Thomas More Church's
**BIBLE READING
MARATHON**

In celebration of the **SUNDAY OF THE WORD** of God on
January 21, 2024
we will be reading the whole Bible **NONSTOP**, day and night!

*"Remain in my
Word."
John 8:31*



- ◇ BEGINS Jan 20 (Sat) at 4:00 pm. ◇
- ◇ Estimated 80 hours to complete! ◇
- ◇ Reading will take place in the parish LIBRARY ◇
- ◇ The entire reading will be livestreamed at stmirvine.org. ◇

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Gospelize Your Story

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

For questions contact: devotional@stmirvine.org.





ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I rejoice heartily in the LORD,
in my God is the joy of my soul. (Is 61:10)

Psalm:

My soul rejoices in my God. (Is 61:10b)

Second Reading:

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy
and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body,
be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord
Jesus Christ. (1 Thes 5:23)

Gospel:

"I baptize with water;
but there is one among you whom you do not
recognize,
the one who is coming after me,
whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."
(Jn 1:23)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God sends a John the Baptist into every person's life — someone who prepares His way, who calls out His truth. Look for the John the Baptist in your life. Pray you can be this person for someone else.

Observances for the week of December 17, 2023

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Advent
- Thursday:** St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** St. John of Kanty, Priest
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve

Gospelize Your Story

STM Small Faith Communities are journeying together through the Season of Advent.

All are welcome to join us at any time.

Come Gospelize Your Story!



STM SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES

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On stmirvine.org



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- View and Pray for the Online Intentions
- Become a Prayer Partner – Pray for the Intentions once a week

Be still, and know that I am God.
— Psalm 46:10

*Listen. Reflect.
Ponder.*

*Love. Adore.
Surrender.*

*Pray. Meditate.
Contemplate.*

*Transcend. Deepen.
Enter.*

*Find healing, peace,
and power.*

*Breathe. Rest.
Pause.*

Simply be with God.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

EVERY FRIDAY AT 6 PM

24-Hour Adoration: Fri, Dec 22nd

ST. THOMAS MORE MINISTRIES

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Confirmation	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8602
First Communion	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
First Reconciliation	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
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Hispanic Ministry	Victor Cota	(9) 400-7743
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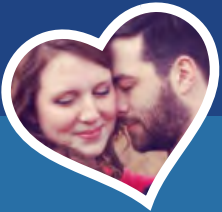
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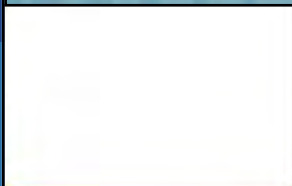
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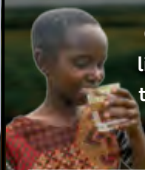
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7:00 p.m. – Procession
7:30 p.m. – Mass

We will gather at 7:00 p.m. in the courtyard, and our Rosary procession will take place on the parish grounds. Mass will begin at 7:30 p.m., followed by refreshments in the parish hall.



Come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord



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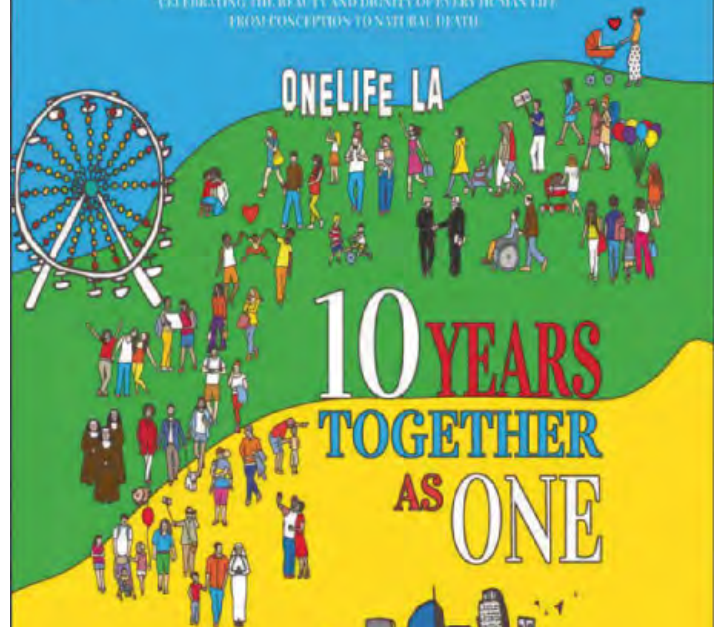
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