



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 Tony & Mrs. Mary Patronite
Deacon Tin & Mrs. UyenLan Nguyen
Deacon Leonard & Mrs. Nancy Sun
Deacon Bernie & Mrs. Pam Ocampo
†Rev. John E. Janze

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4th Sunday OF ADVENT

December 22, 2024

Welcome
to STM!



**24 - Hour
Adoration
of the
Blessed
Sacrament**



begins on Monday, December 23rd after 8:00am Mass
and will end before Mass the following day



Norberto Piccolo

Collections and Expenses

12/2/2024- 12/8/2024

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$24,641	\$16,435	\$41,076
Maintenance Fund	\$530	\$145	\$675
Other income	\$6,616	\$2,169	\$8,785
Retired Religious	\$12,245	\$305	\$12,550
Total income	\$44,034	\$19,054	\$63,088

Regular Expenses \$53,097

Capital Campaign \$169,200 \$29,329 \$198,529

Campaign Expenses \$50,013

If you would like to give online, please click on the e-giving link in the top corner of the STM website.

All donations to the capital campaign will be used exclusively to pay for the construction costs to build the new church. Moreover, maintenance fund donations can be used to pay for the construction costs to build the new church and for the maintenance and repairs of the existing buildings and property. If you have questions, please call the office.

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 12/21	4:00pm	Anna Canh Nguyen
	6:00pm	†Elodia Garcia
Sun 12/22	8:00am	Majkoski-Nguyen Family
	9:30am	Margaret Cunningham
	11:30am	PRO POPULO
	5:00pm	Lang Troung
		Long Quach
		The Curtis Family
		Elizabeth Kulas
		Susan Gonzales
		†Teresa Lee
		†Teresa Park
		†Peter Park
		†Nieves Rebolledo
Mon 12/23	8:00am	Cuevas Family
	6:00pm	Romeo E. Gozon
Tues 12/24	8:00am	†Bibiana Lui
	4:00pm	Allen Chiou & Family
	6:00pm	Blanca Enit Santillan
	8:00pm	Fr. Angelus Echeverry
Wed 12/25	12:00am	PRO POPULO
	8:00am	Natalie Jensen
	10:00am	Mars Stephen Del Villar
	12:00pm	†William Emmanuel Saligan
	2:00pm	†Edward Chu
Thurs 12/26	8:00am	†Jackson Scharff
	6:00pm	†Norberto Piccolo
Fri 12/27	8:00am	Steven Tran
	6:00pm	†Sharon Jones



Flory Aguilar	Ron Merse
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Cristeta Jaropillo	Sally-Ann Thomas
Angela Judy	Lisa Turner
Natalie and Warren Julian	Pete Villanueva
Miriam Kasperowicz	Jesus Villanueva
Tiesha Kelley	Raymund Villanueva
Vivian Knisely	Bill Whiteside
Lauren Leal	Kristine & Brandon Williams
Brielle LeMire	Michele Wills
Joseph Manglona	Andy Zelinko
Nilda A. Medalle	

Email bulletin@stmirvine.org 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 stifling 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 walks with 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
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
Regular weekend Mass schedule



STM CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY



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C1 Class Jan 8
C2 Class: Jan 15

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



REP. CORNER



MERRY CHRISTMAS

The REP staff wishes all of our students, teachers and families a happy, holy and joyous Christmas!
See you all in 2025!



Religious Education classes & the REP Office will be on break for the Christmas holidays from December 20th through January 6th.

We look forward to seeing you and your family in the new year!

For any questions, call the REP Office at (949) 551-8029 or email rep@stmirvine.org.



STM SFC

STM Small Faith Communities



..... **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!

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



BEGINS Saturday, January 25, 2025 at 4:00pm
Estimated 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!



Gospelize Your Story

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

For questions contact: devotional@stmirvine.org





Las Posadas
Sunday, Dec 22nd

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.*



**Why do we do that?
Catholic Life Explained**

Question:

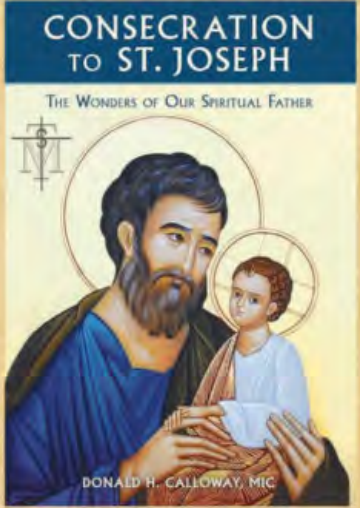
Why do we give gifts at Christmas?

Answer:

Great events in and of themselves are not tangible. They occur in life but leave no mark behind, nothing that someone could come across and know that something significant occurred. So we mark the event with monuments, holidays, gold watches or plaques, making a meaningful event tangible and memorable.

Gifts at Christmas do the same thing. They mark the occasion of the birth of Jesus, communicating a bit of the joy of the day by allowing us to be both giver and receiver. Gift-giving sets aside the day as special and different. The special foods, customs, decorations, and gifts all help focus our attention on the importance and meaning of the day and at the same time allow us to share personally in its joy and happiness.

In giving gifts, though, we can share in the meaning of Christmas in a significant way. We imitate God in sharing with others. We give a bit of ourselves to others in the gifts we give, just as God gives us the gift of his Son. No wonder we often say that the best gifts are those that come from the heart. Given in love, these presents are wrapped in the best covering of all.

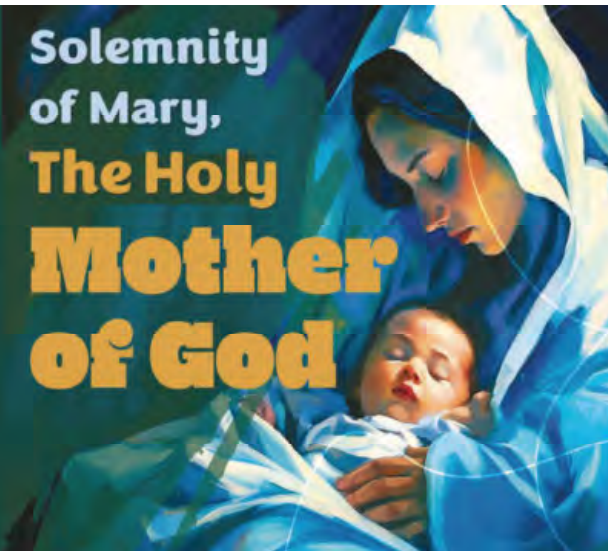


CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH
THE WONDERS OF OUR SPIRITUAL FATHER

Saturday, December 28

Attend the Mass of Consecration at 6:00pm.

Bring your hand-written consecration prayer dated Dec 28, 2024, but do not sign it. We will sign it at the altar.



TUES, DEC 31st:
10:30PM VIGIL MASS

Followed by Eucharistic Adoration.
Countdown to the New Year in silence while adoring the King of Kings.

WED, JAN 1st:
9:00am & 6:00pm

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Taylor Family for donating 14 Christmas trees to decorate the courtyard during the Christmas Season. Your generous gift has helped our courtyard look especially beautiful!



LET'S *Build* THE HOUSE OF THE *Lord*

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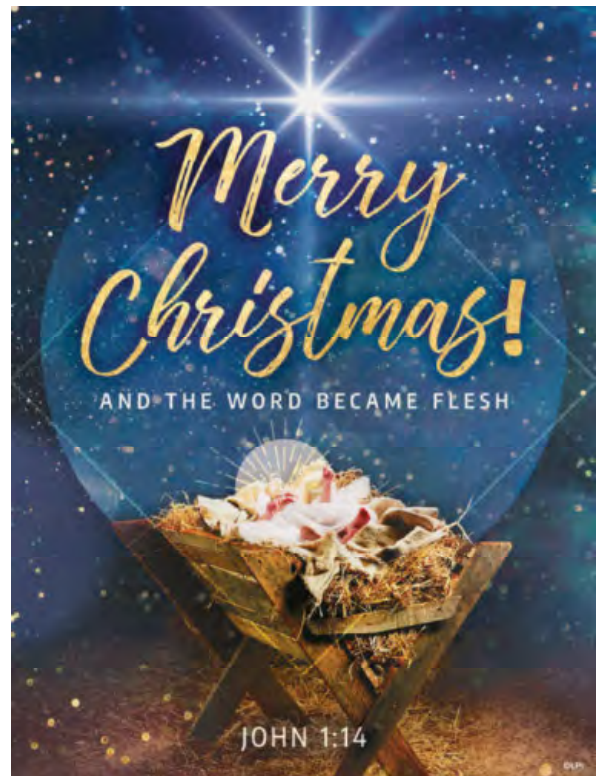
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Questions of the Week

First Reading:

Micah prophesied a "ruler" would come through the line of David ("Bethlehem-Ephrathah") and bring peace to the divided kingdom of Judah and Israel. How might you be able to promote peace this week among your family or co-workers?

Second Reading:

The author of Hebrews reminds us that Christ makes us holy so that above all else, we do God's will. As the season of Advent draws to a close, what could be one practical way to do God's will this week?

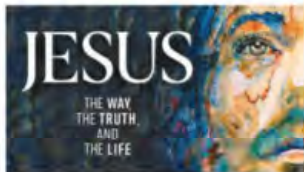
Gospel:

Elizabeth calls Mary "blessed" because she believed and trusted in the Lord. Are there people in your life who model such trust and faith in God?



New Bible Studies at St. Thomas More

English



Espanol



10 Sessions - Beginning Week of January 20, 2025

For days and times, and to register, go to stmirvine.org



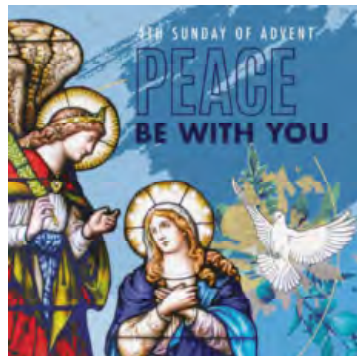
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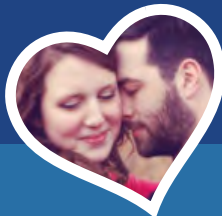
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