



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

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Chinese Chaplain
Weekend Assistants

Deacons

Founding Pastor

Rev. Eugene J. Lee

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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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THE HOLY FAMILY

He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled.
- Mt 2:23

December 28, 2025

WELCOME to STM!



Antonio Torres Gutierrez

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 Posnoski
Cristina Dulce	Sandra Quezada
Cecelia Duzynski	Ryan Quinn
Jamael Edwards	George Quitoriano
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	

Email bulletin@stmirvine.org to add a name to be included for one month

Prayer
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with Prayer



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Enter Your Prayer Intentions

Enter Answered Prayer Testimonials

Become a Prayer Partner – Pray for the Intentions once a week

Mass Intentions

Sat 12/27	4:00pm	Joonsik Peter Kang
	6:00pm	PRO-POPULO
Sun 12/28	8:00am	Ron Mostero
	9:30am	Terri Mostero
	11:30am	The Afonso Family
	1:00pm	†Jose Antonio Reyes
	5:00pm	†Ninh Vu
		†Austin Lo
		Brother Tim
		Liz Layug
		Paul Abbaszadeh
		Mai Anh-Vo
		Bud Mertz
		Gay Joyce
Mon 12/29	8:00am	†Andrea Maciel
	6:00pm	†Rodrigo Acob
Tues 12/30	8:00am	†Fran Jones
	6:00pm	Wendi Haberman
Wed 12/31	8:00am	The Cuevas family
	6:00pm	The Majkoski- Nguyen Family
	10:30pm	Fr. George Blais
Thurs 1/1	9:00am	Thang Van Le & Thuc-Oanh Thi Vu
	6:00pm	NO MASS
Fri 1/2	8:00am	Melissa Aguiar
	6:00pm	†Vina Villanueva
Sat 1/3	8:00am	†Souls in purgatory



Collection Report

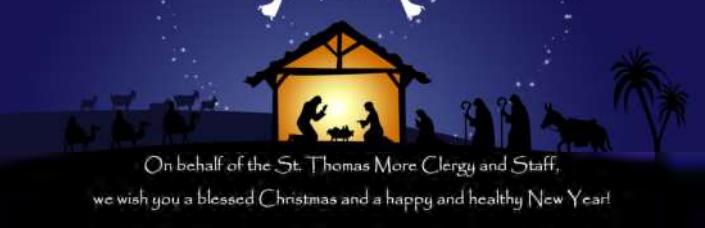
11/24/2025 – 11/30/2025

Sunday Collections	\$ 26,550.00
Believe & Build, BGT, BGT2	\$ 60,460.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 210.00
Misc Income (Mass Intentions, etc)	\$ 6,066.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 2,837.00

The parish offices will be closed Dec 24 - Jan 1

On Dec 22-23 & Dec 29-30, the front desk will be open until Noon

In case of emergency, call (949) 551-8601 ext 7



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



Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)



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:

C2– Wed, Jan 7 at 7:00pm
C1– Wed, Jan 14 at 7:00pm

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

Religious Education classes & the REP Office will be on break for the Christmas holidays from December 22nd through January 5th.

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

The REP staff wishes all of our students, teachers and families a happy, holy and joyous Christmas season! See you all in 2026!

THANK YOU!!

All our TRUE NORTH buddies wanted to send a special thank you to Lisa Busch & the team for a great "Reason for the Season" Family Event. Our families really enjoyed it!



30

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

STM SFC



Happy New Year

2026

JOIN US!



STM Small Faith Communities





THANK you!



Thank you to the Art & Environment Team and to all the volunteers for your time, talent and treasure for the beautiful Christmas decorations around St. Thomas More.

In addition, thank you to all who donated Christmas flowers and to the Taylor Family for donating 13 Christmas trees to decorate the courtyard during the Christmas Season. Your generous gifts have helped to make our church look so gorgeous and festive!



Epiphany Home Blessing with Chalk

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Epiphany home blessing
kit & Instructions
will be available on
January 3rd & 4th
after all the Masses



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



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GROUNDBREAKING — APRIL 25, 2026





HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER MEETING

1st & 3rd Fridays
7:30pm
Multipurpose Room

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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	

For more info, please visit www.stmirvine.org/BFF

To Register: www.stmirvine.org/BFFregister



The Tradition of Picking a Saint

for the New Year involves choosing a patron saint to provide inspiration and guidance for the year ahead. This is often done by drawing a name from a hat or basket, or through other methods. The chosen Saint is then honored throughout the year through prayer, learning their story, and perhaps incorporating a special feast day.



Pick your Patron Saint

Dec 31, 2025 - 6pm & 10:30pm Mass
January 1, 2026 - 9am Mass

Observances for the week of December 28, 2025

Sunday: The Holy Family
Wednesday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
Thursday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace
Friday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

God created the Holy Family with a great sense of purpose, because he knew that Jesus would be defined by the woman and man who raised him. Who is our "Holy Family" – the people who will define us? Who has God placed within our lives for a specific purpose?

GriefShare

Grief Support Group

Come join us!

Tuesdays 10:00-11:30 AM
January 13 - April 7

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Family Blessing

May God bless, protect, unite, mend, and renew our family. Help us to be instruments of healing and holiness, breaking generational curses, rewriting scripts, overcoming tribulation, joining in gratitude, and growing in joy ... together.
Amen.

A Simple Way to Give Back this Christmas

Christmas is a season of hope, peace, joy and love, 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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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.

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First Saturday
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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
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Marriage Encounter	Mike & Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
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Service

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Corazon	Norma Jean Womack	(9) 903-1472
Filipino Ministry	Mernie Empalmado	(9) 551-8601
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Hispanic Ministry	Victor Cota	(9) 400-7743
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St. Vincent de Paul	Rick Lamoreux	(9) 331-1020
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Young Ladies Institute	Ann Johnson	(9) 374-1547

Spiritual Development

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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
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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More Moms	Rosanna Iseri Novia	(9) 354-2547
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Small Faith Communities	Denyse Gagnon	(7) 501-7848
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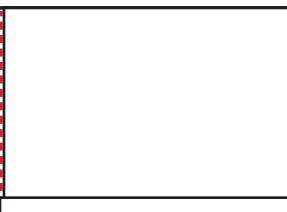
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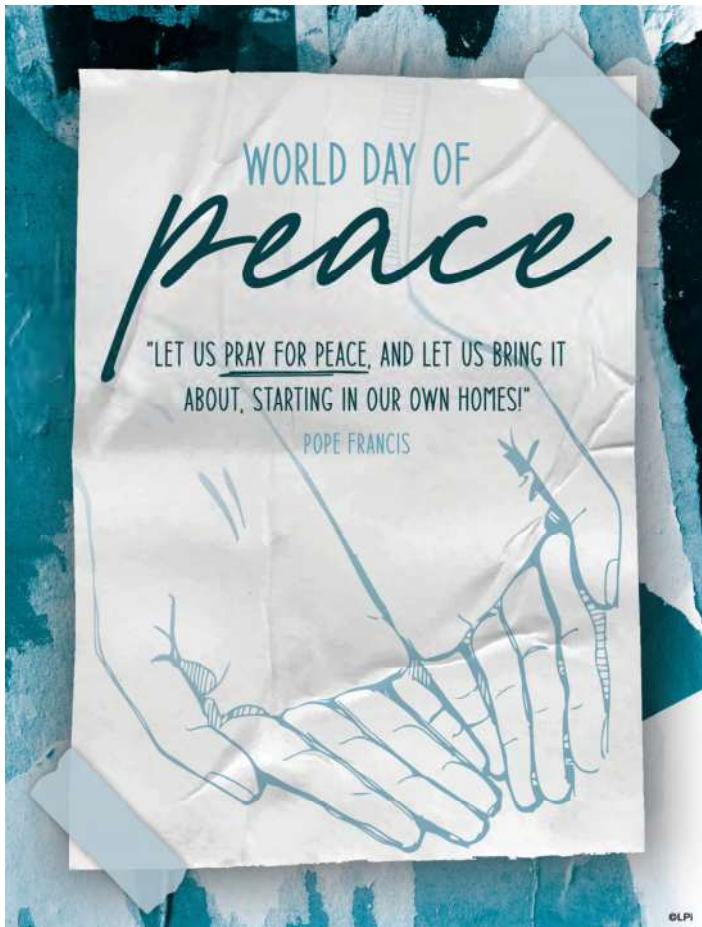
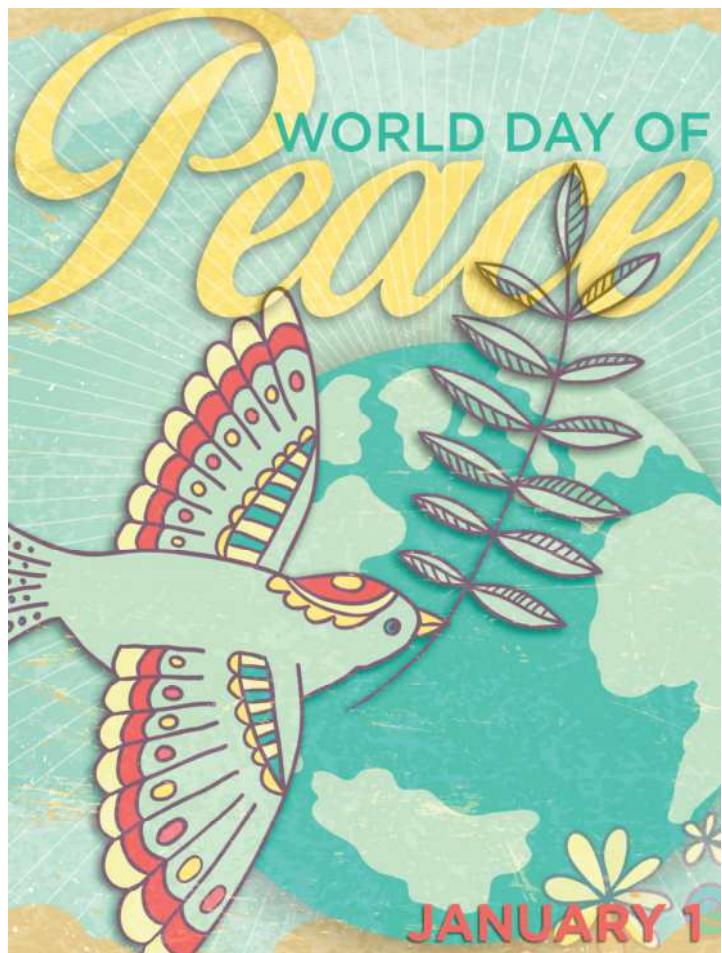
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