



# 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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Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm  
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# WELCOME to STM!



William Oesterreich

## Prayers for Healing

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Drew Hoang  
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Chris Kasko  
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## Mass Intentions

Sat 1/3	4:00pm	Huy and Thi Tran
	6:00pm	†Linawati Kurniawan
		†Antonio Maralit
Sun 1/4	8:00am	PRO-POPULO
	9:30am	†Quirino Villanueva
	11:30am	†William Oesterreich
	1:00pm	Maggy Castellano Gall
	5:00pm	†Arturo Cagnoni and Annamaria Altafini
Mon 1/5	8:00am	Johanna Harris
	6:00pm	†Edward Andrade
Tues 1/6	8:00am	Naim Isaac Aguilar
	6:00pm	†Lurline Chatelain
Wed 1/7	8:00am	†Gabriel Isaza
	6:00pm	Janet Wallece
	10:30pm	Fr. Anthony Vu
Thurs 1/8	9:00am	Long and Phuong Tran
	6:00pm	†Norm Burns
Fri 1/9	8:00am	†Purificacion Jugueta
	6:00pm	†John Malacci
Sat 1/10	8:00am	†Francisco Javier Lozoya
		†Fernando and Victoria Diaz
		Joseph Hung Nguyen

## Questions of the Week

### First Reading:

Isaiah prophesies a coming of age when the glory of the Lord would shine upon Israel and their hearts would throb with joy. Can you share an experience that brought you deep joy and happiness?

### Second Reading:

Paul tells the Ephesians that the Holy Spirit revealed to him that all believers in Jesus (Jew and Gentile alike) were coheirs and members of the same body. Have you ever felt like an outsider who was welcomed by others?

### Gospel:

In the story of the birth of Jesus, Matthew contrasts the fear and concern of King Herod with the joy and praise of the Magi. What feelings does the season of Christmas evoke for you?

## Collection Report

12/1/2025 – 12/8/2025

Sunday Collections	\$ 69,760.00
Believe & Build, BGT, BGT2	\$443,778.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,022.00
Misc Income (Mass Intentions, etc)	\$ 7,718.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 5,736.00

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# BIBLE READING MARATHON

In celebration of the SUNDAY OF THE WORD of God on  
JANUARY 25, 2026  
we will be reading the whole Bible NONSTOP, day and night!

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



**Begins Saturday, January 24 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](http://stmirvine.org)



Gospelize Your Story

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

For questions contact: [devotional@stmirvine.org](mailto:devotional@stmirvine.org).







# 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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7:30pm  
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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!
<b>Bible Basics!</b> 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	
<b>Jesus: the Way, the Truth and the Life</b> 10 Sessions	Ascension Press award winning Bible Study on the life of Jesus.	<b>Saturday, Jan-17</b> 9:30-11:00 AM Fireside Room	Mark Kreyche	
		<b>Monday, Jan-26</b> 7:00-8:30 PM MPR	Margaret Cunningham	
<b>Genesis</b> 8 Sessions	"In the Beginning" for Beginners! Come explore!	<b>Tuesday, Jan-20</b> 7:00-8:30 PM Fireside Room	John Thai	
<b>Romans</b> 8 Sessions	Catholic, Comprehensive and Simple way to understand the overarching theme of Book of Romans!	<b>Tuesday, Jan-20</b> 7:00-8:30 PM Room 3	Janice LaVelle	
		<b>Wednesday, Jan-21</b> 9:30-11:00 AM Multi-Purpose Room	Leianna Utick	
<b>El Evangelio de San Mateo</b>	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.	<b>Lunes, 26 de enero</b> 7:00 – 8:30 PM St. Nicolas Room	Victor Cota	
		<b>Miércoles, 21 de enero</b> 10:00-12:00 PM St. Nicolas Room	Teresa LeMire	

For more info, please visit [www.stmirvine.org/BFF](http://www.stmirvine.org/BFF)

To Register: [www.stmirvine.org/BFFregister](http://www.stmirvine.org/BFFregister)

## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The journey of the Magi reflects how treacherous our Christian life on earth can be. Always, evil works against us — Satan lays traps. He sows confusion. May we, like the Magi, recognize the will of God as our guiding star.



## OCIA

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## STM SILENT RETREATS

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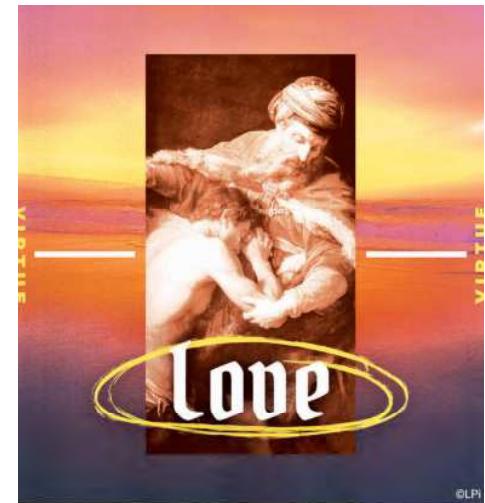
714-402-1127 or [sewingmh1@yahoo.com](mailto:sewingmh1@yahoo.com)



**Men's Retreat: Feb 6-8, 2026**

For more info contact: Mark Kreyche

714-914-2689 or [mgkreyche@gmail.com](mailto:mgkreyche@gmail.com)



## Virtues, Explained!

The virtue of love seeks the good of the other, a reflection of the love of God who created us for this very purpose. In practicing this virtue, we express the fullness of our identities as sons and daughters of God. In true Christian love, we find freedom.

## Epiphany Blessing

Dear God,

It was You who inspired the Magi to follow the star to find You. Inspire us to seek You, as well. Bless our homes and families this season, make them places where we can encounter You through prayer and community. Amen.

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Parish Office Manager	Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Welcoming Committee	Vince Salico	(7) 389-7726

### Sacraments

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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
Wedding Coordinator	Mary Jane Rin	(9) 551-8601

### Service

Bereavement	Rosie Muñoz	(9) 551-8601
Chinese Ministry	Deacon Leonard Sun	(7) 932-1689
Corazon	Norma Jean Womack	(9) 903-1472
Filipino Ministry	Mernie Empalmado	(9) 551-8601
Grief Share Ministry	K.C. Riley	(7) 875-8126
Hispanic Ministry	Victor Cota	(9) 400-7743
Homeless Lunch Ministry	Jessica Silva & Kim Lee	(9) 294-2875 (7) 293-8987
Knights of Columbus Council #13111	John Royston	(7) 743-9774
Respect Life	Chris Gonzales	(9) 551-8601
Safety Ministry	Franck Reynaud	(7) 906-7569
STM Veterans	Sgt. Bob Kohler	(9) 552-1895
St. Vincent de Paul	Rick Lamoreux	(9) 331-1020
Vietnamese Ministry	Huan Le	(7) 261-9893
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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Holy Spirit Prayer Team	John Moran	(7) 401-4728
Legion of Mary	Trisha Smith and Janeth Ostowari	(7) 473-3714 (9) 307-2716
Library	Romali Dsouza	(9) 551-8601
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Religious Education	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Small Faith Communities	Denyse Gagnon	(7) 501-7848
Spanish Bible Study (Bible Focused Formation)	Teresa LeMire	(7) 832-1770
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](mailto:serve@stmirvine.org)

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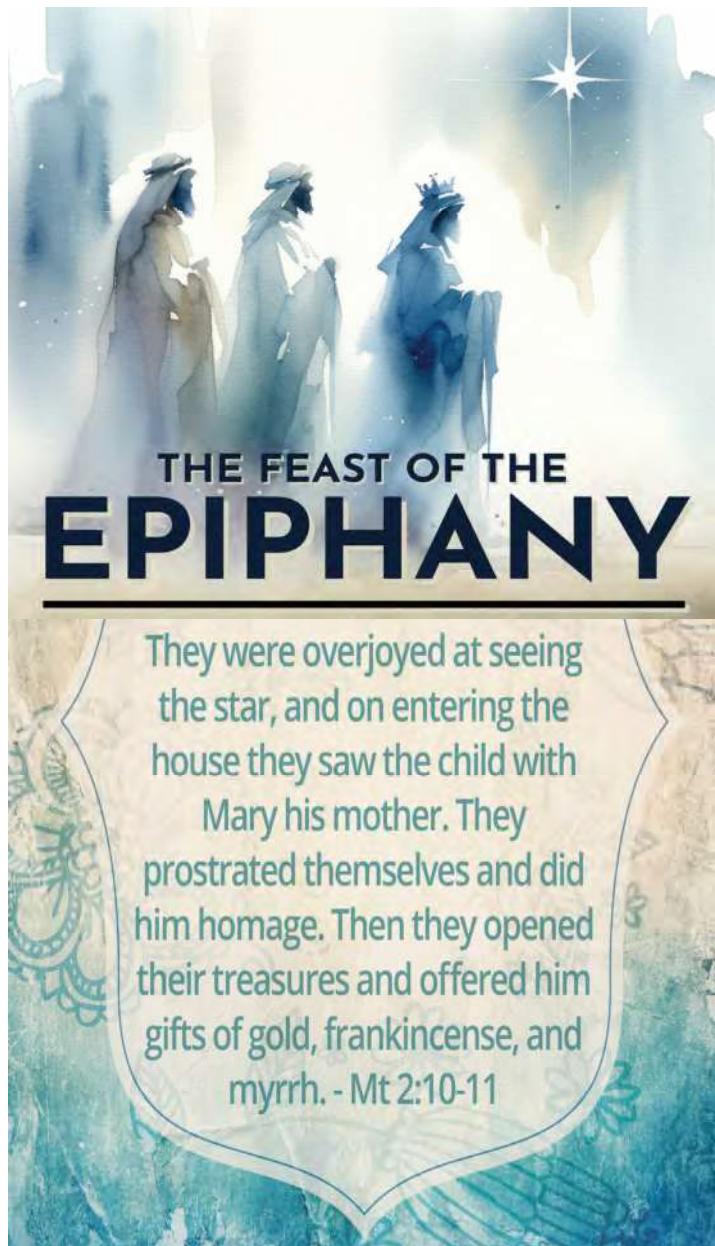


### COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Epiphany of the Lord • Matthew 2:1-12



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with

Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

