



# 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 Tin & Mrs. UyenLan Nguyen  
Deacon Leonard & Mrs. Nancy Sun

†Rev. John E. Janze

## Office Information

Office hours:

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm

[frontdesk@stmirvine.org](mailto:frontdesk@stmirvine.org)

Office: 949-551-8601

After-hours emergency: 949-551-8601 ext. 7

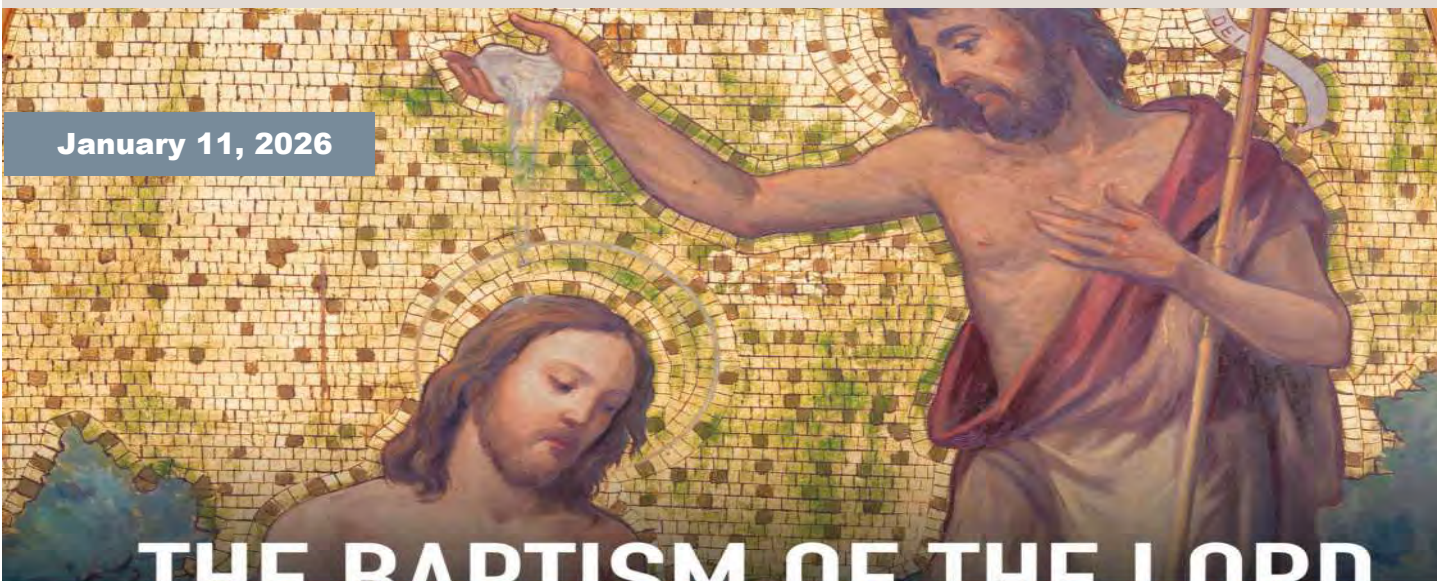
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January 11, 2026



# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"Behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him." Mt 3:16



# WELCOME to STM!



Betty Grazer

## 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	Jocelyn Pandes
Kelly Carter	Ben Pataray
Michael Collins	Sharon Pataray
Thomas Conner	Norma Peckson
Cristina Crouth	Armando Peña
Paul Curran	Ivania Piskulich
Chaz Decoteau	Jacqueline Claire Poznoski
Cristina Dulce	Sandra Quezada
Cecelia Duzynski	Ryan Quinn
Jamael Edwards	George Quitarano
Chantelle Fausto	Al & Elizabeth Rangitsch
Ted Fliller	Matilda Reyna
Tony Galati	Maryhelen Rios
Daniel Pedro Galla	Guadalupe Rivas
Marco Gama	Magdalena Rivera
Anthony Gaona	Celsa Roberti
Lisa Greubel	Donna Rohrer
Regina Hager	Jimmy Rocha
Kevin Hayes	Arjan Sami
Doug & Kathie Hibbard	Norma Santiago
Drew Hoang	Deacon John Selig
Gay Joyce	Richard Stock
Angela Judy	Donny Stoufus
Natalie and Warren Julian	Lisa Turner
Chris Kasko	Pete Villanueva
Tiesha Kelley	Jesus Villanueva
Vivian Knisely	Raymund Villanueva
Ashly Leal	Linda Vito
Lauren Leal	Bill Whiteside
Brielle LeMire	Andy Zelinko
Joseph Manglona	Joe & Judy Zwetow
Nilda A. Medalle	

## Mass Intentions

Sat 1/10	4:00pm	Hai Nga Nguyen
	6:00pm	†Nestor Antonio Alvarado Hernandez
Sun 1/11	8:00am	Fr. Eugene Lee
		Fr. Thomas Tran
		Fr. Michael Fritzpatrick
		Fr. Quyen Troung
		†Anita George
		†Adoracion Calagui
		†Seldon Machado
		†Rene S. De Jesus
		Charles and Carmen Calaway Family
	9:30am	†Louis Ambrosio
	11:30am	PRO-POPULO
	1:00pm	†Ramon Perez
	5:00pm	†Yu Hsin Yang
Mon 1/12	8:00am	Mark Lemire
	6:00pm	Mireya Moreno
Tues 1/13	8:00am	†Thomas Costello
	6:00pm	Gloria Chung
Wed 1/14	8:00am	Jacinda Fulcher
	6:00pm	†Ann An Pham
Thurs 1/15	8:00am	Carol Fernandez
	6:00pm	Sonia Chung
Fri 1/16	8:00am	Deidre Morley
	6:00pm	Brandon Caperton
Sat 1/17	8:00am	Windy Lozano
		Beth Ruegger
		Mario Andal and Family
		†Jennie Costello
		†Rainfredo Bugarin
		†Nestor Alvarado Hernandez

*Prayer*  
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with Prayer



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Enter Your Prayer Intentions

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

Email [bulletin@stmirvine.org](mailto:bulletin@stmirvine.org) to add a name to be included for one month



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**Monday, January 22nd: 6:00 pm**  
followed by a rosary for life

Pancake  
Breakfast



**Sunday, Jan 25**  
**after all morning Masses!**

Suggested Donation

\$5.00 Adult

\$5.00 Child

\$25.00 Maximum per Family



**Pancakes, Sausage,  
Scrambled Eggs, Juice,  
Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate**



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## Second Collection This Weekend



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e-giving: [stmirvine.org](http://stmirvine.org)  
(special collections)

### 2025 Contribution Statements

Parishioners may request their 2025 contribution statements beginning on **January 19th**. Please contact the parish office at (949) 551-8601 to request your statement.  
*Please be ready to provide your envelope number.*

### 2025 Estados de Contribucion

Feligreses pueden pedir su estado de contribuciones del 2025 comenzando el **26 de Enero**. Por favor de comunicarse con la oficina parroquial (949) 551-8601 para pedir su reporte.  
*Favor de tener su numero de sobre disponible.*

## Collection Report

### 12/8/2025 – 12/14/2025

Sunday Collections	\$ 62,795.00
Believe & Build, BGT, BGT2	\$ 260,763.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 565.00
Misc Income (Mass Intentions, etc)	\$ 11,619.00
Christmas	\$ 1,000.00

### 12/15/2025 – 12/21/2025

Sunday Collections	\$ 48,579.00
Believe & Build, BGT, BGT2	\$ 76,284.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 217.00
Misc Income (Mass Intentions, etc)	\$ 24,239.00
Christmas	\$ 2,494.00

### 12/22/25 – 12/28/25

Sunday/Christmas Collection	\$ 42,861.00
Believe & Build, BGT, BGT2	\$ 852,108.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 792.00
Misc Income (Mass Intentions, etc)	\$ 4,532.00

### 12/24/25 – 12/25/25

Christmas	\$ 48,653.00
Believe & Build, BGT, BGT2	\$ 18,729.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 947.00
Misc Income (Mass Intentions, etc)	\$ 1,206.00




## STM CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

### Next Classes:

C1– Wed, Jan 14 at 7:00pm

C2– Wed, Jan 21 at 7:00pm

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 @stm.yth

**Youth Night** this Sunday, Jan 11 &  
Sunday, Jan 25 after the 5pm Mass

### Bible Study:

Mondays: 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Fireside Room

### ***Virtues, Explained!***

Joy is the experience of achieving what we most desire — and what we most desire is love. God made us in love and for love, and so, in the same way that a flower seeks the sunlight, our souls seek the warmth of true, selfless love.

### **Blessing for Baptismal Grace**

Dear God,  
Through Baptism, You called and claimed us as Your own, chosen and loved.  
Pour Your blessing upon us as we remember our Baptism.  
Plant Your identity in our hearts.  
Help us to live as Your beloved.  
Amen.

## R.E.P. CORNER



### **ATTENTION 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders!!!**

Want to spend the day at Knott's Berry Farm with hundreds of other students for fun, faith & fellowship? Come join us **Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** from 8:15AM-7PM!

We'd love to have you join us! Please contact Lisa Busch at [lisa@stmirvine.org](mailto:lisa@stmirvine.org) or call the REP Office to register.



### **FIRST RECONCILIATION RETREAT REMINDER**



To all of our FC2 families—

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Our First Reconciliation Retreat is on **Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 6:30PM.

This retreat is for students & parents and will be a great boost for all of our students preparing for their First Reconciliation.



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



## *Grief* Support Group

**Come join us!**

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

**St. Thomas More  
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**You May Register at  
[griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org)**

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD **MY FAVOR RESTS IN YOU**





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# **BIBLE READING MARATHON**

In celebration of the **SUNDAY OF THE WORD** of God on  
**JANUARY 25, 2026**  
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*"Remain in my  
Word."*  
*John 8:31*



**Begins Saturday, January 24 at 4:00pm**  
**SIGN UP NOW to READ!**



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).





**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> <b>1 Session</b>	A Brief Overview of the Catholic Bible. Recommended for new Bible Study participants!	<b>One meeting!</b> <b>Monday, January 12</b> 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 cristanos 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)**





# SFC



## Small Faith Communities

**IT'S A NEW YEAR!**

**JOIN AN SFC AND FIND STRENGTH, JOY, AND  
BELONGING ON YOUR FAITH JOURNEY.**

Blessed Virgin Mary	Retirees	MONDAY	9AM
St. Francis of Assisi	Women	MONDAY	6:30PM
St. Teresa of Avila	Women	TUESDAY	9AM
St. Isabel	Married Couples	TUESDAY	7 PM
St. Augustine	Men	TUESDAY	7 PM
St. Joseph	Mixed (Men & Women)	TUESDAY	7 PM
St. Clare of Assisi	Young Adults	TUESDAY	7 PM
Our Lady of Guadalupe	Women	TUESDAY	7 PM
St. Matthew	Mixed (Men & Women)	TUESDAY	7 PM
St. Bridget	Women	TUESDAY	7 PM
Our Lady of Lavang	Women	TUESDAY	7 PM
St. Faustina	Mixed (Men & Women)	WEDNESDAY	9:30AM
St. Lorenzo Ruiz	Married Couples	WEDNESDAY	7 PM
St. Aloysius Gonzaga	Young Adults	WEDNESDAY	7 PM
St. Anthony of Padua	Retirees	WEDNESDAY	12 noon
St. Michael the Archangel	Mixed (Men & Women)	WEDNESDAY	7 PM
San Juan Bautista	Mixed (Men & Women)	WEDNESDAY	7 PM
St. Bernadette's Candle Bearers	Women	WEDNESDAY	7 PM
St. Veronica	Women	WEDNESDAY	7 PM
St. Mary Magdalene	Women	THURSDAY	1:30PM
Our Lady of Fatima	Women	THURSDAY	10 AM
St. Therese of Lisieux	Women	THURSDAY	10 AM
St. Martha	Married Couples	THURSDAY	7 PM
St. Mark	Mixed (Men & Women)	THURSDAY	6:30 PM
St. Rita of Cascia	Women	THURSDAY	7 PM
San Judas Tadeo (sending forth)	Mixed (Men & Women)	FRIDAY	7 PM
St. Monica	Groves Resident	FRIDAY	10 AM



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FOR MORE INFORMATION  
AND REGISTRATION, CONTACT:  
**MARIE OBILLOS**  
OCIA@stmirvine.org

## STM SILENT RETREATS

**Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center**

**FAITH: TRUSTING IN THE GOD WHO WAITS FOR YOU!**

**Women's Retreat: Jan 30- Feb 1, 2026**

For more info contact: Maryhelen Rios  
714-402-1127 or sewingmh1@yahoo.com

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

For more info contact: Mark Kreyche  
714-914-2689 or mgkreyche@gmail.com





## ST. THOMAS MORE MINISTRIES

### Liturgy Support

Altar Servers	Mary Jane Rin	(9) 627-7125
Art & Environment	Amee Cuevas	(9) 551-8601
Eucharist to the Homebound	Fran Necikowski	(7) 505-4816
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### Parish

Believe and Build Capital Campaign	Lisa VanDorpe	(7) 357-3080
Bulletin Editor	Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Deacons	Tin Nguyen & Leonard Sun	(9) 551-8601
Facilities Manager	Ed Ferguson	(9) 551-8601
Hospitality/Donut Ministry	Fr. Thomas Tran	(9) 551-8601
Parish Business Manager	Mireya Moreno	(9) 551-8601
Parish Office Manager	Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
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
Marriage Case Support	Contact office	(9) 551-8601
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
Cursillo	Susan Navarrete	(9) 345-9130
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	Janeth Ostowari & Vida Gotico	(9) 307-2716 (9) 735-1546
Library	Romali Dsouza	(9) 551-8601
Life Teen – High School	Arlyn Pandes	(9) 551-8602
More Moms	Rosanna Iseri Novia	(9) 354-2547
Prayer Partners	Mary Cope	(7) 900-0632
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

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Participants will be given a workbook after they sign up that covers the topics for each week. During the group meetings, there will be an introduction to the theme, a time for prayer and a video. Following the video will be discussion on the video and theme of the day.

There is a \$25 registration fee for the series. If you are interested in signing up, click on the QR code below or go to [www.stjosephplacentia.org](http://www.stjosephplacentia.org) website to find the link to register. For more information, please call or email Carol Koppenheffer (714) 528-1487 ext. 221 or [ckoppenheffer@stjosephplacentia.org](mailto:ckoppenheffer@stjosephplacentia.org)



## PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

Jesus	baptized	dove
Galilee	John	voice
Jordan	water	heaven

esJsu	<u>J</u> <u>e</u> <u>s</u> <u>u</u> <u>s</u>
ohJn	_____
hevane	_____
laGilee	_____
wetra	_____
rodJan	_____
devo	_____
batidpez	_____
vocie	_____



## MISSION

Ask your parents to tell you about the day when you were baptized.

## Questions of the Week

### First Reading:

Isaiah speaks of God using a servant to deliver justice to the nations of the world. When have you felt God calling you to do His work?

### Second Reading:

Peter testifies how God and the Holy Spirit were active in the life and public ministry of Jesus. Do you sense the Holy Spirit present in your life?

### Gospel:

John the Baptist initially hesitates baptizing Jesus. Do you have a friend or co-worker who needs your encouragement?

## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

John could not believe that Jesus would seek baptism from him, a lowly mortal man. But our God is a humble God. He does not fear our weakness. He extends his hand, saying, "It is fitting." So take his hand. Begin the work he has set out for you.