



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
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Office: 949-551-8601
After-hours emergency: 949-551-8601 ext. 7
Fax: 949-551-5879
Religious Education: 949-551-8029
Youth Ministry: 949-551-8602
TEXT TO GIVE: 949-919-5494

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

Flory Aguilar
Kaden Aiello
Froy Becerra
Daniel Bernabe
Bob Bowcock
Felicia Carazo
Kelly Carter
Michael Collins
Thomas Conner
Cristina Crouth
Paul Curran
Chaz Decoteau
Cristina Dulce
Cecelia Duzynski
Jamael Edwards
Chantelle Fausto
Ted Fliller
Tony Galati
Daniel Pedro Galla
Marco Gama
Anthony Gaona
Lisa Greubel
Regina Hager
Kevin Hayes

Doug & Kathie Hibbard
Drew Hoang
Gay Joyce
Angela Judy
Natalie and Warren Julian
Chris Kasko
Tiesha Kelley
Vivian Knisely
Ashly Leal
Lauren Leal
Brielle LeMire
Joseph Manglona
Nilda A. Medalle

Ron Merse
Deirdre Morley
Rosie Muñoz
Susan Navarrete
Ernie Natividad
Steven Norris
Jocelyn Pandes
Ben Pataray
Sharon Pataray
Norma Peckson
Armando Peña
Ivania Piskulich
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Norma Santiago
Deacon John Selig
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Lisa Turner
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Email bulletin@stmirvine.org to add a name to be included for one month



**MASS FOR THE PROTECTION OF
UNBORN CHILDREN,
FOR AN INCREASE IN THE
CULTURE OF LIFE,
AND FOR THE SUPPORT OF MOTHERS
AND FAMILIES IN NEED**

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

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 Fitzpatrick
		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



Let us pray for you!

On stmirvine.org

Enter Your Prayer Intentions

Enter Answered Prayer Testimonials

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

*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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Proceeds will be used to support Pro Life Activities,
Orange County Charities and STM Parish Needs



 "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst. John 6:35

Second Collection This Weekend



for the Church in
Africa, Latin America and Eastern Europe
e-giving: 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



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.

Grief Support Group

Come join us!

Tuesdays 10:00-11:30 AM
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ATTENTION 6th, 7th & 8th 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 7th from 8:15AM-7PM!

We'd love to have you join us! Please contact Lisa Busch at 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 2nd 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.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

MY FAVOR RESTS IN YOU



.....COMING SOON.....

Saint Thomas More Church's

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
SIGN UP NOW to READ!



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

Gospelize Your Story

For questions contact: devotional@stmirvine.org.





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



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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Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic or completing your sacraments?

Thursdays 7:00 PM

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
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Nico Pagone	(7) 269-9989
Lectors	Ed Ferguson	(951) 313-4942
Music Director, Including Wedding Music	Kwang Nguyen	(9) 551-8601
Sacristans	Pam Ocampo	(9) 468-6704
Ushers	Frank Ornelas (9) 857-9044	Joe Martin (9) 385-3741

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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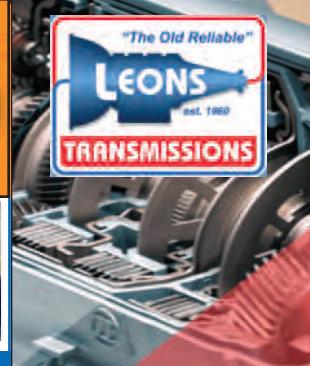
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PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

Jesus	baptized	dove
Galilee	John	voice
Jordan	water	heaven

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ohJn _____

hevane _____

laGilee _____

wetra _____

rodJan _____

devo _____

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MISSION

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



Beginning Experience

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St. Joseph Catholic Church in Placentia will be offering a 10-week series for all who have experienced the loss of their marriage through separation or divorce. The series will be on Tuesday evenings from **7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. from Jan. 20 through March 31**. "Heartbreak to Healing" will be offered in person and on Zoom.

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 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

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.