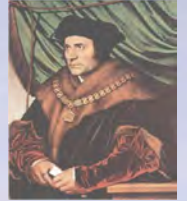




# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

51 Marketplace Irvine, CA 92602 · 949-551-8601 · www.stmirvine.org



## Mass schedule

**Daily**– Monday to Saturday: 8 am\*

### 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 6:00pm

**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

**TEXT TO GIVE: 949-344-2801**



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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

Parochial Vicar Emeritus

Weekend Assistants

Deacons

Founding Pastor

### Rev. Eugene J. Lee

Rev. Kiet Ta

Rev. William Krekelberg

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

### Office Information:

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949-551-8601

After-hours emergency:

949-551-8601 ext. 7

Fax:

949-551-5879

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949-551-8029

Youth Ministry:

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### Office Hours:

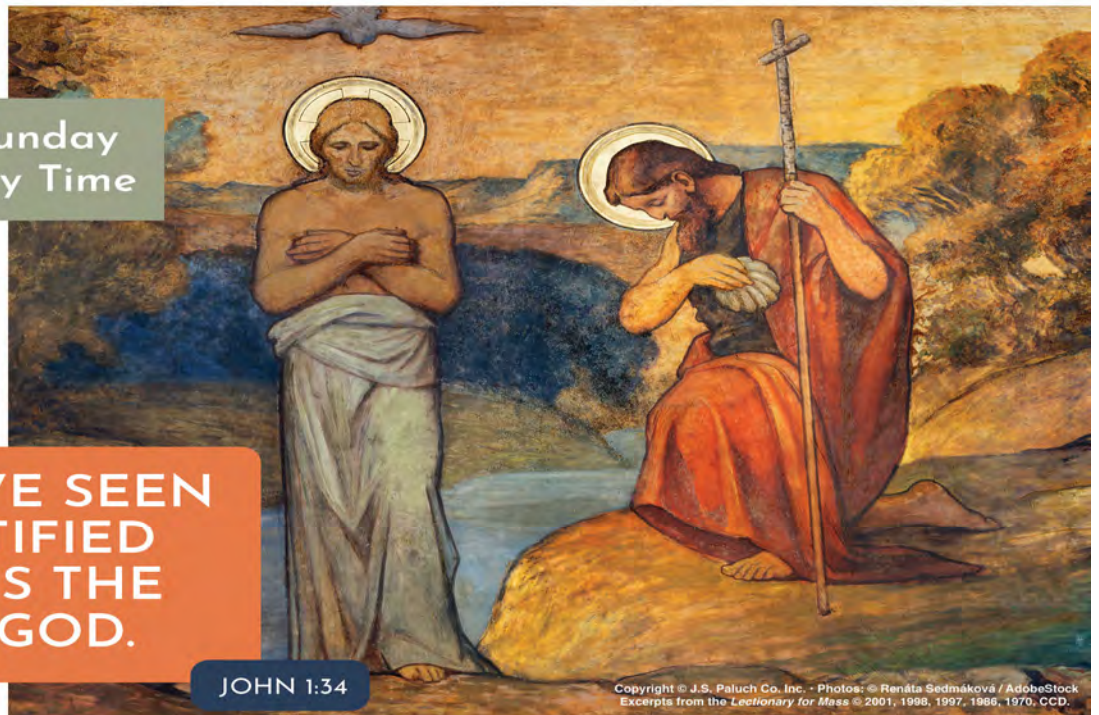
**Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm**

**Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm**

January

15 2023

Second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time



NOW I HAVE SEEN  
AND TESTIFIED  
THAT HE IS THE  
SON OF GOD.

JOHN 1:34

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**Second Collection This Weekend**

Today, we will take up the combined Collection for the Church in Africa, Latin America, and Eastern Europe. Your gift to the collection will fund catechesis, youth ministry programs, catechetical training and seminarian education in Africa, Latin America and Eastern Europe. The support you give today will fund formation programs and provide opportunities for years to come. Please support the Church in Africa, Latin America, and Eastern Europe and be generous in today's Collection.



Sat 1/14	4:00pm	†John Baptist Trung Nguyen Thanksgiving from the Vu Family Tina & JD Halberg
Sun 1/15	8:00am	Ron L'Heureux Baby Johanna Harris Jack Scharff †Linda Taylor †Jennie Costello †Jose Dichosa †Victor Oey †Sophia Wojsik †Gloria Gutierrez
	9:30am	†Jose Navarro
	11:30am	†Rainfredo Bugarin
	1:00pm	†Edward Andrade
	5:00pm	Pro Populo
Mon 1/16	8:00am	†Mario Yruretagoyena
Tues 1/17	8:00am	Windy Lozano
Wed 1/18	8:00am	†All Souls in Purgatory
Thurs 1/19	8:00am	†Cassandra Dang
Fri 1/20	8:00am	†Rosario A. Izquierdo
Sat 1/21	8:00am	All Souls living and deceased Lisa Molina †Antonio A.S. Valdes †Maria Elena Martinez †Mike Merkel



**Collections and Expenses**

**1-9-23 to 1-15-23**

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$24,024	\$23,821	\$47,845
Maintenance Fund	\$573	\$1,120	\$1,693
Other income	\$8,224	\$3,810	\$12,034
Total income	\$32,821	\$28,753	\$61,574

Regular Expenses	\$31,467
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Believe & Grow Capital Campaign	\$217,802	\$11,995	\$229,797
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We appreciate your continued financial support of the parish during these challenging times. If you would like to give, please click on the e-giving link in the top corner of the STM website to set up or update your e-giving. If you have questions, please call the office. All donations to the *Believe & Grow Together Campaign* will be used exclusively to pay for the construction costs to build the new Parish church. Moreover, Maintenance Fund donations can be used to pay for the construction costs to build the new Parish church and for the maintenance and repairs of the existing Parish buildings and property.

***Thank you for your generosity!***

***Rest in the Love of Christ***

David Valentine-Castelan  
Lucille Higley  
James Norton



***PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING***



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Marietta Charbonneau  
Ellen Chang  
Beata Durdovic  
Kathy Ellis  
Merrie French  
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Cristina Giannantonio  
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Shella Arciaga Mercado

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Elena Monico  
Linda Moore  
Ernie Natividad  
James Natividad  
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Cathal O'Regan  
Gerald Pilkington  
George Quitoriano  
Paula Jane Ramirez  
Donna Rohrer  
Eileen Rossi  
Ann Rupp  
Norma Santiago  
Jack Scharff  
Susan Shadley  
Cheryl Skudlarski  
Fred Spitzkeit  
Jesus Villanueva  
Raymund Villanueva  
Roger Wells  
Kristine and Brandon Williams  
Michele Willis

***Please email [bulletin@stmirvine.org](mailto:bulletin@stmirvine.org) to add a name. Names will be included for one month, if requested.***

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The glory of the Lord shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

**Psalm** — I am here to do as you ask, O Lord (Psalm 40).

**Second Reading** — All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

**Gospel** — John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).



### Noche de Reflexión En Español

#### “Una Vida en Cristo: Oración y Servicio”

Esta noche nos ofrecerá la oportunidad de tener un crecimiento en oración y a vivir un encuentro personal con Cristo.

Presentador: Rev. Padre Allan Deck, S.J.

El Padre Jesuita Allan Figueroa Deck es un Distinguido Académico en Teología Pastoral y Estudios Latinos y tiene un doble nombramiento como Profesor en los Departamentos de Estudios Teológicos y Estudios Chicanos / Latinos / en la Universidad Loyola Marymount

#### El Día Lunes 23 de Enero 2023

Iglesia St. Thomas More  
51 Marketplace Irvine CA 92602  
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Para más información: Blanca Bermúdez (949) 254-0543  
Cerraremos la noche con la exposición del Santísimo.

### Night of Reflection (Spanish Only)

#### "A Life in Christ: Prayer and Service"

This evening will offer us an opportunity to have a growth in prayer and to live a personal encounter with Christ.

Presenter: Rev. Father Allan Deck, S.J.

Jesuit Father Allan Figueroa Deck is a Distinguished Scholar in Pastoral Theology and Latino Studies and holds a dual appointment as Lecturer in the Departments of Theological Studies and Chicano/Latino/a Studies at Loyola Marymount University.

#### Monday, January 23, 2023

St. Thomas More Church  
51 Marketplace Irvine CA 92602  
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

For more information: Blanca Bermudez (949) 254-0543  
We will close the night with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

## Thank you!



The members of the Young Ladies Institute (YLI) wish to thank the parishioners and their friends and relatives for supporting our See's Candy Fundraiser again this Christmas. We met our fundraising goal and enjoyed the opportunity to meet many of you. Over the years, the many Institutes and Districts of Young Ladies Institute have contributed nearly five million dollars to support the education of seminarians in California, Oregon, Washington and Hawaii and we are proud to be



participants in this effort! We also use these funds to support many local and national charitable organizations. We are very grateful and appreciative of your generosity! May God always bless you.

## 24 - Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



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

2023  
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CELEBRATION

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Sunday, January 29, 2023  
10:30 AM Vietnamese Drum Performance  
12:30 PM Chinese Lion Dance

Irvine Senior Harmonica Band | Face painting  
Egg rolls and sesame balls | Hot tea

ALL ARE WELCOME  
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51 Marketplace, Irvine



CONFIRMATION

WED 7PM

**Sponsor Forms & Saint Reports Are Due**

Attention C2 families! Sponsor forms and Saint reports were due December 17th. Please turn in sponsor forms in person to the youth ministry office and please email saint reports to Confirmation@stmirvine.org. If you have any questions, please let us know.



YOUTH MINISTRY

SAT 8AM

**Steubenville West Youth Conference**

This high-energy youth conference where thousands of high school teens are invited to encounter Jesus Christ through dynamic speakers, engaging music, the Sacraments, small group discussions, and fellowship with other teens. The conference is being held July 14-16 in Tucson, Arizona. For more information please contact abraham@stmirvine.org



CONFIRMATION

WED 7PM

**Confirmation Class Schedule.**

C1: Wed 1/18, Wed 2/1, Wed 2/15, Wed 3/1

C2: Wed 1/11, Wed 1/25, Wed 2/8, Wed 3/1



YOUTH MINISTRY

SUN 6PM

**YTH NITE**

Join us on Sunday (1/22) for YTH NITE! YTH NITES are for High School teens to come together in community, have dinner, and learn how to apply their Catholic faith to their lives. We can't wait to see you! YTH NITE begins after the 5PM Mass and ends at 8:00PM!



# R.E.P. CORNER



## WELCOME BACK!!

Our REP Kindergarten—8<sup>th</sup> grade Classes are now back in full swing!

Welcome back to all of our students and teachers! The REP Staff hopes that everyone had a good break and is ready to return for a fun and exciting New Year!



## 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 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:30AM-7PM!

The cost is \$80 for the entire day.

Please contact Lisa Busch at [lisa@stmirvine.org](mailto:lisa@stmirvine.org) or call the REP Office to register.



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



## The Library Corner

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



The St. Thomas More Parish Library staff would like to wish all our parishioners a Happy Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Parish Library will be open today from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The STM Parish Library has a great book on the topic of the Catholic Faith. The title of this book is, *'Why We're Catholic'*, authored by Trent Horn of Catholic Answers. Trent responds to the questions; Why do we believe God exists, that He became man and came to save us? He further addresses the founding and authority of the infallible Catholic Church and the inspired Holy Bible to teach us the one true way to live. Trent uses many authoritative sources to support Catholic Church teachings including the Bible, well known and respected historians and the early Church Fathers. This is a great book for someone who is unfamiliar with the Catholic Faith or Catholics who want to firm up their faith because it touches on all aspects of the faith completely in a clear and concise presentation.



**COMING SOON.**

*Saint Louis de Montfort's*

*33 Day*

*Total Consecration*

*to Jesus through Mary*



Begins February 20, 2023 with Mass at 7:00 pm

Date of consecration: Feast of the Annunciation (March 25) at 7:30 pm.

*Daily prayers and readings for 33 days will prepare us all for the day to consecrate anew our hearts to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.*

**More info to follow!**



**Orange Diocesan Council of Catholic Women**

invite all women of Orange County  
to our January general gathering



Keynote speaker: **Father Eugene Lee**

Topic: **"Reverence enhances our relationship with Christ"**

**Tuesday, January 17th at STM**

Mass starts at 8:00 am followed by the Rosary in the church  
followed by fellowship and breakfast.

The suggested donation of \$25.00 includes a continental breakfast and lunch.  
Adjournment by 12:00PM. For reservations, visit our website at [www.ocdccw.org](http://www.ocdccw.org)



## WE ARE HIRING!

### Capital Campaign Administrative Assistant/Friday Receptionist

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS as Capital Campaign Administrative Assistant:

Works as a liaison with the Capital Campaign Committee, assists Pastor with projects and deadlines, processes monthly statements for capital campaign, coordinates campaign activities, maintains and updates database, interacts with donors regarding pledges, prepares and mails thank you letters, attends and participates in staff meetings, performs any other job-related duties as necessary in the department and/or as assigned by supervisor.

#### QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE:

Ability to maintain confidentiality, attention to detail, excellent knowledge of Google Suite, Excel, Word, graphic design experience with various publishing and social media platforms, good public relations skills, ability to work flexible hours.

Applicants apply to Lisa Bergler, Office Manager at [Lbergler@stmirvine.org](mailto:Lbergler@stmirvine.org) or contact her at (949) 551-8601 ext. 213.

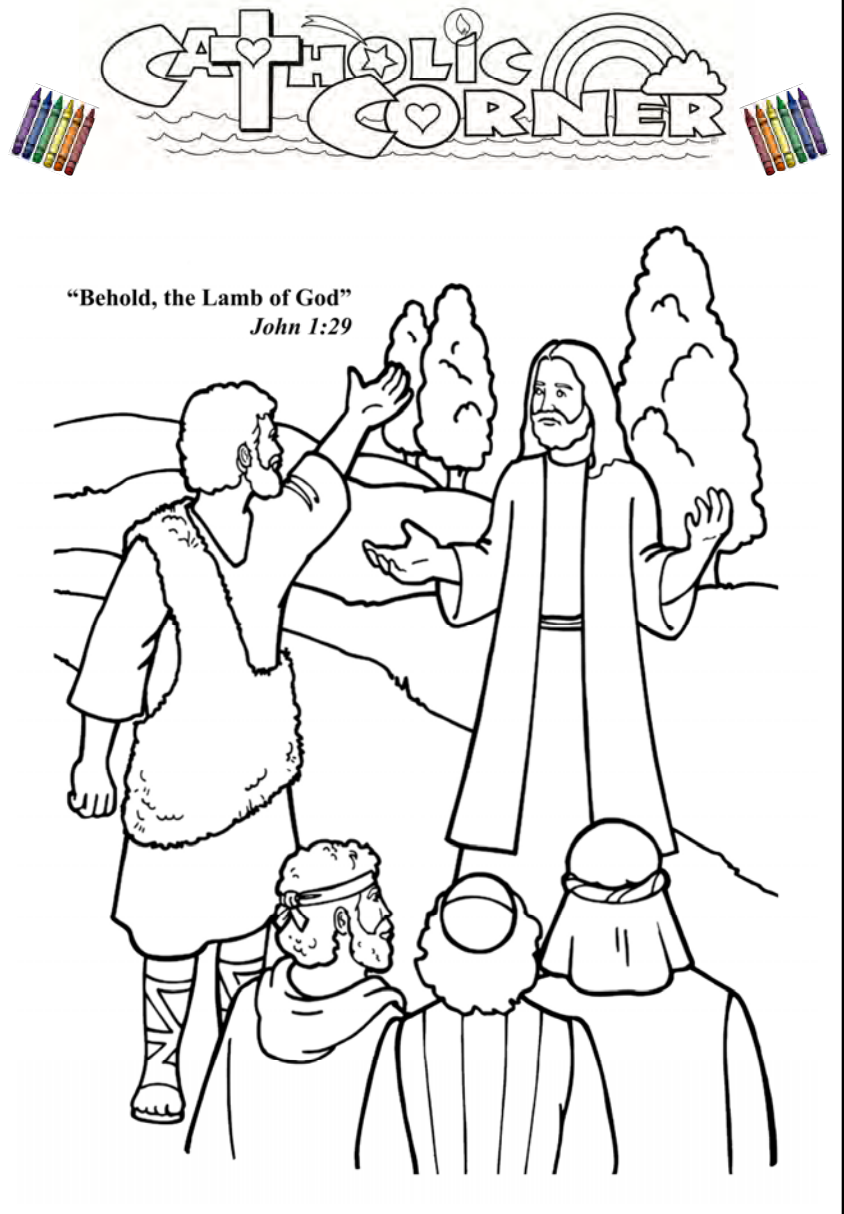
### Why should I become a registered member of St. Thomas More Catholic Church?

If you are attending Mass on a regular basis at St. Thomas More, we invite you to engage with us. Registered parishioners enjoy these benefits:

- STM offers opportunities and support as you journey in faith, through praying, serving, giving, learning and belonging.
- Registered parishioners receive important updates throughout the year so that you can keep up-to-date on important parish news.
- Registered parishioners receive preference when choosing dates for celebrations such as weddings or funerals.
- Other parishes often request verification of a person's status as a practicing Catholic, attendance at Mass, etc., when that person has been asked to be a Godparent or Sponsor. Without registration, no such verification can be made.
- Your Sunday offerings are confidentially recorded by parish staff for proof of donation for tax purposes.

Registering with St. Thomas More Catholic Church is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.

Register today online at [www.stmirvine.org](http://www.stmirvine.org) or call the parish office at 949-551-8601.



# MEN'S RETREAT

February 17 - 19, 2023

Who is Jesus Christ? Who am I?  
Finding the divinity within.

We often try to discover the complex relationship between ourselves and Jesus Christ. We want to know what it should be, how deep it should be, what does Christ want of us, is Christ within us, and if so, where can we find the divine within us?

The Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center invites the men of STM to join on this epic adventure to the interior of our souls. The retreat center provides a private room and bath, delicious meals, beautifully landscaped grounds and the guidance of the Passionist Retreat Team. The atmosphere of this silent, preached retreat will lay paths for this exploration. Reservations can be made by contacting our Parish Captain:

Mark Kreyche at 714-914-2689 or at [mgkreyche@gmail.com](mailto:mgkreyche@gmail.com)  
or you may register directly at:  
<https://materdolorosa.org/calendar/>



# WELLS OF LIFE |

Thank you to the LeMire Family for making a gift on behalf of St. Thomas More Catholic Church.



The restored well has been dedicated to a community of grateful people in Uganda! Wells of Life mission is to provide safe access to clean water. This gift helps to transform the daily lives of a

population of human beings with whom we share this beautiful planet. This well provides more than just clean water, it provides this community with hope for the future. The children are able to attend school, adults now have the ability to provide for their families, and mothers no longer have to worry about their children falling ill due to waterborne diseases. The day the community receives their well is a grand celebration! We have captured that moment so you can enjoy the impact of your compassionate gift.

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

New for 2023

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GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

Mondays 7-8:30 pm January 9 - April 3, 2023  
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Tuesdays 10-11:30 am January 10 - April 4, 2023

St. Thomas More Parish  
Register at [GriefShare.org](http://GriefShare.org)



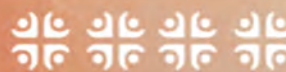
# Thank You

Thank you STM Family!  
For your financial support of  
the 2022 PSA!

With your help, we Exceeded our Diocesan Parish goal  
of \$137,000 by 86%!!

But most importantly, we doubled the number of  
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We are so grateful for your generosity!



PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL

# 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	Jerry Donaldson	(9) 552-5485
Lectors	Ed Ferguson	(951) 313-4942
Music Director, Including Wedding Music	Keith Rattay	(9) 551-8601
Sacristans	Pam Ocampo	(9) 468.6704
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## Parish

Believe and Grow Together Campaign	Lisa VanDorpe	(7) 357-3080
Bulletin Editor	Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Building Committee	Keith Rattay	(9) 551-8601
Deacons	Tony Patronite, Tin Nguyen, Leonard Sun & Bernie Ocampo	(9) 551-8601
Hospitality/Donut Ministry	Deacon Tony Patronite	(9) 307-6215
Parish Business Manager	Stephanie Miller	(9) 551-8601
Parish Office Manager	Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Welcoming Committee	Vince Salico	(7) 389-7726

## Sacraments

Baptism Coordinator	Windy Lozano	(9) 551-8601
Confirmation	Abraham Villela	(9) 551-8602
First Communion	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
First Reconciliation	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)	Deacon Bernie & Pam Ocampo	(9) 468-6604
Marriage Case Support	Contact office	(9) 551-8601
Marriage Encounter	Mike & Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Wedding Coordinator	Marcella Maurer	(9) 551-8601

## Service

Bereavement	Rosie Muñoz	(9) 551-8601
Children's Homeless Lunch Ministry	Kim Lee	(7) 293-8987
Chinese Community	Deacon Leonard Sun	(7) 932-1689
Corazon	Norma Jean Womack	(9) 903-1472
Filipino Community	Mernie Empalmado	(9) 307-7479
Grief Share Ministry	K.C. Riley	(7) 875-8126
Hispanic Ministry	Victor Cota	(9) 400-7743
Homeless Lunch Ministry	Jessica Silva	(9) 294-2875
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Respect Life	hris Gonzales	(9) 551-8601
STM Veterans	Sgt. Bob Kohler	(9)552-1895
St. Vincent de Paul	Bill Chacon	(9) 331-1020
Vietnamese Ministry	Huan Le	(7) 261-9893
Young Ladies Institute	Cathy Wachtel	(9) 857-5037

## Spiritual Development

Adult Faith Formation / Bible Study	Tara Reynaud	(9) 551-8601
Christ Renews His Parish	Tony Patronite	(9) 307-6215
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Library	Sam & Diana Adams	(7) 321-2405
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More Moms	Krystal Padley	(9) 551-8601
Religious Education	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Spanish Bible Study	Teresa LeMire	(7) 832-1770
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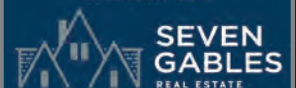
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