



# 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)

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Youth Ministry: 949-551-8602

TEXT TO GIVE: 949-919-5494

**January 25, 2026**



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"He said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.'" Mt 4:19



# WELCOME to STM!



## Prayers for Healing

Racquel Aguinaldo	Marisol Muro
Flory Aguilar	Susan Navarrete
Sal Baldomar	Ernie Natividad
Bob Bowcock	Lisa Nelson
Douglas Boyette	Baby Luca Pancoe
Felicia Carazo	Katie Pancoe
Kelly Carter	Jocelyn Pandes
Michael Collins	Ben Pataray
Thomas Conner	Sharon Pataray
Cristina Crouth	Norma Peckson
Cristina Dulce	Armando Peña
Cecelia Duzynski	Jacqueline Claire Poznoski
Jamael Edwards	Sandra Quezada
Chantelle Fausto	Ryan Quinn
Ted Fliller	George Quitoriano
Tony Galati	Al & Elizabeth Rangitsch
Daniel Pedro Galla	Matilda Reyna
Marco Gama	Maryhelen Rios
Anthony Gaona	Guadalupe Rivas
Lisa Greubel	Magdalena Rivera
Katherine H.	Celsa Roberti
Regina Hager	Donna Rohrer
Doug & Kathie Hibbard	Jimmy Rocha
Drew Hoang	Norma Santiago
Gay Joyce	Deacon John Selig
Angela Judy	Richard Stock
Natalie and Warren Julian	Donny Stoufus
Chris Kasko	Hisashi Taniuchi
Tiesha Kelley	Lisa Turner
Mr. Jean Soo Kim	Bishop Kevin Vann
Vivian Knisely	Pete Villanueva
Brielle LeMire	Jesus Villanueva
Joseph Manglona	Raymund Villanueva
Janette Maurer	Linda Vito
Nilda A. Medalle	Bill Whiteside
Susan McCaffrey	Andy Zelinko
Deirdre Morley	Joe & Judy Zwetow
Rosie Muñoz	

## Mass Intentions

Sat 1/24	4:00pm	†Charles Thai
	6:00pm	†Reynaldo De Vera
Sun 1/25	8:00am	†Dorothy Mortenson
	9:30am	Mary Jane Rin
		Olivia and Ray Stellhorn-Tavera
		†Dan Galla
		†Leonard Garofolo
		†Richard Thompson
		†Jaime Baez
		†Liem Poo Sian
		†Robert O'Donahue
	11:30am	†Pilar Lopez
	1:00pm	†Maria de Jesus Mendoza Lupercio
	5:00pm	PRO-POPULO
Mon 1/26	8:00am	†Jackson Scharff
	6:00pm	†Maria Jirwanto
Tues 1/27	8:00am	The Majkoski- Nguyen Family
	6:00pm	†Al Spellmire
Wed 1/28	8:00am	Maggy Castellano Gall
	6:00pm	†Manuela Candela
Thurs 1/29	8:00am	Steven Tran
	6:00pm	Chris Jensen
Fri 1/30	8:00am	Fr. Martin Vu
	6:00pm	†Jesus Cinco
Sat 1/31	8:00am	Cecilia Santiago
		†Alfredo Cabral

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

## Funeral Masses

Cheryl Robertson Friday, Jan. 30 at 10:00am  
Betty Grazer Saturday, Jan 31 at 10:00am



## End of Year 2025 Contribution Statements

2025 contribution statements are now available by request. Please contact the parish office at (949) 551-8601 to request your statement.

We do not keep a record for those who are not registered at St. Thomas More Catholic Church.

*Please be ready to provide your envelope number.*

Pancake  
Breakfast



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

Suggested Donation

\$5.00 Adult

\$5.00 Child

\$25.00 Maximum per Family

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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**

Pope Francis established the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as the  
"Sunday of the Word of God" to celebrate the gift of Sacred Scripture.  
This year's theme is "The word of Christ dwells among you" (Col 3:16).

**Watch on livestream at  
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).





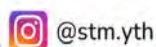
## STM CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

### Next Classes:

C1- Wed, Jan 28 at 7:00pm

C2- Wed, Jan 21 at 7:00pm

Follow us



### Youth Night

Sunday, Jan 25 after the 5pm Mass

### Bible Study:

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

WE MUST USE  
**MERCY**  
FOR THE PRESENT  
AND HAVE  
**HOPE**  
FOR THE FUTURE.  
—ST. JOHN BOSCO

## REP. CORNER



### ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOLERS



Don't forget—we have an EDGE Meeting THIS Tuesday (1/24) at 7PM.

We hope to see you there!



### 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.



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

It's not too late to sign-up for Middle  
School Youth Day at Knott's Berry Farm!  
Come join us on for fun, faith & fellowship with  
hundreds of other Middle Schoolers on:

**Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

**8:15AM-7PM!**

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



## Grief Support Group

**Come join us!**

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

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

## STM SILENT RETREATS

**Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center**

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

For more info contact: Maryhelen Rios

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 [mkgkreyche@gmail.com](mailto:mkgkreyche@gmail.com)



## OCIA

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS  
Thinking about becoming Catholic or  
completing your sacraments?

**Thursdays 7:00 PM**

**Contact Marie:**  
**[OCIA@stmirvine.org](mailto:OCIA@stmirvine.org)**



# FEAST OF THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS

Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday.

This year it is celebrated on February 17, 2026.

*"Seek  
My Face"*

Psalm 27:8

## THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS

"By offering My Face to My  
Eternal Father, nothing  
will be refused, and  
the conversion of many  
sinners will be obtained.

— Our Lord to Sr. Mary  
of St. Peter

## Prepare for the FEAST of the HOLY FACE OF JESUS

- ✦ January 31<sup>st</sup> & February 1<sup>st</sup> — Prayer card and information will be distributed at the Church. Learn more about the promises Jesus gives to those who honor His Holy Face.
- ✦ February 8<sup>th</sup> thru February 16<sup>th</sup> — 9-Day Novena for the Holy Face of Jesus begins. Novena will be recited after the 8am Mass and 10 minutes before the 6pm
- ✦ February 17<sup>th</sup> — Consecration to the Holy Face of Jesus. After the 6pm Mass during Adoration.

Medal of the Holy Face of Jesus will be distributed. Please use this medal especially during Lent as we journey through His passion, crucifixion and death.

*The Lord  
is my light  
& salvation.*

PSALM 27

# THANK YOU!

The Young Ladies Grand Institute Holy Angels #247 held their annual Christmas See's Candy Fundraiser in December. Even with the reduced hours, due to staffing issues, we raised a significant amount to donate to various charities and religious organizations. These include the Congregation of Norbertine Sisters, St. Vincent de Paul Society, STM's Believe and Build campaign, St. Anne's School, La Purisima School, individual monthly support for five seminarians, and our first-ever \$5,000 donation to the Bishop for the education of seminarians. We want to thank everyone who contributed to making our fundraiser so successful. We are very grateful and appreciative—and hope to see you in March for the Easter See's fundraiser! God bless you. We pray always for all of you.



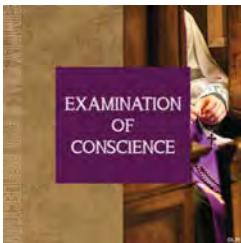


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STM SFC

STM Small Faith Communities



The practice of examining one's conscience dates to the very beginning of the Christian faith. It simply calls for reflection on one's actions, making note of lapses in judgment that should be confessed in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



## LOVE CATHOLIC BOOKS?

Our church library is looking for a few volunteers who would be willing to help for just a couple of hours a month.

This is a simple and rewarding way to serve—helping keep our library organized and accessible so others can continue to grow in faith through good Catholic reading.

If you're interested or would like more information, contact [denyse@stmirvine.org](mailto:denyse@stmirvine.org).



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*The Eucharist*

"This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you." - Luke 22:19-20

*Blessed Candles*

**February 7 & 8**

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*Prayer*  
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with Prayer

**Let us pray for you!**

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Enter Your Prayer Intentions  
Enter Answered Prayer Testimonials  
Become a Prayer Partner – Pray for the Intentions once a week

**Live The Liturgy**  
Inspiration of the Week

Peter and Andrew, James and John — they were not expecting God that day. But there he was, right in front of them, beckoning. God stands before us today, and like the Apostles, we often don't see him coming. But still, he beckons. Will we follow?

**Welcome**  
**Christ Renews His Parish 2.0**

**Men's Weekend**  
Sat & Sun March 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>  
St. Thomas More Church, Irvine

**Women's Weekend**  
Sat & Sun March 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>  
St. Thomas More Church, Irvine

Register today at [www.christrenewsoc.com](http://www.christrenewsoc.com)

**Welcome. CRHP 2.0 There is *More to Life***



The virtue of patience is a fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22), and as Christians who have received the Holy Spirit we are called to "be patient in tribulation" (Romans 12:12) and to "preach the message (of Christ) ... with great patience" (2 Timothy 4:2).



**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)



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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 Ministry	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
Pilgrim Virgin	Sue Robertson	(7) 315-8671
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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