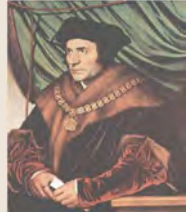




# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Saint Thomas More Welcomes All

*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.*

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Pastor Emeritus  
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Rev. Joseph Horn, O Praem  
Rev. Joseph Justice  
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Deacon Tin & Mrs. UyenLan Nguyen  
Deacon Leonard & Mrs. Nancy Sun  
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**Office Hours:**

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm  
Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 9, 2022

*A voice came from heaven,  
"You are my beloved Son;  
with you I am well pleased."*

*Luke 3:22*





SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
IRVINE, CA

## New Mass Schedule

Starting January 16, 2022  
Revised Mass times

DAILY -- Monday to Saturday: 8am

### SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm Vietnamese/Eng  
6:00 pm English

### SUNDAY MASS

8:00 am English 1:00 pm Spanish/Eng  
9:30 am English 3:00 pm Chinese/Eng  
11:30 am English 5:00 pm English



Welcome!

*Morning Prayer:* Wed & Fri 7:30am to 7:50am

*Adoration:* Every Friday 6:00pm to 7:00pm

*24 Hour Adoration:* on the 22nd of every month

*Saturday Confessions:* 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Mass will be available online for the sick and homebound on Sundays at 9:30am & Monday-Saturday at 8:00am. For spiritual advisement, please contact the priest to schedule an appointment.

*Baptisms and Marriages:* contact the office for details

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 1/10	8:00am	Fr. John Janze
Tuesday 1/11	8:00am	Ron & Becky Hoying
Wednesday 1/12	8:00am	†Gloria Yolanda Soto
Wednesday 1/12	8:00am	†Clella Lewis
Thursday 1/13	8:00am	The Nault Family
Friday 1/14	8:00am	Ron & Dorian Reise
Sunday 1/16	8:00am	The Dressendorfer Family
	9:30am	Grace Geronimo
	9:30am	Jeff Scolis
	1:00pm	Fr John Janze
	5:00pm	Windy Lozano



### IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT MASS INTENTIONS

The suggested donation to be given for the celebration and application of an intention at a Mass in the Diocese of Orange is \$10. (Can. 952) More information on how to request a Mass intention can be found on our website on the "How to" tab.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11.

**Psalms** — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or Psalm 104.

**Second Reading** — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38) or Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7.

**Gospel** — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17

**Sunday:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11



**Today's theme on the readings: BAPTISMAL DEATH AND RESURRECTION**

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we also honor our own baptism as our initiation into the Christian life and community. In the Gospel, the baptism of Jesus, with his immersion and then emergence from the water, points to his later submission to God at his death, and his emergence from the grave at his resurrection. This pattern of death and resurrection is our path too, as followers of Jesus. Throughout life, often in small ways, we learn to surrender our limited and self-centered agendas. This surrender often feels like death. The sacrament of Baptism ritually enacts this pattern to remind us of Jesus' death and resurrection, so that we too might embrace the deaths and resurrections of our own lives. As Jesus emerged from the water, he encountered his Father and the Holy Spirit. Like Jesus, we can know we are God's beloved, empowered by the Spirit.

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**Collections and Expenses**

12-20-2021 to 1-2-22 (2 weeks)

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$41,136	\$19,213	\$60,349
Maintenance Fund	\$1,410	\$1,614	\$3,024
Other income	\$20,722	\$3,651	\$24,373
Christmas	\$38,726	\$3,984	\$42,710
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$101,994</b>	<b>\$28,463</b>	<b>\$130,458</b>

<b>Regular Expenses</b>	<b>\$45,694</b>
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Believe & Grow	\$15,788	\$18,993	\$34,721
Capital Campaign			
Retired Religious			\$12,758

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!***

***SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES***

**Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord  
**Monday:** First Week in Ordinary Time  
**Thursday:** St. Hilary  
**Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary

***Reflection question:***

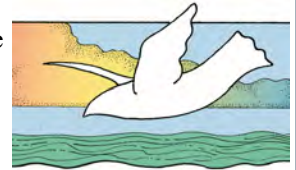
*What can I do this week to be well pleasing to God?*



**Welcome to God's Family**  
 Charles James Shake



Due to space restrictions, effective **January 23rd**, the list below will be revised. Please email [bulletin@stmirvine.org](mailto:bulletin@stmirvine.org) to add a name. Names will be included for one month, if requested.



***PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING***

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|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Sally Acosta             | Alice Green         | Mary Nelson               |
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| Richy Altuna             | Baby Johanna Harris | Benjamin Nicanor          |
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| Renee Andrade            | Shirley Hecker      | Nam Van Nguyen            |
| Judy Anselmo             | John Heffernan      | Thuy-Lieu Nguyen          |
| Alicia Arrellano         | Robert Henry        | Quy Nguyen                |
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| Jesus Barragan           | Clara Honea         | Regina Park               |
| Gary Belz                | Dominador Hontucan  | Norma Jeanne Parrish      |
| Blanca Bermudez          | Sue House           | Avelino Paz               |
| Susan Bertoglio          | Linda Hughes        | Charlie Perrea            |
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| Michele Bradley          | Elsa Jatwani        | Jerry and Evie Pilkington |
| Bill Burk                | Theresa Johnston    | Zachary Quick             |
| Mary & Joe Bush          | Sharon Jones        | Norma Quayang             |
| Baby Zane Cabazon        | Doris Jordan        | Fr. Jim Reis              |
| Ron Carr                 | Quinn Kelly         | Paula Reno                |
| Linda Carter             | Jim Kendall         | Lorraine Reyes            |
| Sandy Catiller           | Houman Khaghani     | Ponciano Reyes            |
| Ellen Chang              | Jett Knight         | Eileen Rossi              |
| Cyrus Charna             | Ty Vivian Knisely   | Robert Arnold Rull        |
| Marietta Charbonneau     | Elizabeth Kulas     | Sheila Russo              |
| Hui-Mei Chen             | Richard Kulas       | Terry Rute                |
| Clara Connor             | Deborah Kurilchky   | Anita Ruwaldt             |
| Alexandra Conti          | Larry Lathrum       | Debashish Sarkar          |
| Petra Cordova            | Diane Leckie        | Jackson & Gerri Scharff   |
| Francisco Cortez         | Kevin Lee           | Stuart Schnieder          |
| Jim Danaher              | Patrick Lee         | Michelle Suh              |
| Rick Denham              | Todd Leeds          | Tara Summers              |
| Diana & Liberato DeVeyra | Jack Light          | Charlotte Tagge           |
| Larry Doan               | Jean Yi Jinn Liu    | Liz Thomas                |
| Beata Durdovic           | Minerva Lopez       | Gail Tierney              |
| Chela Echenique          | Aida Lopez-Tan      | Xuan Tran                 |
| Kathy Ellis              | Alicia Lowe         | Denise Trujillo           |
| Linda Emanuel            | Gloria MacCormack   | Jack Troung               |
| Thomas Erhard            | Humberto Mackay     | Kimberly Truong           |
| Richard Erhard           | Myrna Malazarte     | Baby Catherine Tseng      |
| Teresita Escala          | Kristin Mann        | David Valentine           |
| Jacob Espinoza           | Mercedes Mantilla   | Daniel Villareal          |
| Guadalupe Figueroa       | Cherry Marinas      | Jim Vessey                |
| Lena Fisher              | Cavan McGaffney     | Hanh Vu                   |
| Cynthia Fox              | Kathleen McKinley   | Alicia Walters            |
| Howard Frankel, MD       | Connie Mellott      | Shayne Walters            |
| Ken Freund               | Dr. Vivian Mendoza  | John Weber                |
| Pearla Frilles           | Durvalina Menezes   | Donna Westlund            |
| John Frisch              | Alexia Michaels     | Michele Wills             |
| Claudia Fuentez          | Stephanie Mispagel  | Marcie Willson            |
| Mike Garibay             | Elena Monico        | Mike Winchester           |
| Lillian Gibson           | Linda Moore         | Jim Wood                  |
| Jose Gonzales, Jr.       | Agnes Motley        | Linda Yipp                |
| Marisela Gonzalez        | Marie Moya          | Emily Young               |
| Lois Gorman              | Susan Navarrete     | Andy Zelinko              |
| Marnie Gray              | Ramon Navarro, Jr.  |                           |

***Please call the office when it is time to remove a name.***



LIFE TEEN

Now

### The Summit Bible Study.

Our high school bible study is back! Come join us as we study the following Sunday's Mass readings. The Summit meets on Mondays at 7pm in room 3.

LIFE TEEN

Thu 7:00 PM

### LIFE NIGHT Sunday, 01/23

Our high school life night that was scheduled for Sunday 1/9 has been cancelled. Please join us on 1/23 at 6:30pm. We apologize for the inconvenience.

CONFIRMATION

WED 6:00 PM

### WALK FOR LIFE OC

Join STM as we participate in the 2022 Orange Walk For Life. This will take place Saturday 1/22 from 8am-12pm. We will meet at 8am at St. Norbert's Catholic Church. For more information, please email [Abraham@stmirvine.org](mailto:Abraham@stmirvine.org)



## R.E.P. CORNER



### WELCOME BACK!!

Our REP Kindergarten—5<sup>th</sup> grade classes are now back in full swing.

Classes for our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students begin **THIS Tuesday, January 11th.**

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 19<sup>th</sup>** from 8:30AM-7PM!

The cost is \$80 for the entire day!

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

The Baptism of the Lord

The St. Thomas More Parish Library staff would like to wish all our parishioners a Happy Baptism of the Lord Sunday. The Parish Library will not be open today.

Today the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Pope Pius XII commemorated this event and instituted it in 1955 as a separate liturgical observance. This event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervened. The Father's voice from heaven shows that Jesus is the eternal Son, and descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove shows the Trinitarian nature of our divine God. Our true and unique God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit shows Himself in Christ, through Him, with Him and in Him. As Catholics, we know that Baptism is the first Holy Sacrament.





# First Corinthians

*The Church and the Christian Community*



TIM GRAY


**NEW BIBLE STUDY!**  
*First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community*

The conflicts of the early Christians in Corinth are in many ways similar to our struggles today as Christians. They, too, witnessed division, scandal, immorality, persecution and other trials. In *First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community*, an eleven-part Bible study, learn how St. Paul addressed these struggles by introducing the Corinthians to God's greatest gift—the Eucharist.


Join us for *First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community*, our brand new Saturday Bible Study starting on **January 15th**. Participants will view a video during the week and meet via Zoom every Saturday morning at 9AM for a lively group discussion and fellowship.

To register, contact: **Deacon Tony** at [deacontony@stmirvine.org](mailto:deacontony@stmirvine.org)

**FROM: ST. NORBERT CATHOLIC CHURCH  
 TO: HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH**



# 2022 ORANGE WALK FOR LIFE



**A Prayerful Walk for the Unborn**

"Our pro-life teaching and witness strikes a responsive chord in many hearts because it is founded on the bedrock of reason and natural law. Our mission is to reach those who are searching, because, in their hearts they sense the stunningly beautiful truth about the inviolable dignity of each human being."  
 Archbishop William Lori  
 Supreme Chaplain


**JANUARY 22, 2022**

Meet at St. Norbert Catholic Church  
 300 E Taft Ave. Orange, CA 92865


**8:30 AM** Mass  
**9:30 AM** Opening Prayer & Walk  
**11:00 AM** Life Update & Closing Prayer

Walk ends at Holy Family Catholic Church  
 566 S Glassell St. Orange, CA 92866

Walk ends at Holy Family. Plan your return back from Holy Family to St. Norbert with other walkers as no shuttle will be available.



Hosted by Orange County Chapter Knights of Columbus, and City of Orange Knights of Columbus Councils 15733 and 4922.



## Young Ladies Institute

*All ladies of the parish, please join us for our monthly meeting to be held on **Monday, January 10, 2022, at 7:00 pm** in the multipurpose room here at the parish. Our meetings are based on Robert's Rules of Orders, as we are a non-profit organization. Our Young Ladies Grand Institute has a long Catholic history dating back to 1887. Please come early to meet us and answer any questions you might have or stay afterwards for social time. Questions? Contact Carol Warpeha at 949-280-5791.*



## MEN'S RETREAT

Perhaps there has never been a more appropriate time for a retreat. Most of us are ready to break from the challenges we have faced in the past many months. Men from our parish are invited to make their annual retreat at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center in Sierra Madre. The Center provides a private room and bath, delicious meals, beautifully landscaped grounds and the guidance of the Passionist Retreat Team. Theme for the upcoming weekend: **"Embracing God's Gift of Hope"** will take place on **February 18-20, 2022**.

The atmosphere of this silent, preached retreat will help you Relax, Reflect, Rejuvenate spiritually.

Reservations can be made by contacting our Parish Captain: Mark Kreyche at [mqkreyche@gmail.com](mailto:mqkreyche@gmail.com) or at 714-914-2689. Or you may register directly at: <https://materdolorosa.org/events/category/retreats/weekend/list/>



## CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

Visit our Website:  
[WWW.CHRISTRENEWSOC.COM](http://WWW.CHRISTRENEWSOC.COM)

Register for the Men's and Women's Weekend Retreat

Men's weekend: March 26-27  
 Women's weekend: April 9-10





## SUGGESTED PLENARY INDULGENCE OF THE MONTH

JANUARY 2022

### READING OF SACRED SCRIPTURE

A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful, who with the veneration due the divine word make a spiritual reading from Sacred Scripture.

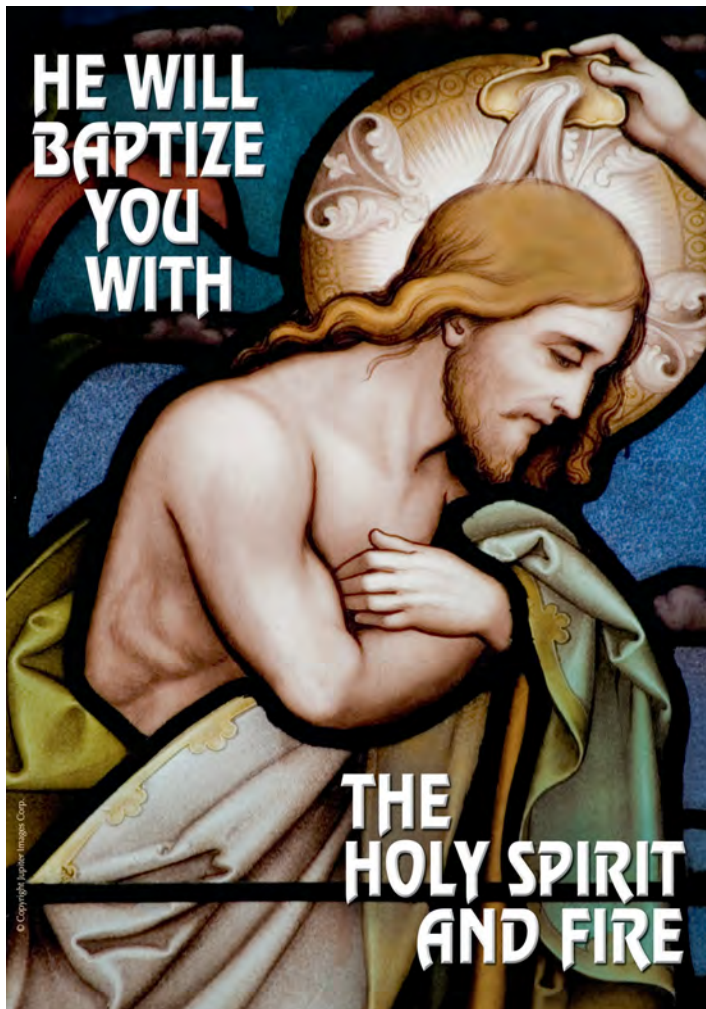
A plenary indulgence is granted, if this reading is continued for at least one half an hour.

### SUGGESTION

This year, Sunday, January 23 is the Sunday of the Word of God. Pope Francis in 2020 decreed that the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time will henceforth be considered as the Sunday of the Word of God. Although this indulgence can be obtained at anytime throughout the year, this is a good day for you to dedicate 30 minutes to reading of the Sacred Scriptures. You can read any part of the Bible. Fr. Eugene Lee suggests that all parishioners of St. Thomas More read the Book of Acts from the beginning for a minimum of 30 minutes. The beginning of Acts describes the beginning of the Church after the Ascension of Jesus. It speaks about the HOLY SPIRIT'S action at the beginning. We too here at STM pray for the fire of the HOLY SPIRIT to continue raging in our hearts.

### CONDITIONS FOR RECEIVING A PLENARY INDULGENCE


1. Do the prescribed work.
2. Receive Holy Communion within several days (before or after) of the indulgenced act.
3. Go to confession within several days (before or after) the indulgenced act
4. Pray for the Pope. An Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be can suffice.
5. Be free from attachment to all sin, even venial sin.



### Ways to Give to STM:



Secure e-giving on our website: [www.stmirvine.org](http://www.stmirvine.org)

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Amazon Smile will donate 0.5% of the eligible purchases to STM!

Thank you for your continued support!



### Looking for People with Kind, Generous Hearts ...

The Homebound Ministry is seeking Eucharistic Ministers to bring the Eucharist to our sick or injured parishioners who cannot attend Sunday Mass. The commitment for this ministry is one Sunday a month for approximately two to three hours. Words cannot describe the beautiful experience you'll receive when you bring the Eucharist to people who are in need.

A training meeting for those interested in the Homebound for the Sick Ministry will be held at STM Parish Hall on **Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am.**

If you have questions, please contact Fran Necikowski at 714-505-4816 or [stanfran2@cox.net](mailto:stanfran2@cox.net).





## Reverence at Mass

Mass is deeply sacred. Let us deepen our devotion to the Eucharist.

**D**RESS to meet the King of Kings

**E**ARLY to Mass

**E**NGAGE in Mass with your heart

**P**ARTICIPATE actively

**E**ND. Stay to the end of the FINAL HYMN

**N**EIGHBOR-MINDED. Help make Mass a sacred time for you and your brothers and sisters.

*“Therefore, we who are receiving the unshakable kingdom should have gratitude, with which we should offer worship pleasing to God in reverence and awe.” ~ Hebrews 12:28*

THE BEST TIME TO WORK ON YOUR MARRIAGE  
IS WHEN THINGS ARE GOOD.  
REFRESH YOUR MARRIAGE WITH A MARRIAGE  
ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE



2022 Dates  
February 19-20  
May 21-22  
June 25-26  
September 24-25  
November 12-13  
Heart of Jesus Retreat Center  
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### PRAYER OF THE WEEK *The Baptism of the Lord*

*Almighty ever-living God,  
who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan  
and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,  
solemnly declared him your beloved Son,  
grant that your children by adoption,  
reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,  
may always be well pleasing to you.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.*

# St. Thomas More Ministries



## Liturgy Support

Altar Servers	Tina Le	(7) 356-7607
Eucharist to the Homebound	Fran Necikowski	(7) 505-4816
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Jerry Donaldson	(9) 552-5485
Lectors	Tara Reynaud	(7) 925-9992
Music Director, Including Wedding Music	Keith Rattay	(9) 551-8601
Sacristans	Pam Ocampo	(9) 468.6704
Ushers	Frank Ornelas (9) 857-9044	Joe Martin (9) 385-3741

## 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
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)	Michael Michalek	(9) 551-2304
Marriage Case Support	Michael Michalek	(9) 551-2304
	Mary Patronite	(9) 551-8601
Marriage Encounter	Jim & Cheryl Skudlarski	(9) 551-9156
Marriage In The Lord	Meredith & Keith Rattay	(9) 559-6464
Wedding Coordinator		

## 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	Charlie Torres	(9) 551-8601
Grief Share Ministry	K.C. Riley	(7) 875-8126
Hispanic Ministry	Frank Ornelas (9) 857-9044	Patty Trujillo (7) 270-5073
Homeless Lunch Ministry	Jessica Silva	(9) 294-2875
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Respect Life	Chris Gonzales	(9) 551-8601
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St. Vincent de Paul	Bill Chacon	(9) 331-1020
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Young Ladies Institute	Mary O'Leary	(9) 305-6810

## Parish

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Deacons	Tony Patronite, Tin Nguyen, Leonard Sun & Bernie Ocampo	(9) 551-8601
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Welcoming Committee	Vince Salico	(7) 389-7726

## Spiritual Development

Adult Faith Formation / Bible Study	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Life Teen – High School & Young Adults	Abraham Villela	(9) 551-8602
Religious Education	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Christ Renews His Parish	Tony Patronite	(9) 307-6215
Cursillo and When Women Pray	Susan Navarrete	(9) 345-9130
Legion of Mary	Trisha Smith	(7) 473-3714
Library	Sam & Diana Adams	(7) 321-2405
Spanish Bible Study	Teresa LeMire	(7) 832-1770

If you are feeling called to serve in one or more of our ministries,  
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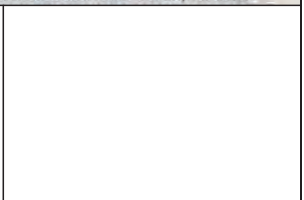
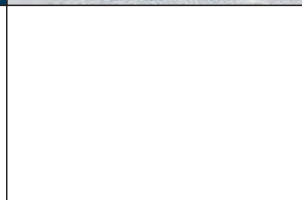
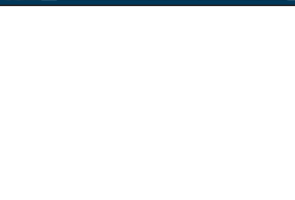
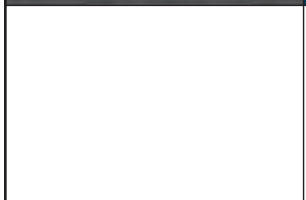
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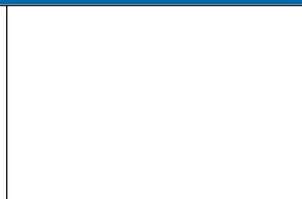
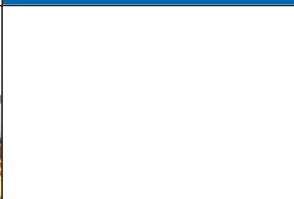
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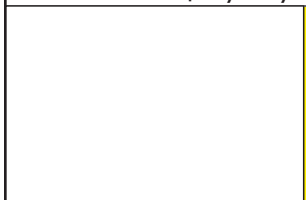
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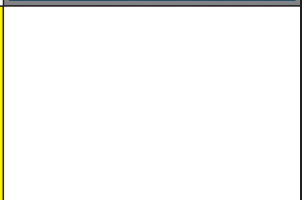
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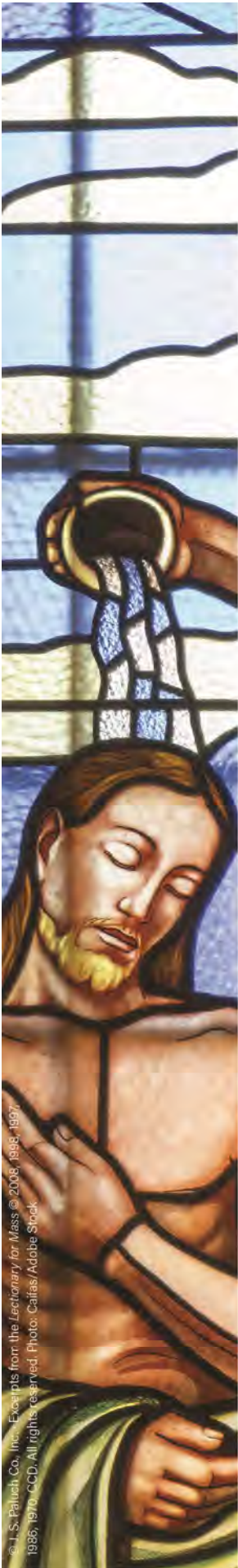
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# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 9, 2022

## A MODEL FOR OUR PRAYER LIFE

The Advent/Christmas cycle that began on November 28 ends with the Baptism of the Lord. We likely have an image in our minds (based on details from the Gospels and works of art) of what that scene looked like. We might wonder, “Who else was there and who wasn’t?” No disciples were present because Jesus had not yet begun his ministry. They would have to wait until the Transfiguration to hear a similar message. However, the three persons of the Blessed Trinity are accounted for: the Father (the voice from heaven), the Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Interestingly, Luke alone notes that it was after Jesus had been baptized and while he was praying that the voice was heard. All of the Gospels show Jesus praying at turning points in his ministry; this is but the first example of Jesus’ need to root himself in prayer throughout his life—a model for us to follow.

## ON THE CUSP OF A NEW CREATION

It was on the Fourth Sunday of Advent this past December that we first heard of the two cousins, John and Jesus, meeting. Then it was in the womb of their mothers, Elizabeth and Mary. Now the cousins meet again on the shore of the Jordan River. John is already well known—so much so that people had begun to wonder if he was the long-awaited Messiah. Jesus, on the other hand, is about to begin his ministry. One could say that Jesus entered the waters of the Jordan as a private person and came out of them as a public one. The voice from heaven left no doubt about that. As we come to the end of the Christmas season our readings echo Isaiah and Titus (see Advent and Christmas Day readings) and together with today’s Psalm 104 they point us to Pentecost. We are on the cusp of a new creation.

## JOHN THE BAPTIST: PATRON SAINT OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS?

John the Baptist was what we might call today a “social influencer.” People paid attention to what he had to say. And what he said affected the choices people made. Yet today’s Gospel reminds us of John the Baptist’s ultimate goal: “One mightier than I is coming.” The Baptizer walks the fine line between drawing attention to himself with his fiery preaching and then re-directing that attention to Jesus, the “beloved Son.” John the Baptist could be considered the “patron saint” of those who minister as lectors, extraordinary ministers of the eucharist, cantors, greeters, acolytes, and musicians. Isn’t John’s teaching a good goal for a liturgical (or any!) minister? Rooted in the graces of their own baptism, ministers must be skilled and confident enough to draw people’s attention (or, at least, not turn them off!) and then gradually re-focus that attention on Jesus. It is a dynamic and awesome responsibility.

## TODAY’S READINGS

Isaiah 40:1–5, 9–11  
Psalm 104:1b–2, 3–4, 24–25,  
27–28, 29–30  
Titus 2:11–14; 3:4–7  
Luke 3:15–16, 21–22