

### Second Sunday in Lent March 16, 2025

# Welcome to St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Thank you for celebrating with us today! We warmly welcome you to our humble place of worship, where we hope you have a loving experience of God. Our Lord Jesus comes to us in word and sacrament as we celebrate his life, death, and resurrection at Holy Mass. If this is your first time visiting, we hope you find a new spiritual home away from home! Founded in 1964, our parish has a long tradition of proclaiming and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Sustainable only by your contributions, your generosity is sincerely appreciated. We welcome you, again, and thank you for celebrating with us.

Mass Schedule

Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. Friday (STM School Mass) 8:00 a.m. Saturday 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. (Español)

"The parish does not ask for favors either by email or text to parishioners asking to purchase gift cards of any sort."

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St. Thomas More Catholic School

Our school offers excellent Academic opportunities for children beginning at 18 months up to 8th grade. Tuition assistance programs are available for families that qualify. For more information please call 210-655-2882 or visit our website: www.St-Thomas-More-School.org

### **HOME OF THE KNIGHTS Holy Sacraments**

Reconciliation
Saturday: 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. or by Appointment

**Baptism** 

Parents and God-Parents must attend class prior to the Baptism.

Celebrated on:

The 4th Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. (Spanish)
The 4th Saturday of the month at 5:00 p.m. (English)

Marriage & Quinceanera's

### CONTACT THE PASTOR AT LEAST 9 MONTHS PRIOR TO

DESIRED CEREMONY DATE.

Anointing of the Sick

Those facing hospitalization, surgery or have a significant illness and desire physical & spiritual healing are asked to call the office to schedule an anoint are

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Eucharistic Adoration
Friday Adoration after Mass until 5:00 p.m.

Monthly English Holy Hour is the 1st Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m
La Hora Santa Mensual es el primer Viernes del mes a las 7:00 p.m.

Religious Education Office

We offer Religious Education (including Sacramental Preparation)
in English & Spanish for children in grades 1 through 12.

Please call the Rectory for more information.

### PARISH OFFICE STAFF PASTOR - REV. ED GONZALES. EMAIL . . . . . FRGONZALES.STMC@GMAIL.COM

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### Gospel Meditation:

St. Thomas Aquinas said that friends share three things: time, possessions and secrets.

For example, how do I know if you're my friend? Well, let's say we've been to Mexico together, you've tried my shaky attempts at pasta carbonara, and you know what ridiculous costume I wore in a music video I filmed in my early twenties. We, dear reader, are definitely friends. We've shared time, possessions and secrets.

How does friendship with Jesus develop? The same way. Jesus lives and eats with his disciples. Then he takes Peter, James and John to Mount Tabor and there reveals to them his deepest secret: his glorious, divine Sonship. The majesty of God shines from within his humanity in a way that goes beyond description. God the Father confirms this "secret," saying, "This is my chosen Son, listen to him" (Luke 9:35). It's all so precious that "they fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone." Do we take time to be alone with Christ, to allow him to mystically share this "secret" with us as his dear friends?

Lenten challenge: This week, identify one time when you experienced an awareness of some specific aspect of Jesus — perhaps on a retreat, at Mass, in prayer or in an act of service. Spend ten minutes consciously re-living that experience in your heart. If you can't recall one, set aside at least two hours this Lent as a mini retreat, either alone in nature or in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Focus on him and ask him to share the secrets of his heart with you. He will. Then, as his friend, share the secrets in your heart.

— Father John Muir

### Meditación del Evangelio:

Santo Tomás de Aquino decía que los amigos comparten tres cosas: tiempo, posesiones y secretos. Por ejemplo, ¿cómo sé si eres mi amigo? Bueno, digamos que hemos estado juntos en México, has probado mis intentos temblorosos de pasta carbonara, y sabes qué disfraz ridículo usé en un video musical que filmé cuando tenía poco más de veinte años. Nosotros, querido lector, definitivamente somos amigos. Hemos compartido tiempo, posesiones y secretos.

¿Cómo se desarrolla la amistad con Jesús? De la misma manera. Jesús vive y come con sus discípulos. Luego lleva a Pedro, Santiago y Juan al Monte Tabor y allí les revela su secreto más profundo: su gloriosa y divina Filiación. La majestad de Dios brilla desde el interior de su humanidad de una manera que va más allá de toda descripción. Dios el Padre confirma este "secreto", diciendo: "Este es mi Hijo elegido, escúchenlo" (Lucas 9:35). Todo es tan precioso que "se quedaron callados y en ese momento no se lo contaron a nadie". ¿Nos tomamos el tiempo para estar a solas con Cristo, para permitirle compartir místicamente este "secreto" con nosotros como sus queridos amigos?

Desafío de la Cuaresma: Esta semana, identifique un momento en el que experimentó una conciencia de algún aspecto específico de Jesús, tal vez en un retiro, en la Misa, en la oración o en un acto de servicio. Pasa diez minutos reviviendo conscientemente esa experiencia en tu corazón. Si no puede recordar uno, reserve al menos dos horas esta Cuaresma como un mini retiro, ya sea solo en la naturaleza o en presencia del Santísimo Sacramento. Concéntrate en él y pídele que comparta contigo los secretos de su corazón. Lo hará. Luego, como su amigo, comparte los secretos en tu corazón.

— Father John Muir

# YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE March 9, 2025

#### Sunday Collection ......\$ 9,459.29 Cath Msns - Black/Native Amer.... \$ 433.44 Ash Wednesday Collection...... \$\`1,932.03 Catholic Charities.....\$ 249.42 Vigil Candles.....\$ 223.62 Holy Thursday Prayer Candles...... \$ 468.00 Mass Intentions.....\$ 320.00 Giving Tree Doantions.....\$ 2,420.00 Donations.....\$ 1,040,00

Second Collection March 22 - 23: To Support Our STM School

### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons.

Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call.

May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen

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### From the Pastor's Desk / Del Escritorio del Pastor

Greetings brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

Once again, thank you to all who supported the Giving Tree project through your prayers and generous donations! Your kindness is a true reflection of your love for our parish. Orders have been placed, and we expect to receive many of these items before Easter.

As many of you are aware, we are working diligently to improve the cost-effectiveness of our operations, and we sincerely appreciate your continued support through regular tithing. Just as a household tends to its needs—paying bills, making repairs, and planning for the future—so too must we care for the needs of our parish. But beyond the practical, we must also tend to the spiritual: our shared need for religious experience, the kind that draws us closer to God and transforms our lives.

Religious experience, in the Catholic tradition, is not about extraordinary visions but about growing in intimacy with God—through prayer, the Sacraments, and daily life. It is an encounter with the divine that deepens our faith, much like St. Thérèse of Lisieux found in her Little Way, where God's presence is revealed in the simplicity of everyday moments.

The Giving Tree project helps to enhance our parish liturgies and faith formation, allowing us to experience God's beauty in a way that lifts our hearts to Him. Every effort we make to enrich our worship—whether through music, sacred books, or the environment of our church—is a small glimpse of the heavenly home we long for.

Thank you for your continued generosity and love for our parish! May God bless you abundantly. Peace,

### Fr. Ed Gonzales

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo Jesús,

Una vez más, ¡gracias a todos los que apoyaron el proyecto del Árbol de la Generosidad con sus oraciones y generosas donaciones! Su bondad es un verdadero reflejo de su amor por nuestra parroquia. Ya se han realizado los pedidos, y esperamos recibir muchos de estos artículos antes de la Pascua.

Como muchos de ustedes saben, estamos trabajando arduamente para mejorar la eficiencia en los costos de nuestras operaciones, y agradecemos sinceramente su continuo apoyo a través de las donaciones regular. Así como un hogar atiende sus necesidades—pagando cuentas, haciendo reparaciones y planificando el futuro—también nosotros debemos cuidar de las necesidades de nuestra parroquia. Pero más allá de lo material, también debemos atender lo espiritual: nuestra necesidad compartida de una experiencia religiosa, aquella que nos acerca más a Dios y transforma nuestras vidas.

En la tradición católica, la experiencia religiosa no se trata de visiones extraordinarias, sino de crecer en intimidad con Dios a través de la oración, los Sacramentos y la vida cotidiana. Es un encuentro con lo divino que profundiza nuestra fe, tal como lo experimentó Santa Teresita del Niño Jesús en su Pequeño Camino, donde la presencia de Dios se revela en la sencillez de los momentos cotidianos.

El proyecto del Árbol de la Generosidad nos ayuda a enriquecer nuestras liturgias parroquiales y la formación en la fe, permitiéndonos experimentar la belleza de Dios de una manera que eleva nuestros corazones hacia Él. Cada esfuerzo que hacemos para embellecer nuestra adoración—ya sea a través de la música, los libros sagrados o el ambiente de nuestra iglesia—es un pequeño reflejo del hogar celestial al que anhelamos llegar.

¡Gracias por su continua generosidad y amor por nuestra parroquia! Que Dios los bendiga abundantemente. Paz,

### P. Ed Gonzales

### **Lenten Penance Opportunities**

As we navigate this Lenten season in preparation for Easter, we offer the following opportunities to reconcile to God, Church, and each other.

In addition to our normal Penance opportunities, (Saturday afternoons from 3:30 - 4:45 pm),

Fr. Ed is offering the following:

Fri, March 21, from 3:30 - 5 pm Fri, March 28, from 3:30 - 5 pm

Take advantage of this opportunity!

## Additional Penance Opportunities

in our surrounding area:

Mon, Mar 17 - St John Neuman 6:00 pm
Thurs, Mar 25 - St. Pius X 6:00 pm
Fri/Sat, Mar 28-29 - St. Helena 9:30 am / 24 hrs
Tues, Apr 1 - Our Lady of Grace 6:00 pm
Wed, Apr 2 - Blessed Sacrament 6:30 pm
St. Joan of Arc 6:30 pm
Thurs, Apr 10 - St. Monicas 6:30 pm

### **HOLY THURSDAY PRAYER CANDLES**

Our Catholic Daughters will be selling Prayer Candles this year. Cost will be \$6 per candle and must be

pre-paid. (cash, check, or Zelle will be accepted).

You may order your candle(s) on the following dates:

Saturday, Mar 15 - by the School playground after the 5 o'clock Mass

Sunday, Mar 16 - in front of the Church after the 8 and 10 o'clock Masses; and by the School Playground after the

Noon Mass.

Saturday, Mar 22 - by the School playground after the 5 o'clock Mass

Sunday, Mar 23 - in Carolan Hall after the 8 and 10 o'clock Masses; and in front of the church after the Noon Mass.

Saturday, Mar 29 - by the School playground after the 5 o'clock Mass

Sunday, Mar 30 - by the School playground after all Masses

Saturday, Apr 5 - by the School playground after the 5 o'clock Mass

Sunday, Apr 6 - by the School playground after the 8 and 10 o'clock Masses only

Saturday, Apr 12 - in front of the church after the 5 o'clock Mass

Sunday, Apr 13 - in front of the church after all Masses

### April 13th is the last day to order candles.

(Candles will NOT be sold in the Parish Office)

# STOLIC DAUGHTER

## **Plant Sale**



The Catholic Daughters are having a plant sale on Sunday - April 6 after all masses.

We are asking for donations of plants and any gardening items (new or used).

(We could use plants, tools, pots, and decorative garden items)

We will be collect items on Saturday, April 5 between 5 and 7 pm on the school playground

Contact:

Belinda Trevino 210-275-6529 Lupe Gifford 210-355-3562

## Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries

# Ways to Give:

Visit archsa.org/aafm\_giveasa/

Call (210) 734-1910

Mail to PO Box 7374 Kensington, CT 06037

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### **Lenten reflections**

Our English Prayer Group is hosting a
Lenten Lecture Series
to assist us in our Lenten Journey.
all are invited, and encouraged, to attend.

(These are Free Events - but there will be a "Love Offering")

Guest Presenter will be our own Deacon Rolando

Thursdays: March 20, and 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm, in the Church.

So... Mark your calendars! You don't want to miss this!

### 2025 Lenten Schedule

### **Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday: 6 pm - English 7 pm - Spanish (Friday, April 11, the School Children will lead)

### KC Fish Fry

Fridays, March 21, and 28 @ 5 pm in Carolan Hall

### Holy Week

Palm Sunday / April 12-13: Regular Schedule

Mon - Wed / April 14-16: Regular Schedule (8 am Mass)

Holy Thursday / April 17: 7 pm only (no morning Mass)

Good Friday / April 18: 1 pm - via Crucis - Outside Church

3 pm - Passion of Our Lord (bilingual)

Holy Saturday / April 19: 6 pm - Pesame Bilingual Prayer Svc

8 pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday / April 20: Regular Schedule

### **PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY**

Join us as we pray to defend Traditional (God's) Marriage (1 man + 1 Woman)!

Our Public Square Rosary will take place <u>Saturday, March 22<sup>d</sup>, at Noon</u> at the grotto in front of the rectory...

(inclement weather - we will meet in the church)

Everyone is invited - and encouraged - to participate!

For More Information: David Barrera @ (210) 793-0794





This	Week	at Our	<b>Parish</b>
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\*\*\* KCs selling BBQ Tickets After Masses \*\*\*

Sunday, March 16, 2025

8:00 am Guadalupanos Mass / Meeting - Church / Carolan Hall

Monday, March 17, 2024 - St. Patrick's Day

5:30 pm CDA Tea Party Board Mtg - Rectory Mtg Room-1

Tuesday, March 18, 2024

5:30 pm Divine Mercy - Rectory Mtg Room-1 6:30 pm CDA General Mtg - Carolan Hall

Coro Alegria Choir Practice - Rectory Mtg Room-1

7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - Church

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

7:00 pm KC Meeting - Rectory Mtg Room 1

Thursday, March 20, 2025

6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Grp - Church 7:00 pm OCIA - Rectory Mtg Room

Grupo de Oracion Via Crucis Practice - Outside church

Friday, March 21, 2025

9:00 am Friday Adoration - Church

5:00 pm KC Breakfast Prep & Fish Fry - Carolan Hall

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross - Church

7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Fellowship - Carolan Hall

Saturday, March 22, 2025

12:00 pm Public Square Rosary - Grotto Outside Rectory

1:00 pm Craft Bonding

3:30 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - Rectory Mtg Rm

\*\*\* KCs selling BBQ Tickets After Masses \*\*\*

Sunday, March 23, 2025

8:00 am KC Breakfast - Carolan Hall 10:00 am CDA Mass - Church

### Lecturas de la Semana del 17 - 23 mar

**Lunes**: Dn 9:4-10; Sal 78:8,9,11,13; Lc 6:36-38 **Martes**: Is 1:10,16-20; Sal 49:8-9,16-17,21,23;

Mt 23:1-12

Miércoles: 2Sm 7:4-5,12-14,16; Sal 88:2-5,27,29;

Rom 4:13,16-18,22; Mt 1:16,18-21,24

**Jueves**: Jr 17:5-10; Sal 1:1-4,6; Lc 16:19-31 **Viernes**: Gn 37:3-4,12-13,17-28; Sal 104:16-21;

Mt 21:33-43,45-46

**Sábado**: Mig 7:14-15,18-20; Sal 102:1-4,9-12;

Lc 15:1-3,11-32

**Domingo**: Ex 3:1-8,13-15; Sal 102:1-4,6-8,11;

1Co 10:1-6,10-12; Lc 13:1-9

**Escrutinio**: Ex 17:3-7; Sal 94:1-2,6-9; Rom 5:1-2,5-8;

Jn 4:5-42

### Readings for the week of Mar 17 - 23

**Monday**: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8,9,11,13; Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday**: Is 1:10,16-20; Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23;

Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday**: 2Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16; Ps 89:2-5,27,29;

Rom 4:13,16-18,22; Mt 1:16,18-21,24a

**Thursday**: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4,6; Lk 16:19-31

**Friday**: Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;

Mt 21:33-43,45-46

**Saturday**: Mi 7:14-15,18-20; Ps 103:1-4,9-12;

Lk 15:1-3,11-32

**Sunday**: Ex 3:1-8a,13-15; Ps 103:1-4,6-8,11;

1Cor 10:1-6,10-12; Lk 13:1-9

**Scrutiny**: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2,6-9; Rom 5:1-2,5-8;

Jn 4:5-42

### **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, March 15, 2025 - Saturday in First Week of Lent

5:00 pm †Deceased Mbrs of the Sprencel / Biemer Family by Biemer Family

†Jose Gilberto Cantu
†Dustin Rinehart
†Alicia Palomo

Birthday - Raquel A. Cantu

by Juanita Cantu
by Carol
by Family
by Juanita Cantu

Sunday, March 16, 2025 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

8:00 am
10:00 am

STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased
†Ignacio Perez by Perez Family

†Carmen Ortega by Elena Martinez, Olivia Santiago,

Boudreaux Family
David & Michele Allen & Family
Birthday - Atticus Mata
†Animas del Purgatorio

and Andrea Lopez
by Gladys Boudreaux
by Sr. M.Cabrini
by Flor Mata
by Cisneros Family

Monday, March 17, 2024 - St. Patrick, Bishop

8:00 am Deacon Jose Santos by Wife

Tuesday, March 18, 2024 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and DoC

8:00 am †Peggy Hill by Carolyn Weinheimer

Wednesday, March 19, 2025 - St. Joseph, Sponse of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8:00 am †Josie Richter by Daughter

Thursday, March 20, 2025 - Thursday in Second Week of Lent

8:00 am †Esther Ayala by L.Acosta Family

Saturday, 8:00 am 5:00 pm Saturday in Second Week of Lent STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased 
†Marta & Raul Salinas by Family 
†Fidel & Margarita Velasquez by Hope Alvarado

Sunday, March 23, 2025 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:00 am †Rodolfo Trevino, Sr & Rodolfo Trevino, Jr by Elda Garcia

10:00 am STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased

†Animas del Purgatorio by Cisneros Family







12:00 pm

# **Sanctuary Light Intention:**

Donald E. Rand

(3/22—4/22)

# **Liturgical Roles**

Saturday, March 22, 2025

5:00 pm Altar Servers - Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, S.Trimm, C.Lange,

E.Guerrero, S.Chapa

**Lector -** L.Trimm

Sunday, March 23, 2025

8 am Altar Servers - Mem.Planchon, Max.Planchon

**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, N.Carrizales, P.Klar, R.Davila, E.Garcia

Lector - P.Klar

10 am Altar Servers - A.Mata, A.Hartsfield, C.Hartsfield

Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, CDA

Lector - CDA

12 pm Altar Servers - S.Obregon, A.Gomez, A.LLanas

Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Jim, C.Hernandez, A.Chavez,

F.Hernandez, D+F.Malacara, M.Pina

Lector - E.Obregon / L.Lopez



ST. THOMAS MORE Knights of Columbus Council # 7386 meets 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.For more information call Rick Briseño at 210-834-7017

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3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m

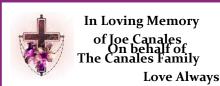
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on behalf of The Family

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Archdiocese of San Antonio Procedures for Reporting Abuse If you or someone you know has been a

victim of sexual abuse by a priest, deacon, or other church personnel and you wish to file a complaint:

Contact the Office of Victim

Assistance & Safe Environment at

(210) 734-7786 OR (877) 700-1888 or email: ovase@archsa.org.

You have the right to contact law enforcement or CPS at any time.
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of
Santiago G. Garcia Sr.
on behalf of
The Garcia Family

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