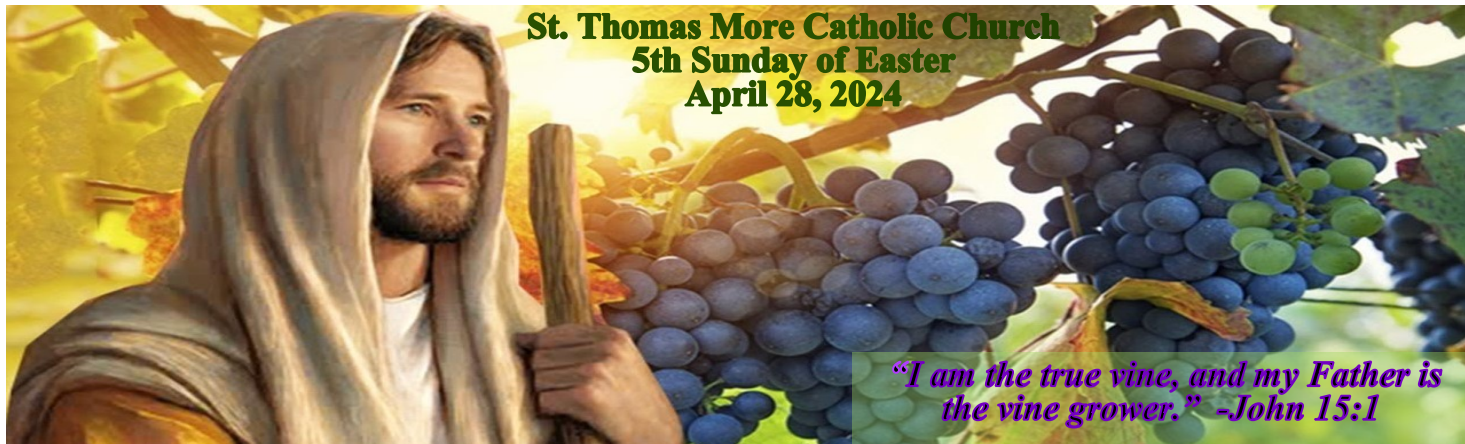


St. Thomas More Catholic Church
5th Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024



"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower." -John 15:1

Welcome to St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We warmly welcome you to our humble place of worship. 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 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 thru Thursday	8:00 a.m.
Friday (S.T.M. 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)

Holy Days of Obligation

Day Before Holy Day
 Vigil Mass 6:30 p.m.

Actual Holy Day

8:00 a.m.
 6:30 p.m.
 (Español)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Maggie Briseño - Coordinator
 Gilbert Cantú, Alli Fuentes, Alicia Perez,
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David Allen - Coordinator
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"The parish does not ask for favors either by email or text to parishioners asking to purchase gift cards of any sort."

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. (Vigil Mass)

Marriage & Quinceañera's

Contact the Pastor at least 6 months prior to date of celebration.

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 anointing.

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.

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

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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

ORACIÓN POR LAS VOCACIONES

Dios Padre nuestro, te damos gracias por llamar a hombres y mujeres a servir en el Reino de tu Hijo como sacerdotes, diáconos y personas consagradas.

Envía tu Espíritu Santo para ayudar a otros a responder generosa y valientemente a tu llamado.

Que nuestra comunidad de fe apoye vocaciones de amor sacrificial en nuestros jóvenes y jóvenes adultos.

A través de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, por los siglos de los siglos.

Amén

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Make a gift to the Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries and support our community from conception to natural death



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April 21, 2024

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Vigil Candles.....	\$ 248.25
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Assumption Seminary.....	\$ 523.30
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 15.00
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*Second Collection May 4 - 5:
No Second Collection Next Week*



La Campaña del Arzobispo para los Ministerios

La Campaña del Arzobispo para los Ministerios es una campaña anual que apoya a más de **30 ministerios**

compartidos que promueven la misión de la Iglesia Católica en nuestra área.

Considere realizar un donativo, de manera que Caminando Unidos en Cristo, podamos cuidar constantemente de aquellos que dependen de la Arquidiócesis y de nuestros programas para sustentar la vida y la fe.

¡Visite archsa.org/archbishops-appeal para donar hoy!

¿Tiene preguntas?
Por favor llame al (210) 734-1910.

Gospel Meditation:

- My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, "Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you."
- I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week's Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, "He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit" (John 15:2) I don't mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I'd wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God's love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn't it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it's not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.
- The cross is the great pruning of Christ's body. Jesus' rising is the brand-new growth. It is God's promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

- Mi amigo y compañero párroco, el padre Paul, notó árboles antiestéticos y crecidos cerca de su iglesia parroquial. Le pidió al equipo de mantenimiento que cortara el crecimiento, lo que felizmente hicieron, diciéndole que los árboles estarían mucho más sanos e incluso más llenos después de una buena poda. Unos días más tarde, el padre Paul recibió una carta de un hombre iracundo del vecindario que escribió: "Jesús nunca podaría árboles de esa manera. A él le encantan los árboles, a diferencia de ti".
- Sospecho que el vecino no estaba familiarizado con el Evangelio de esta semana en el que Jesús dice de su Padre: "Él quita en mí toda rama que no da fruto. Todo pámpano que da fruto, lo poda para que dé más fruto" (Juan 15:2) No quiero meterme demasiado con ese hombre. Tal vez ignoraba la arboricultura. Pero apostaría a que su principal confusión fue la cualidad de podar y eliminar el amor de Dios. Esa confusión nos aflige a todos hasta cierto punto, ¿no es así? Es muy fácil reaccionar negativamente cuando Dios elimina algo de nuestras vidas y asumir que no es su obra en absoluto. En el momento, todo lo que vemos es la pérdida, y no el deseo amoroso de florecer en el futuro.
- La cruz es la gran poda del cuerpo de Cristo. La resurrección de Jesús es el nuevo crecimiento. Es la promesa de Dios para nosotros que toda la poda dolorosa de la vida nos está llevando a un lugar hermoso. ¿Qué se ha recortado o eliminado en tu vida? ¿Un amigo, una oportunidad, una sensación de certeza, un trabajo, salud, una relación? Esta semana, ofrécele esas ramas secas a quien nos poda amorosamente para que nuestras vidas rebosen de crecimiento verde.

— Father John Muir

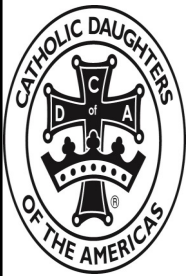
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**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS
OF THE AMERICAS**

**PRESENT A
"MARIAN RETREAT"**

JUNE 15, 2024

More Information to Follow



June Jamboree

Friday, June 7th, 2024
6:00 - 11:00 pm

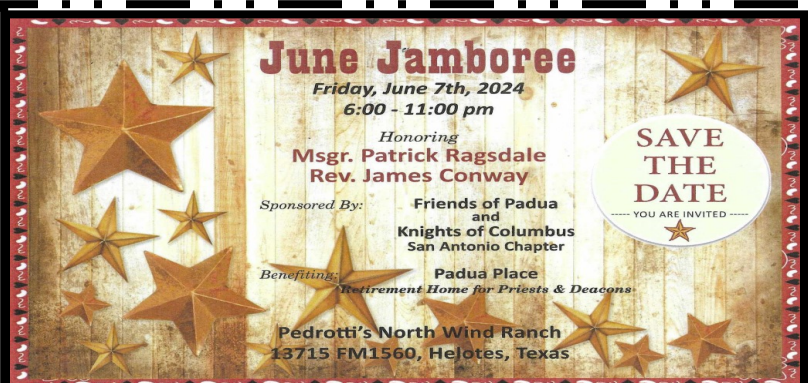
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PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

Come Celebrate the 107th Anniversary of Our Lady's first appearance to the three Shepherd children:

Lucia dos Santos and her cousins Jacinta and Francisco Marto

on
May 13, 1917
at Fatima, Portugal.

You are invited to join us as we pray:

The Holy Rosary
at the Grotto Outside the Rectory Office
Saturday, May 11, 2024 @ Noon

Want More Information?
Contact: David Barrera @ (210) 793-0794



Question: Someone recently asked me how the Church goes about declaring someone a saint.

- **Answer:** First of all, it's important to remember that all souls that are in heaven are saints.
- The person (*the soul*) does not 'turn into' an angel as some people think. Angels are angels... It is important to remember that saints are people, real people, who lived just as we do!
- The first saints of the Church were martyrs or theologians known for a holy life.
- Over time, the Church has established a set process to investigate the causes of saints.
- After a holy person's death, the bishop of their diocese initiates the **canonization process** with the Vatican. Typically, they must wait five years to ensure any false enthusiasm has lessened.
- With Vatican approval, the process begins and the person receives the title "**Servant of God.**"
- The first phase involves collecting information about the person's life and scrutinizing it carefully.
- One person has the specific role of raising doubts — this is the origin of the phrase "**devil's advocate!**"
- When it is clear the person truly lived a holy life according to Church teaching, they are declared "**Venerable.**"
- If the person is a martyr for the faith, they will also be declared "**Blessed.**"
- If the person is not a martyr, they must be credited with a miracle. This is also closely examined for authenticity. Once the miracle is authenticated as truly a miracle performed by God through the person or through their intercession, they are *beatified*. An additional authenticated miracle is required before *canonization*, and we can call them "**Saint.**"

I hope this helps.

Any Questions... talk with Father or one of your Deacons.



The East Terrell Hills Neighborhood Association (ETHNA)

Is hosting / sponsoring a
Community Yard Sale

Saturday, May 11th - (ETH residents only)

This is a great time to **CLEAN OUT** that garage and maybe make a few \$\$\$ in the process... a great time to **'get rid of'** or **'get more'** "**STUFF**" (lol)

(individual Yard-Sale permits are not needed...)

ETHNA is obtaining a

"Neighborhood-Wide" permit - (ETH Neighborhood only))

Questions? Contact: Lorenzo Acosta @ (210) 415-1556

This Week at Our Parish

Sunday, April 28, 2024
 8:30 am KC Breakfast - *Carolán Hall*
 10:00 am CDA Mass - Church

Monday, April 29, 2024

Tuesday, April 30, 2024
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Rectory Mtg Room*
 6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room*
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - *Church*

Wednesday, May 1, 2024
 10:30 am Charismatic Prayer Gp Core Mtg - *Rectory Mtg Room*
 6:30 pm CDA Spiritual Retreat Prep - *Rectory Dining Room*

Thursday, May 2, 2024
 6:00 pm Holy Hour - *Church*
 Charismatic Prayer Grp - *Cancelled*
 7:00 pm RCIA - *Rectory Mtg Room*

Friday, May 3, 2024
 8:00 am School May Crowning - *Church*
 9:00 am Friday Adoration - *Reinstated - if Construction Done*
 6:30 pm Coro Alegria Guitar Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room*
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion / la Hora Santa - *Church*

Saturday, May 4, 2024
 10:00 am VBS Planning Mtg - *Carolán Hall*
 School First Holy Communion - *Church*
 3:30 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - *RMR*

Sunday, May 5, 2024
 10:00 am KoC Mass - *Church*
 CDA May Crowning - *Church*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 27, 2024
 8:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and †Deceased**
 5:00 pm †Julio and Guadalupe Mendoza by Mendoza Family
 †Alfredo Sanchez by 4th Degree Assembly 2748

Sunday, April 28, 2024
 8:00 am †Ramon Mata, Sr by Jesse Perez & Family
 10:00 am †Fred Sanchez by the Trimmis
 †Michael McDonald by Maria T. Sweet
 12:00 pm †Kathryn Marie Sweet by Maria T. Sweet
STM Parishioners - Living and †Deceased

Monday, April 29, 2024
 8:00 am †TV Duong by Thuy Nguyen
 †Josefina Garcia by Reyes Family

Tuesday, April 30, 2024
 8:00 am †Hugh & Agnes Tate

Wednesday, May 1, 2024
 8:00 am †Elizabeth Moore

Thursday, May 2, 2024
 8:00 am †Eileen & Paul Przybylski
All Ordained Clergy and Religious

Friday, May 3, 2024
 8:00 am †Vicente Khanh by Kim Nguyen

Saturday, May 4, 2024
 8:00 am †Al Weinheimer by Carolyn Weinheimer
STM Parishioners - Living and †Deceased
 5:00 pm †Christina C. Dominguez by Dominguez Family
 †Baldemar Saldiva & Augustin Mora, Jr by Rosa Saldiva

Sunday, May 5, 2024
 8:00 am †All Priests, Deacons, and Religious by Family
 10:00 am †Roger Ramirez & †Antonio Aguillon by Mom
 †Steven Lee Waldron by Morales / Briseno Family
 †Medardo E. Morales & †Evangelina G. Morales by Daughters
 12:00 pm †Alicia Cisneros by Jesus Cisneros Cisneros & Rafael Soria Anguiano
 †Jesus Cisneros Cisneros & Rafael Soria Anguiano by Guadalupe



Sanctuary Light Intention:

Steven Lee Waldron

Lecturas de la Semana del 29 apr - 5 mayo

Lunes: Hch 14:5-18; Sal 113:1-4,15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Martes: Hch 14:19-28; Sal 144:10-13,21; Jn 14:27-31

Miércoles: Hch 15:1-6; Sal 121:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Jueves: Hch 15:7-21; Sal 95:1-3,10; Jn 15:9-11

Viernes: 1Cor 15:1-8; Sal 18:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Sábado: Hch 16:1-10; Sal 99:1-3,5; Jn 15:18-21

Domingo: Hch 10:25-26,34-35,44-48; Sal 97:1-4; 1Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

Readings for the week of Apr 29 - May 5

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4,15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13,21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122: 1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3,10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday: 1Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1-3,5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

Holy Hour

THURSDAY
 May 2 @ 6 pm.

Hope to see you there



la Hora Santa

VIERNES
 el 3 de mayo
 a las 7 pm.

Espero verte allí.

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, May 4, 2023
 8:00 pm **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, T.Garza, E.Guerrero, T.Guerrero, M.Fisher
Lector - L.Trimm

Sunday, May 5, 2023
 8 am **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, M.Nguyen, R.Davila E.Garcia, R.Saldiva
Lector - P.Klar

10 am **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, E+M.Cantu, Abi.Perez, H.Rodriguez, N.Rodriguez, A.Fuentes
Lector - M.Briseno

12 pm **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, C.Hernandez, D+F.Malacara, C.Martinez, M.Pina, E.Obregon
Lector - R.Borrego / A.Chavez

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In Memory of
 The Leo Oswald &
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 OF
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 FORGOTTEN SOULS IN
 PURGATORY



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 On behalf of
 The Canales Family
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 on behalf of
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 3rd Sunday of the month after the
 8:00 a.m. Mass. For more information call
 Will Torres at 210.620.2745

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 Contact the Office of Victim
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