

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Sunday, August 16, 2026 | 20TH Sunday in Ordinary Time



Pastor: Rev. Man Nguyen
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Deacons -

Deacon (RET) Timothy M Tate,
Sr.

Deacon Rolando Guerra
Deacon Dennis Caballero

Office Hours

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

closed 12pm - 1pm for lunch

Communion Service

Monday

8:00 am

Mass

Saturday

5:00 pm

Sunday

8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm (Esp.)

Tuesday - Thursday

8:00 am

Friday

8:00 am (STM School Mass)

Reconciliation

Saturday

3:30 - 4:45 pm or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday

After Mass until 5pm

First Thursday of the month

Monthly English Holy Hour at 6pm

Primer Viernes del Mes

La Hora Santa Mensual a las 7pm

St Thomas More Catholic School

Principal: Mrs. Kimberly Gutierrez

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time A Clever Woman of Faith

Why is Jesus being so difficult with the Canaanite woman? At first he seems to be putting her off. He does this not to discourage her, but to draw a response of faith. He wants to see how persistent she is in her request.

We can tell ourselves that we are people of faith, but how easily are we discouraged? Do we think God has forgotten us when we experience trouble? The woman's clever reply to Jesus reminds us that she trusted in Jesus' power and willingness to help. She refused to give up and stop asking.

Jesus was also teaching his disciples that faith is more important than nationality. Long after Jesus' resurrection, the church struggled with the question of non-Jewish believers. Today, we may be doing the same thing in reverse. Some people think that only Catholics can be saved and that there is no hope for Protestants, much less for Jews. But though some rejected Jesus, God never rejected the Jews.

Finally, Jesus responded to her persistence. He shows us that we can keep praying till we get an answer to our prayer. The more time we spend in prayer, the more likely we are to listen to God's answer. Prayer can help us come to the peaceful acceptance that God only does what is best for us.

-Tom Schmidt

Vigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario Una mujer de fe inteligente

¿Por qué Jesús se porta de esa forma con la mujer cananea? Al principio parece que la está desanimando. No lo hace para desanimarla, sino para obtener una respuesta de fe. Quiere ver si va a pedir con persistencia.

Podemos decirnos a nosotros mismos que somos personas de fe, pero ¿nos desanimamos fácilmente? ¿Pensamos que Dios se ha olvidado de nosotros cuando estamos con problemas? La respuesta inteligente de la mujer a Jesús nos recuerda que ella confiaba en el poder y la voluntad de Jesús de ayudarla. No se dio por vencida ni dejó de pedir.

Jesús también estaba enseñando a sus discípulos que la fe es más importante que la nacionalidad. Mucho después de la resurrección de Jesús, la iglesia batallaba con la cuestión de los creyentes no judíos. Puede ser que hoy en día hacemos lo mismo pero al revés. Algunas personas piensan que solo los católicos pueden salvarse y que no hay esperanza para los protestantes y mucho menos para los judíos. Pero aunque algunos rechazaron a Jesús, Dios nunca rechazó a los judíos.

Al final, Jesús respondió a su persistencia. Nos demuestra que podemos seguir orando hasta obtener una respuesta a nuestra oración. Mientras pasamos más tiempo en la oración, es más probable que escuchemos la respuesta de Dios. La oración puede ayudarnos a aceptar con tranquilidad que Dios solo hace lo que es mejor para nosotros.

-Por Tom Schmidt

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father,
From eternity You appointed Your only begotten Son to be

the High Priest of the human race.

Pour forth Your Holy Spirit upon our families,
that vocations to the priesthood may be multiplied.

Lord Jesus, give us holy priests:

To offer up the sacrifice of the Mass;

To lead the little ones to You;

To strengthen the faith of believers;

To preach the Gospel to all peoples;

To bring forgiveness to sinners;

To feed souls the Bread of Life;

To comfort the suffering & dying, and

To spread Your Kingdom in our midst.

Mary, Mother of our High Priest,

pray for us and obtain for us an increase of holy priests.

Amen



Stewardship

Sunday Collection	\$5876.75
Facilities	\$10.10
Vigil Candles	\$156.75
STM School	\$32.00
Donations	\$120.00
Festival(Tickets&Shirts)	\$55.00

August 22&23, 2026
NO
Second Collection

Online Giving



This Week in Our Parish

Sunday August 16, 2026
All Masses 8am
Backpack Blessing
Guadalupanos Mass & Mtg-Church & Hall

Monday August 17, 2026
1st Day of School

Tuesday August 18, 2026
6:30pm CDA Mtg: Hall
7pm Grupo de Oracion -Church
7pm Coro Alegria Practice - Breezway Room

Wednesday August 19, 2026
6:00pm Festival Meeting All Leaders -Church

Thursday August 20, 2026
8:30-5pm Adoration -Church
5:30pm English Prayer Group - Church
7:15pm Grupo de Hombres -Church

Friday August 21, 2026
6pm Meet the Knights -Hall
7pm Grupo de Oracion -Hall

Saturday August 22, 2026
3pm Cenaculo -Rectory Mtg Room

Sunday August 23, 2026
All Masses Chicharrones and taco sale-Grupo de Oracion



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&

St. Joseph
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 15, 2026 - The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 pm: † Christina Haskell -Birthday by Grandmother
Birthday Juanita Cantu by Raquel Cantu

Sunday, August 16, 2026 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am † Phaolo Nguyen by Thuy Nguyen
† Dec. Members of Aguillon Family
† Andres & Olivia Flores By Stella Lopez
† Edith & Rutila Uriega By Nora G
† Joseph J Weich By Wife & Family



10:00 am STM Parishioners -Living and Deceased

12 :00pm † Juan Manuel Miranda Sanchez By Miranda Fam
† Juan Manuel Ortiz & Jesus Manuel Ortiz By Ortiz Family
† Floriano Cisneros By Cisneros Escobedo Family

Monday, August 17, 2026 -

8:00 am Communion Service

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 -

8:00 am † Dominique Hernandez By Romana Yglesias

Wednesday, August 19, 2026 - St. John Eudes

8:00 am - Special Intention - Fred Hernandez By Romana Yglesias

Thursday, August 20, 2026 - St Bernard

8 :00 am - † Daniel Hernandez By Romana Yglesias

Friday, August 21, 2026 - St Pius X

8:00 am † Al. Weinheimer By Wife

Saturday, August 22, 2026 - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 pm † Richard T Perez By Dorothy & Richard Perez
† Bruce St Laurent By wife
† Jesus Barrera By Barrera Family
† San Juana Elvia Reyes By Family
Ashley Powell Birthday By Barrera Family

Sunday, August 23, 2026 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am STM Parishioners -Living and Deceased

10:00 am † Salome & Carolina Brieseno By Family
† Juan Urbano By Family
† Rebecca Hartsfield By Family
† Vance Gifford By Wife and Family
† San Juana Elvia Reyes By Family

12 :00pm † Dec. Grandparents By Family



Save the date September 20, 2026
Blue Jeans & Sparkles
Senior Dance (age 65+)



Liturgical Roles

Saturday, Aug 22, 2026

5:00 pm Altar Servers - Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers-Dcn Tim ,B.Trevino,
J+B.Hernandez,E.Guerrero

Lector - M.Fisher

Sunday, Aug 23, 2026

8am Altar Servers -M. Planchon

Eucharistic Ministers-Dcn. Dennis , M.Nguyen, N.+L.
Carrizales, M.Aguirre

Lector- Y. Cione

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

Eucharistic Ministers- Dcn.Rolando, CDA

Lector -CDA

12pm Altar Servers -A. Gomez ,A.Llanas ,E.Ruiz

Eucharistic Ministers-Dcn.Rolando,C.Hernandez,D+F
Malarcara, F.Hernandez,C. Martinez, E. Obregon

Lectors-A .Chavez / M. Cisneros



Scripture Readings
For the Week of August 16, 2026

Sunday Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Monday Ez 24:15-23; Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14

Friday Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope
Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20



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