

February 22, 2026



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 will 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.
 Once again, we welcome you, 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.
 Sunday 5:00 p.m.
 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.
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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 & Quinceañera’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 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.

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OFFICE HOURS
 Monday-Friday
 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
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 12 - 1 p.m.
 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Gospel Meditation:

In my second-to-last year of seminary, I woke up one September morning to devastating news: two beloved classmates had died in a car crash. I was overwhelmed with grief and anger like I had never known. I entered therapy for the first time and had intense conversations with my spiritual director. For months I felt lost in a spiritual wilderness. But something unexpected happened: I encountered Christ there. The fear and sorrow didn't destroy me. In fact, that spiritual desert was a time of intense growth in faith.

Today's Gospel begins: "Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil" (*Matthew 4:1*). The word "led" denotes a gentle, humble submission to the Spirit. Jesus does not send himself into this desolate place where wild beasts roam and Satan tempts. Who wants to be around roaming, wild beasts? The Church Fathers saw them as symbols of our inner chaos: fears, temptations, wounds. The Spirit leads us there, sometimes against our wishes. But those same Fathers also saw that this deserted place is also where angels ministered to Jesus, amidst his great trial and temptation.

Lenten Challenge: This Lent and throughout life's struggles, the Spirit leads you and me into the wilderness. Name one "desert" into which the Spirit has led you: perhaps grief, fear, silence, change, disappointment. Ask for the grace to go there willingly. The beasts may be real, but they will not harm you. There, the angels are waiting to minister to the Christ living in you, who always goes where the Spirit leads.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

En mi penúltimo año de seminario, me desperté una mañana de septiembre con una noticia devastadora: dos queridos compañeros de clase habían muerto en un accidente de coche. Me sentí abrumada por el dolor y la rabia que nunca había conocido. Entré en terapia por primera vez y tuve conversaciones intensas con mi director espiritual. Durante meses me sentí perdido en un desierto espiritual. Pero ocurrió algo inesperado: allí me encontré con Cristo. El miedo y la tristeza no me destruyeron. De hecho, ese desierto espiritual fue una época de intenso crecimiento en la fe.

El Evangelio de hoy comienza: "Entonces Jesús fue guiado por el Espíritu hacia el desierto para ser tentado por el diablo" (*Mateo 4:1*). La palabra "guiado" denota una sumisión suave y humilde al Espíritu. Jesús no se envía a sí mismo a este lugar desolado donde vagan bestias salvajes y Satanás tienta. ¿Quién quiere estar rodeado de bestias salvajes y errantes? Los Padres de la Iglesia los veían como símbolos de nuestro caos interior: miedos, tentaciones, heridas. El Espíritu nos guía allí, a veces en contra de nuestra voluntad. Pero esos mismos Padres también vieron que este lugar desierto es también donde los ángeles ministraron a Jesús, en medio de su gran prueba y tentación.

Desafío de Cuaresma: Esta Cuaresma y a lo largo de las luchas de la vida, el Espíritu te guía a ti y a mí hacia el desierto. Nombra un "desierto" al que el Espíritu te haya llevado: quizá el dolor, el miedo, el silencio, el cambio, la decepción. Pide la gracia para ir allí voluntariamente. Las bestias pueden ser reales, pero no te harán daño. Allí, los ángeles esperan para ministrar al Cristo que vive en ti, que siempre va donde el Espíritu te guía.

— Padre John Muir

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

February 15, 2026

Sunday Collection	\$ 6,232.68
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 207.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 70.00
School.....	\$ 945.80
Facilities Improvement.....	\$ 35.00
Truck Raffle.....	\$ 3,951.00

Second Collection: Feb 28 - Mar 1
Facilities Improvement

Online Giving:



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*

Holy Thursday Prayer Candles

Get your candle(s): February 22,
March 8,
March 22,
March 29



in Carolan Hall after the 8 and 10 o'clock Masses,
in front of the Church after the Noon Mass
or stop by the Parish Office during the week.

Candles are \$8. each *and must be Pre-Paid*
(cash, check or Zelle will be accepted)

Candles will not be sold after Sunday, March 29th.

They will be available for pickup in the Church
the weekend of April 11-12 after all Masses.

Velas de Oración del Jueves Santo



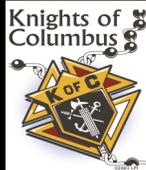
Consigue tu(s) vela(s): 22 de febrero,
8 de marzo,
22 de marzo,
29 de marzo

en Carolan Hall después de las misas de las 8 y 10,
en frente a la iglesia después de la misa del
mediodía o pasar por la Oficina Parroquial
durante la semana.

Las velas cuestan 8 dólares cada una y
deben ser prepagadas
(se aceptarán efectivo, cheque o Zelle)

No se venderán velas después del domingo
el 29 de marzo.

Estarán disponibles para recoger en la iglesia
el fin de semana del 11 al 12 de abril
después de todas las misas.



Join us for our
KC Lenten Fish Fry

Friday: March 6 and March 20
in Carolan Hall

From 5:30 - 7 pm

Come Before - or - after
Stations of the Cross

Hope to see you there!!



**We also have a number of "Special Days"
coming up during this Lenten Season!**

Stations of the Cross: We will celebrate a bilingual Way of the Cross
(**la via crucis**) every **Friday / viernes** at 6 pm.
(School Children will lead the Stations on Friday, March 20th)
Stations will alternate English / Spanish.



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Lenten / Holy Week Liturgical Schedule

Holy Week

- Palm Sunday: 3/28 - 29: Regular Schedule
- Mon - Wed: 3/30 - 4/1: Regular Schedule (8 am Mass)
- Holy Thursday: 4/2: 6 pm only (no morning Mass)
w/Adoration until Midnight
- Good Friday: 4/3: 1 pm - via Crucis - Outside Church
3 pm - Passion of Our Lord (Biling)
7 pm - Pesame Prayer Svc (Biling)
- Holy Saturday: 4/4: 8 pm - Easter Vigil
- Easter Sunday: 4/5: Regular Schedule

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: *The greatest saints in history were not great at holiness.
The greatest saints in history were great at being who they were meant to be.*

I want you to close your eyes. Are they closed? (*I'm serious.*)
Okay. Now think of the greatest saint in history.

I don't care who you're thinking of. It's going to be different for everyone.
Just think of that person. Think of his or her life. And answer the question:
Why is he or she a great saint?

You're all thinking of different people, but the answer is the same for everyone.
And it's not "*Because he did great things for God*" or
"Because she sacrificed everything she had for the poor."

Those answers show evidence of the reason. But the reason is something more.

The greatest saints in history were not great at holiness.
God brought holiness about within them because (*ding ding ding! Here's the answer!*)
The greatest saints in history were great at being who they were meant to be.

Not who they *wanted* to be... Not who they *thought* they should be...
Who they were meant to be.

Simply put, they gave themselves to God. All of themselves. Flaws and all.
And God took them, in their totality, and said: "*Now watch this.*"

Just imagine if salt was ashamed of being salty.
Imagine if it looked at the sodium content on its nutrition label and thought,
"That's embarrassing," and decided it was going to stop being salt.
Well, great. Now it's just a box of tiny rocks!

Wouldn't it have been better for the salt to trust the baker using it?

There is a plan for each of us. There is a path to holiness for each of us.
This path doesn't bypass our flaws or our weaknesses; it *incorporates* them.
It *transforms* them. It *fulfills* them.

So be salty! Be who you were meant to be.

Penance Opportunities

as we prepare for Easter
during this Lenten Season

We offer the following opportunities to reconcile
with God, Church, and each other.

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

Fr. Man will be available to hear
Individual Confessions in the Church
on Fridays during Lent from 3:30 to 4:45 pm

Take advantage of this opportunity!



MAY HE REST IN PEACE

May God comfort the family and friends of

Alexander Bermea

who passed away this past week.

Our sincere sympathy and assurances of prayers
are extended to

Sandra, Danielle, and the Bermea Family

May He Rest in Peace.

This Week at Our Parish

Sunday, February 22, 2026
8:00 am KC Breakfast - *Carolyn Hall*
10:00 am CDA Mass - *Church*

Monday, February 23, 2026

Tuesday, February 24, 2026
5:30 pm Divine Mercy Cenacle - *Rectory Mtg Room-1*
7:00 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room-1*
Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - *Church*

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

Thursday, February 26, 2026
5:00 pm English Prayer Grp - *Church*
7:00 pm OCIA - *Rectory Mtg Room*
Grupo de Oracion Via Crusis - *Church Grounds*

Friday, February 27, 2026
6:00 pm Stations of the Cross - *Church*
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Via Crusis - *Church Grounds*

*** St. Philip of Jesus selling Raffle Tickets this Weekend ***

Saturday, February 28, 2026
3:30 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - *Rectory Mtg Room*

Sunday, March 1, 2026
10:00 am KC Mass - *Church*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 21, 2026 – *St Peter Damian, Bishop & DoC*
5:00 pm †Esiquio Espinoza by Frances Botelo

Sunday, February 22, 2026 - *First Sunday of Lent*
8:00 am †Cexilia Nguyen by Thuy Nguyen
10:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**
12:00 pm †San Juana Elvia Reyes by Family

Monday, February 23, 2026 - *St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr*
8:00 am A Special Intention for Maricela Garcia

Tuesday, February 24, 2026
8:00 am In Thanksgiving by Kim

Wednesday, February 25, 2026
8:00 am †Mary Abrell by Sue McCarthy

Thursday, February 26, 2026
8:00 am †Pedro la by Kim

Friday, February 27, 2026 - *St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and DoC*
8:00 am In Thanksgiving by Kim

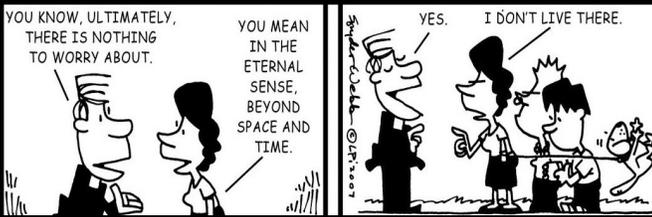
Saturday, February 28, 2026
8:00 am †Vicente Kganh by Kim
5:00 pm †Christina C. Domingueaz by Dominguez Family
†Jose Luis Maldonado, Jr by Mom & Family

Sunday, March 1, 2026 - *Second Sunday of Lent*
8:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**
10:00 am †Medardo E. Morales & Evangelina G. Morales by Family
†Rebecca Hartsfield by Family
†Charles & Genevieve Oswald by Evancho & Oswald Families
†Lauro & Lupe Vargas by Joseph & Olga
†Margil Vale by Elda Garcia
12:00 pm †Jose & Maria Guadalupe Hernandez by Family



Sanctuary Light Intention:
†Donald Rand

(01/31 - 3/3)



Lecturas de la Semana del 23 febrero - 1 marzo

Lunes: Lv 19:1-2,11-18; Sal 18:8-10,15; Mt 25:31-46

Martes: Is 55:10-11; Sal 33:4-7,16-19; Mt 6:7-15

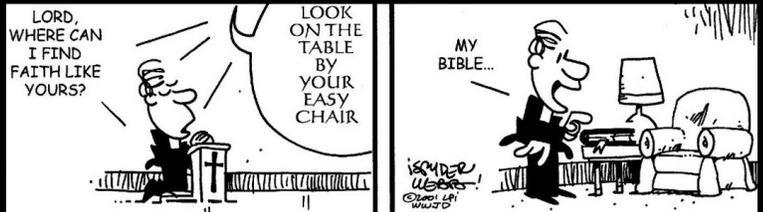
Miércoles: Jon 3:1-10; Sal 50:3-4,12-13,18-19; Lc 11:29-32

Jueves: Est C:12,14-16,23-25; Sal 137:1-3,7-8; Mt 7:7-12

Viernes: Ez 18:21-28; Sal 129:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Sábado: Dt 26:16-19; Sal 118:1-2,4-5,7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Domingo: Gn 12:1-4; Sal 32:4-5,18-20,22; 2Tm 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9



Readings for the week of Feb 23 - 1 Mar

Mon: Lv 19:1-2,11-18; Ps 19:8-10,15; Mt 25:31-46

Tues: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7,16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wed: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thurs: Est C:12,14-16,23-25; Ps 138:1-3,7-8; Mt 7:7-12

Fri: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Sat: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sun: Gn 12:1-4; Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22; 2Tm 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, February 28, 2026
5:00 pm **Altar Servers** - Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers- Dcn Rolando, S.Chapa, R.Saldiva, T.Guerrero, B.Trevino
Lector - T.Guerrero

Sunday, March 1, 2026
8 am **Altar Servers** - Max.Planchon
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, E.Nunez, A.Garza, M.Nguyen, E.Gracia
Lector - Y.Cione

10 am **Altar Servers** - M.Lawson, C.Hartsfield, A.Llanas
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, KCs
Lector - KCs

12 pm **Altar Servers** - A.Gomez, S.Obregon, M.Gonzalez
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, C.Hernandez, M.Pina, D+F.Malacara, C.Martinez, E.Obregon
Lector - H.Gomez / E.Obregon



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Joseph (Joe) Galvan
&
Billy Sheridan
on behalf of
The Family

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Contact the Office of Victim
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