

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.
5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.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."

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Maggie Briseño - Coordinator Alli Fuentes, Alicia Perez, Cesar Paez, Vicky Smith, & Noe Carrizales

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

David Allen - Coordinator RoseMarie Evancho, Michele Allen , Rita Davis & Charles Lange

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 & 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.

PARISH OFFICE STAFF

PASTOR - Rev. Ed Gonzales EMAIL FrGonzales.STMC@GMAIL.COM

Parochial Vicar - Rev. Man Nguyen

Pastoral Associate -

Deacon (RET) Timothy M. Tate, Sr. EXT. 106

Deacon - Rolando Guerra

Deacon - Dennis Caballero

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Bookkeeper - Rhonda Villalobos

Director of Religious Education / Sacramental Records -

Martha Guerra..... EXT 101

Facilities Manager – Jose Luis Hernandez

St. Thomas More Catholic Church 4411 Moana Drive San Antonio, Texas 78218

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

CLOSED FOR LUNCH

12 - 1 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

1.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

CONTACT US 210.655.5070 (Office)

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ThomasMoreSATX.Org

Gospel Meditation:

I am embarrassed to admit that I frequently find myself dining and socializing with people who have millions and sometimes billions of dollars. I've eaten more caviar, lobster and wagyu steak than most people on the planet. I justify it by saying it's part of my job. But I have seven pairs of nice jeans and expensive shoes.

So it is rather uncomfortable to hear Our Lord say: "My child, remember that you received what was good in your lifetime, while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented" (Luke 16:25). Fellow rich people (and if you're American, you're rich), do we not vehemently though quietly object to this parable's karma-esque reward system? Why bless the rich man just to curse him later? And curse Lazarus just to bless him later? So Americans go to hell, while Burundians and Afghans go to heaven? What is going on?

One clue is that the condemned rich man doesn't complain of injustice. Rather, he simply begs to help his brothers to repent. Of what? We don't know exactly. Perhaps another clue is that the rich man now seems more like the downtrodden Lazarus. He knows what it is to be hungry and thirsty, to be wounded in the gutter; that he deserved that, not fancy meals and clothes. Maybe the rich man finally understands how to receive true blessings, but it is too late for him. But not for me. Not for us.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

Me avergüenza admitir que con frecuencia me encuentro cenando y socializando con personas que tienen millones y, a veces, miles de millones de dólares. He comido más caviar, langosta y bistec wagyu que la mayoría de las personas en el planeta. Lo justifico diciendo que es parte de mi trabajo. Pero tengo siete pares de jeans bonitos y zapatos caros.

Por lo tanto, es bastante incómodo escuchar a Nuestro Señor decir: "Hija mía, recuerda que recibiste lo que fue bueno en tu vida, mientras que Lázaro también recibió lo que fue malo; pero ahora él es consolado aquí, mientras que vosotros sois atormentados" (Lucas 16:25). Compañeros ricos (y si eres estadounidense, eres rico), no nos oponemos con vehemencia, aunque en silencio, al sistema de recompensas karma de esta parábola? ¿Por qué bendecir al hombre rico solo para maldecirlo más tarde? ¿Y maldecir a Lázaro solo para bendecirlo más tarde? ¿Entonces los estadounidenses van al infierno, mientras que los burundeses y afganos van al cielo? ¿Qué pasa?

Una pista es que el hombre rico condenado no se queja de la injusticia. Más bien, simplemente ruega ayudar a sus hermanos a arrepentirse. ¿De qué? No lo sabemos exactamente. Quizás otra pista es que el hombre rico ahora se parece más al oprimido Lázaro. Sabe lo que es tener hambre y sed, ser herido en la cuneta; que se merecía eso, no comidas y ropa elegantes. Tal vez el hombre rico finalmente entienda cómo recibir verdaderas bendiciones, pero es demasiado tarde para él. Pero no para mí. No para nosotros.

— Padre John Muir

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

September 21, 2025

| Sunday Collection\$ | 5,655.79 |
|---------------------|----------|
| Vigil Candles\$ | 230.25 |
| Mass Intentions\$ | 95.00 |
| STM School\$ | 690.00 |
| Donations\$ | 32.00 |
| Truck Raffle\$ | 500.00 |

Second Collection: Oct 4 - 5 No Second Collection Next Week

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;

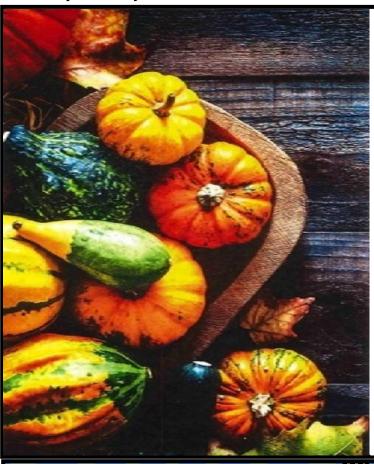
To feed souls the Bread of Life;

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



St Thomas More Catholic Church

4411 Moana Drive San Antonio, TX 78218

Will be having their Fall Neighborhood Marketplace On October 18, 2025 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

We are looking for vendors to sell their items.
This is your chance to sell your
Handmade Goods, Arts & Crafts,
Household Items, Clean Clothes, and
Any other items of value.
(all items must be clean and in good condition)

There will also be BINGO, Chicken BBQ plates, Sodas, water, and a Basket Raffle Among other things.

Cost for a 10 X 10 space: \$45.00 (Does NOT include table or chairs)

There will be a \$20.00 non-refundable deposit required to hold space.

Full payment for space must be paid 1 week before the event.

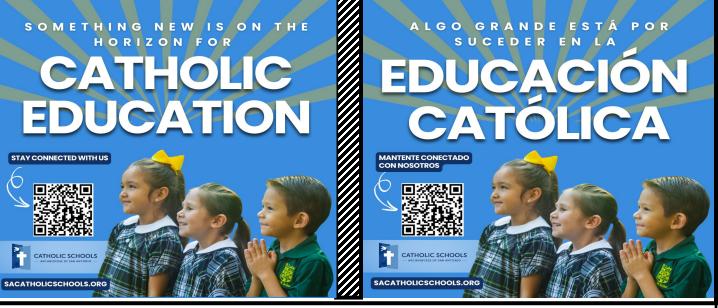
Feel free to contact:

Maggie Briseno
(210) 834-7840

Maggie060967@Yahoo.com

with any questions.

Deadline for registration is Friday, October 10, 2025



St. Thomas More Catholic Church & School Truck Raffle

If you would like to purchase a ticket, call (210) 655-5070 or Stop by the Rectory. Tickets will also be available after all Masses.

Drawing will be held: Saturday, February 21, 2026 Prize must be claimed by 5 pm, Friday, February 27, 2026 or Winner forfeits prize and a new winner will be drawn.

Purchase of ticket IS NOT Tax Deductible. All proceeds benefit St. Thomas More Catholic Church 2025 Ford Ranger XLT Valued at \$32, 453. Tickets are \$100 / each Winner is responsible for Tax, Title, License





Buckle Up... we're getting ready for my favorite time of the year!!

The weather will be cooling down soon... (then we can all complain about how cold it is... lol)
All the fall, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas decorations are out and available in the stores (actually they've been out since August!!) And Feast Days!! We have sooo many days to celebrate coming up! It's as if we're having a 2 or 3 month party! So... ENJOY!

This Monday, Sept 29th, we celebrate *Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Rafael (the only angels mentioned by name in Holy Scripture)* with the Feast of the Archangels.

- Then on Tuesday, we celebrate the *Memorial of St. Jerome*, a Doctor of the Church.
- He translated most of the Bible (OT from Hebrew and NT from Greek and 'Old' Latin) into the more current Latin.
 His translation is called the Vulgate and is still the source from which all Bible versions are based today.

Not only is October the "Month of the Rosary" (so come to Mass during the month a little early and bring your rosary),

- but on Oct 7th we celebrate our Blessed Mother as *Our Lady of the Rosary*.
- On Wednesday, Oct 1st, we celebrate the Memorial of *St. Therese of the Child Jesus...* one of the Doctors of the Church; she is better known as the "*Little Flower*." In her many writings she advocated a simple lifestyle... saying all things, done with the right frame of mind, can be a prayer to honor and glorify God.
- On Thursday, the 2nd, we celebrate the Memorial of the *Holy Guardian Angels*. Angels abound!
- We each have at least one to look after and guide us from the moment we are born... to the day we die.

 Just think of how many angels there must be! Literally billions and billions of them (and more!)!
 - Then to top off the week... on Saturday, Oct 4th, we celebrate the *Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi*.
- We have all heard of how he could communicate with the animals! The school children will bring their pets
- and/or stuffed animals representing them to school on Friday to have them blessed by Fr. Ed.

We also celebrate several Apostles and Popes during the month: *St. Pope John XXIII* on the 11th, *St. Luke* on the 18th, *St. Pope John Paul II* on the 22nd, *St Simon and St. Jude* on the 28th,

- To round out the month of October... we celebrate "All Hallows Eve" (Halloween) on the 31st... which leads us to our great celebration of "All Saints Day" on November 1st... where we honor and celebrate the **Church Triumphant** all the saints in heaven, and "All Souls Day" on November 2nd where we celebrate the **Church Suffering** the Holy Souls in Purgatory.
- We must 'talk' a little more about Purgatory... maybe in a later 'Corner.'
- This just the 'tip of the iceberg' so to speak...

Over the next few months, I invite you all to look at your 'Parish' calendar... I mean really look at it! Don't just see the numbers (1-31)! See the Saint(s) who are being remembered / celebrated on the different days. If you have access to a computer or even a smart phone... "Google" the saint-of-the-day and find out a little about him or her. There are some beautiful stories out there!

Until next time... God Bless- DT

"Life is like a cash register, in that every account, every thought, every deed, like every sale, is registered and recorded."

- Bishop Fulton J. Sheen



Healing Holidays Making your Grief Count



- Grief during the Holidays is always challenging. The holiday season renews memories, family ties, and
- traditions. We become painfully aware that our loved one is no longer present, and the pain of our loss is confused with the spirit of the season making it difficult.

How do we allow ourselves in these difficult times, to "make our grief count" and find our grounding?

- The Porter Loring Bereavement Office will be presenting a workshop that will help identify resources that contribute to
- self-compassion and enhance our resiliency. It will help families embrace their grief while strengthening characteristics
 of resilience... To use the holidays to discover how their loved one can live on into their life story, using this special time to continue to heal.

Wednesday, October 8th from 10 - 11:30 am *There is no charge for this workshop.* Presenter: Cindy Libera, SPX Stephen Minister Leader

This Week at Our Parish

*** Truck Raffle and BBQ Plate Ticket Sale - all Masses ***

Sunday, September 28, 2025 KC Breakfast - Carolan Hall 8:30 am 10:00 am CDA Mass - Church

September 29, 2025 Monday,

10:00 am Guadalupanos Scholarship Mtg - Dining Room

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Divine Mercy - Rectory Mtg Room-1 5:30 pm

7:00 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - Rectory Mtg Room-1

Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - Church

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

6:00 pm KC 3rd Degree Mtg - Carolan Hall

Thursday, October 2, 2025

9:30 am CDA Meeting - Meeting Room

6:00 pm Holy Hour / Charismatic Prayer Group - Church

OCIA - Rectory Mtg Room-1 7:00 pm

Friday, October 3, 2025 9:00 am Friday Adoration - Church

7:00 pm la Hora Santa / Grupo de Oracion - Church

*** Truck Raffle and BBQ Plate Ticket Sale - all Masses ***

Saturday, October 4, 2025

Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - Rectory Mtg Rm-1 3:30 pm

*** CDA Bake Sale - after all Masses / School Playground ***

October 5, 2025 Sunday, 10:00 am KC Mass - Church

WHEN YOU'RE DRIVING DO YOU **EVER NOTICE** ALL THOSE SPEED LIMIT SIGNS AND TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND WARNING SIGNS?







Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 27, 2025 - St. Vincent de Paul, Priest 5:00 pm †Martita Perez by Marta Dixon September 28, 2025 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday,

†Anna Belle & Fabian Biemer 8:00 am by Family STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased 10:00 am by Marta Dixon 12:00 pm †Martita Perez

Birthday - Manuel Pereida by Family

September 29, 2024 - Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels Monday,

8:00 am the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, September 30, 2024 - St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 am †Steve Ryan, Jr

Wednesday, October 1, 2025 - St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of Church

8:00 am Anniversary - Miguel and Evelia Alcala by Family

Thursday, October 2, 2025 - The Holy Guardian Angels

8:00 am Special Intention - Lisania & Enmanuel Cantu

Friday, October 3, 2025 - Friday of the 26th Week in Ordinary Time 8:00 am †Vance Gifford by Family

Saturday, October 4, 2025 - St. Francis of Assissi

†Al Weinheimer 8:00 am by Carolyn Weinheimer 5:00 pm †Antonio Lemus by Conce Lemus

Sunday, October 5, 2025 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time XXXXXXXXXXX 8:00 am

†Anna Belle & Fabian Biemer by Family by Pablo & Irene †Edward & Diana Ramirez by Sylvia Roman †Renee & Viola de la Rosa †Dora Littero by Sylvia Roman

10:00 am †Medardo E. & Evangelina G. Morales by Morales/Briseno Family

†Katherine St.Laurent by Mother-in-Law by Dale J. Pekar †Jon Ware †Joseph J. Weich by Olga & Family †Mr & Mr Lazo Ochoa

by Olga 12:00 pm STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased



Sábado:

Sanctuary Light Intention: Health - Deacon Rolando Guerra

Lecturas de la Semana del 29 sept - 4 oct

Lunes: Dn 7:9-10,13-14; Sal 137:1-5; Jn 1:47-51 Martes: Zac 8:20-23; Sal 86:1-7; Lc 9:51-56 Miércoles: Neh 2:1-8; Sal 136:1-6; Lc 9:57-62 Jueves: Neh 8:1-6,8-12; Sal 18:8-11; Mt 18:1-5,10 Viernes: Bar 1:15-22; Sal 78:1-5,8,9; Lc 10:13-16

Domingo: Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Sal 94:1-2,6-9;

2Tim 1:6-8,13-14; Lc 17:5-1

Bar 4:5-12,27-29; Sal 68:33-37; Lc 10:17-24

Readings for the week of Sept 29 - Oct 4

Monday: Dn 7:9-10,13-14; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51 Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1-7; Lk 9:51-56 **Tuesday:** Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62 **Thursday**: Neh 8:1-12; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 18:1-5,10 Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1-5,8,9; Lk 10:13-16 **Saturday**: Bar 4:5-12,27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2,6-9; Sunday:

2Tm 1:6-8,13-14; Lk 17:5-1



I'M Making More Money THAN I KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH!

I'LL BET SISTER RITA AT catholic CHARITIES WILL BE JUST FULL of IDEAS!



Liturgical Roles

Saturday, October 4, 2025 5:00 pm Celebrant - Fr. Man

Altar Servers - Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers- Dcn Rolando, C.Lange, B.Trevino, R.Saldiva, R.Alvarado

Lector - T.Garza

Sunday, October 5, 2025 8 am Celebrant - Fr. Man

Altar Servers - Max.Planchon

Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, E.Nunez, A.Garza, P.Klar, M.Nguyen

Lector - S.Castaneda

10 am Celebrant - Fr. Ed (KC Mass)

Altar Servers - A.Mata, B.Pereida, M.Pereida Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, KC's

Lector - KC's

12 pm Celebrant - Fr. Ed

Altar Servers - S.Obregon, A.Gomez, E.Ruiz

Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Dennis, C.Hernandez, M.Pina, E.Obregon, F.Hernandez, D+F.Malacara

Lector - D+F.Malacara



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ST. THOMAS MORE Knights of Columbus Council # 7386 meets 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. For more information call David A Bernal 210-669-5899.

Catholic Daughters of America #2683



Monthly Meeting: 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m Contact Regent Belinda Treviño at 210-275-6529

In Memory of The Leo Oswald & The Fred Lansing **Families**





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In Memory of Christina C. Dominguez on behalf of The Dominguez Family



In Memory of Dr. Steven D. Sprague on behalf of The Sprague Family



In Loving Memory Of Florencio Baiza, Louise Baiza Garza. Robert Garza Ruben Sr.& Beatrice Rodriguez





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In Memory Jose (Joe) Galvan, Joseph (Joe) Galvan **Billy Sheridan** on behalf of The Family

St. Thomas More Guadalupanos Society

Invites all men & women to our group. **Our Monthly Meeting & Fellowship Meets** the 3rd Sunday of the month, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. For more information call Will Torres at 210.620.2745

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. All calls or emails will be responded to within 48 hours.





In Loving Memory Santiago G. Garcia Sr. L Martha C. Garcia on behalf of The Garcia Family

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