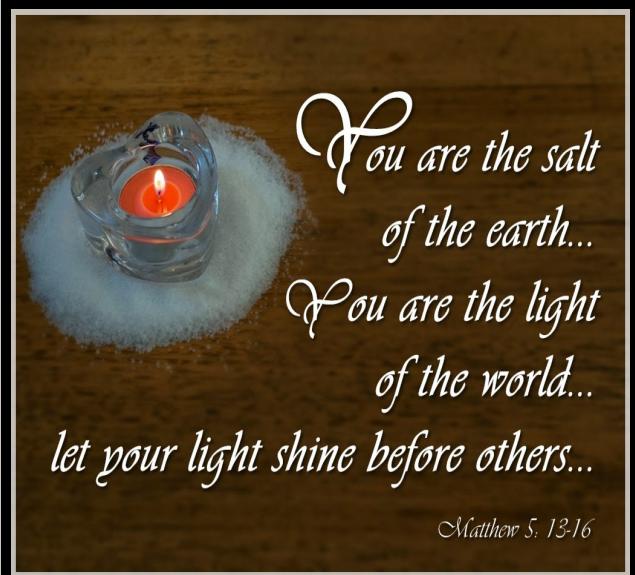


February 8, 2026



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.
	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."

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Coordinator Alicia Perez,
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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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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.
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PARISH OFFICE STAFF

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EMAIL . . . stmparish@live.com

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Deacon – Dennis Caballero

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12 - 1 p.m.

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

CONTACT US

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Gospel Meditation:

I recently learned why zebras have stripes. Scientists used to think it was for camouflage, but new research suggests something more interesting: the stripes help zebras blend in with one another. When a predator looks at a herd, the overlapping stripes make it hard to single out one animal. But if a researcher spray-paints a dot on just one zebra, predators lock on it and eventually attack.

The lesson? In the wild, blending in is protection. Standing out can be dangerous.

Human beings are not so different. Most of us would rather blend in than stand out, especially when it comes to our faith. We know that giving bold witness to Jesus — through our words, values, or public choices — can make us targets for criticism, isolation, or judgment. That's why Jesus' words in today's Gospel are so challenging: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden" (Matthew 5:14).

A city on a hill draws attention. It also draws fire. But that's part of the cost of discipleship.

Jesus doesn't call us to be tribal or boastful. He calls us to stand in the open with humble confidence, so that people might see our good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven.

Today, let's ask for the courage not just to believe in Christ, but to be seen believing in him.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

Recientemente aprendí por qué las cebras tienen rayas. Los científicos solían pensar que era para camuflarse, pero nuevas investigaciones sugieren algo más interesante: las rayas ayudan a las cebras a camuflarse entre sí. Cuando un depredador observa una manada, las franjas superpuestas dificultan identificar a un solo animal. Pero si un investigador pinta un punto con spray en solo una cebra, los depredadores la fijan y finalmente atacan. ¿La lección? En la naturaleza, pasar desapercibido es protección. Destacar puede ser peligroso.

Los seres humanos no son tan diferentes. La mayoría preferimos pasar desapercibidos antes que destacar, especialmente en lo que respecta a nuestra fe. Sabemos que dar un testimonio valiente de Jesús — a través de nuestras palabras, valores o elecciones públicas — puede convertirnos en blanco de críticas, aislamiento o juicios.

Por eso las palabras de Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy son tan desafiantes: "Tú eres la luz del mundo.

Una ciudad situada en una montaña no puede ser oculta" (Mateo 5:14).

Una ciudad en una colina llama la atención. También atrae fuego. Pero eso es parte del coste del discipulado.

Jesús no nos llama a ser tribales ni a presumir. Nos llama a estar a la vista con humilde confianza, para que la gente vea nuestras buenas acciones y glorifique a nuestro Padre celestial.

Hoy, pidamos el valor no solo para creer en Cristo, sino para ser vistos creyendo en él.

— Padre John Muir

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February 1, 2026

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to Support our St. Thomas More School

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

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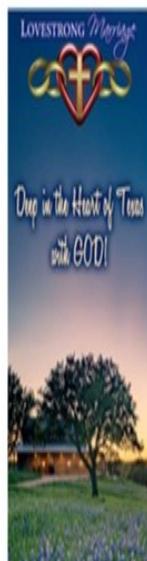
Friday, February 13, 2026 at 7 pm
Estancia Del Norte Hotel,
37 NE Loop 410 at McCullough
(Across from North Star Mall)

This is a free event, but you must register at
www.SAProLifeEvent.com



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Question: Carnivale and Mardi Gras celebrations are linked to Ash Wednesday, Lent, fast and abstinence. Tell us more about the connections between these events?

Answer: Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the forty days known as Lent. Christians highlight this penitential season as a time of self-examination, reformation of one's life, and continued development of a deeper spiritual life.

The recommended practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving become the focus of Lenten activity and ritual. Each of these spiritual practices is aimed at personal discipline as well as continued concern for others, especially the poor or alienated.

Forty days is a symbolic biblical period of time, during which personal transformation occurs and out of which people surface as more spiritual, ready to carry out God's mission. Relying on God's providence and care, no matter how difficult life becomes, is crucial to Lenten spirituality. Fasting was initially stricter, permitting only one simple meal a day without meat, fish, or other delicacies. Such things were not even allowed in the house.

In an age of no refrigeration, people gathered to consume whatever was not allowed during Lent. This led to parties or celebrations originally referred to as *Carnivale*, literally meaning "*goodbye to meat*," or *Mardi Gras*, literally meaning "*Fat Tuesday*."

The eating and celebrating ended on the Tuesday just before Ash Wednesday. Today we focus more on moderation in all things, as well as a strong concern the poor.

What are you doing for the poor this Lent?



Question: What is the difference between a Mass and a Communion Service?

Deacon's Corner Answer: *Good question!* One that has confused many people for a long time.

A Mass must be celebrated by a priest!

(I specifically didn't mention Bishop because he IS a priest) This coming week (Feb 9 - 13) all the priests in the Archdiocese will be attending a mandatory retreat... so you will be hard-pressed to find any parish celebrating a week-day Mass next week. We (STM) will be celebrating with Communion Services.

A **Mass** is divided into two main parts:

Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist.

The Liturgy of the Word includes:

- An Entrance Antiphon or song,
- Penitential Rite,
- Recitation or singing of the Gloria (if appropriate),
- Scripture Reading(s),
- Homily, and
- the Prayers of the Faithful.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist includes:

- the Presentation / Prayer over the Gifts:

- the Eucharistic Prayer:

- Preface and Prayer,
- the Final Doxology,

- The Communion Rite itself:

- the Lord's Prayer w/Sign of Peace,
- the Lamb of God,
- Communion w/short period of silence/praise
- a Prayer After Communion
- a final 'Greeting' and Blessing.

A **Communion Service**, on the other hand, is usually celebrated by a Deacon.

It contains many of the same elements as a Mass... but **does not / can not** include the **Presentation / Prayer** section of the Mass (only the priest has the faculty to do that - a Communion Service relies on previously consecrated hosts being available).

Some people, when hearing there will be a Communion Service, simply say, "I won't go... it's not a Mass, it's only a Communion Service."

All I can say is... "Shame... Shame, on you!..."

You are still hearing the Word of God proclaimed, You are still praying for the needs of the Church, You are still hearing a (hopefully good) homily, You are still joining our Brothers and Sisters in Praising Our Father in prayer,

You are still receiving Our Lord - Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Eucharist... and Your are still receiving that blessing to start your day.

What more do you want?

Don't short-change the Mass... but

Don't short-change a Communion Service, either!

'till next time... God Bless- dt



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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
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you wish to file a complaint:

Contact the Office of Victim
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