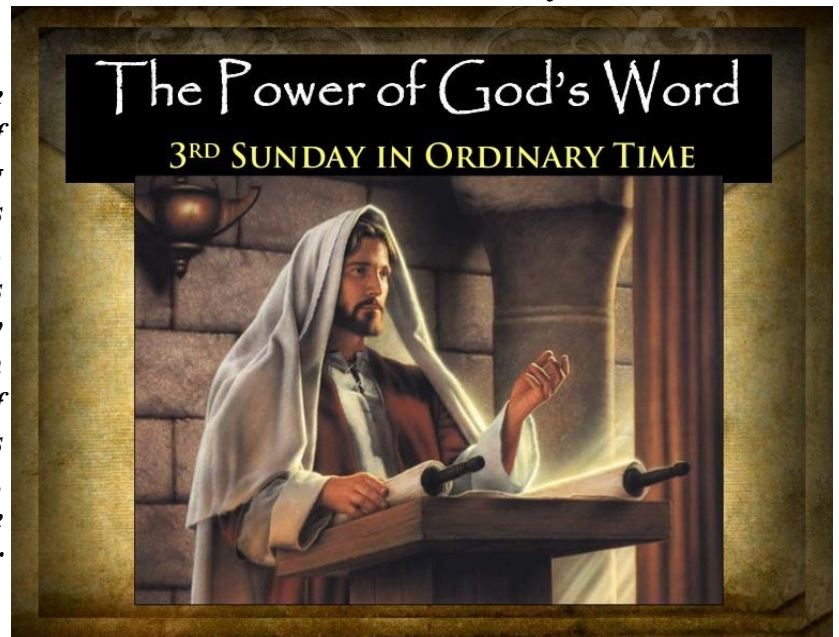


January 26 , 2025

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 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. We welcome you, again, 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

Maggie Briseño - Coordinator
Gilbert Cantú, Alli Fuentes, Alicia Perez,
Cesar Paez & Vicky Smith.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

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

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

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12:00 P.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

1:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

CONTACT US

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Gospel Meditation:

A young couple in my parish told me they were expecting their second child, a baby boy.

I knew that their five-year old only child Emma had been desperately wanting to be a big sister for years, so I said, *"Emma must have been so happy when you told her the news."* *"Actually,"* they said, *"she burst into tears. She wanted a baby sister!"* How often in life God wonderfully fulfills our desires and we are sad because we don't approve of the way he does it. We want to control the gift and the delivery method.

The same thing occurs in the Gospel this week when Jesus announces in his hometown that the promise of an Anointed One bringing glad tidings to the poor is *"fulfilled in your hearing"* (Luke 4:21).

After a moment of elation, his fellow townsfolk realize this man is the way God is fulfilling his promises, and they erupt into a violent outburst. So Jesus departs. How sad for them.

Every single Sunday at Mass, including this one, some version of this happens to many of us. God's word announces the fulfillment of God's promises in Christ, and we easily overlook or disdain it. His way is almost never according to our narrow expectations. What's required of us is to set these aside, and to embrace a new openness to God's gifts, no matter how he wishes to give them. God is fulfilling his promises the way He likes — why be sad?

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

Una joven pareja de mi parroquia me dijo que estaban esperando su segundo hijo, un bebé.

Sabía que su única hija de cinco años, Emma, había querido desesperadamente ser una hermana mayor durante años, así que le dije: *"Emma debe haber estado tan feliz cuando le contaste la noticia"*.

"En realidad", dijeron, *"rompió a llorar. ¡Quería una hermanita!"* Cuántas veces en la vida Dios cumple maravillosamente nuestros deseos y estamos tristes porque no aprobamos la forma en que lo hace. Queremos controlar el regalo y el método de entrega.

Lo mismo ocurre en el Evangelio de esta semana cuando Jesús anuncia en su ciudad natal que la promesa de un Ungido que trae buenas nuevas a los pobres se ha *"cumplido a oídos tuyos"* (Lucas 4:21).

Después de un momento de júbilo, sus conciudadanos se dan cuenta de que este hombre es la forma en que Dios está cumpliendo sus promesas, y estallan en un arrebato violento. Así que Jesús se va. Qué triste para ellos.

Todos los domingos en la Misa, incluyendo este, alguna versión de esto nos sucede a muchos de nosotros.

La palabra de Dios anuncia el cumplimiento de las promesas de Dios en Cristo, y fácilmente la pasamos por alto o la desdenamos. Su camino casi nunca está de acuerdo con nuestras estrechas expectativas. Lo que se requiere de nosotros es dejar esto a un lado y abrazar una nueva apertura a los dones de Dios, sin importar cómo Él desee darlos. Dios está cumpliendo sus promesas de la manera que le gusta, ¿por qué estar triste?

— Father John Muir

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

January 19, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 5,687.49
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 117.00
STM School.....	\$ 782.00
Guardian Angel Fund.....	\$ 25.00
Donations	\$ 260.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 125.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$ 2.00

*Second Collection Feb 1 - 2:
No Second Collection Next Week*



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

THANK YOU!

On behalf of our Parishioners, and the staffs of our Parish and School Offices I would like to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to

Ms. Flor Mata

for her years of service as Parish Administrative Assistant.

As she pursues her new career opportunity, may she continue to share the love of Jesus Christ with everyone she encounters.

Many blessings!!!

Fr. Ed Gonzales,
the staffs of the parish and school offices

¡GRACIAS!

En nombre de nuestros feligreses, y del personales de nuestras oficinas parroquiales y escolares, me gustaría expresar nuestro más sincero agradecimiento y gratitud a

Sra. Flor Mata

por sus años de servicio como Asistente Administrativa Parroquial.

A medida que busca su nueva oportunidad profesional, que continúe compartiendo el amor de Jesucristo con todas las personas que encuentre.

¡¡Muchas bendiciones!!

el P. Ed Gonzales,
al personal de la parroquia y las oficinas de la escuela



Beginning Experience
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"The Weekend is the core program and the foundation of the Beginning Experience® ministry." (website)

Weekend Details

Arrival: Friday, March 7, 2025 – 6:30 PM

Departure: Sunday, March 9, 2025 – 4:00 PM

Cost: \$190 - Includes 2 nights / 5 meals

For more information and to register, contact

Barbara (210) 724-9269

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Ask for more details when you call.

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Sat, Feb 22, 2025 from 8 am- 4:30 pm

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Invite a Brother in Christ to attend with you.

Learn More / Register today at:

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MAY HE REST IN PEACE:

May God comfort the family and friends of

Michael (Mike) Gutierrez

who passed away this past week

Our sincere sympathy and assurances of prayers are extended the Gutierrez Family

May he Rest in Peace.





A **free** tax preparation service for those who earn up to \$65,000 annually. Volunteers help the community with their taxes in order to maximize their refund, and have a financially secure future.

What to bring to receive free tax filing:

- Original photo identification
- Original Social Security Number card
- All tax documents including W-2s, 1099R's, SSA-1099, 1099Misc, bank interest, or dividend forms (1095A)
- Completed intake forms in English or Spanish

Contact the VITA office at Guadalupe Community Center:

📍 1801 W César E Chávez Blvd, San Antonio, TX 78207
 ☎ (210) 222-2975
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- Identificación oficial con fotografía
- Tarjeta original de Número de Seguro Social
- Todos los documentos fiscales, incluyendo formularios W-2, 1099R, SSA-1099, 1099Misc, intereses bancarios o formularios de dividendos (1095A)
- Formularios de admisión completos en inglés o español

Contacta la oficina de VITA en Guadalupe Community Center:

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"Be the change you wish to see in the world and light up the darkness."

Holy Hour:



I know our scheduled Holy Hours are still a week out (Feb 6 / 7) - but I thought I'd 'throw this out' a little early. Our normal attendance is not all that great... averaging 12 - 16 people... and usually only 2 or 3 men in the group.

I would like to invite YOU to join us for this quiet one-on-one time with Our Lord... Everyone is invited / encouraged... but this month I'd especially like to invite our Knights of Columbus to join us! You do so much for us in and around the parish... let our Lord do a little something special for you!

So— put our Lord on your calendar. First Thursday of the month (Feb 6) @ 6 pm - English
 First Friday of the month (Feb 7) @ 7 pm - Spanish

Hope to see you there

This Week at Our Parish*** *Catholic Schools Week Begins* *****Sunday, January 26, 2025**8:00 am KC Breakfast - *Carolán Hall*
10:00 am CDA / Catholic School-Week Mass - *Church***Monday, January 27, 2024****Tuesday, January 28, 2024**5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Rectory Mtg Room*
6:00 pm CDA General Mtg - *Carolán Hall*
6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room-1***Wednesday, January 29, 2025****Thursday, January 30, 2025**7:00 am School "Grand Day" - *Carolán Hall*
5:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Grp - *Church*
7:00 pm OCIA - *Rectory Mtg Room**** *St. Blaise - Throat Blessing* ****** *After Friday School Mass and All Weekend Masses* *****Friday, January 31, 2025**9:00 am Friday Adoration - *Church*
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Fellowship - *Carolán Hall***Saturday, February 1, 2025**3:30 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - *Rectory Mtg Rm***Sunday, February 2, 2025**10:00 am KC Mass - *Church***Sanctuary Light Intention:****Deacon Rolando Guerra****Lecturas de la Semana del 27 enero - 1 febrero****Lunes:** Heb 9:15,24-28; Sal 97:1-6; Mc 3:22-30**Martes:** Heb 10:1-10; Sal 39:2,4,7-8,10,11;
Mc 3:31-35**Miércoles:** Heb 10:11-18; Sal 109:1-4; Mc 4:1-20**Jueves:** Heb 10:19-25; Sal 23:1-6; Mc 4:21-25**Viernes:** Heb 10:32-39; Sal 36:3-6,23-24,39-40;
Mc 4:26-34**Sábado:** Heb 11:1-2,8-19; Lc 1:69-75; Mc 4:35-41**Domingo:** Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Sal 23:7-10;
Lc 2:22-40**Readings for the week of Jan 27 - Feb 1****Monday:** Heb 9:15,24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30**Tuesday:** Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2,4,7-8a,10,11;
Mk 3:31-35**Wednesday:** Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20**Thursday:** Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25**Friday:** Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6,23-24,39-40;
Mk 4:26-34**Saturday:** Heb 11:1-2,8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41**Sunday:** Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Ps 24:7-10;
Lk 2:22-40**Mass Intentions****Saturday, January 25, 2025** - *Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle*
5:00 pm †Domingo Delgado**Sunday, January 26, 2025** - *3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*8:00 am **Jerome & Pat Klar and Family** by Sr. Cabrini
Anna Belle Biemer by Biemer Family10:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**
12:00 pm †Erika Daniela Cardona by Carmen Martinez**Monday, January 27, 2024** - *St. Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious Founder*
8:00 am †Dora Literio by Sylvia Roman**Tuesday, January 28, 2024** - *St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest DoC*
8:00 am †Curt & Trudy Kloman**Wednesday, January 29, 2025** - *Wednesday in the 3rd Week of Ordinary Time*

8:00 am †Annemarie Oswald by Evancho Family

Thursday, January 30, 2025 - *Thursday in the 3rd Week of Ordinary Time*

8:00 am †Glenn White by Ramon Mata, Jr

Friday, January 31, 2025 - *St. John Bosco, Priest*

8:00 am †Joe & Mary Monteverdi

Saturday, February 1, 2025 - *Saturday in the 3rd Week of Ordinary Time*8:00 am †Raymond & Eva Quinones
5:00 pm †Geri Wiater**Sunday, February 2, 2025** - *Presentation of the Lord*8:00 am **Dzuik & Dupnik Family** by Biemer Family
Anna Belle Biemer by Biemer Family
10:00 am †Medardo E. Morales & †Evangeline G. Morales
By Morales / Briseno Families
†Arcenio & Estella Esquivel by Ana Villalobos
†Richard Ramirez by Family
12:00 pm **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased****St. Thomas More Guadalupanos
Kickapoo Lucky Eagle Casino
Bus Trip**

\$40 per person

Monday, February 17, 2025
(Presidents Day)

Meet at Carolán Hall Parking Lot

For more information contact:
Clem Davila @ (210) 723-7985**Liturgical Roles****Saturday, February 1, 2025**5:00 pm **Altar Servers** - Volunteers**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, S.Grimm, S.Chapa,
E.Guerrero, C.Lange**Lector** - T.Guerrero**Sunday, February 2, 2025**8 am **Altar Servers** - Mem.Planchon, Max.Planchon**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, Y.Cione, R.Castaneda,
R.Davila, E.Garcia**Lector** - T.Garza10 am **Altar Servers** - M.Pereida, A.McCaffery, C.Lawson**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Jim, KCs**Lector** - KoC12 pm **Altar Servers** - S.Obregon, A.Gomez, A.Llanas**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, C.Hernandez,
I.Hernandez, H.Gomez, M.Pina, F.Hernandez, E.Obregon**Lector** - D+F.Malacara



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 Contact Regent
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**In Memory of
 The Leo Oswald &
 The Fred Lansing
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**PRAY FOR THE 3 MOST
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 PURGATORY**

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 on behalf of
 The Sprague Family**



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

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 Invite all men & women to our group.
 Out 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

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**In Loving Memory
 of Joe Canales
 On behalf of
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