

December 28, 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 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."

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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.

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

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Director of Religious Education / Sacramental Records -

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St. Thomas More Catholic Church

4411 Moana Drive

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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.

CONTACT US

210.655.5070 (Office)

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Gospel Meditation:

When I was ten, my dad gathered our family around the table in small-town Vermont and told us we were moving to the big desert city of Phoenix, Arizona. We were leaving behind family, friends, and everything familiar. None of us knew what to expect.

But something beautiful happened. As we made the move together, our family grew closer. In retrospect, I'm amazed at my parents' courage to go on that adventure. Even as a kid I realized our family found, in that challenge, a deeper unity and mutual love.

In today's Gospel, Joseph is told: "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee..." (*Matthew 2:13, 20*). First to Egypt, then later to Israel. The Holy Family is frequently challenged to move and change, to adapt to God's will for them, in order to find safety in the midst of threat. It's not just an idiosyncratic story about survival. It's a spiritual pattern for all of us. Every Christian family is called to be a kind of sanctuary, especially in a world full of noise, busyness, and fear.

May I make a practical application for us? The Lord's Day, Sunday, is perhaps the most practical way we imitate this dynamic we see in Joseph and his family. Sunday is not meant to be just like every other day, filled with errands and stress. It's meant to be a day set apart; a holy "escape" into rest, worship, joy, and peace.

A day to rise, take your family, and flee, into God's presence.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

Cuando tenía diez años, mi padre reunió a nuestra familia alrededor de la mesa en un pequeño pueblo de Vermont y nos dijo que nos mudábamos a la gran ciudad desértica de Phoenix, Arizona. Dejábamos atrás a la familia, los amigos y todo lo que era familiar. Ninguno de nosotros sabía qué esperar.

Pero ocurrió algo hermoso. A medida que nos mudábamos juntos, nuestra familia se fue uniendo más. En retrospectiva, me sorprende el valor de mis padres para embarcarse en esa aventura. Incluso de niño me di cuenta de que en ese reto nuestra familia encontraba una unidad más profunda y un amor mutuo.

En el Evangelio de hoy, a José se le dice: "Levántate, toma al niño y a su madre, y huye..." (*Mateo 2:13, 20*). Primero a Egipto, luego a Israel. La Sagrada Familia se ve frecuentemente desafiada a moverse y cambiar, a adaptarse a la voluntad de Dios para ellos, para encontrar seguridad en medio de la amenaza. No es solo una historia idiosincrática sobre la supervivencia. Es un patrón espiritual para todos nosotros. Cada familia cristiana está llamada a ser una especie de santuario, especialmente en un mundo lleno de ruido, ajetreo y miedo.

¿Puedo hacer una aplicación práctica para nosotros? El Día del Señor, el domingo, es quizás la forma más práctica de imitar esta dinámica que vemos en José y su familia. El domingo no está pensado para ser como todos los demás días, lleno de recados y estrés. Se supone que es un día aparte; una "escapada" sagrada hacia el descanso, la adoración, la alegría y la paz.

Un día para levantarse, tomar a tu familia y huir, en presencia de Dios.

— Padre John Muir

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

December 21, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 11,286.31
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 350.21
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 80.00
Truck Raffle.....	\$ 6,800.00
Christmas Offering.....	\$ 420.00
Flowers Offering.....	\$ 110.00

Second Collection: Jan 3 - 4
Facilities Improvement Fund

***Truck Raffle Update: 440 Tickets Sold to Date
\$44,000 - collected***

Online Giving:



A NEW-YEAR's WISH:

*During this most holy time of the year,
my prayer is that the Christ Child and
His Mother, Mary Most Holy,
continue to bless our parish and each of you
through the coming year.*

May 2026 be a year where we all walk in God's way!

*On behalf of myself, Fr. Man, our Deacons, Parish Staff,
School Faculty and Staff, and
all our various Organizations and Ministries...*

Happy New Year!... and God Bless...

Know that you are all in my prayers.

Fr. Ed



Question: With January 1st, where we celebrate Mary, the Mother of God, coming up in a few days...
Some people ask: If God is eternal and infinite, how can He have a mother?
 Why do we call Mary the *Mother of God*... and not just the *mother of Jesus*?

Answer: The title of "Mary, Mother of God" can be confusing.
 We aren't implying that Mary existed from eternity or that she is divine herself.
 We aren't promoting some kind of Marian superpowers.
 The Church has fought for this title throughout the centuries for one simple reason:

Christ's identity is at stake.

As the Church grew in the early centuries, theologians wrestled with what it meant for Jesus to be both God and man. Many distortions of his identity began to emerge. One of these was propagated by a man named Nestorius. Nestorius and his followers denied that Jesus' human nature and his divine nature were inseparable. Following that logic, Mary could have only conceived Jesus' human nature. But people don't give birth to a "nature." They give birth to a whole person. For Jesus, his whole person is both human and divine. In 431 A.D. the Council of Ephesus denounced Nestorius. The bishops affirmed that Jesus is both fully human and fully divine and proclaimed Mary Theotokos. Translating the Greek to English, Theotokos means "God-bearer."
Note that this isn't "God-generator" or "God-creator."
 Mary bore Jesus, God and man, in her womb and gave him birth.
She is mother to the whole person, the whole Jesus, and therefore Mother of God.

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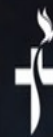
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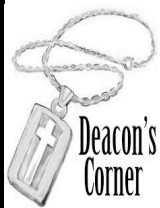
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 Your financial gift to the Christmas Day 2nd
 Collection, in person or online, is critical to the
 formation of your future pastors, spiritual directors,
 confessors and pastoral leaders.

Thank you for your generosity

SUPPORT ASSUMPTION SEMINARY THIS CHRISTMAS



HAPPY NEW YEAR!! If you're anything like me you've probably got the best of intentions but you just don't quite get around to everything you'd like to. Sound familiar? Seems many people live by the motto 'Never do today what can be put off until tomorrow.' That philosophy -procrastination- may seem pretty cool until you realize our 'tomorrows' are not unlimited! We have to begin somewhere... so... why not make this coming year, 2026, the year where it all begins!

Some things may seem small and inconsequential... like: "Yes, dear, I'll rake the leaves... well... maybe next week" -or- "I'll nail that loose fence board... one of these days" -or- "I'll wash the car... well, maybe tomorrow... looks like rain."

These things may seem trivial and they probably are... but they're good practice for the bigger '*stuff*.'

Force yourself to get up and do them... and do them with a smile! Anything / Everything you do can be a prayer!.. Just as long as you do them with the proper intent and disposition of heart.

Practice on the little things... Then the more important items like: "I really need to get to Confession," -or- "Maybe I should attend the Holy Hour this month," -or- "I'll bet I could help out with our Religious-Ed program... I could share my faith with the youth of our parish..." will come easier.

You can continue this list with things you've been hedging on. Stop procrastinating on the little things and you'll find the practice will carry over to the more important ones as well.

May 2026 be the year we give up our procrastinating ways and really begin doing the things we plan to do.

Once again... *Happy New Year and God Bless- dt*

Epiphany Trivia

Next weekend (January 4th) we celebrate the **Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord**.

An interesting side-note on the Magi and when that first Epiphany occurred...

That first Epiphany (or first Christmas if you look at them bringing Jesus presents) actually occurred on December 25th in the year 2 B.C. when Jesus was a toddler of about 2 years of age.

Questions? Where did I come up with that date? Buy me a free cup of coffee at the next KC Breakfast... and we can talk about it...

There is a special House Blessing associated with the Feast of the Epiphany. Traditionally, a home is blessed by the Head of the Household on the feast day... but the blessing may be performed at other times as well.

Holy Hour

Our Monthly Holy Hour(s) are normally scheduled on the first Thursday and Friday of each month.

But, since they fall on Jan 1st and 2nd this year we will '*push*' them back to the next week.

English Holy Hour: Jan 8th at 6 pm
Spanish Holy Hour: Jan 9th at 7 pm

Come... Spend some quiet '*one-on-one*' time with Our Lord... present in the **Most Blessed Sacrament**.

Hope to see you there.



Parish Offices will be closed
Thurs, Jan 1st

Our Liturgical Schedule for
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Wed, Dec 31: 6 pm

Thurs, Jan 1: 10 am
Noon - Spanish

St. Thomas More Catholic Church & School **Truck Raffle**

2025 Ford Ranger XLT

Valued at \$32,453.

Tickets are \$100 / each

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



(Truck Representation)

Ticket Sold to Date: 440 - \$44,000

This Week at Our Parish*** **Truck Raffle Ticket Sale - after all Masses This Weekend** *****Sunday, December 28, 2025**

10:00 am CDA Mass - Church

Monday, December 29, 2025**Tuesday, December 30, 2025**

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

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

Wednesday, December 31, 2025 - New Year's Eve*** **Parish Offices Closed Thurs - HDO** *****Thursday, January 1, 2026** - Mary, Mother of God / New Year*All Activities/ Meetings - Cancelled**Holy Hour Moved to Thursday, January 8th***Friday, January 2, 2026***la Hora Santa Moved to Friday, January 9th**** **Truck Raffle Ticket Sale - after all Masses This Weekend** *****Saturday, January 3, 2026****Sunday, January 4, 2026**

10:00 am KoC Mass - Church

**Sanctuary Light Intention:**

†Abigail Rovayo

(12/27 - 1/27)

**Lecturas de la Semana del 29 dec - 4 enero****Lunes:** 1Jn 2:3-11; Sal 95:1-6; Lc 2:22-35**Martes:** 1Jn 2:12-17; Sal 95:7-10; Lc 2:36-40**Miércoles:** 1Jn 2:18-21; Sal 95:1-2,11-13;
Jn 1:1-18**Jueves:** Nm 6:22-27; Sal 66:2-3,5,6,8;
Gal 4:4-7; Lc 2:16-21**Viernes:** 1Jn 2:22-28; Sal 97:1-4; Jn 1:19-28**Sábado:** 1Jn 2:29-3:6; Sal 97:1,3-6; Jn 1:29-34**Domingo:** Is 60:1-6; Sal 71:1-2,7-8,10-13;
Ef 3:2-3,5-6; Mt 2:1-1**Readings for the week of Dec 29 - Jan 4****Mon:** 1Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3,5-6; Lk 2:22-35**Tues:** 1Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40**Wed:** 1Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2,11-13; Jn 1:1-18**Thurs:** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3,5,6,8; Gal 4:4-7;
Lk 2:16-21**Fri:** 1Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28**Sat:** 1Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1,3-6; Jn 1:29-34**Sun:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13;
Eph 3:2-3,5-6; Mt 2:1-12**Mass Intentions****Saturday, December 27, 2025** - St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

5:00 pm

†Carmen Yanez

by Family

†San Juana E. Reyes

by Family

†Martha Brinkmann

by Richard Perez Family

†Ruben Sr & Beatrice Rodriguez

by Family

Sunday, December 28, 2025 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

8:00 am

†Marguerite McCoy

STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased

10:00 am

†Marcellino Llanas

by Talley Family

12:00 pm

†Jose Alcantar & Jesse Alcantar

by Family

†Deyanira Tello

by Hermanas Tello

Monday, December 29, 2024 - St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 am

In Celebration of Mary Johnson's Birthday by Husband**Tuesday, December 30, 2024**

8:00 am

†Lydia Gonzales

by Negrete Family

Wednesday, December 31, 2025 - St. Sylvester I, Pope

8:00 am

†Edward Ramirez

by Family

6:00 pm

STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**Thursday, January 1, 2026** - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

10:00 am

Van Bui Family & Children Health

12:00 pm

STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**Friday, January 2, 2026** - Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & DoC

8:00 am

In Celebration of Andrew Saldiva's Birthday by Mom**Saturday, January 3, 2026** - the Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:00 am

†Al Weinheimer

by Wife

5:00 pm

†Christina C. Dominguez & Jose Luis Maldonado, Jr by Family

Sunday, January 4, 2026 - The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am

STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased

10:00 am

†Joseph Davis

by Jackson & Catherine Hall

†Medardo E. & Evangelina G. Morales

by Family

†Roger & Yolanda Faz

by Jesse Perez Family

†Connie O. Ramirez

by Family

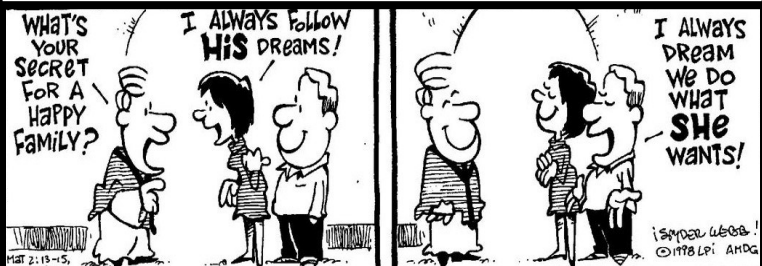
†Baldemar Saldiva

by Rosa Saldiva

12:00 pm

†Marcellino Llanas

by Talley Family

**Liturgical Roles****Saturday, January 3, 2026**

5:00 pm

Celebrant - Fr. Man**Altar Servers** - Volunteers**Eucharistic Ministers**- Dcn Rolando, J+B.Hernandez,
E.Guerrero, T.Garza**Lector** - T.Garza**Sunday, January 4, 2026**

8 am

Celebrant - Fr. Man**Altar Servers** - Max.Planchon**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, M.Nguyen, E.Nunez,
M.Aguirre, Y.Cione**Lector** - O.Weich

10 am

Celebrant - Fr. Man**Altar Servers** - J.Villalobos, B.Pereida, A.Mata**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, KC's**Lector** - KC's

12 pm

Celebrant - Fr. Man**Altar Servers** - S.Obregon, A.Gomez, M.Gonzalez**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, C.Hernandez,

F.Hernandez, I.Hernandez, D.Llanas, R.Gomez, H.Gomez

Lector - E.Obregon / M.Rivera



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Billy Sheridan
on behalf of
The Family



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Our Monthly Meeting & Fellowship Meets
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