



St. Thomas More Catholic Church
Presentation of the Lord
February 2, 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

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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.

PARISH OFFICE STAFF

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday

8:30 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

CLOSED FOR LUNCH

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:

What is the secret to sharing in God's power to overcome our difficulties?

Mary teaches us this in the prophecy of her pierced heart. This Sunday, the old man Simeon prophesies that when her son faces opposition, Mary's soul will be pierced by a sword. The seemingly pointless agony of a mother helplessly watching her son be mocked, tortured, killed and then cruelly desecrated in death by a spear — somehow this piercing of her heart releases a power by which "the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." (Luke 2:35). What to make of this?

Whatever problems we currently face, the deepest threat is finally that evil thoughts are hidden in the human heart: hatred, envy, pride, lust, greed and so on. Behind every tyrant's injustice, for example, is a heart unpierced by love. Evil hides in our hearts. Mary's pierced heart, and its suffering love for her son, reveals and scatters these evil thoughts, and replaces them with love, forgiveness, generosity and peace.

This week, I invite us to ponder Mary's pierced heart. Her heart is quietly at work for us in the Church and world, exposing our evil thoughts and making a path for her son's divine love. This is how she gently cooperates in our salvation. Closed hearts are our biggest problem; love-pierced hearts are the ultimate power to overcome every difficulty.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

¿Cuál es el secreto para compartir el poder de Dios para vencer nuestras dificultades?

María nos enseña esto en la profecía de su corazón traspasado. Este domingo, el anciano Simeón profetiza que cuando su hijo se enfrente a la oposición, el alma de María será atravesada por una espada.

La agonía aparentemente sin sentido de una madre que ve impotente cómo su hijo es burlado, torturado, asesinado y luego cruelmente profanado en la muerte por una lanza, de alguna manera esta perforación de su corazón libera un poder por el cual "los pensamientos de muchos corazones pueden ser revelados" (Lucas 2:35). ¿Qué hacer con esto?

Cualesquiera que sean los problemas a los que nos enfrentamos actualmente, la amenaza más profunda es finalmente que los malos pensamientos se oculten en el corazón humano: el odio, la envidia, el orgullo, la lujuria, la codicia, etc. Detrás de la injusticia de cada tirano, por ejemplo, hay un corazón no traspasado por el amor. El mal se esconde en nuestros corazones. El corazón traspasado de María, y su amor sufriente por su hijo, revela y dispersa estos malos pensamientos, y los sustituye por el amor, el perdón, la generosidad y la paz.

Esta semana, nos invito a meditar en el corazón traspasado de María. Su corazón está trabajando silenciosamente para nosotros en la Iglesia y en el mundo, exponiendo nuestros malos pensamientos y abriendo un camino para el amor divino de su hijo. Así es como ella coopera gentilmente en nuestra salvación. Los corazones cerrados son nuestro mayor problema; Los corazones traspasados por el amor son el máximo poder para superar todas las dificultades.

— Father John Muir

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

January 26, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 5,168.22
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 173.00
STM School.....	\$ 52.00
Donations	\$ 25.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 105.00
Church in Latin America.....	\$ 342.22

***Second Collection Feb 8 - 9:
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

Question: Luke's Gospel is the only one to mention the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. What is Luke trying to communicate here and what connection does it have with Mary? And... What / Why the title of Candlemas Day?

Answer: February 2 is exactly forty days after December 25, the nativity of Jesus. Jewish law (*Ex 13:2, 12*) dictated that Jesus, as the firstborn, be consecrated to God.

This was done by the parents as they presented their Son in the Temple.

Jewish law further specified (*Lv 12:2-8*) that a mother was ritually impure after giving birth, and that she had to wait a set period of time (*forty days for a boy*) before she was to offer a sacrifice to the Lord for purification. The convergence of these two Jewish regulations occasions Luke's account of both the Presentation of the Lord and the Purification of Mary.

These days the liturgical emphasis is more on the Presentation of Jesus.

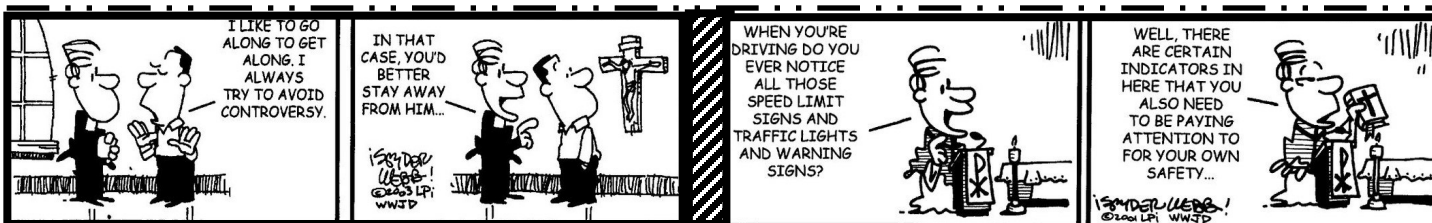
Luke highlights the role of Simeon and Anna, two righteous Jews who recognized Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and praised God for being able to see and experience such a marvel in their lifetimes.

Simeon's prayer concerning the special role of Jesus states that Jesus is "*a light for revelation to the Gentiles.*"

This phrase eventually originated the custom of blessing candles on this day which were to be used in the ceremonies, rituals, and processions throughout the church year.

Thus February 2 is also known as Candlemas Day.

This day is indeed a rich feast to be savored.



Beginning Experience
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Beginning Experience Weekend

"The Beginning Experience® Weekend program creates the time and space to delve deeply into the emotional aftermath of the loss of a spousal relationship. Through listening, writing, and sharing, the participants explore the various aspects of the grief journey in a safe and caring environment. Participants are encouraged to look in new ways at their current circumstances, reevaluate themselves, and move forward with hope.

"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

Beginning Experience also hosts other programs such as

- "In the Beginning...Coping with Life Alone," a one-day workshop (online or in person)
- "Moving Forward with Hope...Coping with Life Alone," a 10-week hourly program (online or in person)

Ask for more details when you call.

CMC - Catholic Men's Conference ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

"Master, I want to see." (Mark 10:51)

Have a powerful transformative experience
in a spiritually-charged environment

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

Holy Trinity Banquet Hall

(20523 Huebner Rd, San Antonio, TX 78258)

Speakers: **Mr. Jim Beckman,**
Fr. Stephen Dufrene, CFR, and
Mr. Dave Lambert.

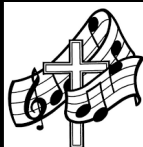
Reserve your seat...

Invite a Brother in Christ to attend with you.

Learn More / Register today at:

CMCSanAntonio.com or

call (210) 521-3377.



CANTORS NEEDED

Do you like to sing? Can you carry a tune?

If you answered "**Yes**" to these questions...

WE NEED YOU!!

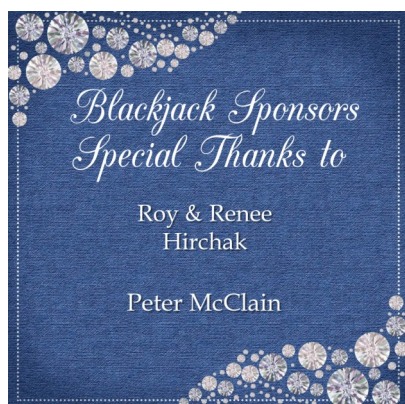
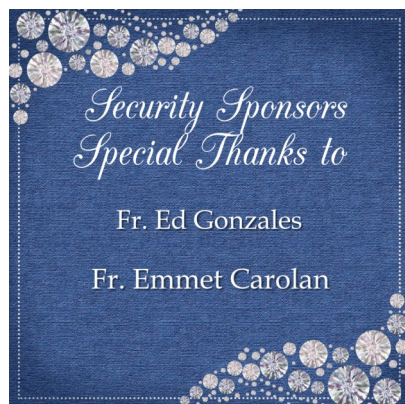
Our Music Ministry is always '*on the lookout*'
for Cantors...

But we especially need someone for our
5 pm Saturday Evening Mass.

*If no one 'steps-up' we may have to return to a "quiet" Mass
(which isn't really bad... just music is better)*

Contact the Parish Office with your Contact Information

Last Saturday we celebrated an unforgettable 60th Anniversary Gala!
 What an amazing evening filled with joy, laughter, and great company.
 We are so grateful to the following people and to the incredible STM Community that made it all possible!



Sunday, February 9th after all Masses
in Carolan Hall

Come and enjoy a sweet treat!
Sponsored by our Catholic Daughters

Hope to see you there.



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

**Holy
Hour:**



Our Holy Hours are scheduled for this Thursday and Friday (Feb 6 / 7).

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

Sunday, February 2, 2025
10:00 am KC Mass - Church

Monday, February 3, 2024
5:30 pm Guadalupanos Board Mtg - Rectory Mtg Room

Tuesday, February 4, 2024
5:30 pm Divine Mercy - Rectory Mtg Room
6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - Rectory Mtg Room-1
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - Church

Wednesday, February 5, 2025
10:30 am Charismatic Prayer Grp - Rectory Mtg Room
6:00 pm KC 3Degree Officers Mtg - Carolan Hall

Thursday, February 6, 2025
5:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Grp - Cancelled
6:00 pm Holy Hour - Church
7:00 pm OCIA - Rectory Mtg Room

Friday, February 7, 2025
9:00 am Friday Adoration - Church
6:00 pm KC Breakfast Prep - Carolan Hall
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion / la Hora Santa - Church

Saturday, February 8, 2025
3:30 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - Rectory Mtg Rm
6:00 pm KC Breakfast Prep - Carolan Hall

Sunday, February 9, 2025
8:00 am KC Breakfast - After all Mass - Carolan Hall
CDA Bake Sale - After all Mass - Carolan Hall

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 1, 2025 - Saturday in the 3rd Week of Ordinary Time
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**

Monday, February 3, 2024 - St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
8:00 am †Elizabeth Moore

Tuesday, February 4, 2024 - Tuesday in the 4th Week of Ordinary Time
8:00 am †Al Weinheimer by Carolyn Weinheimer

Wednesday, February 5, 2025 - St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
8:00 am †Viola de la Rosa by Sylvia Roman

Thursday, February 6, 2025 - St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
8:00 am †Ezequiel Castro

Friday, February 7, 2025 - Friday in the 4th Week of Ordinary Time
8:00 am †Grace Verlander

Saturday, February 8, 2025 - St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
8:00 am †Juan Cruz Mireles by Janie Mireles
5:00 pm **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**

Sunday, February 9, 2025 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day
8:00 am †Anna Belle Biemer by Biemer Family
10:00 am †Salome H. Briseno & †Carolina B. Briseno By Morales / Briseno Families
†Virginia Moan by Evancho Family
†Mary Crittall by Cornejo Family
†Yolanda Faz by Perez Family
12:00 pm **Special Intention for Joe & Flo Tobar**



Sanctuary Light Intention:
Deacon Rolando Guerra

Lecturas de la Semana del 3 - 9 febrero

Lunes: Heb 11:32-40; Sal 30:20-24; Mc 5:1-20
Martes: Heb 12:1-4; Sal 21:26-28,30-32; Mc 5:21-43
Miércoles: Heb 12:4-7,11-15; Sal 102:1-2,13-14,17-18;
Mc 6:1-6
Jueves: Heb 12:18-19,21-24; Sal 47:2-4,9-11;
Mc 6:7-13
Viernes: Heb 13:1-8; Sal 26:1,3,5,8-9; Mc 6:14-29
Sábado: Heb 13:15-17,20-21; Sal 22:1-6; Mc 6:30-34
Domingo: Is 6:1-8; Sal 137:1-5,7-8; 1Co 15:1-11;
Lc 5:1-11

Readings for the week of Feb 3 - 9

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26-28,30-32; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7,11-15; Ps 103:1-2,13-14,17-18;
Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19,21-24; Ps 48:2-4,9-11;
Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1,3,5,8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17,20-21; Ps 23:1-6;
Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 138:1-8; 1Co 15:1-11;
Lk 5:1-11

**Liturgical Roles**

Saturday, February 8, 2025
5:00 pm **Altar Servers** - Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Jim, L.Adams, R.Alvarado,
T.Garza, T.Guerrero
Lector - R.Alvarado

Sunday, February 9, 2025
8 am **Altar Servers** - Mem.Planchon, Max.Planchon
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, M.Aguirre, N.Carrizales,
P.Klar, M.Nguyen
Lector - P.Klar
10 am **Altar Servers** - B.Pereida, C.Lawson, A.Mata
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, J+And.Perez,
P+R.Mendoza, A.Garza, H.Rodriguez
Lector - Abi.Perez
12 pm **Altar Servers** - S.Obregon, A.Gomez, A.Llanas
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, C.Hernandez,
A.Chavez, R.Gomez, C.Martinez, I.Hernandez, D.Llanas
Lector - A.Chavez / M.Cisneros

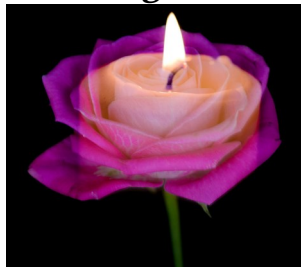


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus Council # 7386
meets 2nd Monday of each month
at 7:00 p.m.

Rick Briseño at 210-834-7017

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



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

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



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



St. Thomas More Guadalupanos Society
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



IN LOVING MEMORY
OF REX A. BRIEN
&
MR. & MRS.
HILDO CASTELLÓN

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PURGATORY**

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Contact the Office of Victim
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In Loving Memory
of Joe Canales
On behalf of
The Canales Family
Love Always



In Loving Memory
Of
Florencio Baiza,
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