

November 9, 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."

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Coordinator *Alicia Perez*,
Alli Fuentes, Cesar Paez,
Sylvia Garcia, Noe Carrizales,
& Ruben Alvarado

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

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Martha Guerra..... EXT 101

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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.

CONTACT US

210.655.5070 (Office)

EMAIL :

STMParish@Live.Com

WEBSITE:

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Gospel Meditation:

When I was 22, I entered St. Peter's Basilica for the first time. It floored me. I could hardly take it in, its grandeur, majestic arches, vibrant colors, and the light that danced through its high windows. Somehow, amidst such splendor, I felt an overwhelming sense of belonging, as if I had finally come home.

Jesus reorients how we Catholics see sacred buildings. In today's Gospel he says,

"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:13-22). His riddle implies, shockingly, that his own body is now the fundamental dwelling place of God and humanity. The temple in Jerusalem has been superseded.

In our churches today — whether they mirror the basilica's grandeur or embrace humble simplicity — we experience architectural symbols of Christ's risen body. It is no accident we call them "*churches*": they make visible in brick-and-mortar Christ's body which is made up of the living stones we call Christians. Each church building, like St. John Lateran in Rome, or St. Peter's, or any other, is meant to be a vibrant sign of Christ's resurrected body. We should cherish and protect our churches as places where heaven touches earth, where we, as a community, are raised to the fullness of life in Christ.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

Cuando tenía 22 años, entré por primera vez en la Basílica de San Pedro. Me dejó anonadado.

Apenas podía asimilarlo, su grandeza, sus majestuosos arcos, sus colores vibrantes y la luz que bailaba a través de sus altas ventanas. De alguna manera, en medio de tanto esplendor, sentí un abrumador sentido de pertenencia, como si finalmente hubiera regresado a casa.

Jesús reorienta la forma en que los católicos vemos los edificios sagrados. En el Evangelio de hoy dice:

"Destruid este templo, y en tres días lo levantaré" (Juan 2:13-22). Su acertijo implica, sorprendentemente, que su propio cuerpo es ahora la morada fundamental de Dios y la humanidad.

El templo de Jerusalén ha sido reemplazado.

En nuestras iglesias de hoy, ya sea que reflejen la grandeza de la basílica o adopten la humilde simplicidad, experimentamos símbolos arquitectónicos del cuerpo resucitado de Cristo. No es casualidad que las llamemos "*iglesias*": hacen visible en ladrillo y mortero el cuerpo de Cristo que está hecho de las piedras vivas que llamamos cristianos. Cada edificio de la iglesia, como San Juan de Letrán en Roma, o San Pedro, o cualquier otro, está destinado a ser un signo vibrante del cuerpo resucitado de Cristo. Debemos apreciar y proteger nuestras iglesias como lugares donde el cielo toca la tierra, donde nosotros, como comunidad, somos elevados a la plenitud de la vida en Cristo.

— Padre John Muir

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

November 2, 2025

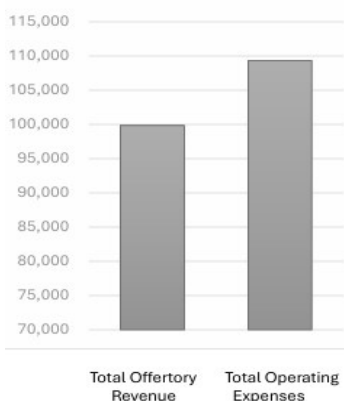
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,729.74
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 239.75
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 150.00
School.....	\$ 100.00
Donations.....	\$ 5.00
All Souls Day.....	\$ 70.00
All Saints Day.....	\$ 376.00
Truck Raffle.....	\$ 7,160.00

Second Collection: Nov 15 - 16
Campaign for Human Development



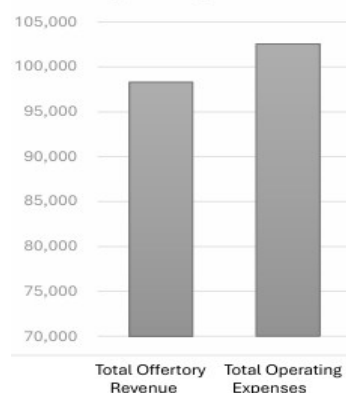
Total Offertory Revenue: 99,867
Total Operating Expenses: 109,327
(9,460)

Apr to June 2025



Total Offertory Revenue: 98,287
Total Operating Expenses: 102,533
(4,246)

July to Sept 2025



Revenue is 1st Collection, Mass, Bulletin & Candle contributions
Expenses are Salaries, Benefits, and Regular Operating Expenses

St. Vincent de Paul

Thanksgiving and Christmas are rapidly approaching!

St Vincent de Paul at St. Pius X is once again collecting for its Annual Dinner Programs.

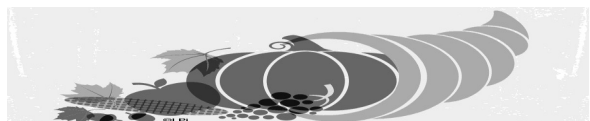
The following items are needed to help feed needy families:

Stuffing Mix, Jars or Packages of Turkey Gravy, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Canned: Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Corn, Fruit, Chicken Broth

Cash and gift cards are also welcome and can be dropped off at the St. Pius X Rectory or their St. Vincent de Paul Pantry.

Thank you for your generosity and support to this ministry!

May God Bless You Abundantly!

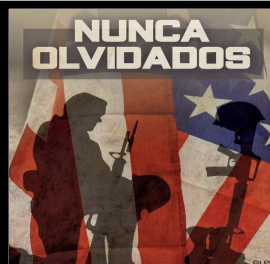


THANK YOU, ST. THOMAS MORE

The Catholic Daughters would like to thank the parish for their awesome support for the Sock Drive for Vets

We far exceeded our goal of 100 pairs of socks. Father Jim is so very thankful!

Blessings,
Catholic Daughters
Court St. thomas More 2683



VETERANS DAY

Veterans Day is a time for us to pay our respects to those who have served.

For one day, we stand united in respect for our veterans.

Veterans Day

was first celebrated as *Armistice Day*, the day that marked the end of World War I - the "11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month" in 1918.

The name was changed in 1954 to Veterans Day... to include / honor all veterans.

We continue to celebrate the day as Veterans Day, recognizing the original tie with November 11.

Not all Veterans went to war...
not all veterans paid the ultimate price... but
All Veterans ***did*** put their name / life 'on the line'
to defend our way of life!

If you are a Vet... or
If you know a Vet... or
If you know someone on Active Duty...
Thank You...
Thank him / her for their service.



God Bless America!



ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN ANTONIO



CALLED by NAME

Do you know a young man or woman (18 years or older) who has the qualities and calling to become a priest or religious sister?

The Archdiocese of San Antonio invites all parishes to participate in the **CALLED BY NAME** program, which begins this weekend. This initiative provides us with a meaningful opportunity to pray for vocations, recognize the gifts and potential for leadership and service within our parish community, and encourage individuals to consider sharing their gifts through the priesthood or religious life.

We invite you to recommend him or her by completing the response card which is available in the church. Please place the completed card in the collection basket next weekend or return it to the parish office.

SAVocations.org/Called-by-Name

ARQUIDIÓCESIS DE SAN ANTONIO



LLAMADOS por su NOMBRE

¿Conoces a un joven (de 18 años o más) que tenga las cualidades y la vocación para ser sacerdote o religiosa?

La Arquidiócesis de San Antonio invita a todas las parroquias a participar en el programa **LLAMADOS POR SU NOMBRE**, que comienza este fin de semana. Esta iniciativa nos brinda una valiosa oportunidad para orar por las vocaciones, reconocer los dones y el potencial de liderazgo y servicio dentro de nuestra comunidad parroquial, y animar a los jóvenes a considerar la vocación al sacerdocio o la vida religiosa.

Te invitamos a recomendarlo(a) llenando la tarjeta de respuesta, disponible en la iglesia. Por favor coloca la tarjeta en la canasta de la colecta el próximo fin de semana o entréguela en la oficina parroquial.

SAVocations.org/Called-by-Name

Deacon's
Corner

We always hear that we should pray for people... for our loved ones, especially for those who have passed. Often times people think 'Well, they're gone now... what good will it do!' The answer is... LOTS! In that light, I thought this week I'd *back-track* a bit and have a 'refresher' on the topic of **Indulgences**.

So, **What exactly is an Indulgence?** Well, an Indulgence is a special gift of grace granted by the Church for the remission of *temporal punishment* from sins that have been forgiven.

Remember... There are 2 parts to every sin: the '*act/sin*' itself and the punishment associated with it.

If/when we commit a mortal sin we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) to have it forgiven.

That takes care of the '*act*' of the sin - it will not longer send us to hell... but the temporal punishment associated with it remains.... **So, What is Temporal Punishment?** Temporal Punishment is the punishment one must go through either in Purgatory or here on earth, because of the debt to God created by sin.

It's **NOT** the same as eternal punishment... which does not end and is suffered by those in hell.

For example, Imagine you broke someone's coffee cup. You say you are sorry, ask to be forgiven, and they forgive you... but... the cup is still broken. The temporal punishment is the buying a new cup for them. An indulgence is the owner saying, "*No, you don't have to.*"

But... I thought going to Confession meant my sins are forgiven... and wiped away!

Yes... In going to Confession, receiving absolution and performing your penance... your sins **are** forgiven and any **eternal punishment** you would have suffered is wiped away... *Thanks be to God!*

But the temporal punishment associated with it remains... *and THAT is what is 'purified' in Purgatory.*

So... Remind me again... Why should I care about Indulgences? Through Confession our sins are forgiven and eternal punishment is wiped away... but there is still a debt to be repaid to God's Divine Justice.

An indulgence is the payment of that debt here on earth... rather than later in Purgatory.

One of the other beautiful things about an Indulgence... is that you may use (*apply*) them for yourself...

or for someone who has passed and may be in purgatory! Assigning an indulgence to a loved one who has passed can *and will* shorten the time they spend in Purgatory!

And, if they are already in heaven... it may be used for someone else. *How cool is that!??*

There are Plenary (*complete*) and Partial Indulgences and they are granted for various prayers and / or acts of piety.

To receive a Plenary Indulgence you must: perform a Sacramental Confession (*one Sacramental Confession may be used for a number of Indulgences - as long as you are free from serious (mortal) sin*), receive Holy Communion,

Pray for the Pope's intention and be free from willful attachment to sin (*difficult... yes, but not impossible. We will talk more about this later..*).

How do you know when an Indulgence has been granted? You don't.

With our limited faculties, there's just no way we can know.

But, we trust in God... just as in our regular prayer life... in our heart we believe... we trust... it's our Faith...

So, don't give up on indulgences just because you don't fully understand them.

Remember the Divine Mercy mantra... **Jesus, I Trust in You.** That's all you need.

'till next time... God Bless- dt

**St. Thomas More's
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NOVEMBER 15, 2025

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FREE Admission

12 Games of Bingo at \$1/card

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**Enchilada plate, nachos, drinks, and
desserts will be sold!**

PROCEEDS BENEFIT STM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Thomas More Catholic Church & School Truck Raffle

2025 Ford Ranger XLT

Valued at \$32,453.

Tickets are \$100 / each

Winner is responsible for Tax, Title, License

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)

This Week at Our Parish*** **Truck Raffle Ticket Sale - after all Masses** *****Sunday, November 9, 2025**

8:00 am KC Breakfast - *Carolán Hall*
 Guadalupanos Bake Sale - *Outside Church*
 9:00 am ESA Town Hall Mtg (English) - *Library*

Monday, November 10, 2025

6:00 pm KC 3Degree Mtg - *Carolán Hall*

Tuesday, November 11, 2025 - Veterans Day

6:30 am Pastoral Council Mtg - *Rectory Mtg Room-1*
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Rectory Mtg Room-1*
 7:00 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room-1*
 Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - *Church*

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

6:15 pm Guadalupanos Monthly Mtg - *Church*

Thursday, November 13, 2025

5:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group - *Church*
 6:00 pm School Loteria - *Carolán Hall*
 6:15 pm CDA Board Mtg - *Rectory Mtg Room-2*
 7:00 pm OCIA - *Rectory Mtg Room-1*

Friday, November 14, 2025

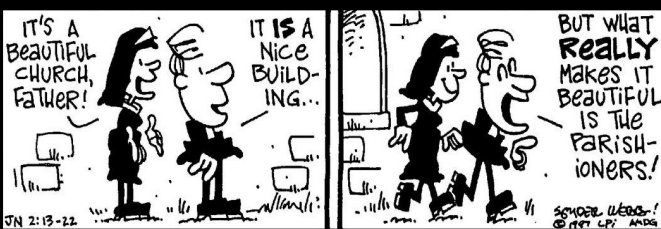
9:00 am Friday Adoration - *Church*
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Thanksgiving Dinner - *Carolán Hall*

*** **Truck Raffle after all Masses** *****Saturday, November 15, 2025**

12:00 pm KC Turkey Bingo - *Carolán Hall*
 3:30 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - *Rectory Mtg Rm-1*

Sunday, November 16, 2025

8:00 am Guadalupanos Mass / Gen Mtg - *Church / Carolán Hall*
 Coro Alegria Taco Sale - *Outside Front of Church*

**Sanctuary Light Intention:**
Luz Maria Salinas**Lecturas de la Semana del 10 - 16 nov**

Lunes: Sab 1:1-7; Sal 138:1-10; Lc 17:1-6
Martes: Sab 2:23-3:9; Sal 33:2-3,16-19; Lc 17:7-10
Miércoles: Sab 6:1-11; Sal 81:3-4,6-7; Lc 17:11-19
Jueves: Sab 7:22-8:1; Sal 118:89-91,130,135,175;
 Lc 17:20-25
Viernes: Sab 13:1-9; Sal 118:1,2,10,11,17,18; Lc 17:26-37
Sábado: Sab 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Sal 104:2-3,36-37,42-43;
 Lc 18:1-8
Domingo: Mal 3:19-20; Sal 97:5-9; 2Tes 3:7-12; Lc 21:5-19

Readings for the week of Nov 10 - 16

Mon: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1-10; Lk 17:1-6
Tues: Wis 2:23-3:9; Ps 34:2-3,16-19; Lk 17:7-10
Wed: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4,6-7; Lk 17:11-19
Thurs: Wis 7:22-8:1; Ps 119:89-91,130,135,175;
 Lk 17:20-25
Fri: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 119:1,2,10,11,17,18; Lk 17:26-37
Sat: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3,36-37,42-43;
 Lk 18:1-8
Sun: Mal 3:19-20; Ps 98:5-9; 2Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

Mass Intentions**Saturday, November 8, 2025 - Saturday in the 31st Week in Ordinary Time**
STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**Sunday, November 9, 2025 - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

8:00 am †Edward & Diana Ramirez by Pablo & Irene
 †Fabian & Anna Belle Biemer by Anne & Ken
 †Tony Negrete by Ramirez Family
For the Health of Debra Anne Oliver by Mom & Dad
 Special Intention - Margret by Anne Nutt
 10:00 am †Salome H. & Carolina B. Briseno by Morales/Briseno Families
 †Alice Ramirez by Family
 †Joseph Davis by Jackson & Catherine Hall
 †Lee Bosmans by Family
 †Ruben, Sr. & Beatrice Rodriguez, & Gregorio Cisneros by Roland Rodriguez & Family

12:00 pm STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**Monday, November 10, 2024 - St. Leo the Great, Pope and DoC**

8:00 am †Lydia Gonzales by Negrete Family

Tuesday, November 11, 2024 - St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

8:00 am †Jesus Manuel & Juan Manuel Ortiz by Familia Ortiz

Wednesday, November 12, 2025 - St. Josephat, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 am †Adelfa Ramirez by Family

Thursday, November 13, 2025 - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

8:00 am †Diana Ramirez by Family

Friday, November 14, 2025 - Friday in the 32nd Week in Ordinary Time

8:00 am **Special Intention for Katherine Alcalá** by Family

Saturday, November 15, 2025 - St. Albert the Great, bishop and DoC

8:00 am †Olivia Lopez by Parents
 †Jose Luis Maldonado, Jr by Mom & Family
 †Christina C. Dominguez by Dominguez Family
 †Raul & Maria Salinas by Family
 †Martha Brinkmann by Richard & Dorothy Perez
 †Ruben Sr & Beatrice Rodriguez & Gregorio Cisneros by Family

Sunday, November 16, 2025 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**

8:00 am †Larry Evancho by Evancho Family
 10:00 am †Emelia Zavala Reyes by Guadalupe Seria
 12:00 pm †Vanessa Cantu & Ceasar Armijo by Laura Armijo
 †Marcellino Llanas by Talley Family
 †Deyanira Tello by Hermanos Tello
 †Gregory Guerrero by Parents

**Liturgical Roles****Saturday, November 15, 2025**

5:00 pm **Celebrant** - Fr. Man
Altar Servers - Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Dennis, N.Carrizales, B
 R.Saldiva, B.Trevino, T.Guerrero
Lector - T.Guerrero

Sunday, November 16, 2025

8 am **Celebrant** - Fr. Man
Altar Servers - Max.Planchon
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, W+M.Torres, E+M.Cantu
Lector - O.Weich

10 am **Celebrant** - Fr. Ed
Altar Servers - A.Mata, B.Pereida, A.Hartsfield
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, A.Fuentes, E.Nunez,
 N.Lawson, P+R.Mendoza

Lector - M.Briseno

12 pm **Celebrant** - Fr. Ed
Altar Servers - A.Gomez, S.Obregon, M.Gonzalez
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Dennis, C.Hernandez, A.Chavez,
 F.Hernandez, H.Gomez, D.Llanas, R.Gomez
Lector - H.Gomez / I.Hernandez



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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David A Bernal 210-669-5899.

Catholic Daughters of America #2683



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&
Ruben Sr. & Beatrice
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In Memory
of

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
Esther Nunez 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
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All calls or emails will be
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on behalf of

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Santiago G. Garcia Sr. &
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