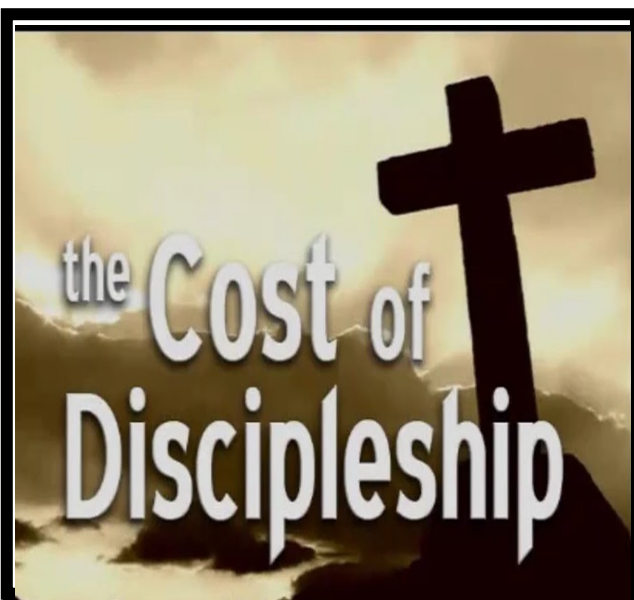


September 14, 2025



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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Maggie Briseño - Coordinator
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& Noe Carrizales

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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.

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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.

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Gospel Meditation:

One of my favorite movies is the 1991 comedy What About Bob? Bill Murray plays a troubled, paranoid hypochondriac named Bob Wiley who innocently but annoyingly hounds Dr. Leo Marvin, played by Richard Dreyfuss. Bob is paralyzed by his fear of, well, everything, and is convinced the psychologist can heal him. But Dr. Marvin's failed attempts to heal Bob end up driving the doctor to attempt to murder Bob. He fails. The surprise is that, having faced death head on, Bob is suddenly healed. He attributes his healing to Dr. Marvin for break-through "death therapy." In facing the cause of his deepest illness and dysfunction, Bob is healed.

Underneath this light-hearted comedy is a dead-serious resonance with this week's feast: the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Christ is lifted up on the cross to force us to face the truth of sin and death. In that reckoning we find healing. Like Moses' snake on a pole, the cross says: this is what is causing your sickness—rebellion, disobedience, sin. Look at it! Don't run from it. Now seeing it exposed, we see life. We see our physician mercifully healing us. In this sense, we are all like Bob Wiley. The "death therapy" of the cross is our only hope for healing.

This week I invite you to "exalt the cross." If you don't have one in your house, get one. Use it for prayer. Gaze on it frequently. It teaches us to not be afraid. It heals us.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

Una de mis películas favoritas es la comedia de 1991 ¿Qué pasa con Bob? Bill Murray interpreta a un hipocondríaco paranoico y problemático llamado Bob Wiley que inocente pero moleestamente persigue al Dr. Leo Marvin, interpretado por Richard Dreyfuss. Bob está paralizado por su miedo a, bueno, todo, y está convencido de que el psicólogo puede curarlo. Pero los intentos fallidos del Dr. Marvin de curar a Bob terminan llevando al médico a intentar asesinar a Bob. Fracasa. La sorpresa es que, después de haber enfrentado la muerte de frente, Bob se cura repentinamente. Atribuye su curación al Dr. Marvin por su innovadora "terapia de la muerte". Al enfrentar la causa de su enfermedad y disfunción más profundas, Bob se cura.

Debajo de esta comedia alegre hay una resonancia muy seria con la fiesta de esta semana: la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz. Cristo es levantado en la cruz para obligarnos a enfrentar la verdad del pecado y la muerte. En ese ajuste de cuentas encontramos la curación. Como la serpiente de Moisés en un asta, la cruz dice: esto es lo que está causando tu enfermedad: rebelión, desobediencia, pecado. ¡Míralo! No huyas de eso. Ahora, al verlo expuesto, vemos vida. Vemos a nuestro médico sanándonos misericordiosamente. En este sentido, todos somos como Bob Wiley. La "terapia de la muerte" de la cruz es nuestra única esperanza de curación.

Esta semana te invito a "exaltar la cruz". Si no tienes uno en tu casa, consigue uno. Úsalo para orar. Míralo con frecuencia. Nos enseña a no tener miedo. Nos cura.

— Padre John Muir

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

September 7, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 6,693.41
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 225.13
STM School.....	\$ 100.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 5.00
Donations	\$ 25.00
Market Place Vendor.....	\$ 45.00

Second Collection: Sept 20 - 21

to Support our STM 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*



St Thomas More Catholic Church

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Will be having their
Fall Neighborhood Marketplace
On October 18, 2025
9:00 am to 6:00 pm

We are looking for vendors to sell their items.

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Handmade Goods, Arts & Crafts,
Household Items, Clean Clothes, and
Any other items of value.

(all items must be clean and in good condition)

There will also be BINGO, Chicken BBQ plates,
Sodas, water, and a Basket Raffle
Among other things.

Cost for a 10 X 10 space: \$45.00
(Does NOT include table or chairs)

There will be a \$20.00 non-refundable deposit
required to hold space.

Full payment for space must be paid
1 week before the event.

Feel free to contact:

Maggie Briseno
(210) 834-7840

Maggie060967@Yahoo.com

with any questions.

Deadline for registration is
Friday, October 10, 2025



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Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)



Are you, or someone you know, interested in the Catholic Faith?
Are you a Baptized Catholic and would like to complete your Sacraments of Initiation?
(Holy Communion and / or Confirmation)

Are you a Catholic? - or not - and, just want to know more about Our Faith?

I invite you to join us on Thursday evenings at 7 pm
in the Rectory Meeting Room

All you need to bring... is yourself!

Hope to see you there! DT

The Cross is Not Negotiable!

“Holiness isn’t for wimps!”

Mother Angelica famously said, ***“the cross isn’t negotiable, sweetheart — it’s a requirement!”***

I love Mother Angelica, and I love this quote. Following God is tough, and to do it you have to make a decision to be tough, to endure tough things — and ultimately, to love the toughness of it all, because within that struggle God meets us with mercy and salvation.

In light of today’s readings, I think Mother Angelica would forgive me for tweaking her words a tiny bit...

Holiness is for wimps, because the cross isn’t negotiable.

When the unfaithful among the Israelites were bitten by the serpents, they were healed by looking upon the *instrument of their suffering*: the *serpent* itself, mounted on Moses’ staff.

With a literary flourish that puts Homer and Shakespeare to shame, God inverts that primitive symbol.

To heal us, he invites us to look upon the *cross* — *the sacrifice which achieved our redemption*.

Jesus came to die on that cross for us... For us wimps. Because we couldn’t do it ourselves, even if we tried.

We couldn’t right all of our wrongs, not if we had a million years to do it!

We would keep screwing it up. We would keep failing. *We’re wimps; that’s what we do.*

But the ***cross*** — the cross is a magnificent invitation to something more.

Jesus Christ, *Divinity Himself*, assumed the cloak of flesh and the weight of sin, so that when we look at the cross, we might recognize ourselves. we might see what we have been, what we are, what we could be.

And none of it is negotiable



Healing Holidays Making your Grief Count



Grief during the Holidays is always challenging. The holiday season renews memories, family ties, and traditions. We become painfully aware that our loved one is no longer present, and the pain of our loss is confused with the spirit of the season making it difficult.

How do we allow ourselves in these difficult times, to “*make our grief count*” and find our grounding?

- The Porter Loring Bereavement Office will be presenting a workshop that will help identify resources that contribute to self-compassion and enhance our resiliency. It will help families embrace their grief while strengthening characteristics of resilience... To use the holidays to discover how their loved one can live on into their life story, using this special time to continue to heal.

Wednesday, October 8th from 10 - 11:30 am

There is no charge for this workshop.

Presenter: Cindy Libera, SPX Stephen Minister Leader

Question: I have a friend who says she doesn’t need to attend Mass because she prays to God every day.

Your thoughts?

Answer: If the only reason for going to church were to talk to God, your friend might be right. Prayer is not something limited to a physical place or even a holy place. If the sole purpose of the Church were prayer, it would be a narrow purpose indeed.

The Church is a community of believers, formed by ***“one Lord, one faith, one Baptism.”***

It is an outward sign of our faith in God instituted by Christ, and the purpose of the Church is to give us grace, that is, a share in God’s life.

Coming to Mass is not really for God’s sake, but for ours. If we believe that Jesus is truly present in the holy Eucharist, then we will want to be in His presence. We will want to be fed by Him. Our daily prayer and good works are strengthened by our authentic encounter with our Lord.

For Catholics, it is at Mass we celebrate the source and summit of our faith. If you believe this...

If this is true, why would we ever stay away?

Pregunta: Tengo un amigo que dice que no necesita ir a misa porque le reza a Dios todos los días.

¿Qué piensa?

Respuesta: Si la única razón para ir a la iglesia fuera hablar con Dios, tu amigo podría tener razón.

La oración no es algo limitado a un lugar físico o incluso a un lugar santo. Si el único propósito de la Iglesia fuera la oración, sería un propósito ciertamente estrecho.

La Iglesia es una comunidad de creyentes, formada por ***“un solo Señor, una sola fe, un solo Bautismo”***.

Es un signo externo de nuestra fe en Dios instituida por Cristo, y el propósito de la Iglesia es darnos la gracia, es decir, una participación en la vida de Dios.

Venir a Misa no es realmente para beneficio de Dios, sino para el nuestro. Si creemos que Jesús está verdaderamente presente en la sagrada Eucaristía, entonces queremos estar en su presencia. Querremos ser alimentados por él. Nuestra oración diaria y nuestras buenas obras se fortalecen con nuestro auténtico encuentro con nuestro Señor. Para los católicos, es en la Misa donde celebramos la fuente y la cumbre de nuestra fe. Si esto es cierto, ¿por qué nos mantendríamos alejados?

This Week at Our Parish

Sunday, September 14, 2025
8:00 am KC Breakfast - *Carolán Hall*

Monday, September 15, 2025
6:00 pm KC 3Degree Mtg - *Carolán Hall*

Tuesday, September 16, 2025
5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Rectory Mtg Room-1*
6:30 pm CDA General Mtg - *Carolán Hall*
7:00 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room-1*
Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - *Church*

Wednesday, September 17, 2025
7:00 pm "COR" Knights - *Rectory Mtg Room-1*

Thursday, September 18, 2025
6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group - *Church*
7:00 pm OCIA - *Rectory Mtg Room-1*

Friday, September 19, 2025
12:00 pm Friday Adoration - *Church*
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion (Fellowship) - *Carolán Hall*

Saturday, September 20, 2025
3:30 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - *Rectory Mtg Rm-1*

Sunday, September 21, 2025
8:00 am Guadalupanos Mass / Mtg - *Church / Carolán Hall*



**La Exaltación
de la Santa Cruz**

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Sanctuary Light Intention:
Health - Deacon Rolando Guerra

(9/13 - 10/13)

Lecturas de la Semana del 15-21 septiembre

Lunes: 1Tim 2:1-8; Sal 27:2,7-9; Jn 19:25-27
Martes: 1Tim 3:1-13; Sal 100:1-6; Lc 7:11-17
Miércoles: 1Tim 3:14-16; Sal 110:1-6; Lc 7:31-35
Jueves: 1Tim 4:12-16; Sal 110:7-10; Lc 7:36-50
Viernes: 1Tim 6:2-12; Sal 48:6-10,17-20; Lc 8:1-3
Sábado: 1Tim 6:13-16; Sal 99:1-5; Lc 8:4-15
Domingo: Am 8:4-7; Sal 112:1-2,4-8; 1Tim 2:1-8;
Lc 16:1-13

Readings for the week of Sept 15-21

Monday: 1Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2,7-9; Jn 19:25-27
Tuesday: 1Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1-6; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1Tm 6:2-12; Ps 49:6-10,17-20; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2,4-8; 1Tm 2:1-8;
Lk 16:1-13

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 13, 2025 - *St John Chrysostom, Bishop and DoC*
5:00 pm **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**

Sunday, September 14, 2025 - *the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*
8:00 am †Anna Belle & Fabian Biemer by Ann & Ken Nutt
†Edward & Diana Ramirez by Pablo & Irene
†Rafael Garza by Teresa Garza
†Henry Buentello, Sr by Family
†Eloisa Juarez by Sylvia Roman
†Josefa, Reyna & Alfredo Juarez by Sylvia Roman
10:00 am †Salome H. & Carolina B. Briseno by Morales / Briseno Family
12:00 pm †Rafael Soria Anguiano by Guadalupe Soria
†Martita Perez by Marta Dixon

Monday, September 15, 2024 - *Our Lady of Sorrows*
8:00 am †Andres Garcia

Tuesday, September 16, 2024 - *Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*
8:00 am †Annemarie Oswald by Evancho Family

Wednesday, September 17, 2025 - *St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and DoC; and St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and DoC*
8:00 am †Philip Ryan

Thursday, September 18, 2025 - *Thursday of the 24th Week in Ordinary Time*
8:00 am †Christi Boyett

Friday, September 19, 2025 - *St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr*
8:00 am †Manuela O. Villescas by Lawson Family

Saturday, September 20, 2025 - *Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest; and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs*
8:00 am †Fabian & Annabelle Biemer by Ann & Ken
5:00 pm †Christina C. Dominguez by Family
†Martita Perez by Marta Dixon
Sprencl & Biemer Families by Biemer Family

Sunday, September 21, 2025 - *25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday*
8:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**
10:00 am †Willard & Margaret O'Connor by Evancho Family
†Jon Ware by Dale Pekar
†Lauro & Lupe Vargas by Family
12:00 pm †Vanessa Cantu & Cesar Armijo by Laura Armijo

**The Exaltation
of the Holy Cross**

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Liturgical Roles

Saturday, September 20, 2025
5:00 pm **Celebrant** - Fr. Ed
Altar Servers - Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Dennis, R.Alvarado,
R.Saldiva, J.Hernandez
Lector - J.Hernandez

Sunday, September 21, 2025
8 am **Celebrant** - Fr. Ed (*Guadalupanos Mass*)
Altar Servers - Max.Planchon
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Dennis, M.Nguyen, R.Saldiva,
A.Garza, M.Torres
Lector - O.Weich

10 am **Celebrant** - Fr. Ed
Altar Servers - B Pereida, A.Hartsfield, C.Hartsfield
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, Sr.Eucharía, A.Fuentes,
E.Garcia, N.Lawson, L.Gifford, H.Morales
Lector - M.Briseno

12 pm **Celebrant** - Fr. Ed
Altar Servers - A.Gomez, S.Obregon, M. Gonzales
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, C.Hernandez, M.Pina,
A.Chavez, C.Martinez, D.Llanas
Lector - H.Gomez / I.Hernandez



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

St. Thomas More Guadalupanos Society

Invites all men & women to our group.
Our Monthly Meeting & Fellowship Meets
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8:00 a.m. Mass. For more information call
Will Torres at 210.620.2745

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



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