



August 17, 2025

St Thomas More Catholic Church

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 a.m.	8:00
Friday (STM School Mass) a.m.	8:00
Saturday a.m.	8:00
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 Briseno - Coordinator
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Cesar Paez & Vicky Smith.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

David Allen - Coordinator
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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

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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

210.655.5070 (Office)

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STMPARISH@LIVE.COM

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Gospel Meditation:

During my baseball career , my best coach often said , “ You shouldn't be worried if I yell at you . Be worried if I don't . If I stop pushing you , it means I don't think you have potential." He demanded a lot, and I knew it meant he saw that I could be something special on the baseball field .

Jesus says some demanding words to us this week. **“Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth ? “ he ask “ No, tell you , but rather division “ (Luke 12:51)**He wants you and me –in fact , all the earth –to participate in the luminous glory of God . That's why he speaks of himself as a divine arsonist. Divine fire is like a good coach : it demands the removal of all that obstructs the achievement of the lofty goal .

How is your life demanding right now ? That inconvenient family situation , the unfair boss at work , the kids who reject their parents 'wishes , the nagging health issue? Maybe things would be more peaceful devoid of these seemingly arbitrary difficulties. But for us who believe in the one who comes to set the earth of fire , we should be much from us . In fact , let's thank him for it . He sees how glorious we can become .

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

Durante mi carrera en el béisbol, mi mejor entrenador a menudo decía: "No deberías preocuparte si te grito. Preocúpate si no lo hago. Si dejo de presionarte, significa que no creo que tengas potencial". Exigía mucho, y sabía que significaba que veía que podía ser algo especial en el campo de béisbol.

Jesús nos dice algunas palabras exigentes esta semana. **"¿Pensáis que he venido a establecer la paz en la tierra?" él pregunta: "No, os lo diréis, sino más bien división" (Lucas 12:51)**Él quiere que tú y yo, de hecho, toda la tierra, participemos en la gloria luminosa de Dios. Por eso habla de sí mismo como un pirómano divino. El fuego divino es como un buen entrenador: exige la eliminación de todo lo que obstruye el logro de la meta elevada.

¿Cómo es tu vida exigente en este momento? ¿Esa situación familiar inconveniente, el jefe injusto en el trabajo, los niños que rechazan los deseos de sus padres, el problema de salud persistente? Tal vez las cosas serían más pacíficas sin estas dificultades aparentemente arbitrarias. Pero para nosotros que creemos en el que viene a prender fuego a la tierra, deberíamos estar muy lejos de nosotros. De hecho, agradezcamos por ello. Él ve cuán gloriosos podemos llegar a ser.

— Padre John Muir

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

August 3, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$	6565.86
Vigil Candles.....	\$	181.39
STM School.....	\$	25.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$	15.00

*Second Collection August 16 – 17
to Support our St. Thomas More School*



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*

Registration for our Religious Education Classes is coming soon!!

Registration has begun and will continue through August 29, 2025
at the parish office,
Monday-Friday 9am to 3pm.

Classes Begin as follows:

English – September 14th
Spanish – September 20th
Confirmation – September 28th

For more information, required documentation, or
general questions, please contact
Martha Guerra, DRE,
at the parish office at (210) 655-5070

¡La inscripción para nuestras clases de educación religiosa llegará pronto!

La inscripción ha comenzado y continuará hasta el 29 de agosto de 2025
en la oficina parroquial,
de lunes a viernes de 9 am a 3 pm

Las clases empiezan de la siguiente manera:

Inglés – 14^{de} septiembre
Español – 20^{de} septiembre
Confirmación – 28^{de} septiembre

Para más información, documentación requerida,
o preguntas generales, por favor contacte a
Martha Guerra, DRE,
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Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)



Are you, or someone you know, interested in joining 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 beginning Sept 4th at 7 pm (mark your calendar)
in the Rectory Meeting Room

All you need to bring... is yourself!

Life in the Holy Spirit

Our Spanish Prayer Group Invites You to our
Life in the Holy Spirit Retreat

Saturday, August 30, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Sunday, August 31, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

This is free event and ***all*** are welcome
16 years old and up.
(Seminar is in Spanish only)

If you have a question call
210-843-9756

Vida en el Espíritu Santo

Nuestro Grupo de Oración te invita a nuestro
Retiro de ***Vida en el Espíritu Santo***.

Sábado, 30 de agosto de 8 a.m. a 7 p.m. y
Domingo, 31 de agosto de 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Este es un evento gratuito y ***todos*** son bienvenidos
a partir de los 16 años.

Si tiene pregunta, llame al
210-843-9756

Cor is for Catholic men, and all Catholic men are invited.

Cor sharpens your spiritual life using three key elements:
Prayer
Formation
Fraternity.

This hour of structured prayer will focus your hearts and minds on God and give you tools to grow in holiness as brothers, husbands, fathers and disciples.

Cor is held the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

The next *Cor* session is **Wednesday, August 20 at 7 PM**, in the Rectory meeting room.



Cor es para hombres católicos, y todos los hombres católicos están invitados.

Cor agudiza tu vida espiritual utilizando tres elementos clave:
Oración,
Formación y
Fraternidad.

Esta hora de oración estructurada centrará tus corazones y mentes en Dios y te dará herramientas para crecer en santidad como hermanos, esposos, padres y discípulos.

Cor se celebra el tercer miércoles de cada mes.

La próxima sesión de *Cor* es el **miércoles 20 de agosto a las 7 p. m.**, en la sala de reuniones de la rectoría.



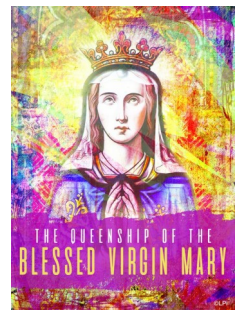
Queenship of Mary

Question:

Why do we have a feast for the Queenship of Mary?

Answer:

For many of us, the language of kings and queens may seem like they belong to history or a medieval movie. Royalty have absolute authority over a kingdom and their subjects, a concept that is foreign to many of us today. While Jesus doesn't rule a political kingdom, we honor and recognize him as the King of Kings, Lord of Heaven and Earth. To God alone belongs absolute authority over all of existence.



We may think of queens as the spouse of the king, but there is another key relationship: the king's mother. In Biblical history, we see instances where the mother of the king is given due as a queen herself, complete with a throne! Mary's guiding influence over her Son is seen most notably in the Wedding Feast at Cana. Mary is not Queen on her own merit. She is "full of grace" and "blessed" in "all ages" because of the reign of her Son.

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May God comfort the Family & Friends of

**Fabian Biemer
Vance Gifford
Martha Garcia
Peter Fitzgerald**



*Who passed away recently
Our sincere sympathy and assurance of prayers are
extended to the families.*

May They Rest in Peace



This Week at Our Parish

Sunday, August 17, 2025
 8:00 am Guadalupanos Mass / General Mtg- Church / Hall
 12:00 pm Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Catolico - Church

Monday, August 18, 2024
 7:00 pm Spanish Baptismal Classes

Tuesday, August 19, 2024
 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, August 20, 2025
 7:00 pm COR Knights - Rectory Mtg Room1

Thursday, August 21 2025
 6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group - Church

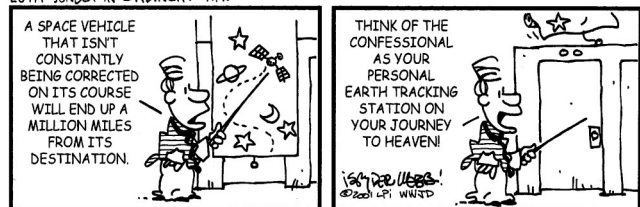
Friday, August 22, 2025
 9:00 am Friday Adoration -
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion -

Saturday, August 23, 2025
 12:00 pm Parish Bingo - Carolan Hall
 3:30 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - Rectory Mtg Rm-1

Sunday, August 24, 2025
 8:00 am Grupo de Oracion Chicharrones Sale



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Lecturas de la Semana del 18-24 Agosto

Lunes: Jgs2:11-19/Ps106:34-35,36-37,39-40,43ab and44/Mt 19:16-22
Martes: Jgs6:11-24a/Ps85:9,1-12,13-14/Mt19:23-30
Mercoles: Jgs11:29-39a/Ps21:2-3,4-5,6-7/Mt20:1-16
Jueves: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps40:5,7 -8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22: 1-14
Viernes: Ru1:1,3-6, 14b-16,22/Ps 146:5-6ab,6c-7,8-9a,9bc-10/Mt 22: 34-40
Sabado: Ru 2:1-3,8-11:4:13-17/Ps128:1b-2,3,4,5/Mt23:1-12
Domingo: Is66:18-21/Ps117:1,2(Mk16:15)/Heb125-7, 11-13/Lk13:22-30

Readings for the week of Aug 18-24

Mon: Jgs2:11-19/Ps106:34-35,36-37,39-40,43ab and44/Mt 19:16-22
Tues: Jgs6:11-24a/Ps85:9,1-12,13-14/Mt19:23-30
Wed: Jgs11:29-39a/Ps21:2-3,4-5,6-7/Mt20:1-16
Thurs: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22: 1-14
Fri: Ru1:1,3-6, 14b-16,22/Ps 146:5-6ab,6c-7,8-9a,9bc-10/Mt 22: 34-40
Sat: Ru 2:1-3,8-11:4:13-17/Ps128:1b-2,3,4,5/Mt23:1-12
Sun: Is66:18-21/Ps117:1,2(Mk16:15)/Heb125-7,11-13/Lk13:22-30

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 16, 2025
 5:00 pm †Sonia Hernandez by Hernandez Family

Sunday, August 17, 2025
STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased
 8:00 am †Rebecca Hartsfield by Family
 10:00 am †Albert Villalobos by Ana Villalobos
 †Richard Ramirez by Family
 †Yolanda Riojas by Guadalupanos
 †Maria Teresa Sweet by Guadalupanos
 †Miguel Jardon by Jardon Family
 12:00 pm †Jose Guadalupe Hernandez by STM Family
 †Julia Mata Rivera by Zavala Mata Family

Monday, August 18, 2024
 8:00 am †Edward & Diana Ramirez by Frances Botello

Tuesday, August 19, 2024
 8:00 am †Andres &Oliva Flores by Children

Wednesday, August 20, 2025
 8:00 am †Vance Gifford

Thursday, August 21, 2025
 8:00 am †Fabien Biemer

Friday, August 22, 2025
 8:00 am †Rebecca Hartsfield by STM Family

Saturday, August 23, 2025
 8:00 am †Tess Miguel by Cecilia Miguel
 5:00 pm †Alejandro &Violeta Cantu by Juanita Cantu
 †Eladio Alvarado by Ruben & Hope
 † Guadalupe Velasquez by Ruben & Hope
 †Maria Jesusita Domiguez by Ruben & Hope
Birthday Anahye Jordan

Sunday, August 24, 2025 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 am † Fabien & Anna Belle Biemer by Biemer Family
 † Dzuik & Dupnik Families by Biemer Family
 † Rafael Garza by Theresa Garza
 † Edward & Diana Ramirez by Pablo & Irene
 † Flipe Gonzales by Nora Gonzales
 10:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**
 12:00 pm † Jose Guadalupe Hernandez by STM Family



Sanctuary Light Intention:
Rebecca Hartsfield

(8/95 - 9/09)

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, August 23 , 2025
 5:00 pm **Altar Servers** - Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers- Dcn Tim , S. Chapa ,T. Guerrero,
 R.Saldiva , E . Guerrero
Lector - T.Guerrero

Sunday, August 24, 2025
 8 am **Altar Servers** - Mem.Planchon, Max.Planchon
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim , E Garcia , T.Garza,
 R. Castaneda , Y Cione
Lector - S Castaneda

10 am **Altar Servers** - M Pereida, M.Lawson , C.Lawson
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando ,CDA
Lector - CDA

12 pm **Altar Servers** - A.Gomez, S.Obregon, E. Ruiz
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Dennis , C.Hernandez, M.Pina
 E.Obregon, F. Hernandez , D+F Malacara
Lector - D+F Malacara



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Knights of Columbus Council # 7386
meets 2nd Monday of each month
at 7:00 p.m. For more information call
Rick Briseño at 210-834-7017

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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



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



In Memory
of
**Jose (Joe) Galvan,
Joseph (Joe) Galvan
&**

Billy Sheridan
on behalf of

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



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If you or someone you know has been a
victim of sexual abuse by a priest,
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you wish to file a complaint:
Contact the Office of Victim
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You have the right to contact law
enforcement or CPS at any time.
All calls or emails will be
responded to within 48 hours.



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Of
**Florencio Baiza,
Louise Baiza Garza,
Robert Garza
&
Ruben Sr. & Beatrice
Rodriguez**

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**Jose Luis
Maldonado Jr.**
"Sweet Lou"
on behalf of
**The Mal-
donado Family**

&

The Dominguez Family



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of
Santiago G. Garcia Sr.
on behalf of
The Garcia Family

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