Third Sunday Lent March 23, 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. 8:00 a.m. Sunday

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

# **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

purchase gift cards of any sort."

Maggie Briseño - Coordinator Gilbert Cantú, Alli Fuentes, Alicia Perez, Cesar Paez & Vicky Smith.

#### **PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL**

**David Allen - Coordinator** RoseMarie Evancho, Michele Allen & Rita Davis

#### 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 <u>9 MONTHS</u> 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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1:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M. CONTACT US

210.655.5070 (Office) **EMAIL:** 

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# Gospel Meditation:

My childhood best friend was Xander Price. He was the fastest runner in school, an excellent baseball player and Jewish. Though his family wasn't intensely religious, I felt totally at home with them despite our religious differences. Everything about their Judaism seemed to undergird and strengthen my own experience of being a Catholic. I knew they didn't believe in Jesus like my family did, but I intuited somehow that Jesus was "hiding" in their religion. Like a cat moving under a blanket, ready to emerge at any moment, the Lord was hidden there in a special way.

In the Gospel for this third Sunday of Lent, Jesus says, "For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, for he wrote of me" (John 5:46). Stunning words, those. Moses wrote about Jesus. The way therefore that we come to know and believe in Jesus is to discover him lurking in Moses' writings. The Hebrew Scripture is the wonderful womb in which Jesus gestates within a host of images: Adam, Isaac, David, Melchizedek, the Temple, sacrificed lambs, prophets and so on. Right now, in your parish's OCIA program, soon-to-be baptized people are carefully studying where Jesus is in the writings of Moses, so that they may believe in him. This works for all of us, too, who wish to deepen our knowledge and love of Jesus.

Lenten challenge: Take some time to prayerfully study one of the images of Jesus listed above in the Old Testament. Identify which one you find compelling and consider why this is so. If you don't know where to start, begin with the prophet Jeremiah as an image of Jesus.

— Father John Muir

# Meditación del Evangelio:

Mi mejor amigo de la infancia era Xander Price. Era el corredor más rápido de la escuela, un excelente jugador de béisbol y judío. Aunque su familia no era muy religiosa, me sentí totalmente en casa con ellos a pesar de nuestras diferencias religiosas. Todo lo relacionado con su judaísmo parecía apuntalar y fortalecer mi propia experiencia de ser católico. Sabía que no creían en Jesús como lo hacía mi familia, pero de alguna manera intuía que Jesús se estaba "escondiendo" en su religión. Como un gato que se mueve bajo una manta, listo para emerger en cualquier momento, el Señor estaba escondido allí de una manera especial.

En el Evangelio de este tercer domingo de Cuaresma, Jesús dice: "Porque si hubierais creído a Moisés, me habríais creído a mí, porque él escribió de mí" (Jn 5, 46). Palabras impresionantes, esas. Moisés escribió acerca de Jesús. Por lo tanto, la forma en que llegamos a conocer y creer en Jesús es descubriéndolo acechando en los escritos de Moisés. La Escritura Hebrea es el maravilloso vientre en el que Jesús gesta dentro de una multitud de imágenes: Adán, Isaac, David, Melquisedec, el Templo, corderos sacrificados, profetas, etc. En este momento, en el programa OCIA de su parroquia, las personas que pronto serán bautizadas están estudiando cuidadosamente dónde está Jesús en los escritos de Moisés, para que puedan creer en él. Esto funciona también para todos nosotros que deseamos profundizar nuestro conocimiento y amor a Jesús.

**Desafio de la Cuaresma:** Tómese un tiempo para estudiar en oración una de las imágenes de Jesús enumeradas anteriormente en el Antiguo Testamento. Identifique cuál le parece convincente y considere por qué es así. Si no sabes por dónde empezar, comienza con el profeta Jeremías como imagen de Jesús.

— Father John Muir

# YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

#### March 16, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 6,306.12
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Holy Thursday Prayer Candles	416.00
Mass Intentions	35.00
Giving Tree Doantions	\$ 1,680.00
Donations	*

Second Collection March 29 - 30: American Bishops Overseas Appeal



#### 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.

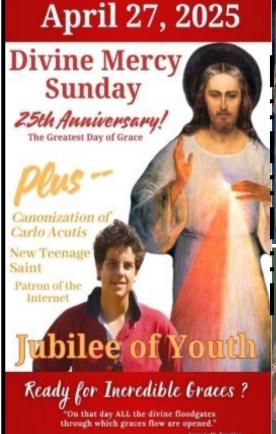
Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call.

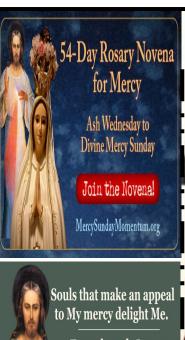
May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen

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Keep up with ALL that's happening in and around the parish. Copies of the bulletin (and sooooo much more!!) is out there. (Links to On-Line Giving, Sacraments and Sacrament Prep, Ministry descriptions and contacts just to name a few)

See you at: ThomasMoreSATx.org

# **Lenten Penance Opportunities**

As we navigate this Lenten season in preparation for Easter, we offer the following opportunities to reconcile to God, Church, and each other.

In addition to our normal Penance opportunities, (Saturday afternoons from 3:30 - 4:45 pm),

Fr. Ed is offering the following:

Fri, March 28, from 3:30 - 5 pm

Take advantage of this opportunity!

# Additional Penance Opportunities in our surrounding area:

Tues. Mar 25 - St. Pius X 6:

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Tues, Apr 1 - Our Lady of Grace 6:00 pm

Wed, Apr 2 - Blessed Sacrament 6:30 pm St. Joan of Arc 6:30 pm

Thurs, Apr 10 - St. Monicas 6:30 pm



# **BINGO**

Our Pastoral Council is sponsoring a BINGO afternoon of fun!!



Saturday, March 29th In Carolan Hall

Games begin at Noon



Come...
Enjoy an afternoon of
Fun and fellowship...
and who knows Maybe even win a
game or two!



## St Pius X - STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministers provide confidential care during difficult times such as coping with the loss of a loved one, illness, or any challenge in life.

If you, or some you know could benefit from a Stephen Minister,

Contact: Steve Greefkens at (210) 852-6096 or Joyce Dobrowolski at (210) 240-7388.



# **Plant Sale**



The Catholic Daughters are having a plant sale on Sunday - April 6 after all masses.

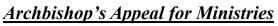
We are asking for donations of plants and any gardening items (new or used).

(We could use plants, tools, pots, and decorative garden items)

We will be collect items on Saturday, April 5 between 5 and 7 pm on the school playground

Contact:

Belinda Trevino 210-275-6529 Lupe Gifford 210-355-3562



# Ways to Give:

Visit archsa.org/aafm\_giveasa/



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# Lenten reflections

Our English Prayer Group is hosting a Lenten Lecture Series to assist us in our Lenten Journey. all are invited, and encouraged, to attend.

(This is a Free Event - but there will be a "Love Offering")

Guest Presenter is our own Deacon Rolando

Tuesday: March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm, in the Church.

So... Mark your calendars! You don't want to miss this!

# 2025 Lenten Liturgical Schedule

#### **Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday: 6 pm - English 7 pm - Spanish (Friday, April 11, the School Children will lead)

### **KC Fish Fry**

Friday, March 28 @ 5 pm in Carolan Hall

#### **Holy Week**

Palm Sunday / April 12-13: Regular Schedule

Mon - Wed / April 14-16: Regular Schedule (8 am Mass)

Holy Thursday / April 17: 7 pm only (no morning Mass)

Good Friday / April 18: 1 pm - via Crucis - Outside Church

3 pm - Passion of Our Lord (bilingual)

6 pm - Pesame Bilingual Prayer Svc

Holy Saturday / April 19: 8 pm - Easter Vigil Easter Sunday / April 20: Regular Schedule









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\*\*\* KCs selling BBQ Tickets After Masses \*\*\*

Sunday, March 23, 2025

8:00 am KC Breakfast - Carolan Hall CDA Mass - Church 10:00 am

March 24, 2024 Monday,

5:30 pm CDA Tea Party Board Mtg - Rectory Mtg Room-1

March 25, 2024 Tuesday,

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

6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - Rectory Mtg Room-1 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - Church

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

6:00 pm KC 4th Degree Meeting - Carolan Hall

Thursday, March 27, 2025

6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Grp - Church 7:00 pm OCIA - Rectory Mtg Room

Grupo de Oracion Via Crucis Practice - Outside church

March 28, 2025 Friday, 9:00 am Friday Adoration - Church

5:00 pm KC Fish Fry - Carolan Hall 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross - Church 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Via Crucis - Church

Saturday, March 29, 2025

Confirmation Pilgrimage / Retreat - Missions 8:00 am 2:00 pm Pastoral Council BINGO - Carolan Hall

3:30 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - Rectory Mtg Rm

Sunday, March 30, 2025

KC BBQ Plate Sale - Carolan Hall 11:00 am

# **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, March 22, 2025 - Saturday in Second Week of Lent 5:00 pm †Marta & Raul Salinas by Family †Fidel & Margarita Velasquez by Hope Alvarado

Sunday, March 23, 2025 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:00 am †Rodolfo Trevino, Sr & Rodolfo Trevino, Jr by Elda Garcia

STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased 10:00 am

12:00 pm by Elena Martinez, Olivia Santiago. †Carmen Ortega

and Andrea Lopez †Animas del Purgatorio by Cisneros Family Health of Jocelyn Soria Cisneros by Guadalupe Soria

March 24, 2024 - Monday in Third Week of Lent Monday,

8:00 am †Beatrice Zimmerman by L.Acosta Family

Tuesday. March 25, 2024 - The Annunciation of the Lord 8:00 am †Tony Lemus, Jr by Conie Lemus

Wednesday, March 26, 2025 - Wedmesdau in Third Week of Lent

8:00 am †Ann & Ed McCarthy

Thursday, March 27, 2025 - Thursday in Third Week of Lent

8:00 am †Edward Ramiriz by Theresa Garza

Friday, March 28, 2025 - Friday in Third Week of Lent

8:00 am Special Intention for St. Thomas More School by Sr. M.Cabrini

Saturday, March 29, 2025 - Saturday in Third Week of Lent 8:00 am Deacon Jose Santos

5:00 pm STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased

Sunday, March 30, 2025 - 4th Sunday of Lent

8:00 am †Anna Belle Biemer by Biemer Family by Guadalupanos †Edward R. Ramirez

10:00 am Special Intention for Roberto Segovia †Esperanza & Pedro Flores 12:00 pm †Animas del Purgatorio

by Theres Garza by Rosie Espinoza by Cisneros Family

### Lecturas de la Semana del 17 - 23 mar

2Kgs 5:1-15; Sal 41:2,3; 43:3,4; Lc 4:24-30 Lunes:

Is 7:10-14; Sal 39:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Martes:

Lc 1:26-38

**Miércoles**: Dt 4:1,5-9; Sal 147:12-13,15-16,19-20;

Mt 5:17-19

Jr 7:23-28; Sal 94:1-2,6-9; Lc 11:14-23 Jueves:

Os 14:2-10; Sal 80:6-11,14,17; Viernes:

Mc 12:28-34

**Sábado**: Os 6:1-6; Sal 50:3-4,18-21; Lc 18:9-14 **Domingo**: Jos 5:9,10-12; Sal 33:2-7; 2Co 5:17-21;

Lc 15:1-3,11-32

**Escrutinio**: 1Sm 16:1,6-7,10-13; Sal 22:1-6;

Ef 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

# Come and see our new Stations of the Cross!

Feel free to "Walk" the Stations with Our Lord on your own... or Join us Friday evenings at 6 pm (English)

or 7 pm (Spanish) during Lent, as we walk with Him as Parish.

# Readings for the week of Mar 17 - 23

**Monday**: 2Kgs 5:1-15: Ps 42:2,3; 43:3,4: Lk 4:24-30 **Tuesday**: Is 7:10-14; 8:10: Ps 40:7-11: Heb 10:4-10:

Lk 1:26-38

**Wednesday**: Dt 4:1,5-9: Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20:

Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday**: Jer 7:23-28: Ps 95:1-2,6-9: Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10: Ps 81:6c-11,14,17:

Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6: Ps 51:3-4.18-21: Lk 18:9-14 **Sunday:** Jos 5:9a,10-12: Ps 34:2-7: 2Cor 5:17-21:

Lk 15:1-3.11-32

**Scrutiny**: 1Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a: Ps 23:1-6:

Eph 5:8-14: Jn 9:1-41

# **Sanctuary Light Intention:**

Donald E. Rand

(3/22-4/22)

# Liturgical Roles

Saturday, March 29, 2025

5:00 pm Altar Servers - Volunteers

**Eucharistic Ministers -** Dcn Jim, L.Adams, R.Alvarado,

T.Guerrero, R.Saldiva

Lector - M.Fisher

Sunday, March 30, 2025

8 am Altar Servers - Mem.Planchon, Max.Planchon

Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, M.Nguyen, Y.Cione,

P.Klar, M.Aguirre

Lector - Y.Cione

10 am Altar Servers - L.McCaffery, C.Hartsfield, B.Pereida Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Jim, A.Garza, J+And Perez,

Ali.Perez, P+R.Mendoza

Lector - Abi.Perez

Altar Servers - S.Obregon, A.Gomez, A.LLanas 12 pm **Eucharistic Ministers -** Dcn Rolando, C.Hernandez, A.Chavez, H.Gomez, R.Gomez, D.Llanas, E.Obregon

Lector - I.Hernandez / E.Licon



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