

September 21, 2025

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
THE PERSON TRUSTWORTHY
IN SMALL MATTERS IS
ALSO TRUSTWORTHY IN
GREAT ONES.

LUKE 16:10

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

Maggie Briseño - Coordinator
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Cesar Paez, Vicky Smith,
& Noe Carrizales

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.

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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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

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ThomasMoreSATX.Org

Gospel Meditation:

Before I was a priest, I was a lazy worker for a retail Apple store. Hearing a rumor that my boss was going to fire me, I secretly sold iPhones for half-price, gave away dozens of free iPads, and donated several brand-new laptops to managers in other stores in the mall. After a week, my boss called me into his office. He knew what I was up to. He said I had cost the store thousands of dollars. *"Really great work, John,"* he said. *"I am going to recommend you to be my assistant manager and double your pay."* **I was amazed.**

And so are you. Which is understandable because it never happened. How could it?

My tall tale is a retelling of Jesus' brow-furrowing parable we hear this week.

A lazy, dishonest steward defrauds his boss and then the *"master commended the dishonest servant for acting prudently"* (Luke 16:8). What is the Lord saying to us?

Most of us treat our spiritual lives like a lazy teenager at an Apple store. We really don't care.

We go through the motions. Then, if we are lucky, something happens that shakes us to spiritual action; to employ whatever time, money, and resources we have to build around us a strong network of love. Every saint did that. Our Lord is so good he wants us to use his stuff to forgive debts and to bless others. He wants us to ensure our future. **So do it**

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

Antes de ser sacerdote, era un trabajador perezoso de una tienda minorista de Apple. Al escuchar un rumor de que mi jefe me iba a despedir, vendí en secreto iPhones a mitad de precio, regalé docenas de iPads gratis y doné varias computadoras portátiles nuevas a los gerentes de otras tiendas del centro comercial. Después de una semana, mi jefe me llamó a su oficina. Sabía lo que estaba haciendo. Dijo que le había costado a la tienda miles de dólares. *"Realmente un gran trabajo, John,"* dijo. *"Te voy a recomendar que seas mi asistente de gerente y duplique tu salario."* **Me quedé asombrado.**

Y tú también. Lo cual es comprensible porque nunca sucedió. ¿Cómo podría? Mi cuento es un recuento de la parábola de Jesús que frunce el ceño y escuchamos esta semana.

Un mayordomo perezoso y deshonesto defrauda a su jefe y luego el *"amo elogió al siervo deshonesto por actuar con prudencia"* (Lucas 16:8). ¿Qué nos está diciendo el Señor?

La mayoría de nosotros tratamos nuestra vida espiritual como un adolescente perezoso en una tienda de Apple. Realmente no nos importa. Seguimos los movimientos. Entonces, si tenemos suerte, sucede algo que nos sacude a la acción espiritual; emplear el tiempo, el dinero y los recursos que tengamos para construir a nuestro alrededor una fuerte red de amor. Todos los santos hicieron eso. Nuestro Señor es tan bueno que quiere que usemos sus cosas para perdonar deudas y bendecir a otros. Quiere que aseguremos nuestro futuro.

Así que hazlo

— Padre John Muir

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

September 14, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 6,329.24
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 173.14
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 20.00
Market Place Vendor.....	\$ 45.00
Market Place Basket Raffle.....	\$ 190.00
Truck Raffle.....	\$ 1,500.00
Gaza & Middle East.....	\$ 112.00

Second Collection: Sept 27 - 28

No Second Collection Next Week

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

4411 Moana Drive
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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.

This is your chance to sell your
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.

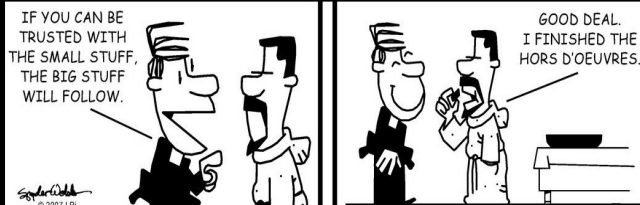
Feel free to contact:

Maggie Briseno
(210) 834-7840

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with any questions.

Deadline for registration is
Friday, October 10, 2025



SEPTEMBER BINGO

**ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH
CAROLAN HALL
4427 MOANA DRIVE**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025
12:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.**

**SNACKS, SODAS & WATER WILL BE SOLD
PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH**



St. Thomas More Catholic Church & School Truck Raffle

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

2025 Ford Ranger XLT
Valued at \$32,453.

Tickets are \$100 / each

Winner is responsible for Tax, Title, License



From the Pastor's Desk / Del Escritorio del Pastor

Greetings brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

Our Parish is Growing in Faith and Family!

This past year has been a season of blessing for our parish community. Since last September, 21 new families have registered in our parish, a beautiful sign that people continue to find a spiritual home here.

Our Mass attendance is growing too. In August 2024, we averaged 629 people each weekend; this August, the average rose to 680—an increase of 51 people gathering around the Lord's table every Sunday!

It is truly a blessing to welcome everyone who enters our Church so that they experience the love of Christ and the salvation he won for us.

Thank you, dear brothers and sisters, for your faithfulness, your hospitality, and your commitment to being a welcoming parish. Each smile, greeting, and invitation makes a difference. Our growth goes beyond numbers as our mission is to draw hearts closer to Christ and to one another. New families have expressed that they feel at home here, and that feeling comes from our lived experience of God here at St. Thomas More.

As we look ahead, let us continue to invite others, to welcome warmly, and to build a parish family where all can encounter the love of God. Together, we are living out our mission as disciples: rooted in Christ, growing in faith, and reaching out in love.

Peace,

Fr. Ed Gonzales

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo Jesús,

¡Nuestra parroquia está creciendo en la fe y en la familia!

Este último año ha sido un tiempo de bendiciones para nuestra comunidad parroquial. Desde septiembre pasado, 21 familias nuevas se han inscrito en la parroquia, un hermoso signo de que más personas encuentran aquí un hogar espiritual.

La asistencia a Misa también está creciendo. En agosto de 2024, tuvimos un promedio de 629 personas cada fin de semana; este agosto el promedio subió a 680, ¡un aumento de 51 personas reunidas en torno a la mesa del Señor cada domingo! Es verdaderamente una bendición acoger a todos los que entran en nuestra iglesia para que experimenten el amor de Cristo y la salvación que Él nos ganó.

Gracias, queridos hermanos y hermanas, por su fidelidad, su hospitalidad y su compromiso de ser una parroquia acogedora. Cada sonrisa, saludo e invitación hacen la diferencia. Nuestro crecimiento va más allá de los números: nuestra misión es acercar los corazones a Cristo y entre nosotros. Varias familias nuevas han expresado que aquí se sienten en casa, y ese sentir nace de nuestra experiencia viva de Dios en St. Thomas More.

Al mirar hacia adelante, sigamos invitando, acogiendo con alegría y construyendo una familia parroquial donde todos puedan encontrar el amor de Dios. Juntos estamos viviendo nuestra misión como discípulos: arraigados en Cristo, creciendo en la fe y compartiendo su amor.

Paz,

P. Ed Gonzales



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

This Week at Our Parish

Sunday, September 21, 2025
8:00 am Guadalupe Mass / Mtg - Church / Carolan Hall

Monday, September 22, 2025

Tuesday, September 23, 2025
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, September 24, 2025
6:00 pm KC 4th Degree Mtg - Carolan Hall

Thursday, September 25, 2025
6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group - Church
7:00 pm OCIA - Rectory Mtg Room-1

Friday, September 26, 2025
9:00 am Friday Adoration - Church
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - Church

*** Truck Raffle and BBQ Plate Ticket Sale - all Masses ***

Saturday, September 27, 2025
9:00 am Music Minister Workshop - Church
12:00 pm BINGO - Carolan Hall
3:30 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - Rectory Mtg Rm-1

Sunday, September 28, 2025
8:30 am KC Breakfast - Carolan Hall
10:00 am CDA Mass - Church

**Music Ministers Workshop**

September 27, 2025
(9am-11am in the church)

For all Presently Serving and
those who would like to join!

**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, September 20, 2025 - *Sts. Andrew & Kim Tae-gon, Priest; and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs*
5:00 pm †Christina C. Dominguez by Family
†Martita Perez by Marta Dixon
Sprencel & 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

Special Intention for Kennedy Gomez
12:00 pm †Vanessa Cantu & Cesar Armijo by Laura Armijo

Monday, September 22, 2024 - *Monday of the 25th Week in Ordinary Time*
8:00 am †Vance Gifford

Tuesday, September 23, 2024 - *St. Pius of Pietreicina, Priest*
8:00 am †Deacon Paul Charron

Wednesday, September 24, 2025 - *Wednesday of the 25th Week in Ordinary Time*
8:00 am **Special Intention for Kennedy Gomez**

Thursday, September 25, 2025 - *Thursday of the 24th Week in Ordinary Time*
8:00 am **Birthday—Ali Saldiva** by Grandma

Friday, September 26, 2025 - *Sts Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs*
8:00 am †Mary Jane Riegal by STM School Children

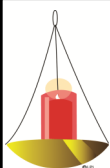
Saturday, September 27, 2025 - *St. Vincent de Paul, Priest*
8:00 am †Deacon bobby Stein
5:00 pm †Martita Perez by Marta Dixon

Sunday, September 28, 2025 - *26th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00 am †Anna Belle & Fabian Biemer by Family
10:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**
12:00 pm †Martita Perez by Marta Dixon
Birthday - Manuel Pereida by Family

**Taller de Ministros de Música**

27 de septiembre de 2025
(9am-11am en la iglesia)

Para todos los que actualmente sirven y
aquellos que deseen unirse.

**Sanctuary Light Intention:**
Health - Deacon Rolando Guerra

(9/13 - 10/13)

Lecturas de la Semana del 22-28 septiembre

Lunes: Esd 1:1-6; Sal 125:1-6; Lc 8:16-18
Martes: Esd 6:7-8,12,14-20; Sal 121:1-5; Lc 8:19-21
Miércoles: Esd 9:5-9; Tob 13:2-4,7-8; Lc 9:1-6
Jueves: Ag 1:1-8; Sal 149:1-6,9; Lc 9:7-9
Viernes: Ag 1:15-2:9; Sal 42:1-4; Lc 9:18-22
Sábado: Zac 2:5-9,14-15; Jr 31:10-13; Lc 9:43-45
Domingo: Am 6:1,4-7; Sal 145:7-10; 1Tim 6:11-16;
Lc 16:19-31

Readings for the week of Sept 22-28

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1-6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8,12,14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2-4,7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1-6,9; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9,14-15; Jer 31:10-13; Lk 9:43-45
Sunday: Am 6:1a,4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1Tm 6:11-16;
Lk 16:19-31

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, September 27, 2025
5:00 pm **Celebrant** - Fr. Ed
Altar Servers - Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, S.Chapa, T.Garza,
E.Guerrero, C.Lange

Lector - T.Guerrero

Sunday, September 28, 2025
8 am **Celebrant** - Fr. Ed
Altar Servers - Max.Planchon
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, B.Trevino, M.Aguirre,
Y.Cione, P.Klar

Lector - P.Klar

10 am **Celebrant** - Fr. Ed (CDA Mass)
Altar Servers - M Pereida, M.Lawson, C.Lawson
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, CDA
Lector - CDA

12 pm **Celebrant** - Fr. Ed
Altar Servers - A.Gomez, S.Obregon, M. Gonzales
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Dennis, C.Hernandez, H.Gomez
R.Gomez, C.Martinez, F.Hernandez, I.Hernandez
Lector - L.Lopez / E.Obregon



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ST. THOMAS MORE
Knights of Columbus Council # 7386
meets 2nd Monday of each month
at 7:00 p.m. For more information call
David A Bernal 210-669-5899.

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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



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

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 210.288.7579

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



Archdiocese of San Antonio
Procedures for Reporting Abuse
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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"Sweet Lou"
on behalf of
The Mal-
donado Family

&

The Dominguez Family



In Loving Memory
Of
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of
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on behalf of
The Garcia Family

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