

November 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 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](http://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**

Parochial Vicar - Rev. Man Nguyen

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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:**

**ThomasMoreSATX.Org**

## **Gospel Meditation:**

Not long ago, I was called to a hospital to anoint a woman in her early 80s. She was dying, and visibly in pain. But what struck me most wasn't her suffering — it was the atmosphere in the room. She had eight children and 30 foster kids, and many of them were gathered around her. You'd expect sorrow, fear, maybe even despair. But the room was filled with something else entirely — a quiet strength, a kind of sweetness. It was as if she was suffering not just with them, but for them. And they, in love, were suffering for her. The pain was real. But so was the peace. I didn't want to run. I felt as if I was in a little paradise, beeping machines and all.

I think of that moment when I hear today's Gospel. Jesus, hanging on the cross, doesn't look like a king. But one of the crucified, dying men beside him sees through the suffering and says, "*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom*" (Luke 23:42). That word — remember — literally means to make someone a member again. He's asking to be joined to Christ, to become part of his Body. And Jesus says, "*Today you will be with me in paradise.*"

He doesn't say, "*I'll take your suffering away.*" He says, "*You will be with me.*"

That's the strange power of Christ the King. He doesn't rule by avoiding suffering. He reigns by entering into it, and transforming it with love.

What are you suffering right now in your life? Likely you want it to stop. But if we are willing to suffer with him — paradise begins even today.

— Father John Muir

## **Meditación del Evangelio:**

No hace mucho, me llamaron a un hospital para ungir a una mujer de poco más de 80 años. Estaba muriendo y visiblemente dolida. Pero lo que más me impactó no fue su sufrimiento, sino el ambiente en la sala. Tenía ocho hijos y 30 niños en acogida, y muchos de ellos estaban reunidos a su alrededor. Esperarías tristeza, miedo, quizá incluso desesperación. Pero la habitación estaba llena de algo completamente distinto: una fuerza silenciosa, una especie de dulzura. Era como si sufriera no solo con ellos, sino por ellos. Y ellos, enamorados, sufrían por ella. El dolor era real. Pero también lo era la paz. No quería correr. Sentía que estaba en un pequeño paraíso, con máquinas que pitaban y todo.

Pienso en ese momento en que escucho el Evangelio de hoy. Jesús, colgado en la cruz, no parece un rey. Pero uno de los crucificados y moribundos a su lado ve a través del sufrimiento y dice: "*Jesús, acuérdate de mí cuando entres en tu reino*" (Lucas 23:42). Esa palabra — recuerda — significa literalmente volver a hacer a alguien miembro. Está pidiendo unirse a Cristo, convertirse en parte de su Cuerpo. Y Jesús dice: "*Hoy estarás conmigo en el paraíso.*"

No dice: "*Te quitaré el sufrimiento.*" Él dice: "*Estarás conmigo.*"

Ese es el extraño poder de Cristo Rey. No gobierna evitando el sufrimiento. Reina al entrar en ella y transformarla con amor.

¿Qué estás sufriendo ahora mismo en tu vida? Probablemente quieras que pare. Pero si estamos dispuestos a sufrir con él — el paraíso comienza incluso hoy.

— Padre John Muir

## **YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**November 16, 2025**

Sunday Collection .....	\$ 4,988.47
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 207.92
School.....	\$ 446.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 45.00
Truck Raffle.....	\$ 3,500.00

Second Collection: Nov 29 - 30

No Second Collection Next Week



## **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*



My 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas In Heaven

Come and join in a **Mass of Remembrance** of Our loved ones that have Passed Away in 2025.  
December 20, 2025, at 2:00pm

We kindly ask that you submit your loved one's name to the Parish Office or place it on a piece of paper in the collection basket  
By December 14, 2025.

# St. Thomas More's CHRISTMAS MARKET

Join us for an exciting Christmas Market where you'll find unique gifts, a magical atmosphere and festive spirit!

CRAFTS &  
OTHER  
ITEMS

KIDS  
ZONE

KNIGHTS OF  
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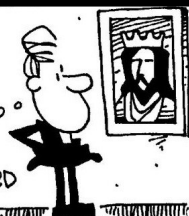
**Sunday,  
December 14th** **FREE ENTRY** **11AM-2PM**

**ST. THOMAS MORE'S CAROLAN HALL**  
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A LOT OF  
PEOPLE CAN'T  
RELATE TO  
CHRIST AS  
"KING"—IT  
SOUNDS SO  
OLD-FASHIONED

SCHMIDT WEISS!



OF COURSE,  
A LOT OF  
PEOPLE HAVE  
THE SAME  
PROBLEM  
WITH "THE  
TEN COM-  
MANDMENTS"



ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN ANTONIO



## CALLLED *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 **CALLLED 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](http://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](http://SAVocations.org/Called-by-Name)

**Is Christ King in Our Hearts?**

We don't have much familiarity with kingship in modern American society.  
 Kings tend to make us uneasy. Presidents, on the other hand - we can handle, because we know we are a president's boss.  
 No matter how much power he has, we are the electorate.  
 We are the source of that power. We're comfortable with this arrangement.

But with kings it is profoundly different.  
 Traditionally, the king derives his power from God.  
 His rule bridges humanity with the divine.

We should reflect carefully on whether or not we have made  
 Jesus Christ king in our hearts, or whether we regard him as a president.  
 The difference isn't just one of titles, it's one of roles.  
 Subjects do not demand anything of a king. *They beseech. They entreat. They submit, and they accept.*

Do we demand of Christ, or do we beseech?  
 Do we tolerate God's edicts with grumbling, or do we embrace His word?  
 The "good thief" treated Christ as a king.  
 His counterpart treated him as a president.

And it's worth remembering that *Jesus Christ is not the President of the Universe.*

**Your are invited to**  
**Christmas Around the World!**



**COME!!** Experience Christmas customs that  
 are celebrated around the world

Visit and take pictures with Santa!  
 Buy goodies at the mini market

**This is a FREE EVENT**  
 Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters  
**Sunday, December 7, 2025**  
**2pm to 5 pm in Carolan Hall**

**CHRISTMAS BINGO**



**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2025**

**DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 P.M.**

**GAMES BEGIN AT 6:00 P.M.**

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**OUTSIDE FOOD AND DRINKS ARE NOT ALLOWED**

**SNACKS, SODAS & WATER WILL BE SOLD.**

**CHALUPA PLATES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.**

**PLATES INCLUDE**

**2 CHALUPAS & RICE FOR \$6.00.**

**THERE WILL ALSO BE SWEETS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE.**

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**ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**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!

**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 This Weekend** \*\*\***Sunday, November 23, 2025**8:00 am KoC Breakfast - *Carolán Hall***Monday, November 24, 2025****Tuesday, November 25, 2025**7:00 am KC Turkey Donation Prep - *Carolán Hall*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 26, 2025**6:00 am KC Turkey Cook off - *Carolán Hall*7:00 pm "COR" Knights - *Rectory Mtg Room-2*\*\*\* **Thanksgiving Holiday** \*\*\*\*\*\* **Parish Offices Closed Thursday and Friday** \*\*\***Thursday, November 27, 2025 - Thanksgiving**9:00 am KC Turkey Distribution - *Carolán Hall***Friday, November 28, 2025**9:00 am Friday Adoration - *Cancelled*\*\*\* **Truck Raffle Ticket Sale - after all Masses This Weekend** \*\*\***Saturday, November 29, 2025****Sunday, November 30, 2025****CATHOLIC RADIO**

**'Tune-In' to the Guadalupe Radio Network!**  
**1380 AM – Spanish** or  
**89.7 FM - English**

**Lecturas de la Semana del 24 - 30 nov****Lunes:** Dn 1:1-6,8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lc 21:1-4**Martes:** Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lc 21:5-11**Miércoles:** Dn 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28; Dn 3:62-67;  
Lc 21:12-19**Jueves:** Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lc 21:20-28**Viernes:** Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lc 21:29-33**Sábado:** Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lc 21:34-36**Domingo:** Is 2:1-5; Sal 121:1-9; Rom 13:11-14;  
Mt 24:37-44**Readings for the week of Nov 24 - 30****Monday:** Dn 1:1-6,8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4**Tuesday:** Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11**Wednesday:** Dn 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28; Dn 3:62-67;  
Lk 21:12-19**Thursday:** Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28**Friday:** Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33**Saturday:** Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36**Sunday:** Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14;  
Mt 24:37-44**Mass Intentions****Saturday, November 22, 2025 - St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr**

5:00 pm †Benito J. &amp; Guadalupe T. Mendoza by Mendoza Family

**Sunday, November 23, 2025 - Our Lord Jesus Christ - King of the Universe**

8:00 am †Anna Belle Biemer by Biemer Family

†Edward &amp; Diana Ramirez by Pablo &amp; Irene

†San Juana E. Reyes by Rosa S

†Tony Negrete by Ramirez Family

**Special Intention for Health - Debra Anne Oliver** by Mom & Dad

10:00 am †Jon Ware by Dale

12:00 pm †Marcellino Llanas by Hermanos Tello

†Deyanira Tello by Family

†Rodolfo Ponce &amp; Antonia Ponce by Family

†Dionica Gonzalez &amp; Lazaro Ponce by Family

†Raquel &amp; Jose Solis by Family

**Monday, November 24, 2024 - St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Comp. Martyrs**

8:00 am †Marge Oswald

**Tuesday, November 25, 2024 - St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr**

8:00 am †Ralph W. Garcia by Elda Garcia

**Wednesday, November 26, 2025**8:00 am **Special Intention for Enrique Alcalá** by Family**Thursday, November 27, 2025 - Thanksgiving Day**

8:00 am †Rafael Garza by Theresa Garza

**Friday, November 28, 2025**8:00 am **Birthday—Cecilia Joeries Barrara****Saturday, November 29, 2025**

8:00 am †Aresenio Esquivel by Ana Villalobos

5:00 pm **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased****Sunday, November 30, 2025 - First Sunday of Advent**

8:00 am †Edmond Ryan, Jr

10:00 am †Fidel Velasquez by Hope Alvarado

†Tony Negrete by Ana Villalobos

†Una O'Brien by Ana Villalobos

†Vance Gifford by Family

**Birthday—Arlett Pereida** by Family

12:00 pm †Marcellino Llanas by Talley Family

†Deyanira Tello by Hermanos Tello

†Jose Alcantar &amp; Jesse Alcantar by Family



**Sanctuary Light Intention:**  
**Edward & Diana Ramirez**

(11/22 - 12/22)

**Liturgical Roles****Saturday, November 29, 2025**5:00 pm **Celebrant** - Fr. Man**Altar Servers** - Volunteers**Eucharistic Ministers**- Dcn Tim, J+B.Hernandez,  
T.Garza, B.Trevino**Lector** - T.Garza**Sunday, November 30, 2025**8 am **Celebrant** - Fr. Man**Altar Servers** - Max.Planchon**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Dennis, M.Aguirre, P.Klar,  
N+L.Carrizales**Lector** - P.Klar10 am **Celebrant** - Fr. Ed**Altar Servers** - C Hartsfield, M Lawson, A Hartsfield**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, J+And.Perez, Ali.Perez,  
H.Rodriguez, N.Rodriguez, A.Ramirez**Lector** - Abi.Perez12 pm **Celebrant** - Fr. Ed**Altar Servers** - S.Obregon, A.Gomez, M Gonzalez**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Dennis, C.Hernandez, A.Chavez,  
F.Hernandez, I.Hernandez, D.Llanas, C.Martinez**Lector** - M.Pina / M.Rivera



## 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.

## Catholic Daughters of America #2683



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**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**

**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](mailto:ovase@archsa.org).

You have the right to contact law  
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**on behalf of**

**The Maldonado Family &**  
**The Dominguez Family**



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