

November 16, 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*,
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Sylvia Garcia, Noe Carrizales,
& Ruben Alvarado

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

PASTOR - Rev. Ed Gonzales
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4411 Moana Drive
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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)

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STMParish@Live.Com

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Gospel Meditation:

When I was a kid growing up in New England, I'd occasionally go on a whale watch. Once we went out with calm waters and clear skies. But on the way back in, the sea got rough. I was just a kid, and I remember thinking we should turn left or right toward the shoreline I could see. But the pilot of the boat kept going straight — right into the waves — focused on a small, discouragingly distant lighthouse. Even when it flickered in and out of sight, he stayed the course. He knew where he was going.

That image comes to mind when I hear Jesus' words in today's Gospel regarding false messiahs:

"Do not follow them" (Luke 21:8). In times of chaos or uncertainty, there are always voices offering easier routes, promising false safety, claiming to speak for God. But Jesus isn't found in the loudest voice or the nearest shoreline. He is steady, like a lighthouse in the storm.

The tribulation of which Jesus speaks — it's real. It happened to the Temple, it happened to him, it happens in the Church, and it will come to each of us. But the command is not to panic. It's to endure.

To keep steering toward him. Faith isn't about having all the answers or dodging every wave.

It's about knowing where the lighthouse is — and trusting it enough to keep going, *especially when false safety beckons us to stop.*

— Father John Muir

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Meditación del Evangelio:

Cuando era un niño que crecía en Nueva Inglaterra, ocasionalmente iba a observar ballenas.

Una vez salimos con aguas tranquilas y cielos despejados. Pero en el camino de regreso, el mar se puso agitado.

Yo era solo un niño y recuerdo haber pensado que deberíamos girar a la izquierda o a la derecha hacia la costa que podía ver. Pero el piloto del bote siguió adelante, directamente hacia las olas, concentrado en un faro pequeño y desalentadoramente distante. Incluso cuando parpadeaba dentro y fuera de la vista, mantuvo el rumbo.

Sabía a dónde iba.

Esa imagen me viene a la mente cuando escucho las palabras de Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy con respecto a los falsos mesías: ***"No los sigáis"*** (Lucas 21:8). En tiempos de caos o incertidumbre, siempre hay voces que ofrecen rutas más fáciles, prometiendo falsa seguridad, afirmando hablar por Dios. Pero Jesús no se encuentra en la voz más fuerte o en la costa más cercana. Es firme, como un faro en la tormenta.

La tribulación de la que habla Jesús, es real. Le sucedió al Templo, le sucedió a él, sucede en la Iglesia y nos llegará a cada uno de nosotros. Pero el mandato es no entrar en pánico. Es para perdurar.

Seguir dirigiéndose hacia él. La fe no se trata de tener todas las respuestas o esquivar cada ola.

Se trata de saber dónde está el faro y confiar en él lo suficiente como para seguir adelante, *especialmente cuando la falsa seguridad nos invita a detenernos.*

— Padre John Muir

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

November 9, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 5,364.83
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 193.85
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 135.00
School.....	\$ 160.00
KC Donations.....	\$ 4,320.00
All Saints Day.....	\$ 15.00
Truck Raffle.....	\$ 2,500.00

Second Collection: Nov 22 - 23

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



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What's an ESA? For many Catholic families, tuition has felt just out of reach. That changes in 2026 with Texas's new Education Savings Account (ESA) program.

Families may receive approximately \$10,000 per child, per year to cover tuition and approved education costs.

Catholic schools are more than classrooms - they are communities of faith where Christ is at the center of academics, service, and prayer. Both new and current families can benefit.

Learn more and sign up for updates: archsa.org/catholic-schools/esa

¿Qué es una ESA? Para muchas familias católicas, la colegiatura parecía fuera de alcance. Eso cambia en 2026 con el nuevo programa de Cuentas de Ahorro para la Educación (ESA) en Texas.

Las familias podrán recibir aprox. \$10,000 por hijo, por año para cubrir colegiatura y gastos educativos.

Las escuelas católicas son más que salones de clase - son comunidades de fe con Cristo al centro del estudio, el servicio y la oración.

Familias nuevas y actuales pueden aprovecharlo.

Infórmate y regístrate para novedades: archsa.org/catholic-schools/esa



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS




WILL YOU BE READY WHEN JESUS RETURNS?

NOT REALLY, BUT IF I'M ANYWHERE NEAR A CONFESSIONAL I CAN GET READY PRETTY QUICK...

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ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN ANTONIO



CALLED 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

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



Question: *Why do Catholics call priests Father... when Jesus said not to?*

Answer: One of the common objections evangelical Christians have to Catholics is our practice of calling priests by the title Father. They will often cite a passage in Matthew's Gospel in which Jesus tells his followers: **"Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven" (23:19).**

It seems pretty straightforward, but when we put this verse in context, we see that Jesus is speaking out against religious leaders who had forgotten what their proper role was and who were bad examples through their own hypocrisy and elitist attitudes.

In other Gospels, we find Jesus himself using the title father for different characters, such as in the Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man (*Luke 16:19-31*) and the Parable of the Prodigal Son (*Luke 15:11-32*). If we put the verse from Matthew into the full scope of Jesus' teachings, he isn't saying that we can't use words like *"father," "rabbi,"* or *"master."* Rather, he is telling us that we should be mindful of the full meaning of those titles and not to misuse them.

To call a priest *"Father"* is more than a sign of respect for the office of the priesthood. It goes all the way back to the way St. Paul understood his own work as a missionary and evangelizer. Paul wrote, *"I am writing you in this way not to shame you but to admonish you as my beloved children ... It was I who begot you in Christ Jesus through my preaching of the Gospel. I beg you, then, be imitators of me. This is why I have sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful son in the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 4:14-17).

Yes, we have God alone as our heavenly Father, but there are also those here with us who nurture and nourish our faith through their teaching and care. This is why the title of Father has been applied to the church's pastors in different ways since the earliest days of the Church, including monks and nuns using the title *"abbot"* and *"abbess"* (from *abba*) for their spiritual leaders and Christians around the world recognizing the *"Holy Father"* or *"pope"* (from *papa*) as the head of the family that is the Church.

The title Father is a reminder that priests have a special responsibility to care for, protect, feed, listen to, and nourish those who have been entrusted to them, all after the example of our Father in heaven who never ceases to give us what we truly need.

Hope this helps clear "it" up a bit for you... 'till next time...

God Bless- dt

Came across this article from Catholic Update.
I thought it was "food for thought" and
wanted to share it with y'all.

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.

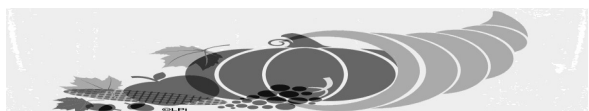
The following items are needed to help feed
needy families:

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!



Wisdom from Catholic Update

From "Preparing for Our Final Journey: Life is Changed, Not Ended"

Some people live as though they are never going to die, even though evidence to the contrary is all around. The same fate awaits everyone: the rich and the poor, the strong and the weak, the good and the bad. Saint Bernard asks, "Why do you count on the future as if God has given you power over time?" There is nothing more precious than time, yet is there anything less prized or more disregarded? Some spend their days doing little and say they are "just killing time." How very sad. There is a moment when there is no more time. It is a treasure that we cannot stockpile. Use time well or not—either way, we lose it.

Catholic Update—a subscription newsletter published eleven times a year—explores Church tradition and teaching on contemporary topics. For more information, call 800-325-9521 or visit Liguori.org.

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 16, 2025
8:00 am Guadalupe Mass / Gen Mtg - Church / Carolan Hall**Monday, November 17, 2025****Tuesday, November 18, 2025 - Veterans Day**
5:30 pm Divine Mercy - Rectory Mtg Room-1
6:30 am CDA General Mtg - Carolan Hall
7:00 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - Rectory Mtg Room-1
Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - Church**Wednesday, November 19, 2025**6:30 pm Thanksgiving Prayer Service - Church
7:00 pm "COR" Knights - Rectory Mtg Room-2**Thursday, November 20, 2025**6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group Fellowship - Carolan Hall
7:00 pm OCIA - Rectory Mtg Room-1**Friday, November 21, 2025**9:00 am Friday Adoration - Church
6:00 pm KC Breakfast Prep - Carolan Hall
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - Church

*** Truck Raffle Ticket Sale - after all Masses This Weekend ***

Saturday, November 22, 2025
3:30 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - Rectory Mtg Rm-1**Sunday, November 23, 2025**
8:00 am KoC Breakfast - Carolan Hall**CATHOLIC RADIO**

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



Sanctuary Light Intention:
Luz Maria Salinas

(10/18 - 11/18)

Lecturas de la Semana del 17 - 23 nov

Lunes: 1Mac 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-64;
Sal 118:53,61,134,150,155,158; Lc 18:35-43
Martes: 2Mac 6:18-31; Sal 3:2-7; Lc 19:1-10
Miércoles: 2Mac 7:1,20-31; Sal 16:1,5-6,8,15; Lc 19:11-28
Jueves: 1Mac 2:15-29; Sal 49:1-2,5-6,14-15; Lc 19:41-44
Viernes: 1Mac 4:36-37,52-59; 1Cr 29:10-12; Lc 19:45-48
Sábado: 1Mac 6:1-13; Sal 9:2-3,4,6,16,19; Lc 20:27-40
Domingo: 2Sm 5:1-3; Sal 121:1-5; Col 1:12-20;
Lc 23:35-43

Readings for the week of Nov 17 - 23

Monday: 1Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63;
Ps 119:53,61,134,150,155,158; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2Mc 7:1,20-31; Ps 17:1,5-6,8,15; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: 1Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1-2,5-6,14-15; Lk 19:41-44
Friday: 1Mc 4:36-37,52-59; 1Chr 29:10-12; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4,6,16,19; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday: 2Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20;
Lk 23:35-43

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 15, 2025 - St. Albert the Great, bishop and DoC
 5:00 pm †Jose Luis Maldonado, Jr by Mom & Family
 †Christina C. Dominguez by Dominguez Family
 †Raul & Maria Salinas by Family
 †Martha Brinkmann by Richard & Dorothy Perez
 †Ruben Sr & Beatrice Rodriguez & Gregorio Cisneros by Family

Sunday, November 16, 2025 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased

8:00 am †Larry Evancho by Evancho Family
 10:00 am †Emelia Zavala Reyes by Guadalupe Seria
 12:00 pm †Vanessa Cantu & Ceasar Armijo by Laura Armijo
 †Marcellino Llanas by Talley Family
 †Deyanira Tello by Hermanos Tello
 †Gregory Guerrero by Parents

Monday, November 17, 2024 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
 8:00 am †Janet Wheaton by Evancho Family

Tuesday, November 18, 2024 - Dedication of Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles
 St Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
 8:00 am **Special Intention for Levi Gonzales** by Family

Wednesday, November 19, 2025 - Wednesday of the 33 Week in Ordinary Time
 8:00 am †Estela Esquivel by Ana Villalobos

Thursday, November 20, 2025 - Thursday of the 33 Week in Ordinary Time
 8:00 am †Eldifonso Ayala by Acosta Family

Friday, November 21, 2025 - the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 8:00 am †Annie Ryan

Saturday, November 22, 2025 - St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr
 8:00 am †Delia Garcia by Tera Garza
 5:00 pm †Benito J. & 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 & Diana Ramirez by Pablo & 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 & Antonia Ponce by Family
 †Dionica Gonzalez & Lazaro Ponce by Family
 †Raquel & Jose Solis by Family

**Liturgical Roles**

Saturday, November 22, 2025
 5:00 pm **Celebrant** - Fr. Ed
Altar Servers - Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Dennis, R.Alvarado, C.Lange, S.Chapa, E.Guerrero

Lector - M.Fisher

Sunday, November 23, 2025
 8 am **Celebrant** - Fr. Ed
Altar Servers - Max.Planchon
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, A.Garza, Y.Cione, M.Nguyen, E.Nunez

Lector - Y.Cione

10 am **Celebrant** - Fr. Man
Altar Servers - A.Hartsfield, C.Lawson, J.Villalobos
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, CDA
Lector - CDA

12 pm **Celebrant** - Fr. Man
Altar Servers - S.Obregon, A.Gomez, E.Ruiz
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Dennis, C.Hernandez, M.Pina, D+F.Malacara, E.Obregon, C.Martinez
Lector - E.Obregon / L.Lopez



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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
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
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