

January 25, 2026



## **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 ,  
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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.

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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. Man Nguyen.....**

**EMAIL.... [stmparish@live.com](mailto:stmparish@live.com)**

Pastoral Associate -

Deacon (RET) Timothy M. Tate, Sr..... EXT. 106

Deacon – Rolando Guerra

Deacon – Dennis Caballero

Administrative Assistant – Monica Aguirre..... EXT. 100

Bookkeeper – Rhonda Villalobos

Director of Religious Education / Sacramental Records -

Martha Guerra..... EXT 101

Facilities Manager – Jose Luis Hernandez

### **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](mailto:STMParish@Live.Com)**

**WEBSITE:**

**[ThomasMoreSATX.Org](http://ThomasMoreSATX.Org)**

## **Gospel Meditation:**

I was 22 years old, lying in bed one night while on a pilgrimage, when I suddenly sensed an idea in my mind: *"Go to the seminary."* There was no voice, no vision, but a gentle and unmistakable clarity. I simply prayed, *"Lord, if that's from you, let me find great joy in it."* Three days later, my heart was bursting with joy. I dropped everything and entered the seminary.

The older I get, the stranger my rather careless and hasty departure seems to me.

I followed not because it made sense, or because I was especially brave. I went because the Lord called me.

Something like this happens in today's Gospel. Jesus walks by Simon, Andrew, James, and John and says, *"Come after me"* (Matthew 4:19). And immediately they leave their nets and follow.

There's no explanation, no hesitation ... just movement. Why?

As St. John says, *"In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us"* (1 John 4:10).

They do not leave their nets because his call made perfect, calculable sense. They left them because they were called. And Jesus' call is powerful.

Take a moment this week to remember when Christ first called you. However small or quiet it was, recall it, and give thanks. The more we marvel that Christ has called us personally, the more passionately and freely we will follow him.

— Father John Muir

## **Meditación del Evangelio:**

Tenía 22 años, tumbado en la cama una noche durante una peregrinación, cuando de repente percibí una idea en mi mente: *"Ve al seminario."* No había voz, ni visión, pero una claridad suave e inconfundible. Simplemente recé: *"Señor, si eso es de ti, déjame encontrar gran alegría en ello."* Tres días después, mi corazón rebosaba de alegría. Lo dejé todo y entré en el seminario.

Cuanto más mayor me hago, más extraño me parece mi partida algo descuidada y apresurada.

Seguí no porque tuviera sentido, ni porque fuera especialmente valiente. Fui porque el Señor me llamó.

Algo así ocurre hoy en el Evangelio. Jesús pasa junto a Simón, Andrés, Santiago y Juan y dice:

*"Venid después de mí"* (Mateo 4:19). Y de inmediato dejan sus redes y los siguen.

No hay explicación, ni vacilación... Solo movimiento. ¿Por qué?

Como dice San Juan, *"Esto es amor: no porque hayamos amado a Dios, sino porque Él nos amó"* (1 Juan 4:10).

No abandonan sus redes porque su llamada tuviera un sentido perfecto y calculable. Los dejaron porque fueron llamados. Y el llamado de Jesús es poderoso.

Tómate un momento esta semana para recordar cuándo Cristo te llamó por primera vez. Por pequeño o silencioso que fuera, recuérdalo y da las gracias. Cuanto más nos maravillamos de que Cristo nos haya llamado personalmente, más apasionada y libremente le seguiremos.

— Padre John Muir

## **YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

### **January 18, 2026**

Sunday Collection .....	\$ 5,652.78
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 208.85
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 50.00
School.....	\$ 430.96
BINGO.....	\$ 1,472.35
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$ 10.00
Truck Raffle.....	\$ 5,747.00
Bulletin Ads.....	\$ 50.00
Flowers.....	\$ 10.00

Second Collection: Jan 31 - Feb 1  
Facilities Improvement Fund

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*





Retiro de Silencio y Oración para Mujeres en Español

## "Mi amor es todo lo que necesitas"

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### MAY HE REST IN PEACE

May God comfort the family and friends of

**Esiquio Espinoza**

who passed away this past week.

Our sincere sympathy and assurances of prayers  
are extended to

Ida and the Espinoza Family

**May He Rest in Peace.**



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## We continue our 'talk' about Marriage and annulments...

Many people think that if a person is divorced, they are excommunicated... or at the least, may no longer receive Sacraments. Not true in both instances! They are permitted - and encouraged - to continue their 'faith walk'... receiving the Sacraments, to include the Eucharist... As long as there is no mortal sin! (*same rules apply... same as always*) so, back to the topic at hand.

What makes a marriage valid in the eyes of the church?

Well, both parties must be free of all impediments that would otherwise make the marriage invalid .  
(*prior bond, close relation, consent under duress, just to name a few*).

It must follow proper 'form':

The ceremony must take place in a church/chapel - unless explicit permission is granted by the local ordinary (Bishop) - very rare, and

There must be 2 witnesses and It must be witnessed by a minister - usually a priest or deacon.

*The priest/deacon only witness... the couple actually perform the rite with their vows, etc.*

If a Catholic is married by a judge or justice of the peace... the marriage is not valid in the eyes of the church and doesn't necessarily need to go through a formal annulment process. It *may* be declared invalid for 'lack of form,' but should still be 'looked at.'

As I am going through this 'corner' I can see where / how this topic is / can be a little more complicated... I keep coming up with different scenarios that could complicate the picture.

Bottom line - If you or your 'intended' have a prior bond and are considering or are intimidated by the thought of an annulment... please make an appointment, come in and speak with Father.

'till next time... God Bless - dt



## Beginning Experience of San Antonio

### "Coping with Life Alone"

is a one-day introductory program designed to help those who are grieving the loss of a spouse due to death, divorce, or separation.

The program helps participants deal with their loss and focus on what lies ahead. It is a day of support for those who are seeking hope and healing.

While it is intended to assist those newly grieving, all who have experienced a spousal loss are welcome to attend.

The online session is scheduled for:

**Saturday, January 31, 2026,  
8:45 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
the cost is \$40.**

For more information and to register:

**Contact:** Barbara @ (210) 724-9269  
(if no answer please leave message or text)

## A NIGHT OF FAITH, HOPE & COURAGE

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**This Week at Our Parish****\*\*\* Truck Raffle Ticket Sale - after all Masses This Weekend \*\*\*****Sunday, January 25, 2026**8:00 am KC Breakfast - *Cancelled*  
10:00 am CDA Mass - *Church***Monday, January 26, 2026****Tuesday, January 27, 2026**5:30 pm Divine Mercy Cenacle - *Rectory Mtg Room-1*  
6:00 pm School Loteria - *Carolyn Hall*  
7:00 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room-1*  
Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - *Church***Wednesday, January 28, 2026****Thursday, January 29, 2026**5:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Grp (Eng) - *Church*  
7:00 pm OCIA - *Rectory Mtg Room***Friday, January 30, 2026**7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - *Church***\*\*\* Truck Raffle Ticket Sale - after all Masses This Weekend \*\*\*****Saturday, January 31, 2026**3:30 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - *Rectory Mtg Room***Sunday, February 1, 2026**10:00 am KC Mass - *Church***Sanctuary Light Intention:  
†Donald Rand**

(01/31 - 3/3)

**Lecturas de la Semana del 26 - 1 febrero****Lunes:** 2Tm 1:1-8; Sal 96,1-3:7-8,21-22,25-26;  
Mc 3:22-30**Martes:** 2Sm 6:12-15,17-19; Sal 25:7-10; Mc 3:31-35**Miércoles:** 2Sm 7:4-17; Sal 88:4-5,27-30; Mc 4:1-20**Jueves:** 2Sm 7:18-19,24-29; Sal 132:1-5,11-14;  
Mc 4:21-25**Viernes:** 2Sm 11:1-10,13-17; Sal 50:3-7,10-11;  
Mc 4:26-34**Sábado:** 2Sm 12:1-7,10-17; Sal 50:12-17; Mc 4:35-41**Domingo:** Sof 2:3; 3:12-13; Sal 145:6-10; 1Co 1:26-31;  
Mt 5:1-1**Readings for the week of Jan 26 - Feb 1****Mon:** 2Tm 1:1-8; Ps 96:1-3,7-8,10,21-22,25-26;  
Mk 3:22-30**Tues:** 2Sm 6:12b-15,17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35**Wed:** 2Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5,27-30; Mk 4:1-20**Thurs:** 2Sm 7:18-19,24-29; Ps 132:1-5,11-14; Mk 4:21-25**Fri:** 2Sm 11:1-4a,5-10a,13-17; Ps 51:3-7,10-11;  
Mk 4:26-34**Sat:** 2Sm 12:1-7a,10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41**Sun:** Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1Cor 1:26-31;  
Mt 5:1-12a**Mass Intentions****Saturday, January 24, 2026**5:00 pm †Annemarie Oswald by Evancho & Oswald Family  
†Albina Vahalik by Richard & Dorothy Perez  
†Mary Abrell by Sue McCarthy**Sunday, January 25, 2026 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**8:00 am †Joseph Nguyen by Thuy Nguyen  
10:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**  
12:00 pm †Marcellino Llanas by Talley Family  
†Maria Alejandra Garcia Lopez by Hijos  
†Irene Castaneda by Familia de Bosque Lillas**Monday, January 26, 2026 - St. Timothy and St. Titus, Bishops**

8:00 am †Souls in Purgatory by Kim

**Tuesday, January 27, 2026 - St. Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder**

8:00 am †Joseph T. Davis by Wife

**Wednesday, January 28, 2026 - St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and DoC**

8:00 am †Andres &amp; Oliva Flores by Family

**Thursday, January 29, 2026**

8:00 am †Annemarie Oswald by Evancho &amp; Oswald Family

**Friday, January 30, 2026**

8:00 am In Thanksgiving by Kim

**Saturday, January 31, 2026 - St. John Bosco, Priest**8:00 am †Enrique Acala by Dominguez Family  
5:00 pm †Christina C. Dominguez, Jr. by Mom & Family  
†Jose Luis Maldonado, Jr.  
**For Health - Emily Briones Garcia****Sunday, February 1, 2026 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**8:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**  
10:00 am †Medardo E. Morales & Evangelina G. Morales by Family  
†Fred Sanchez by Jesse Perez Family  
**For Health - Arlette Pereida Orozco**  
12:00 pm †Irene Castaneda by Familia Bosque Lillas**Liturgical Roles****Saturday, January 31, 2026**5:00 pm **Altar Servers** - Volunteers**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, C.Lange, R.Saldiva,  
B.Trevino, S.Chapa**Lector** - J.Hernandez**Sunday, February 1, 2026**8 am **Altar Servers** - Max.Planchon**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, E.Garcia, P.Klar,  
A.Garza, T.Garza**Lector** - P.Klar10 am **Altar Servers** - A.Mata, B.Pereida, A.Hartsfield**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Dennis, KC's**Lector** - KC's12 pm **Altar Servers** - A.Gomez, S.Obregon, E.Ruiz**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, C.Hernandez, M.Pina,  
E.Obregon, A.Chavez, R.gomez, H.Gomez**Lector** - L.Lopez / M.Pina



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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## St. Thomas More Guadalupanos Society

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the 3rd Sunday of the month, after the  
8:00 a.m. Mass. For more information call  
**Esther Nunez at 210.288.7579**

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If you or someone you know has been a  
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