

January 4, 2026



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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
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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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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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Gospel Meditation:

When I was 22, I went on a pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee Year of 2000.

I was traveling light with just a backpack, one blue shirt and black pants, little money, and no Italian.

I had a few close friends and one goal: to reach the Eternal City. Despite the challenges and deprivations, I felt alive in a way I had never known before.

When do you feel most alive?

I'd wager it's not when you're most comfortable or surrounded by stuff.

Rather, it's when your life is aimed at something great; when you're on a meaningful and challenging journey with good friends.

That's the image the Magi give us in today's Gospel. They set out from the East not with certainty, but with hope. They study the signs, discipline their attention, and journey together, offering the best they have when they find the newborn King.

The Church gives us their story at the start of the year to reawaken something in us.

We are not meant to drift. We're meant to journey as pilgrims. The Jubilee Year of 2025 may have ended, but our pilgrimage has not. Like the magi, the closer we get to Christ, the more alive we become.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

Cuando tenía 22 años, empecé una peregrinación a Roma para el Año Jubilar de 2000.

Viajaba ligero, solo con una mochila, una camisa azul y pantalones negros, poco dinero y nada de italiano. Tenía algunos amigos cercanos y un objetivo: llegar a la Ciudad Eterna. A pesar de los retos y privaciones, me sentía vivo de una forma que nunca antes había conocido.

¿Cuándo te sientes más vivo?

Apostaría a que no es cuando estás más cómodo o rodeado de cosas. Más bien, es cuando tu vida está orientada a algo grande; Cuando estás en un camino significativo y desafiante con buenos amigos.

Esa es la imagen que nos dan los Magos en el Evangelio de hoy. Partieron del Este no con certeza, sino con esperanza. Estudian las señales, disciplinan su atención y viajan juntos, ofreciendo lo mejor que tienen cuando encuentran al Rey recién nacido.

La Iglesia nos da su historia al comienzo del año para reavivar algo en nosotros.

No estamos hechos para divagar. Estamos destinados a viajar como peregrinos. El Año del Jubileo de 2025 puede haber terminado, pero nuestra peregrinación no. Como los magos, cuanto más nos acercamos a Cristo, más vivos nos

— Padre John Muir

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December 28, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,933.54
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 280.80
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 40.00
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School.....	\$ 673.40
Assumption Seminary.....	\$ 309.15
Christmas Day.....	\$ 2,615.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$ 20.00
Truck Raffle.....	\$ 5,805.00

Second Collection: Jan 10 - 11

No Second Collection this Week



A NEW-YEAR's WISH:

During this most holy time of the year, my prayer is that the Christ Child and His Mother, Mary Most Holy, continue to bless our parish and each of you through the coming year.

May 2026 be a year where we all walk in God's way!

On behalf of myself, Fr. Ed, our Deacons, Parish Staff, School Faculty and Staff, and all our various Organizations and Ministries...

Happy New Year!... and God Bless...

Know that you are all in my prayers.

Fr. Man



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Christmas 2025 Appeal

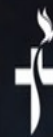


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SUPPORT ASSUMPTION SEMINARY THIS CHRISTMAS



The Epiphany household blessing is a centuries-old tradition. It's a beautiful way to observe the coming of the magi while invoking God's blessing on your home and all who enter it. All that is needed is chalk and a prayerful heart!

The inscription reads:

The initials C, M and B represent the names of the magi - *Caspār, Melchior and Balthasar*, and also signify the Latin phrase *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*: “*May Christ bless the house.*”

May Your blessing remain always in this home and on those who live here; through Christ, our Lord.
Amen..

*Each room of the house may then be sprinkled with Holy Water –
(this is not necessary for the blessing but should be done if Holy Water is available.)
(Any chalk will suffice... but you may find a small piece of blessed chalk on the table at the main entrance)*

La bendición del hogar de la Epifanía es una tradición centenaria que invoca la bendición de Dios sobre todos los que entran en su hogar. Es una hermosa manera de observar la venida de los Reyes Magos mientras invocas la bendición de Dios sobre tu hogar y todos los que entran en él.
¡Todo lo que se necesita es tiza y un corazón lleno de oración!

Hay algunas fórmulas diferentes para las bendiciones, pero la esencia del ritual es siempre la misma: un sacerdote, un diácono o el cabeza de familia invoca la bendición de Dios sobre la casa y todos los que entran en ella, y se hace una inscripción sobre la puerta con tiza.

La inscripción dice:

Las iniciales C, M y B representan los nombres de los magos: *Gaspar, Melchor y Baltasar*, y también significan la frase latina *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*: "*Que Cristo bendiga la casa*".

La Bendición:. Señor Dios todopoderoso, Bendice + este hogar, y bajo su abrigo haya salud, castidad, conquista propia, humildad, bondad, apacibilidad, obediencia a tus mandamientos y acción de gracias a Dios el Padre, el Hijo y el Espíritu Santo.

Que Tu bendición permanezca siempre en este hogar y en los que viven aquí; por Cristo, nuestro Señor.
Amén.

*Cada cuarto de la casa puede ser rociada con agua bendita:
(Esto no es necesario para la bendición, pero debe hacerse si hay agua bendita disponible).
(Cualquier tiza será suficiente...
pero es posible que encuentres un pequeño trozo de tiza bendita en la mesa de la entrada principal)*

THIS THURSDAY at 6 pm.

Come... Spend some quiet ‘one-on-one’ time
with Our Lord...
present in the ***Most Blessed Sacrament.***
Hope to see you there.



ESTE VIERNES a las 7 pm.

Ven... Pasa un rato tranquilo ‘uno-a-uno’ tiempo
con Nuestro Señor...
presente en *el Santísimo*
Espero verte allí.

This Week at Our Parish***** Truck Raffle Ticket Sale - after all Masses This Weekend *******Sunday, January 4, 2026**

10:00 am KoC Mass - Church

Monday, January 5, 2026

5:30 pm Guadalupanos Board Mtg - Rectory Mtg Room-1

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

10:30 am Charismatic Prayer Grp Mtg - Rectory Mtg Room-1

6:00 pm School Pastoral Council Mtg - TBD

6:00 pm Festival Mtg - TBD

7:00 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - Rectory Mtg Room-1

Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - Church

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

6:00 pm KC 3Degree Officers Mtg - Carolan Hall

Thursday, January 8, 2026

6:00 pm Holy Hour - Church

6:30 pm CDA Board Mtg - Carolan Hall

7:00 pm OCIA - Rectory Mtg Room

KC COR - Rectory Dining Room

Friday, January 8, 2026

7:00 pm la Hora Santa / Grupo de Oracion - Church

***** Truck Raffle Ticket Sale - after all Masses This Weekend *******Saturday, January 10, 2026****Sunday, January 11, 2026**

8:00 am KoC Breakfast - Carolan Hall

**Sanctuary Light Intention:**

†Abigail Rovayo

(12/27 - 1/27)

Mass Intentions**Saturday, January 3, 2026** - the Most Holy Name of Jesus

5:00 pm †Christina C. Dominguez & Jose Luis Maldonado, Jr by Family

Sunday, January 4, 2026 - The Epiphany of the Lord8:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**

10:00 am †Joseph Davis by Jackson & Catherine Hall

†Medardo E. & Evangelina G. Morales by Family

†Roger & Yolanda Faz by Jesse Perez Family

†Connie O. Ramirez by Family

†Baldemar Saldiva by Rosa Saldiva

†Marcellino Llanas by Talley Family

Monday, January 5, 2026 - St. John Neumann, Bishop

8:00 am †Alicia D. Mora by Rosa Saldiva

Tuesday, January 6, 2026 St. André Bessette, Religious8:00 am **Van Family & Health****Wednesday, January 7, 2026** - St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest8:00 am **23 Year Anniversary—John & Kim****Thursday, January 8, 2026** - Communion Service8:00 am **In Thanksgiving** by Kim**Friday, January 9, 2026**

8:00 am †Vicente Khanh by Kim

Saturday, January 10, 2026

8:00 am †Jovita Alaniz Palacios by Family

5:00 pm †Victor Jackson by Mari

Sunday, January 11, 2026 - The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 am †Tony Negrete by Theresa M.

†Martha Nguyen by Thuy Nguyen

†Joita Alaniz Palacios by Family

†Ignacio Perez by Jesse Perez Family

†Salome H. & Carolina B. Briseno by Family

†Charles & Genevieve Oswald by Evancho & Oswald Family

†Vance Gifford by Wife

†Juan Urbano by Urbano Family

12:00 pm **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased****Lecturas de la Semana del 5 - 11 enero****Lunes:** 1Jn 3:22-4:6; Sal 2:7-8,10-12;

Mt 4:12-17,23-25

Martes: 1Jn 4:7-10; Sal 71:1-4,7-8; Mc 6:34-44**Miércoles:** 1Jn 4:11-18; Sal 71:1-2,10,12-13;

Mc 6:45-52

Jueves: 1Jn 4:19-5:4; Sal 71:1-2,14,15,17; Lc 4:14-22**Viernes:** 1Jn 5:5-13; Sal 147:12-15,19-20; Lc 5:12-16**Sábado:** 1Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6,9; Jn 3:22-30**Domingo:** Is 42:1-4,6-7; Sal 28:1-4,3,9-10;

Hch 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

Readings for the week of Jan 5 - 11**Mon:** 1Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7-8,10-12; Mt 4:12-17,23-25**Tues:** 1Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4,7-8; Mk 6:34-44**Wed:** 1Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2,10,12-13; Mk 6:45-52**Thurs:** 1Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2,14,15,17; Lk 4:14-22a**Friday:** 1Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15,19-20; Lk 5:12-16**Sat:** 1Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6,9; Jn 3:22-30**Sun:** Is 42:1-4,6-7; Ps 29:1-4,3,9-10;

Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

Liturgical Roles**Saturday, January 10, 2026**5:00 pm **Celebrant** - Fr. Man**Altar Servers** - Volunteers**Eucharistic Ministers**- Dcn Dennis, S.Chapa, R.Alvarado, N.Carrizales, T.Guerrero**Lector** - R.Alvarado**Sunday, January 11, 2026**8 am **Celebrant** - Fr. Man**Altar Servers** - Max.Planchon**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Dennis, E.Garcia, A.Garza, Y.Cione, P.Klar**Lector** - Y.Cione10 am **Celebrant** - Fr. Man**Altar Servers** - M.Pereida, M.Lawson, C.Lawson**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, P+R.Mendoza, V.Smith, J+And.Perez, M.Briseno**Lector** - M.Briseno12 pm **Celebrant** - Fr. Man**Altar Servers** - S.Obregon, A.Gomez, M.Gonzalez**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, C.Hernandez, A.Chavez, D+F.Malacara, C.Martinez, E.Obregon**Lector** - D+F.Malacara



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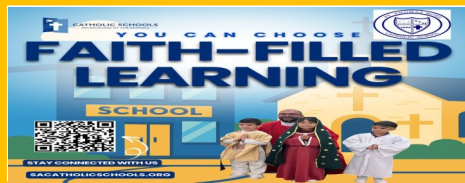
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St. Thomas More Guadalupanos Society

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