Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time March 2, 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 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. We welcome you, again, and thank you for celebrating with us.



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

HOLD Sacraments

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 & Ouinceañera'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.

We offer Religious Education (Including Sacramental Preparation) in English & Spanish for children in grades 1 through 12.

Please call the Rectory for more information.

 $\frac{Mass\ Schedule}{Thursday}$ 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."

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Gospel Meditation:

One of the things that older pastors and younger priests occasionally quarrel about is the proper balance between work and prayer. I know one pastor who complains that his younger associate ignores the people and the parish because he wants to spend more time in prayer. And the young priest complains that the pastor gives him too much work to do and no time to pray. The Lord's words this Sunday speak into this tension with an image that can help us find a proper balance between life and prayer.

Jesus says, "For every tree is known by its fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles" (Luke 6:44). When we are deeply rooted and cultivating our relationship with Jesus, we are going to bear the fruit of that love in our lives. No fruit, no good prayer. How do we know that we are praying well? We are experiencing concrete fruits of love for others in our lives.

Someone who prays well will, sooner or later, burst forth the "figs" and "grapes" of acts of love. But without concrete commitment to deeds of selfless service to others, our prayer time is as useless as thorn bushes and brambles. Let's recommit ourselves to be men and women of prayer and service. And hopefully the pastors will help their associates to pray and serve fruitfully...with minimal quarreling.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

Una de las cosas por las que los pastores mayores y los sacerdotes más jóvenes discuten ocasionalmente es el equilibrio adecuado entre el trabajo y la oración. Conozco a un párroco que se queja de que su socio más joven ignora a la gente y a la parroquia porque quiere pasar más tiempo en oración. Y el joven sacerdote se queja de que el párroco le da demasiado trabajo y no tiene tiempo para rezar. Las palabras del Señor de este domingo hablan de esta tensión con una imagen que puede ayudarnos a encontrar un equilibrio adecuado entre la vida y la oración.

Jesús dice: "Porque todo árbol se conoce por su fruto. Porque no se recogen higos de los espinos, ni se recogen uvas de las zarzas" (Lucas 6:44). Cuando estamos profundamente arraigados y cultivamos nuestra relación con Jesús, vamos a dar el fruto de ese amor en nuestras vidas. Sin fruto, no hay buena oración. ¿Cómo sabemos que estamos orando bien? Estamos experimentando frutos concretos de amor por los demás en nuestras vidas.

Alguien que reza bien, tarde o temprano, brotará los "higos" y las "uvas" de los actos de amor. Pero sin un compromiso concreto con las obras de servicio desinteresado a los demás, nuestro tiempo de oración es tan inútil como los arbustos espinosos y las zarzas. Comprometámonos de nuevo a ser hombres y mujeres de oración y servicio. Y ojalá los pastores ayuden a sus asociados a orar y servir fructíferamente... con un mínimo de peleas.

— Father John Muir

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

February 23, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$	5,324.69
Vigil Candles	\$	128.66
STM School	\$	1,410.17
Mass Intentions	. \$	130.00
BINGO	. \$	1,243.50

Second Collection March 8 - 9: Catholic Missions Among the Black / Native Americans



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons.

Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call.

May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen

Giving Tree

Our parish is introducing a beautiful way to give back and support our church family: the *Giving Tree*.

The tree will be adorned with cards, each listing a specific item that our church needs, from liturgical essentials to practical resources that help us serve one another more effectively. This is a special opportunity for parishioners to make a direct and meaningful impact on the life of our faith community.

We are especially mindful of our liturgical needs, ensuring that our worship space reflects the sacredness of our celebrations. By participating in the Giving Tree, you can help provide for these needs, allowing us to maintain and enhance the beauty of our liturgies.

Simply select a card from the tree, take it with you, and return your donation to the parish office.

For larger items, feel free to combine efforts with family and friends.

Your generosity will not only meet practical needs but will also strengthen the bonds of our parish family as we prepare our hearts and our church to welcome Christ this Lenten and Easter seasons.

Thank you for your kindness and for being a vital part of our community of faith.

Father Ed

el Árbol de las Donaciones (Giving Tree)

Nuestra parroquia está introduciendo una hermosa manera de retribuir y apoyar a nuestra familia de la iglesia: el Árbol de las *Donaciones* (*Giving Tree*)

El árbol estará adornado con tarjetas, cada una con un artículo específico que nuestra iglesia necesita, desde elementos litúrgicos esenciales hasta recursos prácticos que nos ayudan a servirnos unos a otros de manera más efectiva. Esta es una oportunidad especial para que los feligreses tengan un impacto directo y significativo en la vida de nuestra comunidad de fe.

Somos especialmente conscientes de nuestras necesidades litúrgicas, asegurándonos de que nuestro espacio de culto refleje el carácter sagrado de nuestras celebraciones. Al participar en el Árbol de Donaciones, puede ayudar a satisfacer estas necesidades, lo que nos permite mantener y mejorar la belleza de nuestras liturgias.

Simplemente seleccione una tarjeta del árbol, llévela con usted y devuelva su donación a la oficina parroquial. Para artículos más grandes, siéntase libre de combinar esfuerzos con familiares y amigos.

Su generosidad no solo satisfará las necesidades prácticas, sino que también fortalecerá los lazos de nuestra familia parroquial mientras preparamos nuestros corazones y nuestra iglesia para dar la bienvenida a Cristo en estas temporadas de Cuaresma y Pascua. .

Gracias por su amabilidad y por ser una parte vital de nuestra comunidad de fe.

Padre Ed

Thank You

Greetings STM,

We are overwhelmed with gratitude for your incredible support in making our Parish's 60th Gala / Casino Night such a great success!

Thanks to your generosity and dedication, we raised an impressive \$12,500!

Your presence, contributions, and unwavering commitment to our community continue to inspire us. This milestone celebration was a reflection of our parish's rich history but also a testament of the love and unity we share as a faith family.

Thank you for being part of this special event and for your continued prayers and support.

We look forward to many more celebrations together! With heartfelt appreciation,

Fr. Ed Gonzales and Mrs. Kimberly Gutierrez



PRICE INCREASE

Well, Inflation is finally catching up with us!!

Our supplier has significantly raised the price of our devotion candles. We are absorbing the price increase of the smaller candles but the increase in the larger candles is significantly more and presents a problem.

While we are constantly looking for more reasonable prices / suppliers... unfortunately, we are forced to raise the price of the larger prayer candles from \$3. to \$4 per candle... effective immediately.

We apologize for any hardship this may cause.

2025 Lenten Schedule

March 5th - Ash Wednesday

6 am - Liturgy of the Word

8 am - Mass (English)

12 pm - Mass (English)

6 pm - Mass (Bilingual)

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday: 6 pm - English 7 pm - Spanish (Friday, April 11, the School Children will lead)

KC Fish Fry

Fridays, March 7, 21, and 28 @ 5 pm in Carolan Hall

Holy Week Schedule to follow

HOLY THURSDAY PRAYER CANDLES

Our Catholic Daughters will be selling Prayer Candles this year. Cost will be \$6 per candle and must be pre-paid. (cash, check, or Zelle will be accepted).

You may order your candle(s) on the following dates:

Saturday, March 8 - outside the church after the 5 o'clock Mass

Sunday, March 9 - in Carolan Hall after the 8 and 10 o'clock Masses; and outside the church after the Noon Mass.

Saturday, March 22 - outside the church after the 5 o'clock Mass

Sunday, March 23 - in Carolan Hall after the 8 and 10 o'clock Masses; and outside the church after the Noon Mass.

Saturday, April 12 - outside the church after the 5 o'clock Mass

Sunday, April 13 - in Carolan Hall after the 8 and 10 o'clock Masses; and outside the church after the Noon Mass.

April 13th is the last day to order candles.

(Candles will NOT be sold in the Parish Office)

Lenten Thoughts

The Log in Your Eye

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Today's Gospel is a big favorite of non-Christians — or Christians who don't like being told what to do.

That trusty ol' remove the wooden beam from your own eye line is a classic. Mind your business, Christians! You're not perfect either.

And that's entirely true. None of us are perfect. We've all got logs in our eyes. We can't approach life acting like we have the answers simply because we follow Jesus. Jesus has the answers, and we have Jesus.

The real problem with having someone remove a splinter from my eye, if he himself has a log in his eye, is not that he has no business removing the splinter from my eye. It's that he can't see clearly to do it. His own eyesight is occluded.

If we see a splinter in another person's eye, or a problem in the world that needs to be fixed, or a scandal in the community that should be addressed, what Jesus is saying is not that we should ignore it and move on. He's merely saying that, when we see these things, we must take them first as a challenge to examine ourselves. To address the problem as it exists within our own souls, so that we ensure we are seeing clearly. Then, if we reach out to pluck the splinter, we will do so with clear eyesight.

He wants us to worry as much about our own souls as we do about other people's. We tend to look at the world and feel anxious — so much evil! So much hate! So much sin! We pray, God, when will you change it?

And He whispers back: *I will change it here*. Now. In your own heart. You just have to ask *What can I do to help?*

Lenten reflections

Our English Prayer Group is hosting a Lenten Lecture Series to assist us in our Lenten Journey.

These are free events - all are invited, and encouraged, to attend.

Guest Presenter will be our own Deacon Rolando

Thursdays: March 13, 20, and 27th at 6 pm, in the Church.

So... Mark your calendars! You don't want to miss this!

GUADALUPANO NEWS

Friends and Family Members of St. Thomas More:

You are cordially invited to a Lenten Retreat

A Journey through Lent with

Our Lady of Guadalupe!

Saturday, March 15th - 8 am - Noon (free admission)

We begin with Mass at 8 a.m followed by a light breakfast and

Retreat in Carolan Hall

Guest Speaker: Transitional Deacon Jim Craig
Hope to See You There!!





Lenten Penance Opportunities

As we enter the Lenten season in preparation for Easter, we offer the following opportunities to reconcile to God, Church, and each other.

In addition to our normal Penance opportunities, (Saturday afternoons from 3:30 - 4:45 pm),

Fr. Ed is offering the following:

Fri, March 7, from 3:30 - 5 pm Fri, March 14, from 3:30 - 5 pm

Fri, March 21, from 3:30 - 5 pm Fri, March 28, from 3:30 - 5 pm

Take advantage of this opportunity!



Additional Penance Opportunities

Penance services in our surrounding area:

Mon, Mar 17 - St John Neuman 6:00 pm

Thurs, Mar 25 - St. Pius X 6:00 pm

Wed, Apr 2 - Blessed Sacrament 6:30 pm Thurs, Apr 10 - St. Monicas 6:30 pm

Fri/Sat, Mar 28-29 - St. Helena 9:30 am / 24 hrs

St. Patricks TBA

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*** KCs selling BBQ Tickets After Masses ***

Sunday, March 2, 2025 10:00 am KoC Mass - Church

Monday, March 3, 2024

5:30 pm Guadalupanos Board Mtg - Rectory Mtg Room

Tuesday, March 4, 2024

5:30 pm Divine Mercy - Rectory Mtg Room 6:00 pm School Parent Mtg - Carolan Hall

6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - Rectory Mtg Room-1 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - Church

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 - Ash Wednesday

10:30 am 6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Grp - Rectory Mtg Room KC 3rd Degree Officers Mtg - Cancelled

Thursday, March 6, 2025

6:00 pm Holy Hour / Charismatic Prayer Grp - Church

7:00 pm OCÍA - Rectory Mtg Room

Friday, March 7, 2025

9:00 am Friday Adoration - *Church* 5:00 pm KC Fish Fry - *Carolan Hall* 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross - Church

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

Saturday, March 8, 2025

3:30 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - Rectory Mtg Rm

*** Daylight Saving Time Begins - SPRING FORWARD ***

*** KCs selling BBQ Tickets After Masses ***

Sunday, March 9, 2025

8:00 am KoC Breakfast - Carolan Hall

Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries

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Lecturas de la Semana del 3 - 9 mar

Lunes: Eclo 17:20-28; Sal 31:1-2,5-7; Mc 10:17-27 **Martes**: Eclo 35:1-15; Sal 49:5-8,14,23; Mc 10:28-31

Miércoles: Jl 2:12-18; Sal 50:3-4,5-6,12-14,17; 2Co 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6,16-18

Jueves: Dt 30:15-20; Sal 1:1-4,6; Lc 9:22-25 **Viernes**: Is 58:1-9; Sal 50:3-6,18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Viernes: Is 58:1-9; Sal 50:3-6,18-19; Mt 9:14-1 **Sábado**: Is 58:9-14; Sal 85:1-6; Lc 5:27-32 **Domingo**: Dt 26:4-10; Sal 90:1-2,10-15;

Rom 10:8-13; Lc 4:1-13

Readings for the week of Mar 3 - 9

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2,5-7; Mk 10:17-27 **Tuesday**: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8,14,23; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6,12-14,17; 2Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6,16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4,6; Lk 9:22-25 **Friday**: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6,18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32 **Sunday**: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2,10-15;

Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 1, 2025 - Saturday in the 7th Week of Ordinary Time 5:00 pm †Macario & Juanita Palomo by Family

Sunday, March 2, 2025 - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

†Anna Belle Biemer by Biemer Family †Rafael Garza by Theresa Garza

Special Intention - Hector Manuel Roman by Sylvia Roman am †Rebecca Hartsfield by STM Family

10:00 am †Rebecca Hartsfield by STM Family †Medardo E Morales & Evangelina G Morales

By Morales / Briseno Family
†Carl & Anny Oswald by Evancho Family

+Ered Sanchez by Perez Family

†Fred Sanchez bý Perez Family St. Jude by Martha Arredondo

12:00 pm STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased

Tuesday, March 4, 2024 - St. Casimir

8:00 am †Al Weinheimer by Carolyn Weinheimer

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 - Ash Wednesday

6:00 am Liturgy of the Word / Ash Service 8:00 am †Larry Ding by Maria Nguyen

12:00 pm †Jay Dotson 6:00 pm †Rita Johnson

8:00 am

Thursday, March 6, 2025 - Thursday in the 8th Week in Ordinary Time

8:00 am †David Krause

Friday, March 7, 2025 - St. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

8:00 am †Sr. Mary Angelee Kowalik

Saturday, March 8, 2025 - St. John of God, Religious

8:00 am In Thanksgiving - Deacon Jose Santos by Wife 5:00 pm STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased

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*** Daylight Saving Time Begins - SPRING FORWARD ***

Sunday, March 9, 2025 - 1st Sunday of Lent / Daylight Saving Time Begins

8:00 am †Jovita Alaniz Palacios by Palacios Family
†Cecilia Nguyen by Thuy Nguyen
†Stevie Flores by Brothers & Sisters
†Lary Ding by Maria Nguyen

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10:00 am †Salome H. & Carolina B. Briseno By Morales / Briseno Family
12:00 pm †Animas del Purgatorio by Cisneros Family

†Samuel Orozco Perez by Peredia Orozco Family



Sanctuary Light Intention:

Isidro & Dolores Martinez

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, March 8, 2025

5:00 pm Altar Servers - Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, S.Chapa, L.Adams,

E.Guerrero, T.Guerrero

Lector - R.Alvarado

Sunday, March 9, 2025

8 am Altar Servers - Mem.Planchon, Max.Planchon

Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, M.Nguyen, R.Davila,

E.Garcia, P.Klar

Lector - T.Garza

10 am Altar Servers - A.Mata, C.Lawson, M.Lawson

Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Jim, M.Aguirre, S.Trimm, M.Briseno, E+M.Cantu, L.Gifford

Lector - L.Trimm

12 pm Altar Servers - S.Obregon, A.Gomez, A.LLanas

Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Jim, C.Hernandez, E.Obregon, I.Hernandez, R.Gomez, H.Gomez

Lector - D+F.Malacara



ST. THOMAS MORE Knights of Columbus Council # 7386 meets 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.For more information call Rick Briseño at 210-834-7017

Catholic Daughters of America #2683

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



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Billy Sheridan on behalf of The Family

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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

Will Torres at 210.620.2745

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. You have the right to contact law enforcement or CPS at any time.

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