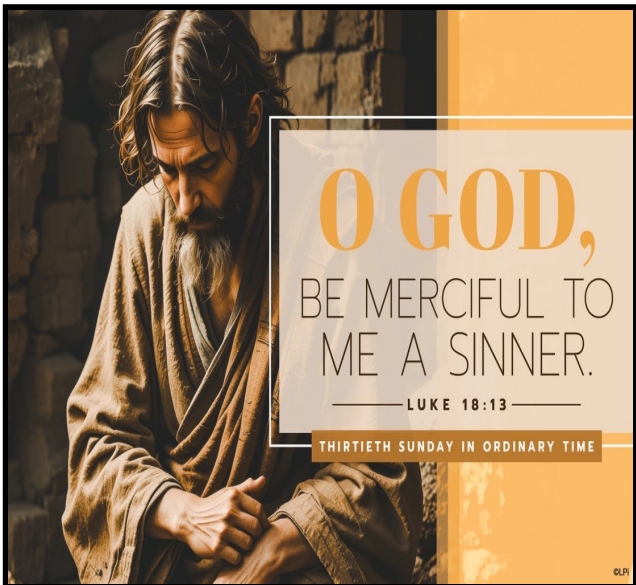


December 7, 2025



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."

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Coordinator *Alicia Perez*,
Alli Fuentes, Cesar Paez,
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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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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.

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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.

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Gospel Meditation:

This week we hear that John the Baptist is out in the wilderness eating "*locusts and wild honey*" (Mark 1:6). It's not just a strange historical detail. It's a symbolic expression of a healthy spiritual diet. The path to Christ includes both the hard and the beautiful, the gritty and the sweet. We have to learn to gulp the locusts and savor the honey.

I remember working with a young couple preparing for marriage. They were sincere, but raw — barely beginning to discover faith. Part of me wanted to rush them ahead, to fill in all the gaps, to bombard them with scripture and church documents. I swallowed that instinct. It was like eating locusts.

But I also recall them light up as they spoke about each other, about their first child, then their second. And they wanted to be close to God. Something innocent and beautiful was unfolding. That was the honey. I knew God was asking me to savor it.

This Advent, maybe we're each being invited to accept both locusts and honey. Maybe it's time to stop avoiding the difficult parts of faith — prayer that feels dry, the call to repentance, the patience with the troublesome. It's time to eat some locusts.

But we also need to notice the small gifts God gives us: a peaceful moment, a good conversation, the joy of serving someone else, new life, good intentions of our friends. That's the honey. Savor it!

John didn't avoid either. He took it all in. And so can we. What are your locusts? Your honey?
If we let God feed us with both, we'll be ready — really ready — for the coming of Christ

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

Esta semana escuchamos que Juan el Bautista está en el desierto comiendo "*langostas y miel silvestre*" (Marcos 1:6). No es solo un detalle histórico extraño. Es una expresión simbólica de una dieta espiritual saludable. El camino hacia Cristo incluye tanto lo duro como lo bello, lo áspero y lo dulce. Tenemos que aprender a tragar las langostas y saborear la miel.

Recuerdo haber trabajado con una pareja joven que se preparaba para casarse. Eran sinceros, pero crudos — apenas empezaban a descubrir la fe. Una parte de mí quería acelerarlos para llenar todos los vacíos, bombardearlos con escrituras y documentos de la iglesia. Me tragué ese instinto. Era como comer langostas.

Pero también recuerdo que se iluminaban al hablar el uno del otro, de su primer hijo, luego del segundo. Y querían estar cerca de Dios. Algo inocente y hermoso se estaba desplegando. Esa era la miel. Sabía que Dios me pedía que lo saboreara.

Este Adviento, quizá cada uno sea invitado a aceptar tanto langostas como miel. Quizá sea hora de dejar de evitar las partes difíciles de la fe — la oración que se siente seca, el llamado al arrepentimiento, la paciencia con lo problemático.

Es hora de comer algunas langostas.

Pero también debemos fijarnos en los pequeños regalos que Dios nos da: un momento de paz, una buena conversación, la alegría de servir a otra persona, una nueva vida, las buenas intenciones de nuestros amigos. Esa es la miel. ¡Disfrútalo!

John no evitaba ninguno de los dos. Lo absorbió todo. Y nosotros también. ¿Cuáles son tus langostas? ¿Tu cariño?
Si dejamos que Dios nos alimente con ambos, estaremos preparados — realmente preparados — para la venida de Cristo

— Padre John Muir

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

November 30, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 6,680.24
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 323.71
School.....	\$ 248.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 5.00
Truck Raffle.....	\$ 500.00

Second Collection: Dec 13 - 14
Retired Men and Women Religious

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

My 1st 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!

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Monday, December 8, 2025

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

IS

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Masses at: 8 a.m., Noon, and 6 p.m. *(Spanish)*



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SUPPORT ASSUMPTION SEMINARY THIS CHRISTMAS

Question: I've heard people call Jesus' conception by the Holy Spirit being "immaculately conceived." Is that what the Immaculate Conception is?

Answer: These two events are often confused. We celebrated the conception of Jesus on March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation. While that was surely miraculous, it isn't what we refer to as the "Immaculate Conception." The Immaculate Conception is Mary's conception, and we typically celebrate it on December 8th. It is a holy day of obligation. So... why does the Church consider it so important to celebrate?

Mary's conception is immaculate because *she was conceived without original sin.*

The angel Gabriel acknowledges this when he hails Mary as "*full of grace*" (Luke 1:28).

Scripture scholars identify several theological ideas that confirm this.

In the Old Testament, the sacred, pristine Ark of the Covenant held the presence of God.

The presence of God is now held within a new "*arc*" — the womb of Mary. Genesis 3 also prophesies of a woman who would oppose the devil and whose child would crush the devil's head. Christ is the "*New Adam*."

This passage sets up Mary, then, as the "*New Eve*." Jesus and Mary are the beginnings of a new creation, one we all can participate in through the grace of our baptism.

After all, God's love is more "original" than our sin!



Join us
as we celebrate
Our Lady of Guadalupe
on
Friday, December 12th



6:30 am - las Mañanitas in the Church

6:30 pm - a Special Mass - Followed by
a reception in Carolan Hall

Everyone is invited!
Hope to see you there.

St. Vincent de Paul

Christmas is 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!



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

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St. Thomas More Catholic Church & School **Truck Raffle**

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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, December 7, 2025**

10:00 am KC Mass - Church
 12:00 pm CDA Christmas Around the World - *Carolán Hall*
 6:15 pm Guadalupanos Novena Rosary/5 - Church

Monday, December 8, 2025 - Immaculate Conception***** Parish Offices Closed - Holy Day of Obligation *****

5:15 pm Guadalupanos Novena Rosary/6 - Church
 6:00 pm KC 3Degree Mtg - *Carolán Hall*

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Rectory Mtg Room-1*
 6:15 pm Guadalupanos Novena Rosary/7 - Church
 6:30 am Pastoral Council Mtg - *Rectory Mtg Room-1*
 7:00 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room-1*
 Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - Church

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

6:15 pm Guadalupanos Novena Rosary/8 - Church

Thursday, December 11, 2025 - Thanksgiving

5:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Grp - Church
 6:00 pm Christmas BINGO - *Carolán Hall*
 6:15 pm Guadalupanos Novena Rosary/9 - Church
 6:30 pm CDA Board Mtg - *Rectory Dining Room-2*
 7:00 pm OCIA - *Rectory Mtg Room -1*

Friday, December 12, 2025

6:30 am Coro Alegria Mananitas - Church
 9:00 am Friday Adoration - Church
 6:30 pm OLG Mass & Reception - Church / *Carolán Hall*
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - *Cancelled*

***** Truck Raffle Ticket Sale - after all Masses This Weekend *******Saturday, December 13, 2025**

8:00 am Homebound Retreat - Church
 3:30 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - *Rectory Mtg Rm-1*
 5:00 pm KC3 Degree Christmas Dinner - *Carolán Hall*

Sunday, December 14, 2025

8:00 am KC Breakfast - *Carolán Hall*
 11:00 am Christmas Market - *Carolán Hall*
 6:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Christmas Dinner - *Carolán Hall*

Lecturas de la Semana del 8 - 13 dec

Lunes: Gn 3:9-15,20; Sal 97:1-4; Ef 1:3-6,11-12;
 Lc 1:26-38
Martes: Is 40:1-11; Sal 95:1-3,10-13; Mt 18:12-14
Miércoles: Is 40:25-31; Sal 102:1-4,8,10; Mt 11:28-30
Jueves: Is 41:13-20; Sal 144:1,9,10-13; Mt 11:11-15
Viernes: Apoc 11:19; 12:1-6,10; Jud 13:18-19;
 Lc 1:39-48
Sábado: Eclo 48:1-4,9-11; Sal 79:2,3,15-16,18-19;
 Mt 17:10-13
Domingo: Is 35:1-6,10; Sal 145:6-10; Sant 5:7-10;
 Mt 11:2-11

Readings for the week of Dec 8 - 13

Monday: Gn 3:9-15,20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6,11-12;
 Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3,10-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4,8,10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1,9-13; Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Rv 11:19; 12:1-6,10; Jdt 13:18,19;
 Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4,9-11; Ps 80:2,3,15-16,18-19;
 Mt 17:9-13
Sunday: Is 35:1-6,10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10;
 Mt 11:2-11

Mass Intentions**Saturday, December 6, 2025 - St. Nicholas, Bishop**

5:00 pm †Jose Luis Maldonado, Jr. By Mom & Family

Sunday, December 7, 2025 - Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 am †Anna Belle Biemer by Biemer Family
 †Tony & Oliva Negrete by Ramirez Family
 †Una O'Brien by Ana Villalobos
Health - Margret Van Cleave by Anne Nut
Special Intention - Debra Anne Oliver by Mom & Dad
 10:00 am †Juan & Mike Urbano by Urbano Family
 †Charles & Genevieve Oswald by Evancho Family
 †Jon Ware by Dale
 †Vance Gifford by Family
 12:00 pm †Medardo E. & Evangelina G. Morales by Morales/Briseno Families
STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased

Monday, December 8, 2024 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am †Glenn Shifflet & Margarita Velasquez by Irene Luevan
 12:00 pm †Tony Negrete by Rosa Saldiva
 6:00 pm †Maria Magdalena Gomez by Family

Tuesday, December 9, 2024 - St. Juan Diego

8:00 am †Doug & Wanda Snyder by Carolyn Weinheimer

Wednesday, December 10, 2025 - Our Lady of Loreto

8:00 am †Maricela Garcia and Victor Jackson by Family

Thursday, December 11, 2025 - St. Damasus I, Pope

8:00 am †Edward McCoy

Friday, December 12, 2025 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 am †Mary McCoy
 6:00 pm †Ralph W. Garcia by Elda T. Garcia

Saturday, December 13, 2025 - St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 am †Eugene Kline
 5:00 pm **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**

Sunday, December 14, 2025 - Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 am †Anna Belle Biemer by Biemer Family
 †Richard Ramirez by Family
 †Tony Negrete by Ramirez Family
Health - Debra Anne Oliver by Mom & Dad
 10:00 am †Ramon Mata, Sr. By Mata Family
 12:00 pm †Marcellino Llanas By Talley Family
 †Deyanira Tello. By Hermanos Tello
 †Jose Alcantar & Jesse Alcantar By Family
 †Almas del Purgatorio By Cisneros Family
 BIRTHDAY—Manuel Pereida By Family

**Sanctuary Light Intention:
Edward & Diana Ramiriz****Liturgical Roles****Saturday, December 13, 2025**

5:00 pm **Celebrant** - Fr. Man
Altar Servers - Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers- Dcn Dennis, .Carrizales, B.Trevino
 J+B.Hernandez
Lector - J.Hernandez

Sunday, December 14, 2025

8 am **Celebrant** - Fr. Man
Altar Servers - Max.Planchon
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Dennis, M.Aguirre, M.Nguyen,
 E.Nunez, P.Klar
Lector - P.Klar
 10 am **Celebrant** - Fr. Ed
Altar Servers - M.Lawson, C.Hartsfield, M.Pereida
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, A.Ramirez, H.Rodriguez,
 N.Rodriguez, And.Perez, Abi.Perez, Ali.Perez
Lector - Ali.Perez
 12 pm **Celebrant** - Fr. Ed
Altar Servers - S.Obregon, A.Gomez, M.Gonzalez
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, C.Hernandez, A.Chavez,
 H.Gomez, D.Llanas, D+F.Malacara
Lector - A.Chavez / M.Cisneros



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Joseph (Joe) Galvan
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Billy Sheridan**
on behalf of
The Family

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Dr. Steven D. Sprague
on behalf of
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Archdiocese of San Antonio Procedures for Reporting Abuse

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