



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.

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

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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.

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1:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.
CONTACT US
210.655.5070 (Office)
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STMPARISH@LIVE.COM
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THOMASMORESATX.ORG

Gospel Meditation:

When I was a young boy, my parents told me about their wedding.

Then a few years later, they showed me my mother's wedding dress and my dad's suit. It was astonishing to see and touch garments that connected me to the event that led to my existence.

Of course, I already believed they were married based on their word. But these holy garments made the event real and tangible for me.

Something like this is at play when St. John reports encountering in Jesus' tomb, "*the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place*" (John 20:7). Those two separate cloths, for his head and for his body respectively, meant a great deal to St. John and to the early Christians. Some years after the resurrection, there surfaced reports of two cloths with unusual characteristics, one bearing the image of a crucified man's body, another smaller one with the image of a wounded man's face.

Some call them the Shroud of Turin and the Veil of Manoppello; they both can be seen today.

These two cloths have a long and complicated history, and scholars debate aspects of them.

If you're curious, I encourage you to read about them. To be clear, I believe in the resurrection of Jesus because of the testimony of eyewitnesses and the gift of faith in the Church. Nevertheless, seeing these two mysterious cloths have made the life-giving event of Jesus' resurrection more real and tangible for me.

Maybe they will for you, too.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

Cuando era niño, mis padres me hablaron de su boda. Luego, unos años más tarde, me mostraron el vestido de novia de mi madre y el traje de mi padre. Fue asombroso ver y tocar prendas que me conectaron con el evento que me llevó a mi existencia. Por supuesto, ya creía que estaban casados según su palabra. Pero estas vestiduras sagradas hicieron que el evento fuera real y tangible para mí.

Algo así está en juego cuando San Juan informa haber encontrado en la tumba de Jesús, "*el lienzo que había cubierto su cabeza, no con los lienzos de la sepultura, sino enrollado en un lugar aparte*" (Juan 20:7). Esas dos telas separadas, para su cabeza y para su cuerpo respectivamente, significaban mucho para San Juan y para los primeros cristianos. Algunos años después de la resurrección, surgieron informes de dos telas con características inusuales, una con la imagen del cuerpo de un hombre crucificado, otra más pequeña con la imagen del rostro de un hombre herido. Algunos los llaman la Sábana Santa de Turín y el Velo de Manoppello; Ambos se pueden ver hoy en día.

Estas dos telas tienen una larga y complicada historia, y los estudiosos debaten aspectos de ellas.

Si tienes curiosidad, te animo a que leas sobre ellos. Para ser claros, creo en la resurrección de Jesús debido al testimonio de testigos oculares y el don de la fe en la Iglesia. Sin embargo, ver estas dos telas misteriosas ha hecho que el evento vivificante de la resurrección de Jesús sea más real y tangible para mí. Tal vez también lo hagan para ti.

— Padre John Muir

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

April 13, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 8,115.75
Catholic Home Missions Appeal.....	\$ 539.27
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 235.11
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 20.00
Giving Tree Donations.....	\$ 100.00
Holy Thursday Candles.....	\$ 72.00
Holy Land / Good Friday.....	\$ 92.00
STM School.....	\$ 235.50
Bulletin Ads.....	\$ 320.00

***Second Collection April 19 - 20:
to Support our STM School***



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

Question: *How do I discern if a call to do something big is really from God?*

Answer: Each day we face plenty of decisions about following God: whether or not to pray, how to treat people, how to prioritize our time, etc. Sometimes there can be something much more significant we discern: a vocational call, a promotion at work that requires a move, or a new ministry position at church. In addition to a pro-con list or a cost-benefit analysis, here are a few things to prayerfully consider and to talk over with trusted individuals.

Does it conform to God's will? God doesn't call us to do something that contradicts the moral law.

Will it encourage spiritual growth? Sometimes we need to choose between multiple good options.

Consider the personal impact on you and others you are responsible for, like family.

Other times we might be invited to do good for others, but when we assess our other life commitments, we see that saying yes to this would actually impede our prior responsibilities in the long run.

Does the call seem consistent? This isn't to say that God won't do something new. Consider if the call is consistent with your gifts and abilities. Can you see a "through-line" so to speak, with how your experiences have led you to this point?

Do others confirm it? Share your reflections with trusted, insightful confidantes. Have they seen the same things you have, or are they bringing up new points to consider? Humbly add their relevant points to your considerations.

Don't forget your gut. After you've carefully considered everything in your mind, don't neglect your instincts.

Does your heart say yes or no?

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

The *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*
also known as

"Good Shepherd Sunday."

will be observed on Sunday, April 30, 2025,

The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, ***"Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest"*** (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).

*** ***PRAY FOR VOCATIONS*** ***

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***"Be the change you wish to see in the world and
light up the darkness."***



Sing a New Song Unto the Lord...

- ***Our parish needs music ministers to help at the
5 pm Saturday liturgy.***

If you sing, play the piano, or guitar,
please consider helping in this beautiful ministry.
The music will be provided.

- We do have a couple of singers who have stepped up, but we would love a few more to put a group together.
- Contact Becki Lacayo, Head Music Minister by email at becki.lacayo@gmail.com.

Remember to sing is to pray twice.

Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries

Ways to Give:

Visit archsa.org/aafm_giveasa/

Call (210) 734-1910

Mail to PO Box 7374 Kensington, CT 06037



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St. Vincent de Paul Needs your help throughout 2025!



Our need for food is great and it is on-going!

Your donations of food allow us to keep our shelves stocked.

In addition, money donated can then be used for financial assistance for rent and utilities.

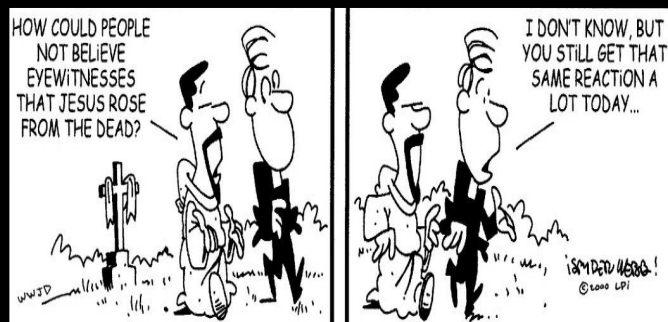
By purchasing a few extra food items each week, you can make a difference in the lives of those who need help. The items listed are placed in food bags which those in need may receive every 30 days.

Food can be dropped off at St. Pius X - SVDP on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 10 am to 1 pm... Or you can drop food off in the blue bins in the breezeway during the week or on your way to Mass.

Needed items:

Peanut Butter	Jelly	Macaroni & Cheese	Cereal,	Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce
	Pinto Beans	White Rice	Toilet Paper	
Canned:	Tuna	Vegetables	Fruit	Beans

Every donation (big or small) is greatly appreciated



**St. Thomas More Guadalupanos
Kickapoo Lucky Eagle Casino
Bus Trip**

Monday, May 26, 2025

For more information contact:

Clem Davila @ (210) 723-7985



Spring is Here!!

Get your hoe, rake, shovel, lawn mower, and any other gardening tools you may have and come help with the St. Thomas More grounds clean-up.

Saturday, May 3rd - starting at 7 am 'til 12 noon.

Refreshments will be provided to keep you well hydrated.

Please reserve the morning and come get to know your fellow parishioners better.

Refer any questions to the Parish Office, (210) 655-5070

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Limpieza de Primavera

Tome su azada, rastrillo, pala, cortadora de césped y cualquier otra herramienta de jardinería que pueda tener y venga a ayudar con la limpieza de los terrenos de St. Thomas More.

Sábado, el 3 de mayo: desde las 7 a.m. hasta las 12 del mediodía

Se proporcionarán refrigerios para mantenerlo bien hidratado.

Por favor, reserve la mañana y venga a conocer mejor a sus compañeros feligreses.

Refiera cualquier pregunta a la Oficina Parroquial, (210) 655-5070



This Week at Our Parish

Sunday, April 20, 2025 - Easter Sunday
 8:00 am Guadalupe Mass - Church
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy Novena/3 - Church

Monday, April 21, 2024
 5:30 pm CDA Tea Party Board Mtg - Rectory Mtg Room-1
 Divine Mercy Novena/4 - Church

Tuesday, April 22, 2024
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy Novena/5 - Church
 6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - Rectory Mtg Room-1
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - Church

Wednesday, April 23, 2025
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy Novena/6 - Church
 CDA Meeting - Meeting 2
 6:00 pm KC 4Degree Mtg - Carolan Hall

Thursday, April 24, 2025
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy Novena/7 - Church
 6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Grp - Church
 7:00 pm OCIA - Rectory Mtg Room-1

Friday, April 25, 2025
 9:00 am Friday Adoration - Church
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy Novena/8 - Church
 6:00 pm KC Breakfast Prep - Carolan Hall
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - Church

Saturday, April 26, 2025
 3:30 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - Rectory Mtg Rm
 4:00 pm Divine Mercy Novena/9 - Church

Sunday, April 27, 2025 - Divine Mercy Sunday
 8:00 am KC Breakfast - Carolan Hall
 10:00 am CDA Mass - Church
 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour - Church

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 19, 2025 - Easter Vigil
 8:00 pm

Sunday, April 20, 2025 - Easter Sunday
 8:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**
 10:00 am †Tillie Garcia by Daughter
 †Jose & Margarita Carrillo by Maria Angeles Martinez
 †Edward Ramirez by Theresa Garza
 †James E. Bingham by Family
 †Maria de la Luz Cerda-Galaviz by Amelia Silva
 †Jeremias Reyes Perez by Reyes-Garcia

12:00 pm

Monday, April 21, 2024 - Monday within the Octave of Easter
 8:00 am **Health - Deacon Rolando**

Tuesday, April 22, 2024 - Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
 8:00 am †Sergio Castro by Family

Wednesday, April 23, 2025 - Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
 8:00 am **All Priests, Deacons, and Religious**

Thursday, April 24, 2025 - Thursday within the Octave of Easter
 8:00 am **Special Intention - Rolando Munoz**

Friday, April 25, 2025 - Friday within the Octave of Easter
 8:00 am †Edward Ramirez by Perez Family

Saturday, April 26, 2025 - Saturday within the Octave of Easter
 8:00 am †Phoebe Stensland
 5:00 pm †Julio C. Mendoza by Mendoza Family

Sunday, April 27, 2025 - Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday
 8:00 am †Ed & †Adeline Richardson by Biemer Family
 †Anna Belle Biemer by Elda Garcia
 †Virginia Gomez by Family
 †Joe & Hilda Valdez by Frances Botello
 †Edward & Diana Ramirez

10:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**
 12:00 pm †Jose Cisneros Cisneros by Guadalupe Soria
 †Jeremias Reyes Perez by Reyes-Garcia
 †Pedro Flores by Rosa Espinoza
 †Luis, Ruvicelio, Belenamagang, y Alfredo Orozco by Family
 †Animas del Purgatorio by Cisnero Familia

**Lecturas de la Semana del 21 - 27 apr**

Lunes: Hch 2:14,22-33; Sal 15:1-2,5,7-11;
 Mt 28:8-15

Martes: Hch 2:36-41; Sal 32:4-5,18-20,22;
 Jn 20:11-18

Miércoles: Hch 3:1-10; Sal 104:1-4,6-9; Lc 24:13-35

Jueves: Hch 3:11-26; Sal 8:2,5-9; Lc 24:35-48

Viernes: Hch 4:1-12; Sal 117:1-2,4,22-27; Jn 21:1-14

Sábado: Hch 4:13-21; Sal 117:1,14-21; Mc 16:9-15

Domingo: Hch 5:12-16; Sal 117:2-4,13-15,22-24;
 Ap 1:9-13,17-19; Jn 20:19-31

Readings for the week of Apr 21 - 27

Monday: Acts 2:14,22-33; Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11;
 Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22;
 Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4,6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2,5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2,4,22-27; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1,14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24;
 Rv 1:9-13,17-19; Jn 20:19-31

WHEN I THINK OF
 THE EMPTY TOMB,
 THERE'S JUST ONE
 THING I WANT TO
 SAY TO THE DEVIL:

**BUSTED!!!****Sanctuary Light Intention:****Donald E. Rand**

(3/22—4/22)

Liturgical Roles**Saturday, April 26, 2025**5:00 pm **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, R.Saldiva, C.Lange,
 E.Guerrero, S.Chapa**Lector / Voice** - R.Alvarado**Sunday, April 27, 2025 - Mercy Sunday**8 am **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, R.Davila, P.Klar,
 R.Castaneda, Y.Cione**Lector / Voice** - Y.Cione10 am **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, CDA
Lector / Voice - CDA12 pm **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, C.Hernandez,
 C.Martinez, E.Obregon, M.Pina, I.Hernandez, A.Chavez
Lector / Voice - M.Pina / M.Rivera



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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meets 2nd Monday of each month
at 7:00 p.m. For more information call
Rick Briseño at 210-834-7017

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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**



**IN LOVING MEMORY
OF REX A. BRIEN
&
MR. & MRS.
HILDO CASTELLÓN**

**PRAY FOR THE 3 MOST
FORGOTTEN SOULS IN
PURGATORY**

**In Memory of
Christina C. Dominguez
on behalf of
The Dominguez Family**



**In Memory of
Dr. Steven D. Sprague
on behalf of
The Sprague Family**



**In Memory
of
Jose (Joe) Galvan,
Joseph (Joe) Galvan
&
Billy Sheridan
on behalf of
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
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.**

**All calls or emails will be
responded to within 48 hours.**



**In Loving Memory
of Joe Canales
On behalf of
The Canales Family**



**In Loving Memory
Of
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Louise Baiza Garza,
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&
Ruben Sr. & Beatrice
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