

August 10, 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.



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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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 & Quinceañeras

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. TO 12:00 P.M.

CLOSED FOR LUNCH
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1:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

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Gospel Meditation:

There was a young mother in my parish community who was depressed due to financial strain. She prayed for help. One morning before Mass, she placed on the counter a zip-lock bag filled with jewelry and old coins. Smiling, she explained she had been fixing an old cabinet and found the items hidden deep within the walls of her home. One particular coin could be worth as much as \$900,000. The contents of the bag - previously unknown to them - were now their prized possession. Their plans changed that week. They had to learn how much it was worth.

This week, the Lord tells us, "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be" (*Luke 12:34*).

Our lives revolve around what we treasure. When we discover the treasure the Father gives us - the kingdom of God - everything changes. We might not know its precise value, but we rearrange our lives around it.

The joy of this discovery should never be far from our minds.

Sometimes we go through times when we can't find this treasure. It seems hidden. Or it appears like dirty old coins and worthless jewelry in a Ziploc bag. But how crazy would my parishioners be if they tossed it away without knowing the cash value? How much crazier are we if we center our hearts on any treasure except that of Jesus and his kingdom? Remember, the Father is pleased to give it to us. That's why we put our hearts there, even when it is hidden.

— *Father John Muir*

Meditación del Evangelio:

Había una joven madre en mi comunidad parroquial que estaba deprimida debido a la presión financiera.

Ella oró pidiendo ayuda. Una mañana antes de la misa, colocó en el mostrador una bolsa con cierre hermético llena de joyas y monedas antiguas. Sonriendo, explicó que había estado arreglando un gabinete viejo y encontró los artículos escondidos en lo profundo de las paredes de su casa. Una moneda en particular podría valer hasta \$ 900,000. El contenido de la bolsa, previamente desconocido para ellos, ahora era su posesión más preciada. Sus planes cambiaron esa semana. Tenían que aprender cuánto valía.

Esta semana, el Señor nos dice: "Porque donde esté tu tesoro, allí estará también tu corazón" (*Lucas 12:34*).

Nuestras vidas giran en torno a lo que atesoramos. Cuando descubrimos el tesoro que nos da el Padre, el reino de Dios, todo cambia. Puede que no sepamos su valor preciso, pero reorganizamos nuestras vidas en torno a él.

La alegría de este descubrimiento nunca debe estar lejos de nuestras mentes.

A veces pasamos por momentos en los que no podemos encontrar este tesoro. Parece oculto. O parece monedas viejas sucias y joyas sin valor en una bolsa Ziploc. Pero, ¿qué tan locos estarían mis feligreses si lo tiraran sin saber el valor en efectivo? ¿Cuánto más locos estamos si centramos nuestros corazones en cualquier tesoro que no sea el de Jesús y su reino? Recuerde, el Padre se complace en dárnoslo. Es por eso que ponemos nuestros corazones allí, incluso cuando está oculto.

— *Padre John Muir*

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

August 3, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,757.95
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 182.80
STM School.....	\$ 235.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 10.00
Bulletin Ads.....	\$ 180.00
Donations.....	\$ 54.00
St. Paul College Seminary.....	\$ 2,364.15

*Second Collection August 16 – 17
to Support our St. Thomas More School*



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

Registration for our Religious Education Classes is coming soon!!

Registration has begun and will continue through August 29, 2025
at the parish office,
Monday-Friday 9am to 3pm.

Classes Begin as follows:

English – September 14th
Spanish – September 20th
Confirmation – September 28th

For more information, required documentation, or
general questions, please contact
Martha Guerra, DRE,
at the parish office at (210) 655-5070

¡La inscripción para nuestras clases de educación religiosa llegará pronto!

La inscripción ha comenzado y continuará hasta el 29 de agosto de 2025
en la oficina parroquial,
de lunes a viernes de 9 am a 3 pm

Las clases empiezan de la siguiente manera:

Inglés – 14^{de} septiembre
Español – 20^{de} septiembre
Confirmación – 28^{de} septiembre

Para más información, documentación requerida,
o preguntas generales, por favor contacte a
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**Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)**

Are you, or someone you know, interested in joining the Catholic Faith?
Are you a Baptized Catholic and would like to complete your Sacraments of Initiation?
(Holy Communion and / or Confirmation)

Are you a Catholic? - or not - and, just want to know more about Our Faith?

I invite you to join us on Thursday evenings beginning Sept 4th at 7 pm (mark your calendar)
in the Rectory Meeting Room

All you need to bring... is yourself!

Life in the Holy Spirit

Our Spanish Prayer Group Invites You to our
Life in the Holy Spirit Seminar

Saturday, August 30, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Sunday, August 31, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

This is free event and **all** are welcome
16 years old and up.
(Seminar is in Spanish only)

If you have a question call
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Domingo, 31 de agosto de 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

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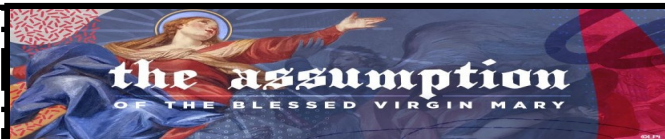
Parish Registration

Question: Why is it so important that we register in a parish?
Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?

Answer: Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires *signing up*, formally enrolling yourself in a parish.

Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a parish, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled.

Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.



JUST A REMINDER

This Friday, August 15th, we celebrate the
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This is a *Holy Day of Obligation* and, as such, we
(the faithful) are 'obligated' to participate at Mass
that day.

We will celebrate a Vigil Mass
Thursday, August 14th at 6 pm
and

Masses on the day-of (Fri, the 15th) at
8 am (English) and 6 pm (Spanish)



Lessons from Mary

Question: What lesson should I learn from the Assumption of Mary?

Answer: Growing in holiness is similar to training in a sport. *It doesn't just happen... We need Practice!*

We need someone to show us how we can live our faith well... Mary is that someone... She is the model of sanctity! She shows us how to be faithful to God's will, living each day with confidence in God's mercy and love. At the Nativity, in Jesus' public ministry, and at the Crucifixion, we see her steadfast trust.

She allows the Lord to use her life to accomplish His plan for her... and for all of us. In the preface of the Mass for the Assumption of Mary, we pray: *For today the Virgin Mother of God was assumed into heaven as the beginning and image of your Church's coming to perfection and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people.*

It is this image of holiness that we strive to imitate!

In the office, at home, or in our community, we look for signs of God's grace that call us to an ever greater love of Him and each other. ***This greater awareness of God is a sign of our conversion of heart that lives the lessons Mary teaches.***

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light up the darkness."**

This Week at Our Parish*** *Backpack Blessing - All Masses this weekend* ***

Sunday, August 10, 2025
8:00 am STM School Open House - School

Monday, August 11, 2024
6:00 pm KC 3Degree Mtg - Carolan Hall

Tuesday, August 12, 2024
5:30 pm Divine Mercy - Rectory Mtg Room-1
6:30 pm Pastoral Council Mtg - Rectory Meeting Room
7:00 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - Rectory Mtg Room-1
Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - Church

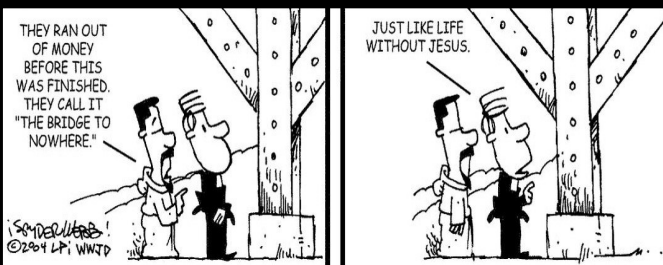
Wednesday, August 13, 2025
6:00 pm CPR Trainig - Carolan Hall

Thursday, August 14, 2025
7:00 pm CDA Board Mtg - Rectory Mtg Room

Friday, August 15, 2025
9:00 am Friday Adoration - Cancelled - Holy Day of Obligation
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - Cancelled - Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday, August 16, 2025
8:00 am KC BBQ Chicken - Carolan Hall
1:00 pm CPR Trainig - Carolan Hall
3:30 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - Rectory Mtg Rm-1

Sunday, August 17, 2025
8:00 am Guadalupanos Mass / General Mtg- Church / Hall
12:00 pm Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Catolico - Church

**Lecturas de la Semana del 11 - 17 Agosto**

Lunes: Dt 10:12-22; Sal 148:1-2,11-14; Mt 17:22-27
Martes: Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4,7-9,12; Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14
Miércoles: Dt 34:1-12; Sal 65:1-3,5,8,16-17; Mt 18:15-20
Jueves: Jos 3:7-11,13-17; Sal 113:1-6; Mt 18:21-19:1
Vigilia: 1Cr 15:3-4,15-16; 16:1-2; Sal 131:6-7,9-10,13-14;
 1Co 15:54-57; Lc 11:27-28
Viernes: Ap 11:19; 12:1-6,10; Sal 44:10-12,16;
 1Co 15:20-27; Lc 1:39-56
Sábado: Jos 24:14-29; Sal 15:1-2,5,7-8,11; Mt 19:13-15
Domingo: Jr 38:4-6,8-10; Sal 40:2-4,18; Heb 12:1-4;
 Lc 12:49-53

Readings for the week of Aug 11 - 17

Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 148:1-2,11-14; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4,7-9,12; Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3,5,8,16-17; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Jos 3:7-11,13-17; Ps 114:1-6; Mt 18:21-19:1
Vigil: 1Chr 15:3-4,15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7,9-10,13-14;
 1Cor 15:54-57; Lk 11:27-28
Friday: Rv 11:19; 12:1-6,10; Ps 45:10-12,16;
 1Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2,5,7-8,11; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday: Jer 38:4-6,8-10; Ps 40:2-4,18; Heb 12:1-4;
 Lk 12:49-53

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 9, 2025 - St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr
STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased
 5:00 pm

Sunday, August 10, 2025 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 am †Edmond McCarthy by Daughters
 10:00 am †Tencha Martinez by Family
 †Rebecca Hartsfield by Family
 †Richard Ramirez by Morales / Briseno Families
 †Salome H. & Carolina B. Briseno by Orozco-Perida Family
Birthday - Maria Valdez Perez by Rosas Family
 †Catalina Rosas by Jardon
 †Anselmo Armando Quevedo by STM Family
 †Jose Guadalupe Hernandez by Familia Ortiz
 †Juan Manuel & Jesus Manuel Ortiz

12:00 pm

Monday, August 11, 2024 - St. Clare, Virgin
 8:00 am †Gilda & Steven Flores by Brothers & Sisters

Tuesday, August 12, 2024 - St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
 8:00 am †James Flores by Brothers & Sisters

Wednesday, August 13, 2025 - Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
 8:00 am †Joe Davis

Thursday, August 14, 2025 - St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
 8:00 am †Edward & Diana Ramirez by Pablo & Irene
 6:00 pm **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**

Friday, August 15, 2025 - HDO / Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 8:00 am †Paul Nguyen by Thuy Nguyen
 6:00 pm †Thomas Harris by Evancho Family

Saturday, August 16, 2025 - St. Stephen of Hungary
 8:00 am †Maria Castro
 5:00 pm †Sonia Hernandez by Hernandez Family

Sunday, August 17, 2025 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased
 8:00 am †Rebecca Hartsfield by Family
 10:00 am †Albert Villalobos by Ana Villalobos
 †Richard Ramirez by Family
 †Yolanda Riojas by Guadalupanos
 †Maria Teresa Sweet by Guadalupanos
 12:00 pm †Miguel Jardon by Jardon Family
 †Jose Guadalupe Hernandez by STM Family
 †Julia Mata Rivera by Zavala Mata Family

**Sanctuary Light Intention:****Rebecca Hartsfield**

(895 - 909)

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, August 16, 2025
 5:00 pm **Altar Servers** - Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers- Dcn Rolando, C.Lange, R.Saldiva, J+B.Hernandez
Lector - M.Fisher

Sunday, August 17, 2025
 8 am **Altar Servers** - Mem.Planchon, Max.Planchon
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Dennis, M.Nguyen, A.Garza, E+M.Cantu
Lector - W.Torres

10 am **Altar Servers** - A.Mata, C.Hartsfield, B.Pereida
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Dennis, D.Bernal, Abi.Perez, And+J.Perez, A.Ramirez, H.Rodriguez
Lector - Ali.Perez

12 pm **Altar Servers** - A.Gomez, S.Obregon, M.Gonzalez
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, C.Hernandez, M.Pina
 E.Obregon, A.Chavez, C.Martinez, L.Danica
Lector - H.Gomez / I.Hernandez



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Out Monthly Meeting & Fellowship Meets
The 3rd Sunday of the month, after the
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Will Torres at 210.620.2745

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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
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